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# **Note Regarding Reliance on SEC Order**

The Company filed its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2020 (the "Annual Report") after the June 29, 2020 deadline applicable to the Company for the filing of its Annual Report on Form 10-K in reliance on an order issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission dated on March 25, 2020 (Release No. 34-88465) (the "SEC Order"), providing conditional relief to public companies that were unable to timely comply with their filing obligations as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19.

On June 12, 2020, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Form 8-K) to indicate its intention to rely on the SEC Order to extend the due date for the filing of its Annual Report on Form 10-K until August 13, 2020 (45 days after the original due date) because the outbreak of COVID-19 posed a significant impact on the Company's ability to file on a timely basis its Annual Report on Form 10-K and thus the Annual Report would not be completed by the filing deadline due to insufficient time to facilitate the internal and external review process.

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#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements and information relating to iFresh, Inc., that are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. When used in this report, the words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan" and similar expressions, as they relate to us or our management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current view concerning future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including among many others: a general economic downturn; a downturn in the securities markets; Securities and Exchange Commission regulations which affect trading in the securities of "penny stocks," and other risks and uncertainties. Should any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this report as anticipated, estimated or expected. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future. Important factors that may cause actual results to differ from those projected include the risk factors specified above. Notwithstanding the above, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act expressly state that the safe harbor for forward-looking statements does not apply to companies that issue penny stock. Because we may from time to time be considered as an issuer of penny stock, the safe harbor for forward-looking statements may not apply to us at certain times.

All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including statements regarding new and existing products and opportunities; statements regarding market and industry segment growth and demand and acceptance of new and existing products; any projections of sales, earnings, revenue, margins or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; uncertainties related to conducting business in China; any statements of belief or intention; any of the factors mentioned in the "Risk Factors" section of this Form 10-K; and any statements or assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Also, forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. You should read this report and the documents that we reference in this report, or that we filed as exhibits to this report, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

#### **USE OF CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS**

Except as otherwise indicated by the context, references in this report to:

- "we," "us," "iFresh," "the Company" "IFMK" or "our Company" are references to iFresh Inc. and its subsidiaries;
- "U.S. dollar," "\$" and "US\$" are a reference to the legal currency of the United States;
- "SEC" is a reference to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;
- "Securities Act" is a reference to Securities Act of 1933, as amended; and
- "Exchange Act" is a reference to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;

#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

We were formerly a special purpose company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands on September 23, 2014 under the name E-Compass Acquisition Corp. ("E-Compass") in order to serve as a vehicle for the acquisition of an operating business in the e-commerce and consumer retail industry. On February 10, 2017, pursuant to the terms of a merger agreement, dated as of July 25, 2016 (the "Merger Agreement"), through a series of transactions, we merged with our wholly owned subsidiary to reincorporate into Delaware and then acquired NYM Holding, Inc. ("NYM"), and as a result, NYM became our direct wholly-owned subsidiary (the "Transactions"). As a result of the Transactions, as of immediately after the Transactions, the former stockholders of NYM owned approximately 83.9% of our outstanding common stock and the former stockholders of E-Compass owned the remaining 16.1%.

The Merger Agreement is described more fully in the sections entitled "*The Business Combination Proposal*" and "*The Acquisition Agreement*" beginning at pages 38 and 60, respectively, of the final prospectus contained in the Registration Statement on <u>Form S-4</u> and definitive proxy statement (the "Proxy Statement/Prospectus") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on December 16, 2016 by iFresh and E-Compass, and such description is incorporated herein by reference.

Upon the closing of the Transactions, E-Compass's common stock, rights and units ceased trading and our common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "IFMK".

# **Recent Developments**

# **Termination of Acquisition**

On June 7, 2019, iFresh Inc. entered into a Share Exchange Agreement (the "Exchange Agreement") with Xiaotai International Investment Inc. ("Xiaotai International") and the equity holders of Xiaotai International (the "Xiaotai Shareholders"), pursuant to which, among other things and subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, iFresh would acquire all of the outstanding issued shares and other equity interests in Xiaotai International from the Xiaotai Shareholders (the "Acquisition"). Pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, in exchange for all of the outstanding shares of Xiaotai International, iFresh agreed to issue 254,813,383 shares of its common stock to the Xiaotai Shareholders. Xiaotai International operates through its variable interest entity, Zhejiang Xiaotai Technology Co. Ltd. ("Zhejiang Xiaotai"), in China.

As disclosed in a current report on Form 8-K filed on November 5, 2019, we received news regarding an ongoing investigation of Zhejiang Xiaotai by the Hangzhou Police Department, Binjiang Branch ("Hangzhou Police") through a public notice released by the Hangzhou Police on November 3, 2019 (the "Police Report"). Zhejiang Xiaotai is alleged to have conducted illegal fundraising from the public. The report also stated that several executives of Zhejiang Xiaotai have been detained and are being held in custody.

On November 5, 2019 (the "Termination Date"), iFresh issued written notice to Xiaotai International and Xiaotai Shareholders to terminate the Exchange Agreement pursuant to section 9.1(c), (e) and (f) of the Exchange Agreement, effective immediately.

From and after the Termination Date, the Exchange Agreement will be of no further force or effect, and the rights and obligations of each party thereunder shall terminate, except for (a) any rights and obligations of the parties that are expressly designated thereunder to survive the termination of the Exchange Agreement and (b) any other rights and obligations of the parties that come into being or effect upon the termination of the Exchange Agreement.

In conjunction with the Acquisition, on June 7, 2019, iFresh and NYM Holding, Inc. ("NYM") entered into a Share Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Go Fresh 365 Inc. ("Go Fresh"), a corporation solely owned by Mr. Long Deng, iFresh's Chief Executive Officer. The Purchase Agreement provides for the sale of 100% of the equity interest in NYM to Go Fresh for cash consideration of \$9.1 million (the "Spin-off"). Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, one of the closing conditions of the Spin-off is that all the conditions to the obligations of each party to consummate the Acquisition described in the Exchange Agreement shall have been satisfied.

As a result of the termination of the Exchange Agreement, on November 5, 2019, iFresh, NYM and Go Fresh mutually agreed to terminate the Purchase Agreement, effective immediately.

The board of directors of the Company approved the termination of both the Exchange Agreement and the Purchase Agreement on November 5, 2019.

# **Forbearance Agreement**

On May 20, 2019, iFresh, NYM (or the "Borrower"), certain subsidiaries of NYM, Mr. Long Deng and KeyBank National Association ("Keybank" or the "Lender") entered into the first forbearance agreement (the "First Forbearance Agreement") with respect to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of December 23, 2016, as amended, pursuant to which KeyBank made available to NYM a revolving credit facility, a term loan facility, and other credit accommodations (the "Loan Agreements"). The Lender has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreements based on the existence of certain events of default until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the 90<sup>th</sup> day from the date of the First Forbearance Agreement (the "First Forbearance Period"); and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default. Reference is made to the current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 21, 2019.

The Borrower did not meet its obligations under the Loan Agreements by the end of the First Forbearance Period. On October 17, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company, NYM, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh 365, Inc. ("Go Fresh"), Mr. Long Deng and Keybank entered into the second forbearance agreement (the "Second Forbearance Agreement"). Pursuant to certain Guaranty Agreement dated as of December 26, 2016, as amended by several joinder agreements and the Second Forbearance Agreement, the Company, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh and Mr. Long Deng (collectively, the "Guarantors", and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties") have agreed to guarantee the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement ("Obligations"). Terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Second Forbearance Agreement.

The Lender agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreement based on the existence of certain events of default (the "Specified Events of Default") until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the November 29, 2019; and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default. No subsequent agreements or amendments have been entered into.

The Borrower is not current in its payments to Keybank. As of June 30, 2020 we owe \$21,266,149 to Keybank.

Our principal liquidity needs are to meet its working capital requirements, operating expenses and capital expenditure obligations. Our ability to fund these needs will depend on its future performance, which will be subject in part to general economic, competitive and other factors beyond its control. In addition, if Keybank accelerates the loan, we may be forced to declare bankruptcy. These conditions raise substantial doubt as to our ability to remain a going concern.

#### Acquisitions

An agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") between the Company and Long Deng, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Company, pursuant to which Mr. Deng will sell his 70% interest in Dragon Seeds LLC to the Company in exchange for the Company's common stock. The closing of the acquisition is contingent on receiving stockholder approval for the transaction and the Company's receipt of a valuation opinion demonstrating that the fair market value of the Interest is equal to or greater than the aggregate fair market value of the consideration to be paid by the Company. Dragon Seeds LLC makes certain customary representations and warranties to the Company in connection with the Acquisition Agreement. Subsequently on June 1, 2020, Long Deng entered into an agreement with a third party individual, Yiliang Liu and sold his 20% interest in Dragon Seeds LLC to Yiliang Liu for \$2 million. As of the date of the report, these transactions are still contingent on stockholders' approval.

In April 2020, we acquired 70% of Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd., a People's Republic of China company, in exchange for \$600,000 in cash and 900,000 shares of our common stock. After the acquisition, iFresh began to produce self-branded disposable masks, N95 masks and KN95 masks. These masks will be sold both online and in iFresh stores once we launch production in the fourth quarter of 2020.

In April 2020, we acquired 100% equity interests in Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd. (collectively, the "Target Companies") in exchange for the issuance in the aggregate of 3,852,372 shares of common stock of the Company and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock") to the sellers, resulting in Target Companies becoming our indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries. These companies are engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling rice liquor products and herbal rice wine products.

On August 6, 2020, iFresh Inc. (the "Company") entered into an agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with Zhang Fei and Liu Meng (collectively, the "Sellers") and Jiuxiang Blue Sky Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (the "Target" or "Jiuxiang"), pursuant to which the Sellers will sell their 100% interest in the Target to the Company in exchange for 5,036,298 shares of the Company's common stock and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series C Preferred Stock"). Upon approval of the Company's shareholders, the 1,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock will be converted into 1,916,781 shares of the Company's common stock。 Jiuxiang is a technology company that engages in supply chain financial services, integrated payment systems, and prepaid card marketing systems.

#### Sale of Securities

On April 6, 2020, we issued an aggregate of 1,783,167 shares of the Company's common stock (the "Shares") to two investors for a purchase price of \$1.402 per share and gross proceeds of approximately \$2.5 million pursuant to a purchase agreement entered into by and among us and the investors on March 25, 2020.

# **Impact of Covid-19**

The Company was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak as it operates in area under stay-at-home orders since mid-March 2020. The Company had to operate under reduced hours including closure of the stores located in in Brooklyn, New York and in Flushing, New York, where are with high population and at high risk of infection during April peak period. This has significantly impacted our sales, profit and cash flow.

Starting from March 2020, the Company started online grocery delivery service in New York City and Long island, and expanded its online grocery delivery service to Florida, Maryland and Massachusetts in May 2020

# **Overview and History**

iFresh, through its wholly owned subsidiary, NYM, is a fast growing Asian/Chinese grocery supermarket chain in the North Eastern U.S. providing food and other merchandise hard to find in mainstream grocery stores. Since NYM was formed in 1995, it has targeted the Chinese and other Asian populations (collectively, the "Asian Americans") in the U.S. with a deep cultural understanding of its consumers' unique consumption habits. iFresh currently has nine retail supermarkets across New York, Massachusetts and Florida, with over 4,938,600 sales transactions in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020. NYM also has one store under construction which is expected to open in the first quarter in 2021 In addition to retail supermarkets, iFresh operates one in-house wholesale business, Strong America Inc. ("Strong America"), that offer more than 6,000 wholesale products and service to iFresh retail supermarkets and over 1,000 external customers including wholesale stores, retail supermarkets and restaurants. iFresh has a stable supply of food from farms in New Jersey and Florida, ensuring reliable supplies of popular vegetables, fruits and seafood. iFresh's wholesale business and long term relationships with various farms insulate iFresh from supply interruptions, allowing it remain competitive even during difficult markets.

Based on management's understanding of the Asian American market, iFresh aims to satisfy the increasing demands of Asian Americans, whose purchasing power has been growing rapidly, for fresh and unique produce, seafood and other groceries that are not found in mainstream supermarkets, such as produce like Shanghai baby bok choy, snap bean, winter gourd, baby Chinese kale, longyan and lychee; a variety of live seafood such as shrimp, clams, lobster, geoduck, and Alaska king crab; and Chinese specialty groceries like soy sauce, sesame oil, oyster sauce, bean paste, Sriracha, tofu, noodles and dried mushrooms. With an in-house logistics team and strong relationships with farms, iFresh is capable of offering high quality specialty perishables at competitive prices. Specialty produce, live seafood and other perishables constituted 54.4% of iFresh's total retail sales during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020.

iFresh's business began as Strong America, a wholesale business founded in 1995 in Long Island City, New York. Strong America imported food and groceries from China and other East Asian countries and sold them to various types of retailers in the New York area. Witnessing the rapid growth of Chinese immigrants and the potential of this niche market, iFresh opened its first retail supermarket in Chinatown in downtown Manhattan in August 2001. From 2001 to 2014, iFresh expanded steadily, hired a bilingual team that grew into midlevel managers, and reshaped itself into a retail supermarket chain featuring exotic Asian food and other items. Since 2001, iFresh opened five stores in Brooklyn, Flushing, Elmhurst and Manhattan's Chinatown, where the Asian and Chinese population is highly concentrated. In 2009, iFresh acquired Ming's supermarket in Boston, Massachusetts. Observing that the Chinese and Asian population was growing quickly in Florida, iFresh opened its first store in Sunrise, Florida in 2012. In 2013, it acquired Zen Supermarket in Quincy, Massachusetts to better cater to the growing demand in the Greater Boston Area.

On July 13, 2017, the Company acquired assets from Mia Supermarket in Orlando FL, a 20,370 square-foot grocery store located at 2415 E. Colonial Drive, from Michael Farmers Supermarket, LLC. The new store, which is called iFresh East Colonial, is the first iFresh store in Orlando and the second in Florida. iFresh acquired the supermarket for \$1,050,000 in cash. The purchase included property and equipment, and inventory of the old store. The Company did not assume any liabilities. The store started to operate in August 2017.

Also on July 13, 2017, the Company acquired all of the shares of iFresh Glen Cove Inc. ("Glen Cove") from Long Deng, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, for 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The transaction was approved by the Company's Board of Directors and the price was agreed to be based upon a review of the assets and financial statements of Glen Cove. Glen Cove is setting up a 22,859 square-foot brand new grocery store in Garden City, New York located at 192 Glen Cove Road, within the Roosevelt Field Mall business district. This was the Company's first store in Long Island and the sixth in New York. The store commenced in January, 2019but was closed in June 2019 due to poor sales performance.

On October 2, 2017, the Company acquired all of the shares of New York Mart CT, Inc. ("NYM CT") from Long Deng, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, for \$3,500,000. The store is currently under renovation and the Company expects the Connecticut store to open in spring 2021.

Also on October 2, 2017, the Company acquired all of the shares of New York Mart N. Miami Inc. ("NYM N. Miami") from Long Deng, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Yang Yu Gao for \$3,500,000 and 45,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The store opened in January 2020.

In September 2019, the company closed New York Mart Ave U2 Inc. store, in Brooklyn, New York, due to continually poor performance in operating.

iFresh currently operates nine (9) retail super markets and one (1) wholesale facility within the United states. iFresh plans to strategically expand along the I-95 corridor and eventually operate super markets in all states on the east coast.

In April 2020, we acquired 70% of Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd., a People's Republic of China company, in exchange for \$600,000 in cash and 900,000 shares of our common stock. After the acquisition, iFresh began to produce self-branded disposable masks, N95 masks and KN95 masks. These masks are being sold both online and in retail stores of iFresh.

In April 2020, we acquired 100% equity interests in Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd. (collectively, the "Target Companies") in exchange for the issuance in the aggregate of 3,852,372 shares of common stock of the Company and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock") to the sellers, resulting in Target Companies becoming our indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries. These companies are engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling rice wine products and herbal rice wine products.

# **Grocery Business**

iFresh believes that the following characteristics of its business shapes its leadership and success in its industry:

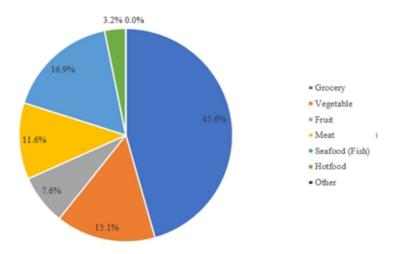
- iFresh provides unique products to meet the demands of the Asian-American Market;
- iFresh has established a merchandising system backed by an in-house wholesale business and by long-standing relationships with farms;
- iFresh maintains an in-house cooling system with unique hibernation technology that has developed over 20 years to preserve perishables, especially produce and seafood;
- iFresh capitalizes on economies of scale, allowing strong negotiating power with upstream vendors, downstream customers and sizable competitors; and
- iFresh has a proven and replicable track record of management, operation, acquisition and organic growth.

iFresh's net sales were \$89.5 and \$125.4 million for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. iFresh's net loss was \$8.3 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.7 million, or 31.0%, from \$12 million of net loss for the year end March 31, 2019. Adjusted EBITDA was negative \$4.2 million for the year end March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.6 million, or 46.1%, from negative \$7.8 million for the year end March 31, 2019. For additional information on Adjusted EBITDA, See the section entitled "iFresh's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Adjusted EBITDA," beginning on page 43.

In terms of sales by category, perishables, including vegetables, seafood, meat, fruit and hot food (collectively, the "Perishables"), constituted approximately 54.4% of iFresh's total annual retail sales during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020. Within this category, vegetables and seafood constituted 32.0% of overall annual retail sales.

The table and graph below depicts sales of iFresh by category for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020:

**Figure 1 Sales by Category** 



#### **Industry and Market Analysis**

# **Grocery Shopping Habits of Target Market**

**Buy Fresh** — Asian Americans, of which Chinese Americans constitute a significant percentage, typically purchase fresh, perishable food, according to *Nielsen's Asian-American Consumer 2015 Report*<sup>1</sup>. Unique cooking styles of Asian Americans, such as steaming, wokking and shared hot-pot cooking, require fresh ingredients not commonly found in the U.S. Asian Americans purchase Perishables that are all over-index compared with that of general U.S. population. For example, Asian Americans purchase fresh seafood 50% more frequently than the general market and spend 147% more on the category than non-Asian Americans in the total U.S. population. Asian Americans purchase fresh vegetables 26% more frequently than non-Asian Americans and spend 62%more than the total U.S. population. Additionally, Asian Americans purchase fresh fruit 11% more frequently than non-Asian Americans and spend 27% more than the total U.S. population. Consistent with the foregoing, iFresh's fresh seafood, fresh vegetables and fresh fruit in the aggregate contributed 39.6% to iFresh's total sales as of March 31, 2020.

Table 1 Asian-American Consumption of Perishables<sup>2</sup>

Asian-American Fresh Category Consumption (Index vs. Total Population of 100)	\$ Volume Index	Purchasing Frequency Index
Fresh Fruits	127	111
Fresh Meats	106	103
Prepared Foods	143	115
Takeout	121	102
Fresh Vegetables	162	126
Fresh Poultry	108	103
Fresh Seafood	247	150

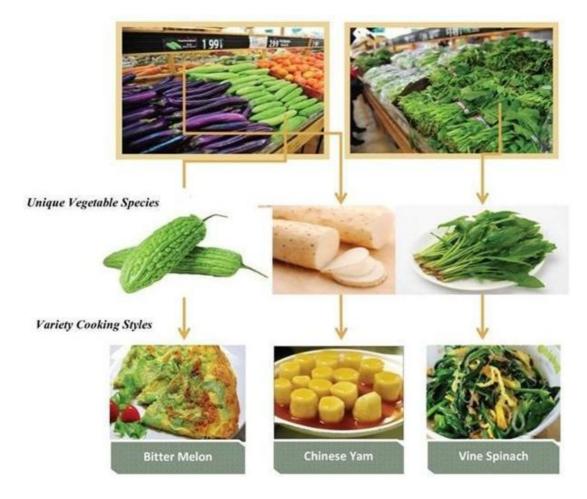
Culturally Connected and Forging the Future: The Asian-American Consumer 2015 Report. The Nielsen Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 10.

*Unique Species and Cuisines* — Asian cuisines incorporate many perishables that are hard to find in traditional U.S. supermarkets. Many cuisines require vegetables not commonly planted in the U.S. or meat not widely used by mass market consumers. The following two examples help illustrate the unique foods used in Asian cuisines:

# Example 1: Unique vegetable species

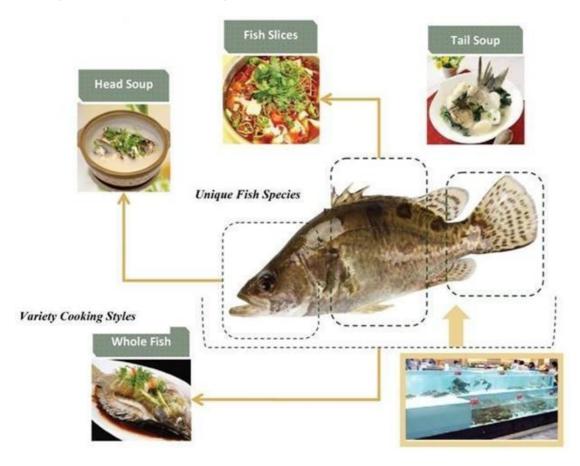
Vegetables make up the bulk of daily consumption by Asian Americans. Asian American consumers usually buy a variety of vegetables in large quantities and use unique vegetable species such as bitter melons, Chinese yams, vine spinaches, Chinese cabbages and winter melon. Asian Americans therefore value supermarkets that provide fresh vegetable offerings at affordable prices.



# Example 2: Unique fish species and cooking styles

Asian American consumers consume fish not commonly sold in mainstream supermarkets. Unlike many mainstream supermarkets, iFresh offers consumers live fish in fish tanks and has fish experts readily available to provide fish cleaning services free of charge.

In addition, Asian American consumers use many more parts of the fish than do non-Asian American consumers. For example, fish head soup and fish tail soup are two popular dishes that require only the fish head or fish tail as ingredients. Asian Americans also buy live fish and ask fish experts to cut them in thin slices as an ingredient of boiled fish in hot sauce or fish hot pot. iFresh organizes the seafood section according to the needs of its customers, which iFresh believes not only attracts customers, but effectively boosts sales of seafood.



In addition to vegetables and fish, Asian Americans look for the following additional specialty products:

*Fruits* — Mainstream supermarkets rarely have pitaya, longyan, lychee and star fruit available. Such unavailability motivates Asian Americans to shop at Chinese and Asian grocery stores on a regular basis to purchase such specialty fruits.

**Meat** — Mainstream supermarkets generally offer meats in cuts such as cubes, steaks, slices and ribs. However, such supermarkets rarely offer super-thinly sliced hot-pot meat, organ meat or chicken feet. Chinese and Asian cuisines use various kinds of meat for different purposes. Asian specialty supermarkets such as iFresh understand such Asian cuisines and dietary needs, and fill the market gap in offering hot-pot meat, organ meat, chicken feet and other rare cuts of meat on a regular basis.

**Snacks, Seasonings and Other** — Asian specialty supermarkets offer various snacks, seasonings, cooking utensils and other items not generally found in mainstream U.S. supermarkets. Chinese and Asian seasonings and spices include peanut oil, cooking wine, vinegars, dark soy sauce, black bean sauce, pepper oil and chilly oil. Some seasoning or spice can include sub-types, each of which has its own target customers. For example, people from the northern and southern parts of China usually shop for different type of vinegars.

Consequently, we believe that the uniqueness in the shopping habits of iFresh's target customers evidences the importance of Asian American specialty supermarkets such as iFresh's understanding of Asian American culture and eating habits fill a market gap and distinguishes Asian supermarkets from mainstream competitors.

# **Current Industry Landscape**

**Highly Fragmented and unsophisticated competitors** — We consider the markets we participate in to be highly fragmented. There is no recognized industry leader nationwide. Most market participants are small players with a single store run by family members catering to the local market neaning that the bulk of competitors are unsophisticated. Because of this, iFresh believes that most of its competitors are unable to take advantage of economies of scale, modern management, in-house wholesales facility and logistics which distinguishes iFresh from its competitive peers. The reality of low market concentration and unsophisticated competitors gives iFresh the opportunity to consolidate the market and cement its dominant market position.

Unsatisfied Customers — As previously mentioned, there are an increasing number of younger Chinese that choose to reside out of traditional Chinese communities for better working, educational and environmental opportunities. However, large-scale comprehensive Chinese groceries tend to exist only in Chinatowns. The weekly shopping for this group of Asian Americans involves either long distance travel or a compromise at local small grocery stores with limited selections and high prices. iFresh will try to meet their demand as well as reshape the market by increasing the number of stores and via its online-shopping initiatives.

Limited Vendors — Many of the products that stock iFresh's shelves can rarely be sourced from the typical U.S. vendors. Most vendors of U.S. Chinese and Asian supermarkets are individually owned and small in size. Securing a sufficient and stable supply of core perishables, therefore, is a recognized challenge in this niche market. Observing the challenge and through years of effort, iFresh has established long-standing relationships with several large farms. We believe that the relationships with these farms is symbiotic — on one hand, cooperative farms provide iFresh with priority when supplying core produce popular with Asian American customers; on the other hand, iFresh communicates the latest market trends and customer preference to cooperating farms, ensuring the farms' produce selection and activities closely target the market demand.

Fast Growing Market — The growing population and increasing purchasing power cultivate a promising market prospect in good momentum. According to The US Census Bureau — American Community Survey 2011 – 2015, the Chinese population had a growth rate of 17.43% from 2011 to 2015, far beyond the 3.07% growth rate of US population and even the 8.77% Hispanic population growth rate. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida and Maryland alone have a total Chinese population of 1,139136, making up more than 27.56% of total Chinese American population nationwide.

In sum, we see a great opportunity for market consolidation and significant potential for improvement in this market. We believe iFresh has all the right ingredients to address the current market imperfections and we are ready to catch the wave to make iFresh a national leader in the niche market.

#### iFresh's Business Model

iFresh's business model features a vertically integrated structure covering upstream supply and downstream retail supermarkets. iFresh has its own wholesale business, Strong America, which supplies one third of the items sold in its retail supermarkets with nine self-owned brands, including Family Elephant, Feiyan and Green Acre, and an exclusive distributorship for seven famous foreign brands such as Shuang Deng, You Joy, Bai Lu and Gu Yue Long Shan. For many years, iFresh has worked with farms that mainly grow Chinese specialty vegetables and fruits and supply the most popular yet hard-to-source vegetables and fruits directly to iFresh supermarkets and maintains long-term and stable relationships with them. iFresh centralizes purchases through one of its wholesale facilities by making quarterly purchase plans and placing weekly order with farms. The long-term relationships with farms and the central purchase management system secure its supply of the most popular vegetables and fruits, even though iFresh doesn't have any long-term contractual relationships with its farm suppliers. Working with its vendors, iFresh can respond to market trends to avoid supply interruption in high seasons. iFresh has a diversified vendor base and has established sustainable relationships during its 20-year history in this niche market sector.

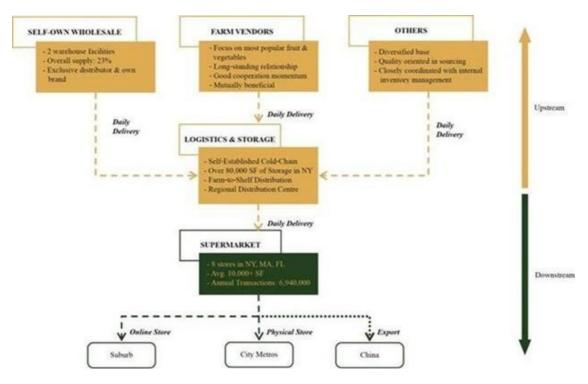
iFresh's wholesale business, Strong America, provides more than 6,000 wholesale products and services to iFresh's retail supermarkets and over 1,000 external customers throughout the United States. Such external customers include, but are not limited to, wholesale stores, retail supermarkets and restaurants. Strong America mainly provides grocery products and services to iFresh retail store and external supermarkets, and it will also focus on supplying fresh perishable items to retail supermarkets. Strong America owns nine exclusive distributorship rights and iFresh's six self-owned brands. Strong America acquired its self-owned brands from third parties and integrated them into its wholesale catalog. The six self-owned brands cover rice, noodles, seasonings (including Chinese spices), frozen vegetables, frozen seafood, and frozen dumplings, which are all popular daily staples for Chinese and other Asian consumers in the United States. Strong America imports over 2,000 items from all over Asia, with products from mainland China, Thailand and Taiwan making up 95% of its total imports. Strong America not only secures the supply of products for iFresh's retail business, but also offer significant synergies in iFresh's operations.

Produce and groceries are delivered to iFresh supermarkets in New York, Massachusetts and Florida on a daily basis from iFresh's wholesale facility, farm partners and external vendors as directed by iFresh's in-house logistics system. iFresh has an 80,000 square foot warehouse in Long Island City, New York, which serves as its regional distribution center for imported and frozen products. For live seafood or produce, the in-house logistics team uses hibernation technology and the cold-chain network to best ensure freshness from farm to shelf.

With nine retail supermarkets in New York, Massachusetts and Florida, mainly in Chinatowns or city centers, and average store sizes over 10,000 square feet, iFresh has over 4.9 million annual sales transactions. At the same time, iFresh continues to reach out to the growing Asian American population living in suburban areas through its online shopping and delivery initiative. iFresh also has successfully exported live lobsters to China, which bears the potential to ignite the demand of a large market.

The graph below depicts iFresh's business model and its vertically integrated structure:

Figure 2 Business Model of iFresh



iFresh's Competitive Strengths

# Well Recognized Brand in Niche Market

iFresh capitalizes on its established brand and reputation in the following respects:

#### i. Benefit from cost efficiency and economies of scale:

Unlike many of its direct competitors which are family-owned single stores, iFresh has 9 retail supermarkets. With larger supplies and strong sales, iFresh is often approached by third party vendors and capable of getting competitive prices for a wide range of items. This corporate structure coupled with its wholesale facility further enables iFresh to best deploy its experienced staff to coordinate stock and to make the most use of its infrastructure and distribution network.

#### ii. Strong negotiation power with vendors and competitors

iFresh is often approached by third party vendors and capable of getting competitive price due to its chain store structure and sustainably strong sales performance. iFresh's in-house wholesale facility is influential in Chinese and Asian goods importing and wholesale industries. At least five of iFresh's largest direct competitors are also its clients for imported goods, frozen seafood and other frozen products. Additionally, iFresh's long-standing relationship with farms in New Jersey and Florida reduce its reliance on external vendors. We believe the iFresh brand, scale, in-house wholesale facility and long-standing relationship with farm partners shaped its negotiation power with vendors and competitors.

# iii. Developed Infrastructure

Unlike many of its competitors, iFresh has its own wholesale channel, Strong America, which has been in the business of importing and exporting Chinese and Asian specialty food and groceries for over 20 years. Apart from channel advantages, Strong America specializes in identifying products that are popular among Asian American consumers but rarely found in mainstream stores. Without multi-layer intermediates, iFresh retail supermarkets set such products at competitive prices, not only securing the supply of popular products, but boosting its operation profitability as well. Furthermore, for most commonly needed ingredients like rice, noodles, frozen Chinese and Asian convenience foods, imported snacks and Chinese and Asian seasonings and spices, Strong America established nine self-owned brands and obtained the exclusive distributorship for 8 famous Chinese brands, as listed in Table 3 and Table 2 below, respectively. In addition, iFresh has built and maintained relationships with retailers of various sizes. In other words, iFresh's advantages in market familiarity, established infrastructure, scale, sourcing management capability and well-recognized brand reputation shape a high barrier protecting it from immediate impact of new entrants.

# **Track Record in Operation and Expansion**

# i. Record of acquisitions in different locations

Since 2009, iFresh successfully acquired four stores, one in New York, one in Florida, and two in Massachusetts. In July and October 2017, iFresh acquired iFresh Glen Cove Inc. ("Glen Cove"), New York Mart CT, Inc. ("NYM CT") and New York Mart N. Miami Inc. ("NYM N. Miami") from Long Deng, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. iFresh targeted stores in desirable locations, especially under-performers that iFresh could acquire at an advantageous cost. iFresh then utilized its well-developed in-house distribution networks, corporate infrastructure and long-term relationship with farm partners and third-party vendors to boost performance. All three acquired stores realized enhanced and stabilized profit the first year after acquisition.

# ii. Adoption of scalable small-box format

iFresh brands itself as a player in the specialty store sector and adopts the small-box format generally adopted in this sector. We believe the small-box format fits into iFresh's business model and enables it to boost profitability from structural synergy and efficiency.

Compared with iFresh's mainstream competitors whose average store size normally ranges from 40,000 — 60,000 square feet, the average store size of iFresh is approximately 19,000 square feet with average selling space of approximately 14,000 square feet. iFresh's adoption of small-box model is rooted on its understanding that customers shop with iFresh mainly for unique produce, seafood and groceries that are difficult to find elsewhere. The small-box format forces iFresh to focus on products that cover the target customer's unique needs. In addition, the small-box format ensures flexibility, makes it easier for iFresh to discontinue individual products and react quickly to market changes.

# **Strong Vendor Management**

## i. Capability to source globally

iFresh has global sourcing capability mainly through Strong America. In the aggregate, Strong America imports over 2,000 items from all over Asia. The top three importing countries are China, Thailand and Taiwan, making up 95% of total imports. Strong America supplies 15.3% of total goods, in which 8.4% are imported goods, sold in iFresh retail supermarkets at attractive prices.

Strong America is also the exclusive distributor of seven famous overseas brands, covering cooking wine, yellow wine, rice noodles, seasonings and spices and snacks. They are all famous daily food staple brands in China and are familiar to iFresh's target customers. We believe that the exclusive distributorship strengthens iFresh brand and its negotiation power among current competitors, new market entrants and consumers. The table below lists the details of iFresh's exclusive distributorship:

**Table 2 Exclusive Distributorship** 

Company	Name	Trademark	Products	<b>Exclusive Region</b>
Strong America	ShuangDeng <sup>(1)</sup>		Cooking Wine	East America, Central and South America
Strong America	Gu Yue Long Shan <sup>(2)</sup>	· 数 税 · 山	Yellow Wine	North America
Strong America	Bai Lu <sup>(1)</sup>	CIMIN B	Rice Noodles	East America, Central and South America
Strong America	You Joy <sup>(5)</sup>	麦加娅似	Seasonings and spices	East Coast of the U.S., Midwestern U.S. and Central and South America
Strong America	Hao Ren Jia <sup>(6)</sup>	好人家	Seasonings and spices	U.S. East Coast
Strong America	Da Hong Pao <sup>(6)</sup>	× 62%	Seasonings and spices	U.S. East Coast
Strong America	Bei Da Huang <sup>(7)</sup>		Beans	U.S. East Coast
Strong America	Sister Ma Kitchen	北大荒集団	Beans	U.S. East Coast
Strong America	BaiweiZhai	百味為	Seasonings and spices	U.S. East Coast
iFresh Inc.	Yiling Pharmaceutical	<b>O</b>	Dietary Supplement	U.S
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- (1) Strong America has an exclusive distribution agreement with Fujian International Trade Development Company, Ltd., which granted Strong America exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brands of "Shuang Deng" and "Bai Lu" for East America, Central America and South America for a period of five years from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2020. The agreement can be renewed six months before expiration with the consent of both parties.
- (2) Strong America entered an exclusive distribution agreement with Zhejiang Gu Yue Long Shan Wine Co., Ltd. since January 1, 2015, which granted Strong America exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brand of "Gu Yue Long Shan" for North America. Under the consent of both parties, Strong America is currently the sole distributor of "Gu Yue Long Shan" within the North America Region.
- (3) Strong America has an exclusive distribution agreement with Sichuan Youjia Foodstuffs Co., Ltd., which granted Strong America exclusive distribution right for the products registered under the brand of "You Joy" for the East Coast of the U.S., Midwestern U.S. and Central and South America since January 1, 2015. The agreement can be renewed six months before expiration with consents of both parties. Strong America agreed to make annual purchases of over RMB 2,200,000 under this agreement.
- (4) Strong America has an exclusive distribution agreement with Sichuan Teway Food Group Co., Ltd., which granted Strong America exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brands of "Hao Ren Jia" and "Da Hong Pao" for the region of East Coast of America for a period of three years from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2022. The agreement can be renewed six months before expiration with consents of both parties.

- (5) Strong America has extended the exclusive distribution agreement with Beidahuang (Dalian) Ouya International Trade Co., Ltd. (CHINA), which granted Strong America exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brands of "Bei Da Huang" for the East Coast of America for a period of three years from August 1, 2020 to August 1, 2023.
- (6) Strong America has an exclusive distribution agreement with Sichuan Zigong Baiweizhai Food Limited Liability Company (CHINA), which granted Strong America exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brands of "Baiweizhai" for the East Coast of America for six month from May 6, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

- (7) Strong America has an exclusive distribution agreement with Hebei Sister Ma Food Co., Ltd. (CHINA), which granted Strong America exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brands of "Sister Ma Kitchen" for the East Coast of America for two years from June 8, 2020 to June 7, 2022.
- (8) iFresh Inc. has an exclusive distribution agreement with Yiling Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd (CHINA), which granted iFresh Inc. exclusive distribution rights for the products registered under the brands of Lianhua Qingwen Plus Dietary Supplement Capsules in the U.S. for 1 year from June, 2020 to June, 2021.

# ii. Self-owned brands for target customers at competitive prices

Since 2011, Strong America, iFresh's wholesale facility, established ten brands, covering items such as rice, noodles, Chinese spices and seasonings, frozen vegetables, frozen seafood, and frozen dumplings. They are all popular sellers because they are staples for iFresh's target customers. iFresh believes that these self-owned brands enable it to enjoy competitive sourcing price, protect it from source and sale interruption, and enhance its negotiating power with existing competitors and new entrants. Also, iFresh Inc. registered its own name as the brand of the supermarket chain stores. The table below provides details regarding iFresh's self-owned brands.

**Table 3 Self-owned brands** 

Company	Name	Trademark	Products	Registration Number	Date Registered
Strong America	Family elephant	Family Elephant	Rice and rice products	4839414	10/27/2015
Strong America	Feiyan	飛燕牌	Chinese noodles, Chinese rice noodles, noodles vermicelli	3945424	4/12/2011
Strong America	Green Acre	绿野 GREEN ACRE	Dried beans, dried fruit and vegetables, frozen vegetables	4933029	4/5/2016
Strong America	Golden Smell	O'DEN SAFE	Processed vegetables and fruits; Noodles, seasoning, edible oil and flavoring combined in unitary packages; Beauty beverages, namely, fruit juices and energy drinks	5035326	12/31/2015
Strong America	Redolent	<b>₽</b> 祭得 Redolent	Rice porridge, namely, congee	N/A	Pending
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#### **Proprietary and in-house Cold Chain System**

Since Mr. Long Deng established Strong America in 1995, iFresh has strived to build a proprietary cold-chain logistics system which evolved with the expansion of iFresh. Based on years of experience, iFresh's logistics team is now capable of delivering frozen goods to more than 20 states in the Eastern U.S. using its unique packing and temperature control technology.

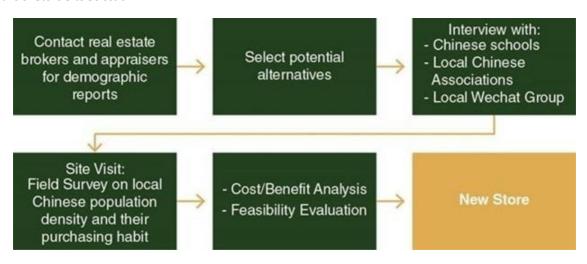
Live Seafood — All live seafood is collected daily from wharfs or markets at midnight, and immediately distributed via in-house logistics to all retail supermarkets. For different species, iFresh maintains different water temperatures and oxygen density in its tanks and containers. Hibernation technology is widely used in the in-house cold-chain system for long distance distribution to best ensure freshness and quality. The hibernation technology even enables iFresh to deliver live lobsters to China with an over 95% survival rate.

*Fruit & Vegetables* — iFresh adopts different storage technologies based on characteristics of different fruits and vegetables, the knowledge only obtained from years of experience. All vegetables and fruits are delivered and sold on a daily basis, to lower worn rate, lower human cost and keep up the high quality.

# **Growth Strategy**

Stores Site Selection — For new stores, iFresh has an established procedure to select new stores sites. First, iFresh contacts local real estate brokers and appraisers for demographic reports for a group of locations it is interested in. After reading the reports carefully, it narrows down the alternatives for further study. Next, it interviews with a diverse selection of influential local groups, including but not limited to, local Chinese associations, Chinese schools and local WeChat<sup>12</sup> groups, to better understand local preference in food and grocery shopping. After further narrowing down the alternative sites, the iFresh team visits the target sites and conducts a field survey on the distribution, density and purchasing preferences of the local Chinese community. The team then runs systematic comparisons through acquiring cost and return analysis and investment feasibility evaluation on target alternatives, and reaches a conclusion on where to open the new store.

**Figure 3 Procedure of Store Site Selection** 

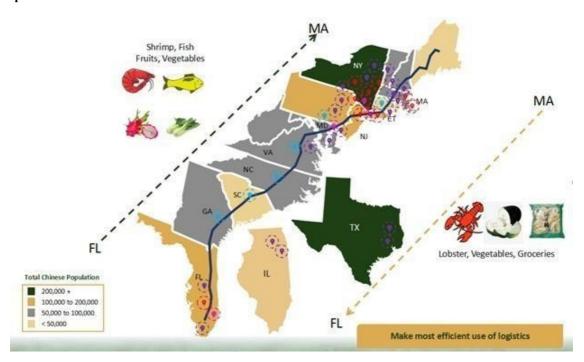


#### **Future Growth Prospects**

iFresh plans to continue its vertically-integrated model and cultivate future growth by opening new stores, acquisition and developing online business. Geographically, iFresh plans to first expand along I-95 corridor based on its established logistics system and industry leadership, and then gradually go nationwide. For new stores, iFresh has already been approached by or has approached some targets for the purpose of possible acquisitions. Although it has no definitive agreements in place, iFresh has a detailed expansion plan in place. The current logistics network will also be coordinated to cover the new stores in the most efficient and economical way. In addition, iFresh stores in new locations will serve as distribution centers for its online shopping and delivery services to capture the growing Chinese population in large suburban areas.

12 WeChat is a popular social media among Chinese speaking communities.

**Figure 4 Future Expansion Plan** 



iFresh will continue targeting stores averaging over 10,000 square feet. Based on its experience, iFresh expects that the average investment per store will be \$2.0 million to \$3.0 million and that the conversion period will be about 2 years, which means it will take about 2 years on average for newly acquired stores to enter into normal sales scale and profitability. In the aggregate, iFresh will need approximately \$10 million of capital in addition to its cash flow in place for the year ended March 31, 2021 to fully execute the physical acquisitions, online platform development and new-store openings in the future.

# **Stores and Operation**

iFresh offers well-assorted, high-quality and globally-sourced food products in its stores, with a special focus on perishable categories and hard-to-find products important to its target customers.

# **Store Layout**

We believe that iFresh's cultural advantage is unique in comparison with its mainstream peers. iFresh's ability to identify, source, merchandise and market differentiated Asian and Chinese products that sharply meet the need of its target customers are critical to its success. Its centralized merchandising team rigorously rotates, updates and re-evaluates its existing merchandise offerings and regularly tests new products in retailing stores to excite its customers and to better understand customer preference. iFresh maintains a consistent flow of new products in its stores and keeps its product assortment fresh and relevant.

iFresh plans to use consistent decoration across all stores to emphasis iFresh's brand and evoke a feeling of trustworthiness and consistent high-quality. It puts special focus on seafood and produce because their price and quality are key determining factors of Chinese or Asian customers' shopping experience. Perishables in aggregate make up approximately 60% of store selling space on average. To optimize usage of available space, iFresh places popular items such as bok choy, lychee, longyan in most noticeable areas, and prices them competitively to attract customer traffic. The idea is to adopt a standardized product display with flexible arrangements customized to the shopping habits of local consumers.

iFresh has a significant focus on perishable product categories which include vegetables, seafood, fruit, meat and prepared foods. In fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, the perishable categories contributed approximately 54.4% to iFresh's total net sales, in alignment with the space occupancy of perishables. The top three sales generators are vegetables, seafood and meat as shown in Table 4 below. iFresh's focus on perishables came from its years of research and analysis of target customer's shopping preferences. This also echoed well with conclusions given in Nielsen report that Asian and Chinese Americans prefer to buy fresh and shop for seafood and vegetables most often.

With respect to non-perishables, iFresh has over 6,600 grocery products on shelf ranging from cooking utensils, canned foods, Chinese and Asian seasonings and spices, to domestic and imported snacks. With a small-box format, iFresh is highly selective in its grocery offerings and is flexible enough to remove unprofitable or poor-selling items quickly. 95% of iFresh's imported groceries are sourced from China, Thailand and Taiwan to meet the diverse demand of not only Chinese Americans but targeted customers originated from east and south-east Asia. In fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, the non-perishable grocery category contributed approximately 45.6% to iFresh's total Net Sales and realized a markup of 38.8% on average for the year ended March 31, 2020.

The table below depicts the components of net sales and gross margin in detail as of March 31, 2020:

# **Table 4 Contribution of Categories**

	Net Sales	Markup
Category	%	%
Vegetables	15.1%	46.6%
Seafood	16.9%	23.0%
Meat	11.6%	36.8%
Fruit	7.6%	32.6%
Hot Food	3.2%	33.9%
Perishable Total/Average	54.4%	33.0%
Grocery	45.6%	38.8%

# **Management and sale of Perishables**

**Vegetables** — All iFresh stores receive deliveries of vegetables every day and are required to sell out all vegetables on daily basis. iFresh discounts its vegetables after 7:00 p.m., which significantly lowers the storage cost and worn-and-torn rate and improves profitability. In addition, to lower the worn-out rate of green-leaf vegetables due to customer rummage, iFresh usually packs and sells such vegetables in bags. iFresh also displays and sells different kinds of vegetables according to their characteristics. For example, Chinese yams need to be displayed on wood shreds to keep them fresh, while winter melons are typically sold in pieces due to their large size.

**Seafood** — As an established procedure, in-house merchants of iFresh collect live seafood from wharfs and markets at midnight on a daily basis. The purchases are immediately distributed to all retailing stores via iFresh's in-house cold chain systems in which hibernation technology keeps seafood alive and ensures their freshness and high-quality. iFresh discounts remaining stock after 7pm, to make space for new deliveries, reduce storage costs and maintain its standard for freshness and quality.

**Meat**— Since iFresh can sell more body parts of an animal than a mainstream grocery store, the sales it generates from a whole pig, chicken or cattle are much higher than that of mainstream groceries, which leads to higher margin in meat and meat products sales.

*Fruit*— Almost all of the iFresh's unique fruit species are seasonal offerings and the quality and price are decisive to customer traffic during high season. Financially, the unique fruit species are sold at higher unit prices and generally offer higher profit margins. iFresh benefits from its long-standing relationship with farm vendors to stay competitive in high seasons and enjoy better sourcing price and higher profit margin from fruit sales.

**Hot Food** — Hot food options vary among iFresh's different store locations. iFresh provides prepared Chinese cuisines which require specific cooking utensils and are thus not easily made at home by customers, such as Char Siu, qingtuan, roasted duck, roasted goose, as well as an assortment of dim sums. In addition, iFresh adjusts its hot food offerings periodically based on the responses from customers. As a commitment to freshness and quality, all prepared food in iFresh are made and sold on a daily basis. Leftovers are sold at a discount after 7:00 p.m.

# **Pricing Strategy**

In general, iFresh's pricing strategy is to provide premium products at reasonable prices. iFresh believes pricing should be based on the quality of products and the shopping experience rather than promotional pricing to drive sales. Its goal is to deliver a sense of value to and foster a relationship of trust with its target and loyal customers.

iFresh adopts different pricing strategies for different food categories. For best sellers such as seafood and core produce such as swimming shrimp and bok choy, iFresh prices competitively and aims to attract consumer traffic. For groceries and dry foods which are usually imported and have a long shelf life, iFresh prices at a premium (average markup of 36.0%). Due to changes in market conditions and seasonal supply, iFresh's pricing for seafood and produce are more volatile when compared with other categories. Despite the effects of seasonality, iFresh is able to maintain competitive pricing even in high seasons thanks to its long-standing relationship with its farm partners.

# Marketing and advertising

iFresh believes its unique offerings, competitive price of popular produce, and word-of-mouth are major drivers of store sales. Apart from word-of-mouth, iFresh advertises using in-store tastings, in-store weekly promotion signage, cooking demonstrations and product sampling. iFresh also promotes its stores on its official website, uses an electronic newsletter, and/or inserts sales flyers in local Chinese newspapers or magazines on a monthly or weekly basis. iFresh's online business is marketed mainly on its official website and on WeChat, the most widely-used mobile social app among Chinese immigrant. As of the fiscal years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, iFresh recognized \$431,355 and \$410,671 for marketing and advertising expenses, respectively. Overall, iFresh utilized a mixed marketing and advertising methods to enhance iFresh brand and sales, to regularly communicate with its target customers and to strengthen its ability to market new and differentiated products.

# **Store Staffing and Operations**

iFresh adopts a systematic approach to support operations and the sustainable development of stores. The comprehensive support includes, but is not limited to, employee training and scheduling, store design, layout, product sourcing and inventory management systems, especially focusing on perishables. The support enables iFresh to lower worn-and-tear rate, to enhance operating margins and profit and to help build iFresh's image of a Chinese supermarket chain committed to freshness and high-quality.

Each iFresh retail supermarket is operated with high autonomy. A store manager oversees the general operation and an assistant manager is also appointed to assist the supervision. To ensure expertise in management and high quality of offerings, department managers are also appointed by category at each store. The department managers in each store generally include a vegetable manager, a fruit manager, a seafood manager, a meat manager, a grocery manager and a hot food manager. Since a department manager shoulders the detailed management for the specific category he or she is in charge of, he or she is commonly experienced in this category or has been with iFresh for years and exhibited superior performance. As a group, the store manager and store department managers help to ensure the quality of iFresh's offerings.

## Competition

Food retail is a large and highly competitive industry, but we believe that the market participants in the Chinese supermarket industry, a niche market are highly fragmented and immature. Currently, iFresh faces competition from smaller or dispersed competitors focusing on the niche market of Chinese and other Asian consumers. However, with the rapid growth of the Chinese and other Asian population and their consumption power, other competitors may also begin operating in this niche market in the future. Those competitors include: (i) national conventional supermarkets, (ii) regional supermarkets, (iii) national superstores, (iv) alternative food retailers, (v) local foods stores, (vi) small specialty stores, and (vii) farmers' markets.

The national and regional supermarket chains are experienced in operating multiple store locations, expansion management and have greater marketing or financial resources than iFresh does. Even though currently they offer only a limited selection of Chinese and Asian specialty foods, they may be able to devote greater resources to sourcing, promoting and selling their products if they choose to do so. The local food stores and markets are small in size with a deep understanding of local preferences. Their lack of scale results in high risk and limited growth potential.

#### Liquor Business

In April 2020, we acquired 100% of the equity interests in each of Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. ("Wine Co.") and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd. ("Herbal Wine Co."). Wine Co. is engaged in the business of manufacturing and sales of rice liquor products and Herbal Wine Co. is engaged in the business of manufacturing and sales of herbal rice liquor products. These liquor products are called "Baijiu" in Chinese made from rice, which are popular in China and among oversea Chinese populations.

Wine Co. has an automatic filling production line with an annual production capacity of 5,000 tons of liquor products at a 1,000 square-meter facility. Herbal Wine Co. has an automatic filling production line with an annual production capacity of 6,000 tons of herbal liquor products.

The companies have three major product lines, branded as "Shi", "Jian" and "Guo".



#### Market

The spirits market in China is flourishing and highly competitive. Spirits in China is dominated by baijiu. Niulanshan Er Guo Tou, as a representative of lower mid-range local spirits, led overall spirits in total volume terms in 2018, followed by Jing Jiu and Classic Blue Haizhilan. Baijiu's popularity in the country of 1.4 billion people makes it the world's most consumed spirit—10.8 billion liters were sold in 2017, according to an analysis by the International Wines and Spirits Record (IWSR).

According to Baijiu Market in China 2017-2021 published by Technavio, one of the positive trends of the baijiu market in China is the increasing export of baijiu to the US and European countries. The increasing demand for baijiu in the US has led to the opening of cafes offering only baijiu drinks in the US. In 2016, the export of baijiu from China increased by about 90% as compared to 2015, which is likely to increase during the forecast period.

#### Distribution

We market our rice liquor products through online platforms, such as Chaohaigou, Jiayoubei and Taobao, sales agents and our distribution network to local stores. We market and sell our herbal liquor products by collaborating with hospitals and pharmacies. We also sell our herbal liquor products directly to end customers. We plan to begin exporting our liquor products to the United States by the end of 2020.

# Face Mask Business

Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd is our newly acquired subsidiary that produces face masks in China founded in March 2020. Its core business includes engineering and technical research and experimental development in and production of medical protective masks, non-medical daily protective masks, cotton spinning processing. We have built our production lines from scratch, with an estimated aggregate annual output of 5 million masks. We have one medical mask production line, which we expect, once operational, can handle a daily capacity of up to 30,000 masks, and two non-medical mask production lines, with an output capacity of up to 400,000 masks per day. We expect to launch the medical mask production from these production lines in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Xiamen DL is expected to provide medical masks to the extent that the demand for personal protective equipment remains strong. The mask has already been FDA registered and in the process of applying for NIOSH and FDA 510K certification. The company is applying for China's certificate and licenses in the medical device and technology area. Once the further licenses are approved, the company is expected to receive more orders from institution, hospitals and governments and will also increase its exports to US, Japan and Europe.

#### **Brand Names and Models**

# 1. FDA Registered Disposable Face Mask

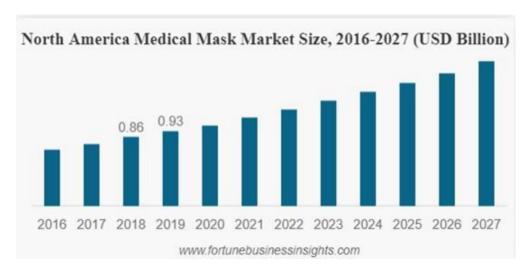


# 2. FDA Registered KN95



# **Market and Industry Analysis**

The increasing incidence of coronavirus across the world has had a huge impact on market growth. The global medical mask market size was USD 2.15 billion in 2019 and is projected to reach USD 4.11 billion by 2027, exhibiting a CAGR of 8.5% during the forecast period. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the health departments of several countries have issued guideline to increase awareness and promote usage of the protective masks.



#### Competition

The global market is highly fragmented as many emerging market players focusing to meet the supply-demand balance of the industry. Some top players such as 3M, Kimberly Clark and Honeywell lead the market. However, the emergence of the coronavirus epidemic has led to robust demand in the medical mask market.

# **Trademarks and Other Intellectual Property**

iFresh owns four Trademarks: (i) Family Elephant; (ii) Green Acre; (iii) Golden Smell; and (iv) Redolent. iFresh's trademarks cover rice and rice products and seasonings and spices, as well as assortment of noodles, frozen vegetables, frozen dumplings and frozen seafood. Trademarks are generally renewed for a 10-year period. We consider iFresh's trademarks to be valuable assets that diversify customer's value alternatives, a useful strategy to enhance profit margins and an important way to establish and protect iFresh brand in a competitive environment.

iFresh plans to acquire more brands or even develop NYM-branded products in the near future. iFresh will evaluate the acquisition opportunities on a case by case basis, considering the timing, impact to current products and the product quality.

The Fresh Market, Inc., the owner of the federally registered THE FRESH MARKET trademark, has informed the Company that The Fresh Market considers the Company's use of the words "iFresh Market" on some of its storefronts as well as the domain name "www.ifreshmarket.com" to infringe on The Fresh Market's trademark. The Company is considering its response to The Fresh Market's communication.

# **Insurance**

iFresh uses insurance to provide coverage for potential liability for worker's compensation, automobile and general liability, product liability, director and officers' liability, employee health care benefits and other casualty and property risks. Changes in legal trends and interpretations, variability in inflation rates, changes in the nature and method of claims settlement, benefit level changes due to changes in applicable laws, insolvency or insurance carriers, and changes in discount rates could all affect ultimate settlements of claims. iFresh evaluates its insurance requirements on an ongoing basis to ensure it maintains adequate levels of coverage.

# **Properties**

iFresh's headquarters has been located in Long Island City since 1999. The head office is leased at current market rate from a real estate company in which our Director and Chief Executive Officer, Long Deng, has a significant equity interest. The headquarter and the attached warehouse spaces are located in a desirable area in New York City's up and coming Hunters Point neighborhood. We believe that the space can be easily rented to or sold to any third party if not used by us. All of our retail supermarkets lease operating space from various third parties with which we maintain long-term leases averaging approximately 7.6 years. Three of the ten current leases have remaining periods of at least 10 years; and the rest three current leases come with a renewal option ranging from 10 to 20 years. New York Mart Group rents 20,000 square feet of storage from third parties, while Strong America rents 60,000 square feet of storage from a real estate company in which Long Deng, our Director and Chief Executive Officer, has a significant equity and control.

The list below details the information related to iFresh's leases:

Table 5 iFresh's leases

Store Name	Location	Gross Sq. Ft.	Lease Start	Lease End	Remaining Years	Renewal Options
New York Mart 8 Ave, Inc.	6023 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11120	15,000	11/1/2011	10/31/2036	16.1	N/A
New York Mart Roosevelt Inc.	142-41 Roosevelt Ave, Flushing, NY 11354	18,000	6/8/2010	6/7/2040	19.7	10 years
New York Mart East Broadway Inc.	75 East Broadway, New York, NY 10002	7,500	12/28/2001	10/31/2024	4.1	5 years
New York Mart Mott St. Inc.	128 Mott Street, New York, NY 10013	12,000	11/1/2010	10/31/2025	5.1	10 years
New York Mart Ave U 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inc.	17-21 Ave U, Brooklyn, NY 11229	14,000	5/31/2011	8/31/2028	7.9	N/A
Ming's Supermarket Inc.	1102 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118	23,356	1/1/2007	12/1/2026	6.2	10 years
Ming's Supermarket Inc.	140-148 East Berkeley St Boston, MA 02118	34,400	1/1/2000	5/31/2030	9.10	10 years
Zen Mkt Quincy, Inc.	733 Hancock St. Quincy, MA 02170	10,000	3/1/2003	6/30/2023	3.5	10 years
New York Mart Sunrise Inc.	10101 Sunset Strop Sunrise, FL 33322	15,033	12/1/2010	11/30/2030	10.2	N/A
iFresh E. Colonial, Inc.	2415 E Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803	20,370	7/5/2017	1/1/2024	3.3	N/A
Strong America Limited	2-39 54 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101	59,000	5/1/2016	4/30/2026	5.6	N/A
Strong America Limited	2-39 54 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Long Island City, NY 11101	10,886	3/1/2017	02/28/2027	7.2	Auto renewal each year (unless 60 day notice)
New York Mart Group Inc.	55-01 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Long Island City, NY 11101	20,000	3/1/2011	12/31/2020	0.4	N/A
New York Mart N. Miami Inc	551 NE 167th St N. Miami Beach Florida	25,088	5/27/2015	4/30/2029	9.8	5 years
Xiamen DL Medical Technology LTD	No.18 HongXi Road South, Room 501, HuoJu(Xiang'an) District, Xiamen, Fujian, 361009	24,757	03/29/2020	03/28/2021	1	N/A

#### **Employees**

As of March 31, 2020, we had approximately 320 employees, 276 of whom are full-time employees and the remaining 44 of whom work part-time. We have 72 employees who have worked with us for 5 years or more. Our employees are not unionized nor, to our knowledge, are there any plans for them to unionize. We have never experienced a strike or significant work stoppage. iFresh regards its employee relations to be good.

## Seasonality

As with other participants in the food retail industry, iFresh's sales are affected by seasonality. First, weekly sales fluctuate throughout the year, with weekends generating more sales over weekdays. Weekends enable customers living further from iFresh's stores to shop in iFresh's stores.

iFresh also has higher sales in its third fiscal quarter when customers make holiday purchases. In contrast to conventional supermarkets, iFresh's are not only affected by U.S. holidays, but by traditional Chinese holidays as well, such as the Spring Festival (in January or February), the Dragon Boat Festival (in June), and the Mid-Autumn Festival (in September or October). Each of the Chinese festivals features a specific traditional food which will be very popular just prior to or at the holiday season. Therefore, iFresh observes not only a general sales increase but also a sharp sales increase for that traditional Chinese food related to the festival.

iFresh's target customers also believe that food in season is the best. Therefore, popular species of vegetables, fruit and seafood change with season. For example, iFresh target customers will look for longyan and lychee in summer but not in winter even if they are on shelf; similarly, customers look for Chinese dates and sugar cane in winter but never in summer. The seasonality in both customer demand and supply has a direct impact on iFresh's merchandising, pricing, sales and profitability.

# Regulation

iFresh operates in multiple states and is subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations in states it operates. Particularly, the jurisdictions in which it operates regulate the licensing of supermarkets, the sale of alcoholic beverages and the sale of lotteries. iFresh must comply with provisions regulating health and sanitation standards, food labeling, licensing for alcoholic beverages and lottery sales. The manufacturing, processing, formulating, packaging, labeling and advertising of product are subject to regulation by various federal agencies including the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency. iFresh stores are subject to regular but unscheduled inspections. iFresh stores are also subject to laws governing its relationship with employees including minimum wage requirement, overtime, working conditions, immigration, disabled access and work permit requirements. Certain of iFresh's parking lots and warehouses and its prepared food sections either have temporary certificates of occupancy or are awaiting certificates of occupancy. In addition, a number of federal, state and local laws impose requirements or restrictions on business owners with respect to access by disabled persons. iFresh believes that it is in material compliance with laws and regulations in each jurisdiction. iFresh's compliance with these regulations may require additional capital expenditures and could materially adversely affect its ability to conduct business as planned.

# KeyBank National Association - Senior Secured Credit Facilities

On December 23, 2016, NYM, as borrower, entered into a \$25 million senior secured Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Key Bank National Association ("Key Bank" or "Lender"). The Credit Agreement provides for (1) a revolving credit of \$5,000,000 for making advance and issuance of letter of credit, (2) \$15,000,000 of effective date term loan and (3) \$5,000,000 of delayed draw term loan. The interest rate is equal to (1) the Lender's "prime rate" plus 0.95%, or (b) the Adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1.95%. Both the termination date of the revolving credit and the maturity date of the term loans are December 23, 2021. The Company will pay a commitment fee equal to 0.25% of the undrawn amount of the Revolving Credit Facility and 0.25% of the unused Delayed Draw Term Loan Facility. \$4,950,000 of the revolving credit was used as of December 31, 2018.

\$15,000,000 of the term loan was fully funded by the lender in January 2017. The Company is required to make fifty-nine consecutive monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$142,842 starting from February 1, 2017 and a final payment of the then entire unpaid principal balance of the term loan, plus accrued interest on the maturity date.

A Delayed Draw Term Loan was available and would be advanced on the Delayed Draw Funding date (as defined in the Credit Agreement, which is no later than December 23, 2021. A withdrawal of \$5 million under the Delayed Draw Term Loan was made as of March 31, 2019.

The senior secured credit facility is secured by all assets of the Company and is jointly guaranteed by the Company and its subsidiaries and contains financial and restrictive covenants. The financial covenants require NYM to deliver audited consolidated financial statements within one hundred twenty days after the fiscal year end and to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio not less than 1.1 to 1.0 and senior funded debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio less than 3.0 to 1.0 at the last day of each fiscal quarter, beginning with the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2017. Except as stated below, the senior secured credit facility is subject to customary events of default. It will be an event of default if Mr. Long Deng resigns, is terminated, or is no longer actively involved in the management of NYM and a replacement reasonably satisfactory to the Lender is not made within sixty (60) days after such event takes place. The Company violated the loan covenant when Mr. Long Deng, CEO and major shareholder of the Company sold an aggregate of 8,294,989 restricted shares to HK Xu Ding Co., Limited on January 23, 2019, representing 51% of the total issued and outstanding shares of the Company as of December 31, 2018. The Company failed to obtain a written consent for the occurrence of the change of ownership. As a result, effective as of March 1, 2019, interest was accrued on all loans at the default rate and the monthly principal and interest payment due under the effective date term loan will be \$155,872 instead of \$142,842.

On May 20, 2019, iFresh, NYM (or the "Borrower"), certain subsidiaries of NYM, Mr. Long Deng and KeyBank National Association ("Keybank" or the "Lender") entered into the first forbearance agreement (the "First Forbearance Agreement") with respect to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of December 23, 2016, as amended, pursuant to which KeyBank made available to NYM a revolving credit facility, a term loan facility, and other credit accommodations (the "Loan Agreements"). The Lender has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreements based on the existence of certain events of default until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the 90<sup>th</sup> day from the date of the First Forbearance Agreement (the "First Forbearance Period"); and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default. Reference is made to the current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 21, 2019.

The Borrower did not meet its obligations under the Loan Agreements by the end of the First Forbearance Period. On October 17, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company, NYM, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh 365, Inc. ("Go Fresh"), Mr. Long Deng and Keybank entered into the second forbearance agreement (the "Second Forbearance Agreement"). Pursuant to certain Guaranty Agreement dated as of December 26, 2016, as amended by several joinder agreements and the Second Forbearance Agreement, the Company, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh and Mr. Long Deng (collectively, the "Guarantors", and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties") have agreed to guarantee the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement ("Obligations"). Terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Second Forbearance Agreement.

From Jan to June 2020, non-payment of amount due by the Company was \$1,194,878. Also, the Company has failed certain loan covenants. On August 6, 2020 the Company received 3<sup>rd</sup> forbearance agreement from Key Bank If agreement cannot be reached, KeyBank is fully prepared to pursue legal remedies. As of the date of this report, the Forbearance Agreement is still under negotiation.

As of June 30, 2020 we owe \$21,266,149 to Keybank.

Our principal liquidity needs are to meet its working capital requirements, operating expenses and capital expenditure obligations. Our ability to fund these needs will depend on its future performance, which will be subject in part to general economic, competitive and other factors beyond its control. In addition, if Keybank accelerates the loan, we may be forced to declare bankruptcy. These conditions raise substantial doubt as to our ability to remain a going concern.

#### **Legal Proceedings**

In the ordinary course of our business, we are subject to periodic lawsuits, investigations and claims, including, but not limited to, contractual disputes, premises claims and employment, environmental, health, safety and intellectual property matters. Although we cannot predict certainty the ultimate resolution of any lawsuits, investigations and claims asserted against it, we do not believe any currently pending legal proceedings to which it is a party will have a material adverse effect on its business, prospects, financial condition, cash flows or results of operations other than the following:

# Leo J. Motsis, as Trustee of the 140-148 East Berkeley Realty Trust v. Ming's Supermarket, Inc.

This case relates to a dispute between Ming's Supermarket, Inc. ("Ming"), the subsidiary of the Company and the landlord of the building located at 140-148 East Berkeley Street, Boston, MA (the "Property"), under a long-term operating lease ("Lease"). Since February 2015, Ming was unable to use the premise of the property due to a structure damage assessed by the Inspectional Services Department of the City of Boston ("ISD"), and stopped paying the rent since April 2015 after the landlord refused to perform structural repairs. The landlord then sued Ming for breach of the Lease and unpaid rent, and Ming counterclaimed for constructive eviction and for damages resulting from the landlord's breach of its duty to perform structural repairs under the Lease.

The case was tried before a jury in August 2017. The jury awarded Ming judgment against the landlord in the amount of \$795,000, plus continuing damages of \$2,250 per month until the structural repairs are completed. The court found that the landlord's actions violated the Massachusetts unfair and deceptive acts and practices statute and therefore doubled the amount of damages to \$1,590,000 and further ruled that Ming should also recover costs and attorneys' fees of approximately \$250,000. The result is a judgment in favor of Ming and against the landlord that will total approximately \$1.85 million. The judgment requires the landlord to repair the premises and obtain an occupancy permit. The landlord is responsible to Ming for damages in the amount of \$2,250 per month until an occupancy permit is issued. The judgment also accrues interest at the rate of 12% per year until paid.

The landlord filed an appeal, the appeal hearing was held in July 12, 2019 and judge concluded that the landlord should be required both to perform the relevant obligations of the lease in the future and to pay damages caused by his previous failure to do so and for any period of delay in completing specific performance. On November 5, 2019, the Appeal Count issued a full decision affirming the judgment was entered and transmitted a rescript of the affirmance of the judgment to the superior count.

The final judgment was entered after rescript on May 7, 2020. On June 29, 2020, the landlord executed the final judgment and finally made the payment of \$2,536,142 to Ming.

#### Hartford Fire Insurance Company v. New York Mart Group Inc

On November 28, 2018, a lawsuit was filed against New York Mart Group, Inc. by Hartford Fire Insurance Company ("Hartford"), who seeks contractual indemnification from the Company and other defendants relating to certain supersedeas bonds issued by Hartford in connection with the unsuccessful appeal of state court litigation by iFresh's codefendant. Hartford alleges that iFresh guaranteed performance of the bonds and therefore seeks to enforce the indemnification terms thereof against iFresh in addition to the other defendants. On June 14, 2019, Hartford filed a motion for summary judgment against iFresh, arguing that Hartford is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. The deadline for iFresh to respond to that motion has not yet occurred. In view of the uncertainties inherent in litigation, we are unable to form a judgment as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome. If the plaintiff was to prevail on the merit, it could obtained a judgment against iFresh in the amount of its alleged loss under the bonds for the amount of \$424,772, in addition to attorney's fee, costs and interest. The Company has accrued \$500,000 for the potential loss and expense associated with this case.

# Winking Group LLC v. New York Supermarket E. Broadway Inc

A subsidiary of the Company, New York Supermarket E. Broadway Inc., entered into a lease with Winking Group LLC for the Company's store located at 75 East Broadway, NY, 10002. The landlord sued the Company for failing to pay rent and additional fee of \$450,867. The Company negotiated an agreement with the landlord to settle the case. On November 21, 2019, the Company consented to a final judgment of possession in favor of Winking Group LLC in the amount of \$400,000, with \$50,867 being waived by the landlord. \$400,000 has been paid in full as of December 31, 2019.

# Earl M. Wheby, Jr. v. iFresh Inc.

On August 7, 2019, the Company received a complaint from a shareholder for the inspection of the Company's books and records and to request expedited proceedings. On October 7, 2019, the Company filed an answer in response to the shareholder's complaint, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company has agreed to produce some documents responsive to the shareholder's demand. No hearing has been scheduled for this matter. On November 15, 2019, The Court approved plaintiff's voluntarily withdrawal of the lawsuit.

#### JD Produce Maspeth LLC v. iFresh, Inc. alt.

On September 16, 2019, the JD Produce Maspeth ("plaintiff") seeks \$178,953 in unpaid goods purchased by the Company. The legal process was just initiated and interrupted by the outbreak of COVID-19. The Company has recorded the purchase and payable on the financial statements.

#### Don Rick Associates LLC. v. New York Mart Roosevelt Inc.

One of the subsidiaries of the Company, New York Mart Roosevelt Inc, has failed to pay the rents on time. The landlord has sued the Company for nonpayment. On May 31, 2019, a motion for summary Judgement was filed for unpaid rent in the amount of \$102,792 and \$14,984 for attorney fees. These amounts have been fully accrued as of March 31, 2020.

# SEC Subpoena

On March 6, 2020, the Company announced that it has received a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") requesting certain information. The subpoena sought various documents and information regarding, among other things, the Company's financial institution accounts, accounting practices, auditing practices, internal controls, payroll, and information furnished to auditors. Although the Company is not currently the subject of any enforcement proceedings, the investigation could lead to enforcement proceedings if SEC contends that the Company has not complied with securities laws. The Company is fully cooperating with the SEC's request.

#### ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

An investment in our Common Stock is speculative and involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with the other information contained in this report, including the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, before deciding to invest in our Common Stock. Any of the risk factors described below could significantly and adversely affect iFresh's business, prospects, sales, revenues, gross profit, cash flows, financial condition, and results of operations.

# Risks Related to the Company

We are currently in default under our Credit Facility with Key Bank, which limits our liquidity and could result in Key Bank accelerating amounts we owe to it under the facility.

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The Borrower did not meet its obligations under the Loan Agreements by the end of the First Forbearance Period. On October 17, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company, NYM, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh 365, Inc. ("Go Fresh"), Mr. Long Deng and Keybank entered into the second forbearance agreement (the "Second Forbearance Agreement"). Pursuant to certain Guaranty Agreement dated as of December 26, 2016, as amended by several joinder agreements and the Second Forbearance Agreement, the Company, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh and Mr. Long Deng (collectively, the "Guarantors", and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties") have agreed to guarantee the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement ("Obligations"). Terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Second Forbearance Agreement.

The Lender agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreement based on the existence of certain events of default (the "Specified Events of Default") until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the November 29, 2019; and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default. No subsequent agreements or amendments have been entered into.

The Borrower is not current in its payments to Keybank. As of June 30, 2020 we owe \$21,266,148 to Keybank. We have retained as bankruptcy counsel to prepare bankruptcy filings for certain of our subsidiaries.

Our principal liquidity needs are to meet its working capital requirements, operating expenses and capital expenditure obligations. Our ability to fund these needs will depend on its future performance, which will be subject in part to general economic, competitive and other factors beyond its control. In addition, if Keybank accelerates the loan, we may be forced to declare bankruptcy. These conditions raise substantial doubt as to our ability to remain a going concern.

We received a subpoena from the SEC, and if the SEC discovers that we have not complied with applicable securities laws, we could be subject to significant monetary penalties and other relief imposed on us by the SEC

On March 6, 2020, the Company announced that it had received a subpoena from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") requesting certain information. The subpoena sought various documents and information regarding, among other things, the Company's financial institution accounts, accounting practices, auditing practices, internal controls, payroll, and auditors. Although the Company is not currently the subject of any enforcement proceedings, the investigation could lead to enforcement proceedings if the SEC contends that the Company has not complied with securities laws. The Company is fully cooperating with the SEC's request.

If the SEC determines that we have not complied with applicable securities laws, the SEC could initiate a proceeding against us, which may ultimately lead to significant penalties and other relief assessed against us, including significant monetary fines.

# There is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

As discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, we incurred operating losses, did not meet the financial covenant required in the Credit Agreement and are currently in default of the Credit Agreement due to our failure to pay certain tax obligations. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

# We may be delisted from the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Although we are currently in compliance with applicable Nasdaq listing requirements, we have previously received delisting notices from Nasdaq. If we are delisted from the Nasdaq Stock Market, we and our shareholders could face significant material adverse consequences including:

- a limited availability of market quotations for our securities;
- a determination that our ordinary shares are a "penny stock," which will require brokers trading in our ordinary shares to adhere to more stringent rules, possibly resulting in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our ordinary shares;
- a limited amount of analyst coverage; and
- a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

#### The COVID-19 epidemic may adversely impact our sales and financial results.

The COVID-19 epidemic may pose significant risks to our business. For example, April 2020 sales were down 13% compared to the prior year period due to COVID-19 (there was an additional 12% reduction as compared to the prior year period due to our closing two underperforming stores in March 2020), and restocking certain items, such as paper towels and toilet paper has been difficult. Accordingly, management is evaluating our liquidity position, communicating with and monitoring customers and suppliers, and reviewing our analysis of our financial performance as we seek to position ourselves to withstand the uncertainty related to the coronavirus.

# The occurrence of a widespread health epidemic may materially adversely affect iFresh's financial condition and results of operations.

iFresh's business may be severely impacted by wartime activities, threats or acts of terror or a widespread regional, national or global health epidemic, such as pandemic flu and COVID-19 pandemic. Such activities, threats or epidemics may materially adversely impact iFresh's business by disrupting production and delivery of products to iFresh's stores, by affecting iFresh's ability to appropriately staff its stores or by causing customers to avoid public gathering places or otherwise change their shopping behaviors.

iFresh's continued growth depends on new store acquisitions and openings and on increasing same store sales, and iFresh's failure to achieve these quals could negatively impact its results of operations and financial condition.

Our growth strategy depends, in large part, on acquiring and opening new stores in existing and new areas and operating those stores successfully. Successful implementation of this strategy is dependent on sufficient capital support from financing, finding suitable stores to acquire, identifying suitable locations and negotiating acceptable lease terms for store sites, as it faces competition from other retailers for such sites. There can be no assurance that we will continue to grow through new store acquisitions and openings. We may not be able to obtain sufficient capital support for the expansion plan, or successfully implement the plan to acquire or open new stores timely or within budget or operate them successfully, and there can be no assurance that store acquisition or opening costs for, net sales of, contribution margin of and average payback period on initial investment for new stores will conform to our operating model discussed elsewhere in this report. Lower contribution margins from new stores, along with the impact of related store acquisition, opening and store management relocation costs, may have an adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results. In addition, if we acquire stores in the future, it may not be able to successfully integrate those stores into its existing store base and those stores may not be as profitable as its existing stores.

Also, we may not be able to successfully hire, train and retain new store employees or integrate those employees into the programs, policies and culture of us. We or our third party vendors may not be able to adapt our distribution, management and other operating systems to adequately supply products to new stores at competitive prices so that we can operate the stores in a successful and profitable manner. We may not have the level of cash flow or financing necessary to support our growth strategy.

Additionally, our acquisition and opening of new stores will place increased demands on our operational, managerial and administrative resources. These increased demands could cause the Company to operate its existing business less effectively, which in turn could cause deterioration in the financial performance of our existing stores. If the Company experiences a decline in performance, it may slow or discontinue store openings, or may decide to close stores that it is unable to operate in a profitable manner.

Additionally, some of our new stores may be located in areas where the Company has little experience or a lack of brand recognition. Those markets may have different competitive conditions, market conditions, consumer tastes and discretionary spending patterns than our existing markets, which may cause these new stores to be less successful than stores in our existing markets.

Our operating results and stock price will be adversely affected if we fail to implement our growth strategy or if we invest resources in a growth strategy that ultimately proves unsuccessful.

Our newly opened stores may negatively impact our financial results in the short-term and may not achieve sales and operating levels consistent with our mature store base on a timely basis or at all.

The Company has actively pursued new store growth and plans to continue doing so in the future. The Company cannot assure you that its new store acquisitions or openings will be successful or result in greater sales and profitability. New store openings may negatively impact our financial results in the short-term due to the effect of store opening costs and lower sales and contribution margin during the initial period following opening. New stores build their sales volume and their customer base over time and, as a result, generally have lower margins and higher operating expenses, as a percentage of net sales, than our more mature stores. A new store can take more than a year to achieve a level of operating performance comparable to our similarly existing stores. Further, we have experienced in the past, and expect to experience in the future, some sales volume transfer from our existing stores to our new stores as some of our existing customers switch to new, closer locations. As a result, part of the increase of the overall sales to us arising from a new store opening or a store acquisition may be offset by the "sales volume transfer" phenomena.

## The competition from competitors may increase intensively in the future.

Food retail is a large and highly competitive industry. However, iFresh believes that the market participants in the Chinese supermarket industry are highly fragmented and immature. Currently, iFresh faces competition from smaller or dispersed competitors focusing on the niche market of Chinese consumers. However, with the rapid growth of the Chinese and other Asian population and their consumption power, other competitors may also begin operating in this niche market in the future. Those competitors include: (i) national conventional supermarkets, (ii) regional supermarkets, (iii) national superstores, (iv) alternative food retailers, (v) local foods stores, (vi) small specialty stores, and (vii) farmers' markets.

The national and regional supermarket chains are experienced in operating multiple stores locations, expanding management and they have greater marketing or financial resources than iFresh does. Even though they currently offer only a limited selection of Chinese and Asian specialty foods, they may be able to devote greater resources to sourcing, promoting and selling their products if they choose to do so. On the contrary, the local food stores and markets are small in size with a deep understanding of local preferences, but their lack of scale results in high risk and limited growth potential.

If more and more competitors devote into this market segment aiming to serve Chinese and other Asian customers in the future, the competition will increase. Our operating results may be negatively impacted through a loss of sales, reduction in margin from competitive price changes and/or greater operating costs such as marketing, due to the increase of competition.

# iFresh relies on a combination of product offerings, customer service, store format, location and pricing to compete.

iFresh competes with other food retailers on a combination of factors, primarily product selection and quality, customer service, store layout and decoration, location and price. Our success depends on its ability to offer products that appeal to its customers' preferences. Failure to offer such products, or to accurately forecast changing customer preferences, could lead to a decrease in the number of customer transactions at our stores and in the amount customers spend at our stores.

Pricing in particular is a significant driver of consumer choice in our industry and iFresh expects competitors to continue to apply pricing and other competitive pressures. To the extent that our competitors lower prices, its ability to maintain gross profit margins and sales levels may be negatively impacted. Some of Our competitors may have greater resources than it does. These competitors could use these advantages to take measures, including reducing prices, which could adversely affect our competitive position, financial condition and results of operations.

If iFresh does not succeed in offering attractively priced products that consumers intend to purchase or are unable to provide a convenient and appealing shopping experience, Our sales, operating margins and market share may decrease, resulting in reduced profitability.

# Economic conditions that impact consumer spending could materially affect our business.

Ongoing economic uncertainty continues to negatively affect consumer confidence and discretionary spending. iFresh's operating results may be materially affected by changes in economic conditions nationwide or in the regions in which iFresh operates that impact consumer confidence and spending, including discretionary spending. This risk may be exacerbated if customers choose lower-cost alternatives to iFresh's product offerings in response to economic conditions. In particular, a decrease in discretionary spending could adversely impact sales of certain of iFresh's higher margin product offerings. Future economic conditions affecting disposable consumer income, such as employment levels, business conditions, changes in housing market conditions, the availability of consumer credit, interest rates, tax rates and fuel and energy costs, could reduce overall consumer spending or cause consumers to shift their spending to lower-priced competitors. In addition, inflation or deflation can impact iFresh's business. Food deflation could reduce sales growth and earnings, while food inflation, combined with reduced consumer spending, could reduce gross profit margins. As a result, iFresh's results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Fresh's existing stores are mainly located in Northeastern American metropolitan areas. The geographic concentration of its stores creates an exposure to the economy of the Northeastern United States and any downturn in this region could materially adversely affect iFresh's financial condition and results of operations.

Perishable products make up a significant portion of iFresh's sales, and ordering errors or product supply disruptions may have an adverse effect on iFresh's profitability and operating results.

iFresh has a significant focus on perishable products. Sales of perishable products accounted for approximately 54.4% of iFresh's net sales in fiscal year ended March 31, 2020. iFresh has self-owned wholesale facility and stable supply relationship with farm partners, which significantly reduces ordering errors and product disruption. However, iFresh still relies on various suppliers and vendors to provide and deliver its product inventory on a continuous basis. iFresh could suffer significant perishable product inventory losses in the event of the loss of a major supplier or vendor, disruption of its supply chain, extended power outages, natural disasters or other catastrophic occurrences. While iFresh has implemented certain systems to ensure that its ordering is in line with demand, it cannot assure you that its ordering systems will always work efficiently, in particular in connection with the new additional stores, which have no, or a limited, ordering history. If iFresh were to over-order, it could suffer inventory losses, which would negatively impact its operating results.

Interruption of exclusive distribution of brands or imports relating to iFresh's wholesale operations may adversely impact iFresh's financial conditions and operating results.

iFresh conducts wholesale business through its subsidiary, Strong America, which enables iFresh to have stronger negotiating power with vendors as well as a way to source products from China, Thailand and Taiwan to its own retail stores. Strong America is also the exclusive distributor of seven famous oversea brands. If iFresh can't renew its exclusive distribution contracts relating to those brands, iFresh's sales, both retail and wholesale, may be adversely affected. Furthermore, importing products from other countries is subject to the impact of various international factors, including international trading policies, shipping costs, currency fluctuations, tariffs and customs procedures for imports, which may affect the supply and purchase prices of the products to be imported by iFresh's wholesale distributors and sold by them to iFresh. If iFresh fails to obtain or maintain a sustainable supply of these products from its vendors, its financial conditions and operating results will be adversely impacted.

The operation of new stores and online sales may cannibalize sales in iFresh's stores and its financial results can be affected by economic and competitive conditions in this area.

All of iFresh's existing stores are located in the Northeastern United States and it intends to grow its store base in this area. New stores are expected to be opened in the Greater New York City and Boston metropolitan areas. As iFresh opens new stores in closer proximity to its customers who currently travel longer distances to shop at iFresh's stores, iFresh expects some of these customers to take advantage of the convenience of iFresh's new locations. Simultaneously, iFresh will develop online sales to cover the customers living in a 2.5-hour drive radius, which may satisfy the demand from those Chinese customers living in the suburbs.

Some sales volume may transfer from iFresh's existing stores to its new stores as some of its existing customers switch to these new, closer locations, or convenient online shopping. Consequently, iFresh's new stores and online sales may adversely impact sales at iFresh's existing stores.

\*Disruption of relationships with vendors could negatively affect iFresh's business.\*

iFresh purchases vegetables and fruits directly from farms and other vendors and maintains stable relationships with the vendors to ensure reliable supplies of popular seasonal Chinese specialty of vegetables and fruits. iFresh also depends on third-party suppliers for exclusive third-party brands. The cancellation of iFresh's supply arrangement with any of its suppliers or the disruption, delay or inability in supply from its suppliers could adversely affect iFresh's sales. If iFresh's suppliers fail to comply with food safety or other laws and regulations, or face allegations of non-compliance, their operations may be disrupted. iFresh cannot assure you that it would be able to find replacement suppliers on commercially reasonable terms.

iFresh may be unable to protect or maintain its intellectual property, which could result in customer confusion, a negative perception of its brand and adversely affect its business.

iFresh believes that its intellectual property has substantial value and has contributed significantly to the success of iFresh's business. In particular, iFresh's trademarks, including New York Mart, are valuable assets that reinforce iFresh's customers' favorable perception of its stores.

From time to time, third parties have used names similar to iFresh's, have applied to register trademarks similar to iFresh's and, as iFresh believes, have infringed or misappropriated iFresh's intellectual property rights. iFresh responds to these actions on a case-by-case basis, including, where appropriate, by sending cease and desist letters and commencing opposition actions and litigation. The outcomes of these actions have included both negotiated out-of-court settlements as well as litigation. iFresh cannot assure you that the steps it has taken to protect its intellectual property rights are adequate, that its intellectual property rights can be successfully defended and asserted in the future or that third parties will not infringe upon or misappropriate any such rights. In addition, iFresh's trademark rights and related registrations may be challenged in the future and could be canceled or narrowed. Failure to protect iFresh's trademark rights could prevent iFresh in the future from challenging third parties who use names and logos similar to iFresh's trademarks, which may in turn cause consumer confusion or negatively affect consumers' perception of iFresh's brand and products, and eventually adversely affect iFresh's sales and profitability. Moreover, intellectual property disputes and proceedings and infringement claims may result in a significant distraction for management and significant expense, which may not be recoverable regardless of whether iFresh is successful. Such proceedings may be protracted with no certainty of success, and an adverse outcome could subject iFresh to liabilities, force iFresh to cease use of certain trademarks or other intellectual property or force iFresh to enter into licenses with others. Any one of these occurrences may have a material adverse effect on iFresh's business, results of operations and financial condition.

If iFresh experiences a data security breach and confidential customer information is disclosed, iFresh may be subject to penalties and experience negative publicity, which could affect iFresh's customer relationships and have a material adverse effect on its business.

iFresh and its customers could suffer harm if customer information was accessed by third parties due to a security failure in iFresh's systems. The collection of data and processing of transactions requires iFresh to receive, transmit and store a large amount of personally identifiable and transaction related data. This type of data is subject to legislation and regulation in various jurisdictions. Recently, data security breaches suffered by well-known companies and institutions have attracted a substantial amount of media attention, prompting state and federal legislative proposals addressing data privacy and security. If some of the current proposals are adopted, iFresh may be subject to more extensive requirements to protect the customer information that it processes in connection with the purchases of iFresh's products. iFresh may become exposed to potential liability with respect to the data that it collects, manages and processes, and may incur legal costs if its information security policies and procedures are not effective or if it is required to defend its methods of collection, processing and storage of personal data. Future investigations, lawsuits or adverse publicity relating to iFresh's methods of handling personal data could adversely affect its business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows due to the costs and negative market reaction relating to such developments. Additionally, if iFresh suffers data breaches, one or more of the credit card processing companies that it relies on may refuse to allow it to continue to participate in their network, which would limit iFresh's ability to accept credit cards at its stores and could adversely affect its business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Data theft, information espionage or other criminal activity directed at the retail industry or computer or communications systems may materially adversely affect iFresh's business by causing iFresh to implement costly security measures in recognition of actual or potential threats, by requiring iFresh to expend significant time and expense developing, maintaining or upgrading its information technology systems and by causing it to incur significant costs to reimburse third parties for damages. Such activities may also materially adversely affect iFresh's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows by reducing consumer confidence in the marketplace and by modifying consumer spending habits.

If iFresh is unable to renew or replace current store leases or if it is unable to enter into leases for additional stores on favorable terms, or if one or more of its current leases are terminated prior to expiration of their stated term, and it cannot find suitable alternate locations, iFresh's growth and profitability could be negatively impacted.

iFresh currently leases all of its store locations. Many of iFresh's current leases provide unilateral option to renew for several additional rental periods at specific rental rates. iFresh's ability to re-negotiate favorable terms on an expiring lease or to negotiate favorable terms for a suitable alternate location, and iFresh's ability to negotiate favorable lease terms for additional store locations, could depend on conditions in the real estate market, competition for desirable properties, its relationships with current and prospective landlords, or other factors that are not within iFresh's control. Any or all of these factors and conditions could negatively impact iFresh's growth and profitability.

# iFresh leases certain of its stores and related properties from related parties.

Long Deng, one of iFresh's directors and executive officers, owns 50% of Dragon Development LLC, which leases to iFresh the premises at which Strong America, iFresh's wholesale subsidiary, is located. During fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, rental payments (excluding maintenance and taxes that iFresh is obligated to pay) under the leases from Dragon Development LLC were \$886,543. The leases with Dragon Development LLC renewed on May 1, 2016, and their remaining terms are 6 years. iFresh has no assurance that these related parties will renew the lease agreements with it after expiration. If iFresh cannot renew the leases, it will have to move its stores and warehouses locations, which increases the uncertainty of finding suitable locations for those stores and the reputation recognition in new locations, which may adversely affect iFresh's sales, expenses, profit and financial position.

# Failure to retain iFresh's senior management and other key personnel may adversely affect its operations.

iFresh's success is substantially dependent on the continued service of its senior management and other key personnel. These executives, and in particular Long Deng, iFresh's Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, have been primarily responsible for determining the strategic direction of iFresh's business and for executing its growth strategy and are integral to its brand and culture, and the reputation iFresh enjoys with suppliers and consumers. The loss of the services of any of these executives and other key personnel could have a material adverse effect on iFresh's business and prospects, as iFresh may not be able to find suitable individuals to replace them on a timely basis, if at all. In addition, any such departure could be viewed in a negative light by investors and analysts, which may cause iFresh's stock price to decline. The loss of key employees could negatively affect iFresh's business.

# If iFresh is unable to attract, train and retain employees, it may not be able to grow or successfully operate its business.

The retail store industry is labor intensive, and iFresh's success depends in part upon its ability to attract, train and retain a sufficient number of employees who understand and appreciate iFresh's culture and are able to represent its brand effectively and establish credibility with its business partners and consumers. iFresh's ability to meet its labor needs, while controlling wage and labor-related costs, is subject to numerous external factors, including the availability of a sufficient number of qualified persons in the workforce in the markets in which iFresh is located, unemployment levels within those markets, prevailing wage rates, changing demographics, health and other insurance costs and changes in employment legislation. In the event of increasing wage rates, if iFresh fails to increase its wages competitively, the quality of its workforce could decline, causing its customer service to suffer, while increasing its wages could cause its earnings to decrease. If iFresh is unable to hire and retain employees capable of meeting its business needs and expectations, its business and brand image may be impaired. Any failure to meet iFresh's staffing needs or any material increase in turnover rates of iFresh's employees may adversely affect its business, results of operations and financial condition.

# Changes in and enforcement of immigration laws could increase iFresh's costs and adversely affect iFresh's ability to attract and retain qualified store-level employees.

Federal and state governments from time to time implement immigration laws, regulations or programs that regulate iFresh's ability to attract or retain qualified foreign employees. Some of these changes may increase iFresh's obligations for compliance and oversight, which could subject iFresh to additional costs and make iFresh's hiring process more cumbersome, or reduce the availability of potential employees. Although iFresh has implemented, and is in the process of enhancing, procedures to ensure its compliance with the employment eligibility verification requirements, there can be no assurance that these procedures are adequate and some of its employees may, without iFresh's knowledge, be unauthorized workers. The employment of unauthorized workers may subject iFresh to fines or civil or criminal penalties, and if any of iFresh's workers are found to be unauthorized, iFresh could experience adverse publicity that negatively impacts its brand and makes it more difficult to hire and keep qualified employees. iFresh may be required to terminate the employment of certain of its employees who were determined to be unauthorized workers. The termination of a significant number of employees may disrupt iFresh's operations, cause temporary increases in iFresh's labor costs as it trains new employees and result in additional adverse publicity. iFresh's financial performance could be materially harmed as a result of any of these factors.

#### Prolonged labor disputes with employees and increases in labor costs could adversely affect iFresh's business.

A considerable amount of iFresh's operating costs is attributable to labor costs and, therefore, its financial performance is greatly influenced by increases in wage and benefit costs, including pension and health care costs. As a result, iFresh is exposed to risks associated with a competitive labor market. Rising health care and pension costs and the nature and structure of work rules will be important issues. Any work stoppages or labor disturbances as a result of employees' dissatisfaction of their current employment terms could have a material adverse effect on iFresh's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. iFresh also expects that in the event of a work stoppage or labor disturbance, it could incur additional costs and face increased competition.

Various aspects of iFresh's business are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations. iFresh's compliance with these regulations may require additional capital expenditures and could materially adversely affect its ability to conduct its business as planned.

iFresh is subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to zoning, land use, environmental protection, workplace safety, food safety, public health, community right-to-know and alcoholic beverage and tobacco sales. In particular, the states in which iFresh operates and several local jurisdictions regulate the licensing of supermarkets and the sale of alcoholic beverages. In addition, certain local regulations may limit iFresh's ability to sell alcoholic beverages at certain times. iFresh is also subject to laws governing its relationship with employees, including minimum wage requirements, overtime, working conditions, immigration, disabled access and work permit requirements. Compliance with new laws in these areas, or with new or stricter interpretations of existing requirements, could reduce the revenue and profitability of iFresh's stores and could otherwise materially adversely affect iFresh's business, financial condition or results of operations. iFresh's new store openings could be delayed or prevented or its existing stores could be impacted by difficulties or failures in iFresh's ability to obtain or maintain required approvals or licenses. iFresh's stores are subject to unscheduled inspections on a regular basis, which, if violations are found, could result in the assessment of fines, suspension of one or more needed licenses and, in the case of repeated "critical" violations, closure of the store until a re-inspection demonstrates that iFresh has remediated the problem. Certain of iFresh's parking lots and warehouses either have only temporary certificates of occupancy or are awaiting a certificate of occupancy which, if not granted, would require iFresh to stop using such property. Additionally, a number of federal, state and local laws impose requirements or restrictions on business owners with respect to access by disabled persons. iFresh's compliance with these laws may result in modifications to iFresh's properties, or prevent iFresh from performing certain further renovations. iFresh cannot predict the nature of future laws, regulations, interpretations or applications, or determine what effect either additional government regulations or administrative orders, when and if promulgated, or disparate federal, state and local regulatory schemes would have on iFresh's business in the future.

# iFresh's plans to acquire and open new stores requires iFresh to spend capital. Failure to use its capital efficiently could have an adverse effect on iFresh's profitability.

iFresh's growth strategy depends on its acquisition of and opening new stores, which will require iFresh to use cash generated by its operations and a portion of the net proceeds of future equity or debt financing and borrowing under bank credit line. iFresh cannot assure you that cash generated by its operations, the net proceeds of future equity or debt financing and borrowing under bank credit line will be sufficient to allow iFresh to implement its growth strategy. If any of these initiatives prove to be unsuccessful, iFresh may experience reduced profitability and it could be required to delay, significantly curtail or eliminate planned store openings, which could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and future operating performance and the price of its common stock.

# Changes in U.S. trade policies, including the imposition of tariffs on various goods and a potential resulting trade war with China and other countries, could have a material adverse impact on our business.

Some of our merchandise is produced in foreign countries, primarily in China, making the price and availability of our merchandise susceptible to international trade risks and other international conditions. The imposition of tariffs, duties, border adjustment taxes or other trade restrictions by the United States could also result in the adoption of new or increased tariffs or other trade restrictions by other countries. Recently, the current U.S. administration and China have imposed significant tariffs on goods imported from the other's country, and more recently, the United States has proposed the imposition of additional tariffs on various goods. If the current administration follows through with such tariffs, or if additional tariffs or trade restrictions are implemented by the United States or other countries, the resulting trade barriers could have a significant adverse impact on the cost of our goods, the prices at which we offer them for sale and our overall financial performance. We are not able to predict future trade policy of the United States, China, or of any foreign countries in which we operate or purchase goods, or the terms of any renegotiated trade agreements, or their impact on our business. The adoption and expansion of trade restrictions and tariffs, quotas and embargoes, the occurrence of a trade war, or other governmental action related to tariffs or trade agreements or policies, has the potential to adversely impact the cost of and demand for our products, our overall costs, our customers, our suppliers and the world economy, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business, operational results, financial position and cash flows.

#### Litigation may materially adversely affect iFresh's business, financial condition and results of operations.

iFresh's operations are characterized by a high volume of customer traffic and by transactions involving a wide variety of product selections. These operations carry a higher exposure to consumer litigation risk when compared to the operations of companies operating in many other industries. Consequently, iFresh may be a party to individual personal injury, product liability and other legal actions in the ordinary course of its business, including litigation arising from food-related illness. The outcome of litigation, particularly class action lawsuits and regulatory actions, is difficult to assess or quantify. Plaintiffs in these types of lawsuits may seek recovery of very large or indeterminate amounts, and the magnitude of the potential loss relating to such lawsuits may remain unknown for substantial periods of time. The cost to defend future litigation may be significant. There may also be adverse publicity associated with litigation that may decrease consumer confidence in iFresh's businesses, regardless of whether the allegations are valid or whether iFresh is ultimately found liable. As a result, litigation may materially adversely affect iFresh's businesses, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# Increased commodity prices and availability may impact profitability.

Many of iFresh's products include ingredients such as wheat, corn, oils, milk, sugar, cocoa and other commodities. Commodity prices worldwide have been increasing. While commodity price inputs do not typically represent the substantial majority of iFresh's product costs, any increase in commodity prices may cause its vendors to seek price increases from iFresh. Although iFresh is typically able to mitigate vendor efforts to increase its costs, it may be unable to continue to do so, either in whole or in part. In the event iFresh is unable to continue mitigating potential vendor price increases, it may in turn consider raising its prices, and its customers may be deterred by any such price increases. iFresh's profitability may be impacted through increased costs to it which may impact gross margins, or through reduced revenue as a result of a decline in the number and average size of customer transactions.

# Severe weather, natural disasters and adverse climate changes may materially adversely affect iFresh's financial condition and results of operations.

Severe weather conditions and other natural disasters in areas where iFresh has stores or from which iFresh obtains the products it sells may materially adversely affect its retail operations or its product offerings and, therefore, its results of operations. Such conditions may result in physical damage to, or temporary or permanent closure of, one or more of iFresh's stores, an insufficient workforce in iFresh's markets and/or temporary disruption in the supply of products, including delays in the delivery of goods to iFresh's stores or a reduction in the availability of products in its stores. In addition, adverse climate conditions and adverse weather patterns, such as drought or flood, that impact growing conditions and the quantity and quality of crops may materially adversely affect the availability or cost of certain products within its supply chain. Any of these factors may disrupt iFresh's businesses and materially adversely affect its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# iFresh needs approximately \$10 million for the year ended March 31, 2021 in order to achieve its planned growth for that year and if it cannot successfully obtain sufficient capital, the financial results and stock price of iFresh after the business combinations will be adversely affected.

iFresh believes that it needs approximately \$10 million for the year ended March 31, 2021 mainly for the purpose of acquiring additional stores to achieve its planned growth for that year. If it is not able to obtain financing on commercially reasonable terms in connection with the Business Combination, as is contemplated by the parties, it may not be able to implement its growth plan. If it is unable to affect its growth plan, iFresh's financial results will be significantly worse than anticipated and its stock price may decline as a result.

# iFresh is an "emerging growth company" and the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies may make its securities less attractive to investors.

iFresh is an "emerging growth company," as defined in the JOBS Act. It may remain an "emerging growth company" until the fiscal year ended March31, 2021. However, if its non-convertible debt issued within a three-year period or revenues exceeds \$1 billion, or the market value of its common stock that are held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million on the last day of the second fiscal quarter of any given fiscal year, iFresh would cease to be an emerging growth company as of the following fiscal year. As an emerging growth company, iFresh is not required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, has reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in its periodic reports and proxy statements, and is exempt from the requirements of holding a non binding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. Additionally, as an emerging growth company, iFresh has elected to delay the adoption of new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies until those standards apply to private companies. As such, iFresh's financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with public company effective dates. As a result, potential investors may be less likely to invest in our securities.

There is no assurance that the Company will be able to comply with the requirements in the Forbearance Agreement. If KeyBank elects to exercise its rights and remedies under the Forbearance Agreement with respect to any event of default, then it will have a material adverse effect on us and create substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

On May 20, 2019, iFresh Inc. (the "Company"), NYM Holding, Inc. ("NYM" or the "Borrower"), certain subsidiaries of NYM, Mr. Long Deng and KeyBank National Association ("Keybank" or the "Lender") entered into the first forbearance agreement (the "First Forbearance Agreement") with respect to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of December 23, 2016, as amended, pursuant to which KeyBank made available to NYM a revolving credit facility, a term loan facility, and other credit accommodations (the "Loan Agreements"). The Lender has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreements based on the existence of certain events of default until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the 90<sup>th</sup> day from the date of the First Forbearance Agreement (the "First Forbearance Period"); and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default. Reference is made to the current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 21, 2019.

The Borrower did not meet its obligations under the Loan Agreements by the end of the First Forbearance Period. On October 17, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company, NYM, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh 365, Inc. ("Go Fresh"), Mr. Long Deng and Keybank entered into the second forbearance agreement (the "Second Forbearance Agreement"). Pursuant to certain Guaranty Agreement dated as of December 26, 2016, as amended by several joinder agreements and the Second Forbearance Agreement, the Company, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh and Mr. Long Deng (collectively, the "Guarantors", and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties") have agreed to guarantee the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement ("Obligations"). Terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Second Forbearance Agreement.

The Lender agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreement based on the existence of certain events of default (the "Specified Events of Default") until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the November 29, 2019; and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default. No subsequent agreements or amendments have been entered into.

The Borrower is not current in its payments to Keybank. As of June 30, 2020 we owe \$21,266,149 to Keybank...

Our principal liquidity needs are to meet its working capital requirements, operating expenses and capital expenditure obligations. Our ability to fund these needs will depend on its future performance, which will be subject in part to general economic, competitive and other factors beyond its control. In addition, if Keybank accelerates the loan, we may be forced to declare bankruptcy. These conditions raise substantial doubt as to our ability to remain a going concern.

If we fail to effectively operate our self-insured health plan, we may not be able to retain employees and may be subject to tax penalties and legal proceedings.

Under The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees must offer health insurance to certain of their employees and their dependent children, and if coverage meeting certain minimum requirements is not offered the employer may face non-deductible tax penalties.

We and our subsidiaries operate self-insurance health plan for our employees. We could be subject to payment of health care claims from employees, which vary from time to time. If we do not settle such health care claims in time, we may be subject to various tax penalties, legal or administrative claims and proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Litigation or any other legal or administrative proceeding, regardless of the outcome, is likely to result in a substantial cost and diversion to our resources, including our management's time and attention. Any tax penalties may adversely affect our financial performance.

#### Risks Related to Our Liquor products Business

A reduction in the supply of fundamental herbs in traditional Chinese medicine and base alcohol available to us from the independent herb growers and base alcohol suppliers could reduce our annual production of liquor products.

We rely on growers to purchase substantially all the fundamental herbs in traditional Chinese medicine used in our herbal liquor production. These ingredients include rehmannia glutinosa, Chinese yams, lyceum chinense, velvet antler, cyathula officinalis, angelica sinensis, and dwarf lilyturf, among other ingredients. We believe that the fundamental herbs we use in our herbal liquor products are readily available in China and that the supply of these herbs and the edible base alcohol are stable. However, if the supply of fundamental herbs and base alcohol available to us from the independent herb growers and base alcohol suppliers reduce, it could negatively impact our liquor business.

#### We face significant competition which could adversely affect profitability.

The liquor and herbal liquor industries are intensely competitive and highly fragmented in China. Our liquor products compete in several liquor products market segments with many other domestic liquor and herbal liquor products. Our liquor products also compete with other alcoholic and, to a lesser degree, non-alcoholic beverages, for shelf space in retail stores and for marketing focus by independent distributors, many of which carry extensive brand portfolios. As a result of this intense competition there has been and may continue to be upward pressure on selling and promotional expenses. In addition, the liquor industry has experienced significant consolidation. Many competitors have greater financial, technical, marketing and public relations resources. Our sales may be harmed to the extent we are not able to compete successfully against such liquor products or alternative beverage producers' costs. There can be no assurance that in the future that we will be able to successfully compete with current competitors or that we will not face greater competition from other wineries and beverage manufacturers.

If we experience problems with our product quality, customer satisfaction with respect to pricing of our products or the timely delivery of our products, we could lose our customers and market acceptance which will affect our sales and have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our growth and sales relating to our herbal liquor products primarily depend on our maintenance of quality control, customer satisfaction with respect to pricing and the punctual availability and delivery of our products. If we fail to deliver the same quality of our products with the same punctuality and pricing which our customers have grown accustomed to, or in accordance with the terms of our sales agreements, we could damage our customer relations and market acceptance, which will affect sales and our business in general. For example, we have to maintain food production licenses and GMP certificates for pharmaceutical products as an indication of the quality of our products. If we experience deterioration in the performance or quality of any of our products, whether due to problems internally or externally, it could result in delays in delivery, cancellations of orders or customer complaints, loss of goodwill, diversion of the attention of our senior personnel and harm to our brand and reputation. Any and all of these results would have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to a series of food and drug supervision and management regulations of our liquor products business. If we are unable to comply with relevant regulations, we may face penalties or our licenses may be revoked.

To conduct our liquor and herbal liquor products business, we have obtained a Food Business License, a Food Production License, a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Permit and GMP Certificate. We are also required to comply with a series of food and drug regulations and national standards, such as the technical standards and advertising regulations regarding rug products. If we fail to comply with relevant regulations or national standards, we may face penalties or our licenses may be revoked.

The price of the ingredients for our liquor and herbal liquor is controlled by government. If there is a significant increase in the market price of ingredients, it might increase our cost and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The PRC government has the power to intervene in the price of important types of grain under certain circumstances, such as when a material change occurs to the market supply and demand and/or the grain price fluctuates significantly, in order to protect the interests of farmers. Although such pricing guidance has not had a material impact on our business in the past, we cannot guarantee you the market price of our ingredients would always be kept at the current level. If there is a significant increase in the market price of ingredients, it would increase our cost of sales, and we would not be able to pass those increased costs on to our customers. Such increased costs could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The liquor industry might be heavily influenced by national and local policies. Given the current unclear situation of local and national regulations and policies, we cannot predict the impact of future policy changes on the industry.

Local policies and national policies regarding the liquor industry are inconsistent to some degree. At the national level, the liquor products business is in a restricted industry. According to the "Industrial Structure Adjustment Guidance Catalogue" promulgated by the National Development and Reform Commission in 2011 and revised in 2013, the liquor products business is in the restricted industry category. However, Hubei Province, where our liquor business is located, issued a notice on "Strengthening the Hubei Liquor Industry Action Plan" in 2016, encouraging further expansion into the liquor industry and comprehensively improving the strength and competitiveness of the liquor industry. We cannot predict the impact of the inconsistency between national and local politics and any future change in policy on the industry. If the national or the local government further adjusts the current liquor industry policy, such as placing restrictions on liquor production and consumption through regulations on taxation, bank loans, land supply, advertising, pricing or other aspects, it might have an adverse impact on our production and operation.

#### Risks related to Face Mask production

#### As COVID-19 is brought under control, the demand for masks will decrease.

As the transmission of COVID-19 is brought under control and vaccines are developed, the market demand for face masks will decline. This will result in reduced revenues from the sale of face masks due to fewer masks being sold and a decline of prices for the masks.

# We may not be able to import our face mask products into the United States due to tensions between the United States and China.

The trade tension between the United States and China may impact imports and exports. For example, the Trump administration is suspending passenger flights to the U.S. by Chinese airlines, saying it was retaliating after Beijing barred American carriers from re-entering China amid escalating tensions between the two nations. The order took effect June 16, 2020. The move ratchets up tensions between the U.S. and China over trade, which may prevent us from importing face masks from our manufacturing facility in China.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

# **Item 2. Properties**

Our principal executive offices are located at its headquarters comprising approximately 2,200 square meters at 2-39 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Long Island City, New York. Please see "Item 1 –Business – Properties."

# **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

Please see "Item 1 – Business – Legal Proceedings" For a discussion of the significant legal proceedings we are involved in.

#### **Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

#### PART II

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### **Market Information**

Our equity securities trade on the NASDAQ Capital Market. Prior to December 16, 2016, our units, shares and rights were each quoted on the NASDAQ Capital Market, under the symbols "ECACU," "ECAC" and "ECACR," respectively. Each of our units consisted of one ordinary share and one right to acquire 1/10 of a share of the Company. Our units commenced trading on August 13, 2015. Our shares and rights commenced trading on November 25, 2015. Upon the closing of the Transactions described above, our rights and units ceased trading and iFresh's common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "IFMK" as of February 10, 2017. As of August 6, 2020, the last reported sales price reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market for our common stock was \$0.91 per share.

#### **Holders of Common Equity**

As of August 11, 2020, there were 122 holders of record of our common stock. Such numbers do not include beneficial owners holding shares, rights or units through nominee names.

#### **Dividends**

The Company has not paid any cash dividends on its ordinary shares to date. It is the present intention of the Company's board of directors to retain all earnings, if any, for use in the Company's business operations and, accordingly, the Company's board of directors does not anticipate declaring any dividends in the foreseeable future. The payment of dividends is within the discretion of the Company's board of directors and will be contingent upon the Company's future revenues and earnings, if any, capital requirements and general financial condition.

# **Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans**

The following table provides information as of March 31, 2020 about our equity compensation plans and arrangements.

	Number of	Weighted-	securities remaining available for future
	securities to	average	issuance
Plan category	be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))(1)
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	0		350,000
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holder	0		0
Total	0		350,000

Number of

(1) Consists of shares of common stock available for future issuance under our equity incentive plans.

#### **Equity Repurchases**

None.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

As a smaller reporting company, we are not required to provide this information.

#### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This report includes forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "should," "could," "would," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "continue," or the negative of such terms or other similar expressions. Factors that might cause or contribute to such a discrepancy include, but are not limited to, those described in our other Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings. References to "we", "us", "our," "iFresh" or the "Company" are to iFresh Inc., except where the context requires otherwise. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.

#### Overview

iFresh Inc. ("we," "us," "our," or "iFresh" or the "Company") is a Delaware company incorporated in July 2016 in order to reincorporate E-Compass Acquisition Corp. ("E-Compass") to Delaware pursuant to the Merger Agreement (as defined below). Immediately following the reincorporation, we acquired NYM Holding, Inc ("NYM"). E-Compass was a blank check company formed for the purpose of entering into a share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. NYM is a fast growing Asian/Chinese grocery supermarket chain in the north-eastern U.S. providing food and other merchandise hard to find in mainstream grocery stores. Since NYM was formed in 1995, NYM has been targeting the Chinese and other Asian population in the U.S. with its in-depth cultural understanding of its target customer's unique consumption habits. iFresh currently has ten retail supermarkets across New York, Massachusetts and Florida, with in excess of 4,938,600 sales transactions in its stores in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020. It also has one in-house wholesale businesses, Strong America Limited ("Strong America covering more than 6,000 wholesale products and servicing both NYM retail supermarkets and over 1,000 external clients that range from wholesalers to retailing groceries and restaurants. NYM has a stable supply of food from farms in New Jersey and Florida, ensuring reliable supplies of the most popular vegetables, fruits and seafood. Its wholesale business and long term relationships with farms insulate NYM from supply interruptions and sales declines, allowing it to remain competitive even during difficult markets.

On March 26, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with Kairui Tong and Hao Huang (collectively, the "Sellers") and Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd (collectlively, the "Wine Co.")., pursuant to which the Sellers will sell their 100% interest in Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd. (collectively, the "Target Companies") to the Company in exchange for 3,852,372 shares of the Company's common stock and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock"). Upon approval of the Company's shareholders, the 1,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be converted into 3,834,796 shares of the Company's common stock. The acquisition was closed on April 22, 2020. Wine Co. is engaged in the business of manufacturing and sales of rice liquor products and Herbal Wine Co. is engaged in the business of manufacturing and sales of herbal rice liquor products.

Wine Co. has an automatic filling production line with an annual production capacity of 5,000 tons of liquor products at a 1,000 square-meter facility. Herbal Wine Co. has an automatic filling production line with an annual production capacity of 6,000 tons of herbal liquor.

In April 2020, we acquired 70% of Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd., a People's Republic of China company, in exchange for \$600,000 in cash and 900,000 shares of our common stock. The acquisition was closed on April 28, 2020.

Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd is our subsidiary that produces face masks in China founded in March 2020. Its core business includes engineering and technical research and experimental development in and production of medical protective masks, non-medical daily protective masks, cotton spinning processing. We have built our production lines from scratch, with an estimated aggregate annual output of 5 million masks. We have one medical mask production line, which we expect, once operational, can handle a daily capacity of up to 30,000 masks, and two non-medical mask production lines, with an output capacity of up to 400,000 marks per day. We expect to launch production from these production lines in the fourth quarter of 2020. Around \$420,000 was needed to fund the production.

These acquisitions are aimed to diversify the Company's revenue stream and reduce the operational risk in the US. The operation of these two companies is expected to increase the Company's profitability, increase the cash flow and improve the Company's liquidity.

#### Outlook

iFresh is an Asian Chinese supermarket chain in the U.S. northeastern region with nine retail super markets and one wholesale facility. iFresh has strategically expanded along the I-95 corridor in the past few years.

- a. iFresh provides unique products to meet the demands of the Asian/Chinese American Market;
- b. iFresh has established a merchandising system backed by an in-house wholesale business and by long-standing relationships with farms;
- c. iFresh maintains an in-house cooling system with unique hibernation technology that is has developed over 20 years to preserve perishables, especially produce and seafood; and
- d. iFresh capitalizes on economies of scale, allowing strong negotiating power with upstream vendors, downstream customers and sizable competitors;

As mentioned above, starting from 2020, the Company started to expand its operations in China by acquiring two companies in liquor products making business and mask making business to diversify its revenue stream and reduce the supermarket operational risk in the US.

iFresh's net sales were \$89.5 million and \$125.4 million for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. In terms of sales by category, Perishables constituted approximately 54.4% of the total sales for the year ended March 31, 2020. iFresh's net loss was \$8.3 million for the year end March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.7 million, or 31%, from \$12 million of net loss for the year end March 31, 2019. Adjusted EBITDA was negative \$4.2 million for the year end March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.6million, or 46.1%, from negative \$7.8 million for the year end March 31, 2019.

Factors Affecting iFresh's Operating Results

#### Seasonality

iFresh's business shows seasonal fluctuations. Sales in its first and second fiscal quarters (ending June 30 and December 31, respectively) are usually 5% to 10% lower than in third and fourth quarters (ending December 31 and March 31, respectively). In its third fiscal quarter, customers make holiday purchases for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In its fourth quarter, customers make purchases for traditional Chinese holidays, such as the Spring Festival (Chinese New Year, in January or February).

### Competition

The Company faces competition from other Asian supermarkets. In the fiscal year 2019, two of our stores located in Boston and New York experienced significantly decreased sales due to competition from newly opened grocery stores. In first quarter of fiscal year 2020, the Company contracted these two stores to third party to operate and are collecting contracting fees. The Company's retail sales decreased significantly due to the change of operations of these two stores.

#### **Payroll**

Minimum wage rates in some states increased. For example, the minimum wage rose from \$13 to \$15 per hour in New York City. Payroll and related expenses decreased by \$3.9million, or 31%% for the year ended March 31, 2020 as compared to the same period of last year as a result of workforce reduction to reduce costs.

#### **Vendor and Supply Management**

iFresh believes that a centralized and efficient vendor and supply management system are the keys to profitability. iFresh operates its own wholesale facilities, which supplied about 15.3% of its procurement for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020. iFresh believes that its centralized vendor management enhances iFresh's negotiating power and improves its ability to turnover inventory and vendor payables. Any changes to the vendor and supply management could affect iFresh's purchasing costs and operating expenses. Starting from Q4 of fiscal year 2019, the Company's wholesale business gradually slows down and the retail stores are heavily rely on third party vendors for inventory supplies instead of centralized supply system.

# **Store Maintenance and Renovation**

From time to time, iFresh conducts maintenance on the fixtures and equipment for its stores. Any maintenance or renovations could interrupt the operation of our stores and result in a decline of customer volume, and therefore sales volume, but will, in the opinion of management, boost sales after they are completed. Significant maintenance or renovation would affect our operation and operating results. As of March 31, 2020, one iFresh store is under renovation and has not opened yet. iFresh incurred \$518,379 in expenses for three stores for the year ended March 31, 2020. Two stores renovated for the year of 2020 and incurred around \$2 million in capital expenditure. Because these stores are being renovated, sales are affected.

#### Store Acquisitions, openings and closure.

iFresh expects the new stores it acquires or opens to be the primary driver of its sales, operating profit and market share gains. iFresh's results will be materially affected by the timing and number of new store additions and the amount of new store opening costs. For example, iFresh would incur rental, utilities and employee expenses during any period of renovation, which would be recorded as expenses on the income statement and would decrease iFresh's profit when a store opens. iFresh may incur higher than normal employee costs associated with setup, hiring, training, and other costs related to opening a new store. Operating margins are also affected by promotional discounts and other marketing costs and strategies associated with new store openings, primarily due to overstocking, and costs related to hiring and training new employees. Additionally, promotional activities may result in higher than normal net sales in the first several weeks following a new store opening. A new store builds its sales volume and its customer base over time and, as a result, generally has lower margins and higher operating expenses, as a percentage of sales, than our more mature stores. A new store could take more than a year to achieve a level of operating performance comparable to our existing stores. Due to operational difficulties and loss, iFresh closed two stores in New York and opened one store in Florida for the year ended March 31, 2020.

#### COVID-19

The Company was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak as it operates in area under stay-at-home orders since mid-March 2020. The Company is classified as an essential business and has remained open to serve our customers and the communities. The safety of our associates and our customers is always our first priority. In response to COVID-19, iFresh incurred incremental operating expenses of over \$300,000 in the 14 weeks ended June 15, 2020 for new initiatives implemented to support and protect our associates, customers and the communities:

- 1. Enhanced and more frequent sanitation practices, including hourly cleaning of high touch point areas throughout our stores, like cashier station, and customer bathroom, nightly deep cleaning and disinfectant fogging in every store
- 2. Reduced store operating hours, including the closure of the stores located in Brooklyn, New York and in Flushing, New York, where are with high population and at high risk of infection during the end of March and April peak period.
- 3. Posting and educating official recommended guidance and adhere to guidelines within safety plan.
- 4. Created a centralized call center to provide our associates with single guidance and direct reporting.
- 5. Expanded remote work capabilities for office associates and provided private numerous private car pools in order to limit access to public transportation.
- 6. Implemented a temporary wage or allowance premium of 15%-50% above standard base rate of pay for front line associates
- 7. Donated over 200,000 masks to local police precinct, school, community and our customers.
- 8. Expanded online order sales and mobile order delivery
- 9. Limited bulk sales per customer on diary produce such as milk, eggs, seafood & produce.
- 10. Limited the number of customers to approximately 25% of each store's maximum occupancy, test the temperature of each customer, sterilize, and distribute masks and gloves before entering to facility.

- 11. Implemented a Personal Protective Equipment program, provided associates with masks and gloves, provide frontline associates, such as cashiers, security guard, delivery team with protective clothing, goggles, and complimentary herbal heath care supplies to enhance immune system.
- 12. Step Marking for Social Distancing program installed floor markers and additional signage in high traffic areas to signify six-foot distances to encourage proper social distancing, hiring safe guard to monitor the social distance and customer safety in store.
- 13. Reserved the first two hours of business each day for elderly and at-risk customers
- 14. Implemented temperature checks for all associates
- 15. Acquiring mask supplies business oversea, to stock up on in demand related products.
- 16. Installed plexiglass shields at all registers, guest services and pharmacy counters

Please refer to the "Results of Operations for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019" below for more discussion regarding the impact of Covid-19 on financial results.

#### How to Assess iFresh's Performance

In assessing performance, iFresh's management considers a variety of performance and financial measures, including principal growth in net sales, gross profit and Adjusted EBITDA. The key measures that we use to evaluate the performance of our business are set forth below:

#### **Net Sales**

iFresh's net sales comprise gross sales net of coupons and discounts. We do not record sales taxes as a component of retail revenues as it considers it a pass-through conduit for collecting and remitting sales taxes.

#### **Gross Profit**

iFresh calculates gross profit as net sales less cost of sales and occupancy costs. Gross margin represents gross profit as a percentage of its net sales. Occupancy costs include store rental costs and property taxes. The components of our cost of sales and occupancy costs may not be identical to those of its competitors. As a result, our gross profit and gross margin may not be comparable to similar data made available by our competitors.

Cost of sales includes the cost of inventory sold during the period, including the direct costs of purchased merchandise (net of discounts and allowances), distribution and supply chain costs, buying costs and supplies. iFresh recognizes vendor allowances and merchandise volume related rebate allowances as a reduction of inventories during the period when earned and reflects the allowances as a component of cost of sales as the inventory is sold. Shipping and handling for inventories purchased are included in the cost of goods sold.

# Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses primarily consist of retail operational expenses, administrative salaries and benefits costs, marketing, advertising and corporate overhead.

# **Adjusted EBITDA**

iFresh believes that Adjusted EBITDA is a useful performance measure and can be used to facilitate a comparison of NYM's operating performance on a consistent basis from period-to-period and to provide for a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business than GAAP measures alone can provide. iFresh also uses Adjusted EBITDA as one of the primary methods for planning and forecasting overall expected performance and for evaluating on a quarterly and annual basis actual results against such expectations, and as a performance evaluation metric in determining achievement of certain compensation programs and plans for employees, including senior executives. Other companies in the industry may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently than iFresh does, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

iFresh's management defines Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expense, store opening costs, and non-recurring expenses. All of the omitted items are either (i) non-cash items or (ii) items that we do not consider in assessing its ongoing operating performance. Because it omits non-cash items, iFresh's management believes that Adjusted EBITDA is less susceptible to variances in actual performance resulting from depreciation, amortization and other non-cash charges and more reflective of other factors that affect its operating performance. iFresh's management believes that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures provides an additional tool for investors to use in evaluating ongoing operating results and trends and in comparing the company's financial measures with other specialty retailers, many of which present similar non-GAAP financial measures to investors.

Results of Operations for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019

	For the ye				
	 Marc	ch 31,	Changes		
	2020	2019	\$	•	%
Net sales-third parties	\$ 87,503,281	\$ 121,281,093	\$ (33,777,812)		(27.9)%
Net sales-related parties	 1,949,750	4,150,346	(2,200,596)		(53.0)%
Total Sales	89,453,031	125,431,439	(35,978,408)		(28.7)%
Cost of sales-third parties	64,377,063	92,215,568	(27,838,505)		(30.2)%
Cost of sales-related parties	1,580,880	3,674,407	(2,093,527)		(57.0)%
Occupancy costs	 6,660,448	9,148,872	(2,488,424)		(27.2)%
Gross Profit	16,834,640	20,392,592	(3,557,952)		(17.4))%
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	 25,043,254	31,899,310	(6,856,056)		(21.5)%
Income from operations	(8,208,614)	(11,506,718)	3,298,104		(28.7)%
Interest expense	(1,824,667)	(1,314,295)	(510,372)		38.8%
Impairment loss	(1,100,000)	-	(1,100,000)		(100)%
Other income	 2,660,232	1,385,093	1,275,139		92.1%
Income before income tax provision	(8,473,049)	(11,435,920)	2,962,871		(25.9)%
Income tax provision (benefit)	 (186,195)	567,523	(753,718)		(132.8)%
Net income	(8,286,854)	\$ (12,003,443)	\$ 3,716,589		(31.0)%
Net income attributable to common shareholders	(8,286,854)	(12,003,443)	3,716,589		(31.0)%

Net Sales

	For the years ended							
		Marc	ch 31,		Changes			
					\$	%		
Net sales of retail-third parties	\$	73,116,236	\$ 106,967,554	\$	(33,851,318)	(31.6)%		
Net sales of wholesale-third parties		14,387,045	14,313,539		73,506	0%		
Net sales of wholesale-related parties		1,949,750	4,150,346		(2,200,596)	(53.0)%		
Total Net Sales	\$ 89,453,031 \$ 125,431,439 \$ (35,978,408)							

iFresh's net sales were \$89.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$36.0 million, or 28.7%, from \$125.4 million for the year ended March 31, 2019.

Net retail sales to third parties decreased by \$33.8 million, or 31.6%, from \$107.0 million for the year ended March 31, 2019, to \$73.1 million for the year ended March 31, 2020. The decrease resulted mainly due to the following:

- 1). The closure of two stores in New York because of increased competition in the local market. These two stores contributed \$8.6 million sales for the year ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$3.4 million sales for the year ended March 31, 2020.
- 2). On April 1, 2019, the Company entered into an agreement for the two stores in Boston area with third parties to operate those stores, and the Company is collecting management fees from the third parties. Management fees are \$40,000 per month for the first six months and \$50,000 after the first six months, and the term of the agreements is 36 months. The Company bills the other party for rent and utilities expense incurred and the other party will be responsible for payroll and employee benefits. The Company sold all inventory at net book value of \$1.5 million, but retains ownership of all property and equipment. These two stores contributed 22.0 million of sales for the year ended March 31, 2019, compared to nil for the year ended March 31, 2020.
- 3). Due to the outbreak of Covid-19 in March, we had to reduce business hours and close stores located in Brooklyn, New York and in Flushing, New York, where are with high population and at high risk of infection. The sales decreased by around \$300,000 in March due to the lockdown.
  - 4) The Company outsourced part of vegetables and fruits business to third parties in our stores to improve margins;

Our total net wholesale sales decreased by \$2.1 million from \$18.5 million for the year ended March 31, 2019 to \$16.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, mainly attributable that New York Mart Group. Inc is going out of business and its sales decreased by \$2.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2019 to the year ended March 31, 2020 as compared to the same period for the year ended March 31, 2020.

Cost of sales, Occupancy costs and Gross Profit

	For the yea	ars e	ended						
Retail Segment	 March 31, Changes								
	2020		2019		\$	%			
Cost of sales	\$ 53,805,938	\$	81,664,829	\$	(27,858,891)	(34.1)%			
Occupancy costs	 6,660,448		9,148,872		(2,488,424)	(27.2)%			
Gross profit	 12,649,850		16,153,853		(3,504,003)	(21.7)%			
Gross margin	17.3%		15.1%		2.2%	-			

For the retail segment, cost of sales decreased by \$27.9 million, from \$81.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2019, to \$53.8 million for the year ended March 31, 2020. The decrease was as a result of the fierce competition and decrease of our overall sales of retail segment.

Occupancy costs consist of store-level expenses such as rental expenses, property taxes, and other store specific costs. Occupancy costs decreased by approximately \$2.5 million, which was mainly attributable to closure of 2 stores in the fiscal year of 2020.

Gross profit was \$12.6 and \$16.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Gross margin was 17.3% and 15.1% for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The gross profit increased due to the closure of the two store in New York that incurred significant operating loss. In addition, the Company outsourced the operation of two stores in Boston with lower margin to third parties. Instead, the Company collected management fee to cover rent, utilities and depreciation expense of the equipment.

	For the ye	ars	ended				
Wholesale Segment	 March 31,						
	2020		2019		\$	%	
Cost of sales	\$ 12,152,005	\$	14,225,146	\$	(2,073,141)	(14.6)%	
Gross profit	4,184,790		4,238,739		(53,949)	(1.3)%	
Gross margin	25.6%	)	23%	)	2.6%	-	

For our wholesale segment, the cost of sales for the year ended March 31, 2020 decreased by \$2.1 million, or 14.6%, from \$14.2 million in 2019 to \$12.2 million in 2020. The decrease is consistent with the significant decrease of sales from the wholesale segment in 2020.

Gross profit for the year ended March 31, 2020 decreased by \$54,000, or 1.3%. Gross margin increased by 2.6% from 23% to 25.6%. The increase was due to the significant sales decrease to its related parties, of which the margin is lower than sales made to third parties.

#### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general, and administrative expenses were \$25.0 million for the year ended March 31,2020, a decrease of \$6.9 million, or 21.5%, compared to \$31.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2019, which was mainly attributable to the closure of two stores in New York and outsourcing of the two stores in Boston area. The selling, general and administrative expense from these four stores decreased by \$4.4million for the year ended March 31, 2020. In addition, the Company shut down one of its wholesale entities which saved \$1.9 million in selling, general and administrative expense in the year ended March 31, 2020, compared to that for the year ended March 31, 2019.

#### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense was \$1.8 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, an increase of \$0.5 million, or 38.8%, from \$1.3 for the year ended March 31, 2019. For the year ended March 31, 2020, there are \$0.2 million fees related to default of payment. In addition, the interest rate for the year ended March 31, 2020 has slightly increased from 5.45%-6.2% to 5.7%-6.45%.

#### **Impairment Loss and Other income**

The Company charged \$1.1 million impairment loss related leasehold improvements in closed stores in New York area.

Other income was \$2.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, which included management and advertising fee income, rental income, lottery sales, and other miscellaneous income. Other income increased \$1.3 million, or 92.1%, from \$1.4 million for the year ended March 31, 2019. The Company collected \$0.7 million of management fee from outsourcing operations of Ming and Zen stores in Boston to third parties, net of rental expense the Company for these two stores. In addition, the Company has subleased some spaces in its stores for small vendors to sell prepared foods. Rental income increased by \$0.8 million.

#### **Income Taxes Provision**

We are subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. Income tax benefit was approximately \$190,000 for the year ended March 31, 2020 primarily due to the deferred tax assets recognized under The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, pursuant to which, NOLs from the 2018, 2019, and 2020 tax years to be carried back to the previous five tax years (beginning with the earliest year first) and suspends the 80% of taxable income limitation through the 2020 tax year. The effective income tax rate was 2.2and -5% for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### Net Income (loss)

	For the years ended						
	March 31,			Changes			
	 2020	2019		\$	%		
Net loss	\$ (8,286,854)	\$ (12,003,004)	\$	3,716,589	(31)%		
Net Loss Margin	-9.26%	-9.57%		-0.31%			

Net loss was \$8.3 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.7 million, or 31.0%, from \$12.0 million of net loss for the year ended March 31, 2019, mainly attributable to the decreased selling, general, and administrative expenses and tax expense described above. Net loss as a percentage of sales was -9.26% and -9.57% for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

	For the years ended						
		Marc	h 3	1,	Changes		
		2020		2019		\$	%
Net income	\$	(8,286,854)	\$	(12,003,443)	\$	3,716,589	(31)%
Interest expense		1,824,667		1,314,295		510,372	38.8%
Income tax provision		(186,195)		567,523		(753,718)	(132.8)%
Depreciation		2,121,564		1,999,562		122,002	6.1%
Amortization		315,832		315,832		-	0%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(4,210,986)	\$	(7,806,231)	\$	3,595,245	(46.1)%
Percentage of sales		<b>-4.7</b> %		-6.2%		1.5%	

Loss before income tax, depreciation, and amortization was \$4.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.4 million, as compared to loss before income tax, depreciation, and amortization of \$7.8 million for the year ended March 31, 2019, mainly attributable to the decrease in net loss resulting from decreased in selling, general, and administrative expenses described above. The ratio of Adjusted EBITDA to sales was -4.7% and -6.2% for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As of March 31, 2020, iFresh had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$0.8 million. iFresh had operating losses of \$8.3 million and \$12 million for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and had negative working capital of \$28.6 million and \$21.6 million as of March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2019, respectively. iFresh had negative equity of \$2.6 million as of March 31, 2020. The long-term KeyBank loan of \$20.1 million has been reclassified as short-term because the Company is not in compliance with the KeyBank loan covenants and KeyBank has the option to accelerate payment at any time. The Company did not meet certain financial covenants required in the credit agreement with KeyBank National Association ("KeyBank"). As of March 31, 2020, the Company has outstanding loan facilities of approximately \$20.1 million due to KeyBank. Failure to maintain these loan facilities will have a significant impact on the Company's operations. Refer to the discussion below in "KeyBank National Association – Senior Secured Credit Facilities" section for more detail.

iFresh had funded working capital and other capital requirements in the past primarily by equity contribution from shareholders, cash flow from operations, and bank loans. Cash is required to pay purchase costs for inventory, rental, salaries, office rental expenses, income taxes, other operating expenses and repay debts. iFresh's ability to repay its current obligation will depend on the future realization of its current assets. iFresh's management has considered the historical experience, the economy, trends in the retail industry, the expected collectability of the accounts receivables and the realization of the inventories as of March 31, 2020. iFresh's ability to continue to fund these items may be affected by general economic, competitive and other factors, many of which are outside of our control.

We have \$5.1 million of advances and receivables from related parties that we intend to collect or acquire. For the year ended March 31, 2020, the Company's shareholder contributed \$4.8 million to fund our operations.

The Company's principal liquidity needs are to meet its working capital requirements, operating expenses, and capital expenditure obligations. As of March 31, 2020, the Company remains in noncompliance with the financial covenants of the KeyBank Loan. These conditions continue to raise doubt as to the Company's ability to remain a going concern.

The following table summarizes iFresh's cash flow data for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019.

	For the yea Marc	
	2020	2019
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (861,789)	\$ (8,364,263)
Net cash used in (provided by) investing activities	(2,668,318)	913,129
Net cash provided by financing activities	3,233,959	7,858,309
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (296,148)	\$ 407,175

#### **Operating Activities**

Net cash used in operating activities consists primarily of net income adjusted for non-cash items, including depreciation, changes in deferred income taxes, loss on early extinguishment of debt, and the effect of working capital changes. Net cash used in operating activities was approximately \$0.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$7.5 million, or 906%, compared to \$8.4 million used in operating activities for the year ended March 31, 2019. The decrease was a result of a decrease in net loss of \$3.7 million, decrease of inventory change by \$4.2 million and decrease of tax payable change of \$1.6 million

# **Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities was approximately \$2.7 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, a decrease of \$3.6 million, compared to \$0.9 million provided by investing activities for the year ended March 31, 2019. The decreased was primarily attributable to the decrease in cash receivable from repayment of related party receivables of \$4.6 million, offset by the \$1.0 million decrease of cash used for acquisition of property and equipment.

## **Financing Activities**

Net cash provided by financing activities was approximately \$3.2 million for the year ended March 31, 2020, which mainly consisted of net cash from shareholder contribution of \$1.3 million and issuance of preferred stock of \$3.5 million offset by \$1.6 million cash paid for loans, notes payable, and capital leases.

Net cash provided by financing activities was approximately \$7.9 million for the year ended March 31, 2019, which mainly consisted of net cash flow from bank loans of \$5.7 million, cash received from issuance of stock of \$3.7 million, capital contribution of \$0.3 million, offset by \$1.9 million cash paid for loans, notes payable, and capital leases.

#### **KeyBank National Association – Senior Secured Credit Facilities**

On December 23, 2016, NYM, as borrower, entered into a \$25 million senior secured Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Key Bank National Association ("Key Bank" or "Lender"). The Credit Agreement provides for (1) a revolving credit of \$5,000,000 for making advance and issuance of letter of credit, (2) \$15,000,000 of effective date term loan and (3) \$5,000,000 of delayed draw term loan. The interest rate is equal to (1) the Lender's "prime rate" plus 0.95%, or (b) the Adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1.95%. Both the termination date of the revolving credit and the maturity date of the term loans are December 23, 2021. The Company will pay a commitment fee equal to 0.25% of the undrawn amount of the Revolving Credit Facility and 0.25% of the unused Delayed Draw Term Loan Facility. \$4,950,000 of the revolving credit was used as of December 31, 2018.

\$15,000,000 of the term loan was fully funded by the lender in January 2017. The Company is required to make fifty-nine consecutive monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$142,842 starting from February 1, 2017 and a final payment of the then entire unpaid principal balance of the term loan, plus accrued interest on the maturity date.

A Delayed Draw Term Loan was available and would be advanced on the Delayed Draw Funding date (as defined in the Credit Agreement, which is no later than December 23, 2021. A withdrawal of \$5 million under the Delayed Draw Term Loan was made as of March 31, 2019.

The senior secured credit facility is secured by all assets of the Company and is jointly guaranteed by the Company and its subsidiaries and contains financial and restrictive covenants. The financial covenants require NYM to deliver audited consolidated financial statements within one hundred twenty days after the fiscal year end and to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio not less than 1.1 to 1.0 and senior funded debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio less than 3.0 to 1.0 at the last day of each fiscal quarter, beginning with the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2017. Except as stated below, the senior secured credit facility is subject to customary events of default. It will be an event of default if Mr. Long Deng resigns, is terminated, or is no longer actively involved in the management of NYM and a replacement reasonably satisfactory to the Lender is not made within sixty (60) days after such event takes place. The Company violated the loan covenant when Mr. Long Deng, CEO and major shareholder of the Company sold an aggregate of 8,294,989 restricted shares to HK Xu Ding Co., Limited on January 23, 2019, representing 51% of the total issued and outstanding shares of the Company as of December 31, 2018. The Company failed to obtain a written consent for the occurrence of the change of ownership. As a result, effective as of March 1, 2019, interest was accrued on all loans at the default rate and the monthly principal and interest payment due under the effective date term loan will be \$155,872 instead of \$142,842.

On May 20, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company entered into a forbearance agreement (the "Forbearance Agreement") with KeyBank, pursuant to which KeyBank has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan agreement based on the existence of the events of defaults for certain period of time. The Forbearance Agreement contains customary forbearance covenants and other forbearance covenants and defined certain events of defaults. Starting from May, 2019, the monthly payment decreased to \$142,842 as originally required per the credit facility agreements.

The Company failed to meet its obligations under the Loan Agreements by the end of the First Forbearance Period. On October 17, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company, Go Fresh 365, Inc. ("Go Fresh"), Mr. Long Deng and Keybank entered into the second forbearance agreement (the "Second Forbearance Agreement"). Pursuant to certain Guaranty Agreement dated as of December 26, 2016, as amended by several joinder agreements and the Second Forbearance Agreement, the Company, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh and Mr. Long Deng (collectively, the "Guarantors", and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties") have agreed to guarantee the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement ("Obligations"). Key Bank has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreement based on the existence of certain events of default (the "Specified Events of Default") until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the November 29, 2019; and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default.

From Jan to June 2020, non-payment of amount due by the Company was \$1,194,878. Also, the Company has filed certain loan covenants. On August 6, 2020 the Company received 3<sup>rd</sup> forbearance agreement from Key Bank, which includes the following terms:

- All delinquent regular interest paid at or before settlement.
- July and August required payments will be regular interest amounts.
- Default interest will be deferred until 9/25/2020
- Store valuations will be ordered immediately.
- Continue to provide weekly cash flow reports.
- Provide quarterly financial statements of NYM, iFresh and newly acquired businesses.
- Monthly financial projections.
- Cost/work detail on the completion of the CT store.
- Pledge of the equity and guarantee of newly acquired businesses.
- File a UCC-1 financing statement for iFresh Inc.

If agreement cannot be reached, KeyBank is fully prepared to pursue legal remedies. As of the date of this report. The Forbearance Agreement is still under negotiation.

#### **Commitments and Contractual Obligations**

The following table presents the Company's material contractual obligations as of March 31, 2020:

	Less than					]	More than		
Contractual Obligations (unaudited)		Total		1 year	 1-3 years		3-5 years		5 years
Bank Loans	\$	20,141,297	\$	20,141,297	\$ 	\$			
Estimated interest payments on bank loans		1,398,563		852,902	545,660		_		_
Notes payable		124,609		77,903	46,706		_		_
Capital lease obligations including interest		534,445		200,784	322,948		10,714		_
Operating Lease Obligations <sup>(1)</sup>		87,827,630		8,295,618	 16,408,156		15,753,349		47,370,507
	\$	110,026,544	\$	29,568,504	\$ 17,323,470	\$	15,764,063	\$	47,370,507

<sup>(1)</sup> Operating lease obligations do not include common area maintenance, utility and tax payments to which iFresh is obligated, which is estimated to be approximately 50% of operating lease obligation.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Pursuant to Item 305(e) of Regulation S-K (§ 229.305(e)), the Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item as it is a "smaller reporting company," as defined by Rule 229.10(f)(1).

#### **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

#### **Consolidated Financial Statements**

The information required by Item 8 appears after the signature page to this report. Please refer to F-1 to F-27 of this document.

#### Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures

None.

#### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2020, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of March 31, 2020, due to our lack of experience being a public company and lack of professional staffs with sufficient knowledge of US GAAP and SEC reporting experiences.

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officers and Chief Financial Officer to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

As of March 31, 2020, our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in "Internal Control - Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. In connection with this review and the audit of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020, we identified material weaknesses and control deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. The material weaknesses related to (1) of the Company does not have in-house accounting personnel with sufficient knowledge of US GAAP and SEC reporting experiences, especially related to complex transactions and new accounting pronouncements; and (2) The Company failed to maintain certain controls to prevent or timely detect unauthorized expenditure, acquisition or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Our independent registered public accounting firm is not yet required to formally attest to the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting, and will not be required to do so for as long as we are an "emerging growth company" pursuant to the provisions of the JOBS Act.

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk. Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the company.

Our management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control system as of March 31, 2020 was based on the framework for effective internal control over financial reporting described in Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, known as COSO. In connection with this review and the audit of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020, we identified material weakness and control deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting. The material weakness related to (i) the deficiency in the ability of our in-house accounting professionals to generate financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP; and (ii) lack of accounting and internal control staff experienced in U.S. GAAP. This material weakness may result in reconciliations, reports and other documents being insufficiently reviewed prior to approval by management. Significant deficiencies are related to the lack of whistleblower policy to encourage employees to report any irregularities and to report any possible violations or fraudulent activities. Due to the foregoing material weakness and control deficiencies, management concluded that as of March 31, 2020, our internal control over financial reporting was not effective.

In order to address and resolve the foregoing material weakness, we will begin to implement measures designed to improve our internal control over financial reporting to remediate these material weaknesses, including hiring additional financial personnel with requisite training and experience in the preparation of financial statements in compliance with applicable SEC requirements and building up whistleblower policy to encourage employees to report possible violations or fraudulent activities. In March 2020, the Company appointed Ms. Amy Xue as Chief Financial officer of the Company, who has extensive experience in financial reporting, SEC audit service, and internal control. Ms. Xue is also a certified public accountants in the US.

The measures we are implementing are subject to continued management review supported by confirmation and testing, as well as audit committee oversight. Management remains committed to the implementation of remediation efforts to address these material weaknesses. Although we will continue to implement measures to remedy our internal control deficiencies, there can be no assurance that our efforts will be successful or avoid potential future material weaknesses. In addition, until remediation steps have been completed and/or operated for a sufficient period of time, and subsequent evaluation of their effectiveness is completed, the material weaknesses identified and described above will continue to exist.

This Form 10-K does not include an attestation report of internal controls from the company's registered public accounting firm due to our status as an emerging growth company under the JOBS Act.

# **Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during our most recently completed fiscal year that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Item 9B. Other Information.

There is no information required to be disclosed in a report on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of the year covered by this Form 10-K but not reported.

#### PART III

#### **Item 10 Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

Set forth below is certain biographical information about each director and officer of the Company as of August 13, 2020, as well as, in the case of our directors, information concerning the qualifications and experiences that led the board of directors to conclude that such individuals should serve as directors.

iFresh's directors and executive officers are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Long Deng	52	Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of the Board
Yanhong (Amy) Xue	48	Chief Financial Officer
Harvey Leibowitz	86	Director
Mark Fang	52	Director
Jay Walder	59	Director
Ping Zhou	44	Director

Long Deng became our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and a director in February 2017 in connection with the closing of the Transactions. Mr. Deng is the founder of NYM and has served as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Director of NYM for over 20 years since he started the business in 1995. From 1995 to the present, Mr. Deng has been the sole director of NYM, responsible for the strategy, operation, and financial planning of NYM. Under his leadership, NYM has developed into a well-recognized Chinese supermarket chain in north eastern U.S. Mr. Deng is the husband of Mrs. Lilly Deng. Apart from his business activities, Mr. Deng serves as the president of United States Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Co-Chair of New York State Republican Party's Finance Committee.

We believe Mr. Deng, Long's qualification to sit on our board of directors includes his extensive knowledge of NYM and the Chinese supermarket industry, his years of management and leadership experience in NYM and his connections in Chinese American business society.

Yanhong (Amy) Xue, has served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company since March 2020. She served as the Chief Financial Officer of XT Energy Group, Inc. (OTCQB: XTEG) from July 2018 to March 2020. She has also been serving as a Partner at Wall Street CPA Services, LLC, a middle market accounting and advisory firm, since October 2010. While at Wall Street CPA Services, LLC, she served as Chief Financial Officer of General Agriculture Corp. (OTCBB: GELT), an agriculture company, from December 2010 to April 2017, and Chief Financial Officer of China For-Gen Corp., a biotechnology company, and Vice President in Finance of Huifeng Bio-Pharmaceutical Technology (OTCBB: HFGB), a pharmaceutical company. Prior to that, she was a senior manager in the SEC Audit Services department of Acquaella, Chiarelli, Shuster, Berkower & Co., LLP, a certified public accounting & advisory firm, from September 2007 to October 2010. Ms. Xue received a bachelor's degree in history from Peking University and a master's degree in accounting from State University of New York at Binghamton. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York and a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

*Mark Fang* became our director in May 2017. Mr. Fang is a New York attorney and the present Director of the Department of Consumer Protection in Westchester County. He previously served as the executive director of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission. Mr. Fang is also a former New York State Assistant Attorney General, Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County, and Counsel to the Consumer Affairs Committee of the New York City Council. Mr. Fang is a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserves holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and a veteran of the nation's war on terrorism.

We believe Mr. Fang's qualifications to sit on our board of directors include his expertise and experience in law, regulatory and compliance systems, and issues in a full spectrum of organizations from industry to government to the military will greatly enhance the Board's operations and oversight and benefit our company as we expand our grocery operations and create long-term value for our shareholders.

*Jay Walder* became our director in March 2018. He has been the Managing Member of Walder Worldwide LLC since June 2010. From December 2008 to December 2010, Mr. Walder was a Real-Estate salesperson at Nest Seekers International. From 1988 to 2008 he worked at Standard & Poor's, most recently as a Sales Executive. Prior to that, he worked at ADP, Edward Blank Associates and Telspan. Mr. Walder graduated with a degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

We believe Mr. Walder's qualifications to sit on our board of directors include his experience with and connections in the New York business community.

*Ping Zhou* became our director in August 2020. Ping has served as Chairman of HK Xu Ding Co. Limited since February 2020. From March 2009 through December 2013, Ping was a Manager at Hongkong Xiangtian International Investment Group Co., Ltd. From January 2005 through December 2008, Ping served as Treasurer at Chengdu Branch of Hongkong Xiangtian International Investment Group Co., Ltd. Ping studied accounting at Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in China.

We believe Ms. Zhou's qualifications to sit on the Board of directors include her extensive experience in accounting and financial reporting.

Harvey Leibowitz became our director in April 2018. Mr. Leibowitz has been a director of Yangtze Port and Logistics Limited (YRIV) since December 2015. From 1994 to 1999, he was an internal auditor at Sterling National Bank in the Commercial Finance Department. From 1980 to 1994, Mr. Leibowitz worked for a number of companies in connection with their commercial secured loan financing activities, such as International Paper Company, Century Factors, Inc., and Foothill- Financial Advisors, Inc. From 1963 to 1979, Mr. Leibowitz worked in various capacities for Sterling National Bank, most recently as a Senior Vice President. From 1955 to 1962, Mr. Leibowitz worked at a number of accounting firms and, among other things, worked on audits for clients of the accounting firm. Mr. Leibowitz graduated from the City University of New York Baruch College in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

We believe Mr. Leibowitz's qualifications to sit on our board of directors include his extensive experience in accounting, auditing and internal controls.

Mr. Fang, Mr. Walder and Mr. Leibowitz are independent directors. The Company has determined that Mr. Leibowitz is an "independent director" and an "audit committee financial expert" as defined and determined in accordance with the Marketplace Rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Mr. Leibowitz serves as Chairman of Audit Committee.

## **Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight**

One person currently holds the positions of principal executive officer and chairman of the Board of Company. The Board does not have a policy on whether the roles of the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman should be separate. Instead, the Company's By-Laws provide that the directors may designate a Chairman of the Board from among any of the directors. Accordingly, the Board reserves the right to vest the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman in the same person or in two different individuals depending on what it believes is in the best interest of the Company. The Board has determined that the consolidation of these roles is appropriate because it allows Mr. Deng to bring a wider perspective to the deliberations of the Board on matters of corporate strategy and policy. The Board believes that there is no single Board leadership structure that would be most effective in all circumstances and therefore retains the authority to modify this structure to best address the Company's and the Board's then current circumstances as and when appropriate.

The Company's management is responsible for identifying, assessing and managing the material risks facing the business. The Board and, in particular, the Audit Committee are responsible for overseeing the Company's processes for assessing and managing risk. Each of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, with input as appropriate from other appropriate management members, report and provide relevant information directly to either the Board and/or the Audit Committee on various types of identified material financial, reputational, legal, operational, environmental and business risks to which the Company is or may be subject, as well as mitigation strategies for certain salient risks. In accordance with NASDAQ Capital Market requirements and as set forth in its charter, the Audit Committee periodically reviews and discusses the Company's business and financial risk management and risk assessment policies and procedures with senior management, the Company's independent auditor. The Audit Committee reports its risk assessment function to the Board. The roles of the Board and the Audit Committee in the risk oversight process have not affected the Board leadership structure. Although the board has not formally designated a lead independent director, Mr. Fang, the chairman of the audit committee, has led the executive session of the independent directors.

The Board of Directors held 16 meetings during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, and acted by written consent 16 times.

It is the policy of the Board of Directors that all directors should attend the annual meeting of stockholders in person or by teleconference.

#### **Audit Committee**

Effective August 12, 2015, we established an audit committee of the board of directors, which currently consists of Harvey Leibowitz, Mark Fang and Jay Walder, each of whom is an independent director under the NASDAQ's listing standards. The audit committee's duties, which are specified in our Audit Committee Charter, include, but are not limited to:

- reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor the annual audited financial statements, and recommend to the board whether the audited financial statements should be included in our Form 10-K;
- discussing with management and the independent auditor significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of our financial statements;
- discussing with management major risk assessment and risk management policies;
- monitoring the independence of the independent auditor;
- verifying the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by law;
- reviewing and approving all related-party transactions;
- inquiring and discussing with management our compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- pre-approving all audit services and permitted non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditor, including the fees and terms of the services to be performed;
- appointing or replacing the independent auditor;
- determining the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor (including resolution of disagreements between
  management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work;
- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or reports which raise material issues regarding our financial statements or accounting policies; and
- approving reimbursement of expenses incurred by our management team in identifying potential target businesses.

#### **Financial Experts on Audit Committee**

The audit committee will at all times be composed exclusively of "independent directors" who are "financially literate" as defined under NASDAQ listing standards. NASDAQ listing standards define "financially literate" as being able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.

In addition, we must certify to NASDAQ that the committee has, and will continue to have, at least one member who has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or other comparable experience or background that results in the individual's financial sophistication. The board of directors has determined that Harvey Leibowitz qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert," as defined under rules and regulations of the SEC.

#### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

Effective August 12, 2015, we have established a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the board of directors, which currently consists of Mark Fang, Jay Walder and Harvey Leibowitz, each of whom is an independent director under NASDAQ's listing standards. Mr. Fang serves as Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing the selection of persons to be nominated to serve on our board of directors. The nominating committee considers persons identified by its members, management, shareholders, investment bankers and others. Guidelines for Selecting Director Nominees.

The guidelines for selecting nominees, which are specified in the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter, generally provide that the persons to be nominated:

- should have demonstrated notable or significant achievements in business, education or public service;
- should possess the requisite intelligence, education and experience to make a significant contribution to the board of directors and bring a range of skills, diverse perspectives and backgrounds to its deliberations; and
- should have the highest ethical standards, a strong sense of professionalism and intense dedication to serving the interests of the shareholders.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Effective as of August 12, 2015, we established a Compensation Committee of the board of directors, which consists of Jay Walder, Mark Fang and Harvey Leibowitz, each of whom is an independent director under NASDAQ's listing standards. Mr. Walder serves as Chairman of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee's duties, which are specified in our Compensation Committee Charter, include, but are not limited to:

- reviewing and approving on an annual basis the corporate goals and objectives relevant to our Chief Executive Officer's compensation, evaluating our Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of such goals and objectives, and determining and approving the remuneration (if any) of our Chief Executive Officer based on such evaluation;
- reviewing and approving the compensation of all our other executive officers;
- reviewing our executive compensation policies and plans;
- implementing and administering our incentive compensation equity-based remuneration plans;
- assisting management in complying with our proxy statement and annual report disclosure requirements;
- approving all special perquisites, special cash payments and other special compensation and benefit arrangements for our executive officers and employees;
- if required, producing a report on executive compensation to be included in our annual proxy statement; and
- reviewing, evaluating and recommending changes, if appropriate, to the remuneration for directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, as indicated below, no compensation of any kind, including finders, consulting, or other similar fees, will be paid to any of our existing shareholders, including our directors, or any of their respective affiliates, prior to, or for any services they render in order to effectuate, the consummation of a business combination. Accordingly, it is likely that prior to the consummation of an initial business combination, the compensation committee will only be responsible for the review and recommendation of any compensation arrangements to be entered into in connection with such initial business combination.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our officers, directors and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Officers, directors and ten percent shareholders are required by regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. We believe that, during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, all filing requirements applicable to our officers, directors and greater than ten percent beneficial owners were complied with.

#### **Code of Ethics**

On August 12, 2015, our board of directors adopted a code of ethics that applies to our executive officers, directors and employees. The code of ethics codifies the business and ethical principles that governs aspects of our business. We will provide a copy of our code of ethics to any person, upon request, without charge. Requests should be sent in writing to iFresh, Inc., 2-39 54th Avenue Long Island City, NY.

#### **ITEM 11. Executive Compensation**

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following Summary Compensation Table summarizes the total compensation accrued for our named executive officers in each of fiscal 2020 and 2019.

	Fiscal Year Ended	Salary	Bonus	Stock and Option Awards	All Other Compensation	Total
Name and Principal Position	March 31,	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Long Deng (Director, Chief Executive Officer and	2019	691,400	_		_	691,400
Chief Operating Officer)	2020	763,800	_	_	_	763,800
Lilly Deng <sup>(5)</sup> (Vice President of Legal and Finance)	2019 2020	130,000 144,000			_	130,000 144,000
Amy Xue <sup>(1)</sup> (Chief Financial Officer)	2020	0	_	_	_	0
Long Yi <sup>(2)</sup> (Chief Financial Officer)	2019 2020	0 0	_ _	30,000(3) 35,600(4)	_ _	\$ 30,000 \$ 35,600

- (1) Ms. Xue was appointed as Chief Financial Officer on March 10, 2020.
- (2) Mr. Yi resigned from iFresh on January 9, 2020
- (3) 30,000 share of common stock were issued having a value of \$30,000 based on 02/18/2019 market price \$1/share.
- (4) 20,000 share of common stock were issued having a value of \$35,600 based on 10/04/2019 market price \$1.78/share.
- (5) Mrs. Lilly Deng resigned as Vice President of Legal and Finance and a director of iFresh effective on August 7, 2020.

#### **Grants of Plan Based Awards**

None of iFresh's named executive officers participate in or have account balances in any plan based award programs except that Adam (Xin) He, our former Chief Financial Officer, was granted 300,000 shares of the Company's common stock under the Company's equity incentive plan.

## **Employment Agreements**

None of iFresh's named executive officers have employment agreements with iFresh.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End; Option Exercises and Stock Vested

None of iFresh's named executive officers has ever held options to purchase interests in it or other awards with values based on the value of its interests.

#### **Pension Benefits**

None of iFresh's named executive officers participate in or have account balances in qualified or nonqualified defined benefit plans sponsored by it.

# **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

None of iFresh's named executive officers participate in or have account balances in nonqualified defined contribution plans or other deferred compensation plans maintained by it.

## ITEM 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of Common Stock, as of August 7, 2020, by each of Company's directors and executive officers; all executive officers and directors as a group, and each person known to Company to own beneficially more than 5% of Company's Common Stock. Except as otherwise noted, the persons identified have sole voting and investment powers with respect to their shares. As of August 7, 2020, there were 25,194,085 shares of the Company's Common Stock outstanding.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Long Deng <sup>(2)</sup>	1,432,650	5.69%
Yanhong (Amy) Xue	-	-
Mark Fang	6,000	*
Jay Walder	-	-
Harvey Leibowitz	-	-
Ping Zhou	-	-
All directors and executive officers as a group (six individuals)	1,438,650	5.71%
Five Percent Holders:		
HK Xu Ding Co. Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	8,294,989(3)	32.92%
Kairui Tong <sup>(4)</sup>	2,311,423	9.17%
Hao Huang <sup>(5)</sup>	1,540,949	6.12%

- \* Less than one percent.
- (1) Unless otherwise indicated, the business address of each of the individuals is c/o iFresh Inc. at 2-39 54th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101.
- (2) Mr. Long Deng currently has control over the Company's management and policies.
- (3) Pursuant to a Schedule 13D filed by the beneficial owner dated February 21, 2019. Pursuant to such schedule, the address of the beneficial owner is C/O Junfeng Liu, Unit 5, 27/f., Richmond Comm. Bldg., 109 Argyle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong and Junfeng Liu is the authorized signatory for the beneficial owner.
- (4) The address for the reporting person is No.32 North Guihua Rd Xianan District Xianning City Hubei, People's Republic of China.
- (5) The address for the reporting person is No.53 Dangui Xiangti 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Biguiyuan Xianan District Xianning City Hubei, People's Republic of China

# ITEM 13 Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Management Fees, Advertising Fees and Sale of Non-Perishable and Perishable Products to Related Parties

The following is a detailed breakdown of significant management fees, advertising fees and sale of products for the years ended March 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 to related parties which are directly or indirectly owned by Mr. Long Deng, the majority shareholder of iFresh, and not eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

Year ended March 31, 2020					
Related Parties	Management Fees		Advertising Fees	Non- Perishable & Perishable Sales	
Tampa Seafood	\$	2,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Dragon Seeds		3,650	-	-	
NY Mart MD Inc.		22,550	11,520	1,004,275	
NYM Elmhurst Inc.		90,698	4,752	828,932	
Spring Farm Inc.		6,050	-	58,134	
New Ming		-	8,320	-	
Pine Court Chinese Bistro		-	-	58,408	
Others		80,000	250	-	
	\$	204,948	\$ 24,842	\$ 1,949,749	

#### Long-Term Operating Lease Agreement with a Related Party

iFresh leases a warehouse from a related party that is owned by Mr. Long Deng, the majority shareholder of iFresh, and will expire on April 30, 2026. Rent incurred to the related party was \$886,543 and \$1,208,000 for the fiscal years ended on March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### Conversion of Debt

On December 11, 2019, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Conversion Agreement") with Mr. Deng, the CEO of the Company, pursuant to which the Mr. Deng agreed to convert \$3,500,000 of debt owed to him by the Company into 1,000 preferred shares of the Company's common stock. Upon receiving stockholder approval for the conversion, the 1,000 shares of preferred stock will automatically convert into 9,210,526 shares of the Company's common stock. On January 9, 2020, the Company and Mr. Deng amended the Conversion Agreement to extend the date on which it could be completed to January 15, 2020. On January 13, 2020, the Company filed a Certificate of Designation creating the class of Preferred Stock required by the Conversion Agreement, and \$3,500,000 of liabilities owed to Mr. Deng were converted into 1,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"). The Preferred Stock has no voting rights, and will convert automatically into 9,210,526 shares of the Company's common stock once the conversion is approved by the Company's stockholders. In the event of the liquidation of the Company, the Preferred Stock has a preference equal to \$3,500,000 over the Company's common stock.

#### **ITEM 14 Accountant Fees and Services**

Aggregate fees billed to the Company by Friedman LLP, the Company's principal independent accountants, during the last two fiscal years were as follows:

Fees	 2020		2019	
Audit Fees (1)				
Friedman LLP	\$ 250,000	\$	280,000	
Audit Related Fees				
Friedman LLP	\$	\$	20,000	
Total	\$ 250,000	\$	300,000	

(1) Audit Fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's consolidated annual financial statements and review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports and services that are normally provided by our auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

# **Pre-Approval of Services**

In accordance with the SEC's auditor independence rules, the Audit Committee has established the following policies and procedures by which it approves in advance any audit or permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Company by its independent auditor.

Prior to the engagement of the independent auditor for any fiscal year's audit, management submits to the Audit Committee for approval lists of recurring audits, audit-related, tax and other services expected to be provided by the auditor during that fiscal year. The Audit Committee adopts pre-approval schedules describing the recurring services that it has pre-approved, and is informed on a timely basis, and in any event by the next scheduled meeting, of any such services rendered by the independent auditor and the related fees.

The fees for any services listed in a pre-approval schedule are budgeted, and the Audit Committee requires the independent auditor and management to report actual fees versus the budget periodically throughout the year. The Audit Committee will require additional pre-approval if circumstances arise where it becomes necessary to engage the independent auditor for additional services above the amount of fees originally pre-approved. Any audit or non-audit service not listed in a pre-approval schedule must be separately pre-approved by the Audit Committee on a case-by-case basis. Every request to adopt or amend a pre-approval schedule or to provide services that are not listed in a pre-approval schedule must include a statement by the independent auditors as to whether, in their view, the request is consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence.

The Audit Committee will not grant approval for:

- any services prohibited by applicable law or by any rule or regulation of the SEC or other regulatory body applicable to the Company;
- provision by the independent auditor to the Company of strategic consulting services of the type typically provided by management consulting firms; or
- the retention of the independent auditor in connection with a transaction initially recommended by the independent auditor, the tax treatment of which may not be clear under the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations and which it is reasonable to conclude will be subject to audit procedures during an audit of the Company's financial statements.

Tax services proposed to be provided by the auditor to any director, officer or employee of the Company who is in an accounting role or financial reporting oversight role must be approved by the Audit Committee on a case-by-case basis where such services are to be paid for by the Company, and the Audit Committee will be informed of any services to be provided to such individuals that are not to be paid for by the Company.

In determining whether to grant pre-approval of any non-audit services in the "all other" category, the Audit Committee will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including the following four basic guidelines:

- whether the service creates a mutual or conflicting interest between the auditor and the Company;
- whether the service places the auditor in the position of auditing his or her own work;
- whether the service results in the auditor acting as management or an employee of the Company; and
- whether the service places the auditor in a position of being an advocate for the Company.

#### **PART IV**

# ITEM 15 Exhibits, Financial Statements and Schedules

# (a) 1. Financial Statements – iFresh, Inc. and Subsidiaries

The following are contained in this 2019 Form 10-K Report:

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The Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, and the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm listed above are filed as part of this Report and are set forth on pages F-1 through F-27 immediately following the signature page of this Report.

# (a) 2. Financial Statement Schedules

None

# (a) 3. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Merger Agreement <sup>(1)</sup>
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of iFresh Inc. (2).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of iFresh Inc. (2)
4.1	Specimen Unit Certificate. (2)
4.2	Specimen Ordinary Share Certificate. (2).
4.3	Specimen Right Certificate. (2)
4.4	Rights Agreement between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and E-Compass(3).
4.5	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant (13)
4.6	Form of Exchange Common Stock Purchase Warrant (18)
4.7	Description of Registered Securities *
10.1	Escrow Agreement between the Registrant, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and the E-Compass's Initial Shareholders. (3)
10.2	Registration Rights Agreement between the Company and certain security holders of E-Compass. (3)
10.3	Form of Option Agreement (4).
10.4	Form of Voting Agreement (5).
10.5	Form of Registration Rights Agreement (6)
10.6	Credit Agreement with KeyBank National Association dated December 23, 2016(8).
10.7	Revolving Note with KeyBank National Association dated December 23, 2016(8)
10.8	Effective Date Term Note with Key Bank National Association dated December 23, 2016(8)
10.9	Delayed Draw Term Note with Key Bank National Association dated May 9, 2018 <sup>(8)</sup>

10.10	Common Stock Purchase Agreement dated July 11, 2018, among iFresh Inc. and Triton Funds LP(9)
10.11	Amendment to Common Stock Purchase Agreement, among iFresh Inc. and Triton Funds LP(9).
10.12	Consulting Agreement with Horowitz and Rubenstein, LLC(10).
10.13	Common Stock Purchase Agreement between Company and Uzi Einy, dated August 16, 2018(11).
10.14	Common Stock Purchase Agreement between Company and Ted Karkus, dated August 17, 2018(12)
10.15	Letter Agreement, as amended, between Company and Maxim Group LLC, dated March 26, 2018(13).
10.16	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement between Company and certain institutional investors, dated October 19, 2018 <sup>(13)</sup>
10.17	Form of Lock-up Agreement between Company and certain individuals, dated October 19, 2018 <sup>(13)</sup>
10.18	Employment Termination Agreement between Adam (Xin) He and Company dated December 31, 2018(14)
10.19	Employment Agreement between the Company and Long Yi, dated January 17, 2019(15)
10.20	Engagement Agreement, dated as of May 10, 2019, by and among iFresh, Inc. and Getzler Henrich & Associates LLC. (16)
10.21	Forbearance Agreement, dated as of May 20, 2019, by and among NYM Holding, Inc., as borrower, iFresh, Inc., certain subsidiaries of
	NYM Holding, Inc. and an individual, as guarantors, and KeyBank National Association, as lender. (17)
10.22	Second Forbearance Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2019, by and among NYM Holding, Inc., as borrower, iFresh, Inc., certain
	subsidiaries of NYM Holding, Inc., Go Fresh 365, Inc. and an individual, as guarantors, and KeyBank National Association, as lender. (20)
10.23	Form of Exchange Agreement by and between iFresh, Inc. and holders of Existing Warrants.
10.24	Share Exchange Agreement dated June 7, 2019 by and among iFresh Inc., Xiaotai International Investment Inc. ("Xiaotai") and certain
	<u>shareholders of Xiaotai. (19)</u>
10.25	Share Purchase Agreement dated June 7, 2019 by and among iFresh Inc., NYM Holding Inc. and Go Fresh 365 Inc. (19)
16.1	Letter of UHY. dated April 1, 2016 (Z)
23.1	Consent of Friedman LLP *
31.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
31.2	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
32.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officers and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section
	906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.*
99.1	Form of Audit Committee Charter. (6)
99.2	Form of Nominating Committee Charter. (6)
99.3	Form of Compensation Committee Charter. (6)

#### Filed herewith.

- (1) Incorporated by reference to E-Compass's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 25, 2016.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Registration Statement on S-4/A dated December 9, 2016.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to E-Compass's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2015.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Annex B to iFresh's Registration Statement on Form S-4/A on December 16, 2016.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Annex C to iFresh's Registration Statement on Form S-4/A on December 16, 2016.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to E-Compass's Registration Statement on S-1/A on July 24, 2015.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to E-Compass's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 1, 2016.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Form 10-K dated June 29, 2018.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated July 11, 2018.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated August 13, 2018.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 16, 2018.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated August 17, 2018.
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- (15) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated January 18, 2019.
- (16) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated May 16, 2019.
- (17) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated May 20, 2019.
- (18) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated June 6, 2019.
- (18) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report onForm 8-K dated June 6, 2019.
- (19) Incorporated by reference to iFresh's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 10, 2019.
- (20) Incorporated by reference to iFresh Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 23, 2019.

# ITEM 16 Form 10-K Summary

None.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 13, 2020 By: /s/ Long Deng

By: Long Deng

Title: Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following person on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Dated: August 13, 2020 By: /s/ Long Deng

Name: Long Deng

Title: Chief Executive Officer,

Chief Operating Officer and Chairman

(Principal Operating Officer)

Date: August 13, 2020 By: /s/Yanhong (Amy) Xue

Name: Yanhong (Amy) Xue

Title: Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

Dated: August 13, 2020 By: /s/ Ping Zhou

Name: Ping Zhou
Title: Director

Dated: August 13, 2020 By: /s/ Harvey Leibowitz

Name: Harvey Leibowitz

Title: Director

Dated: August 13, 2020

By: /s/ Mark Fang
Name: Mark Fang

Name: Mark Fang
Title: Director

Dated: August 13, 2020 By: /s/ Jay Walder

Name: Jay Walder Title: Director

# IFRESH INC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AND 2019

# **iFRESH INC AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and the shareholders of iFresh, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of iFresh, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") as of March 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholder's equity (deficiency), and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended March 31, 2020, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of March 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended March 31, 2020, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has incurred significant operating losses, has negative working capital of \$28.6 million and is not in compliance with its credit agreement. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regards to these matters are also described in Note 2. These financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

/s/ Friedman LLP We have served as the Company's auditor since 2016.

New York, New York August 13, 2020

# IFRESH INC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31, 2020			March 31, 2019	
ASSETS					
Current assets:	φ	751.040	ф	1 0 40 000	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	,	\$	1,048,090	
Accounts receivable, net		3,405,341		4,027,909	
Inventories, net		6,185,102		10,411,366	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		3,691,990		3,721,262	
Total current assets		14,034,375		19,208,627	
Advances and receivables - related parties		5,060,370		5,220,547	
Property and equipment, net		19,769,152		20,287,186	
Intangible assets, net		900,005		1,033,337	
Security deposits		1,264,353		1,236,073	
Right of use assets-lease		57,587,790		-	
Deferred income taxes		643,116		115,589	
Total assets	\$	99,259,161	\$	47,101,359	
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIENCY)					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	10,674,455	\$	14,177,700	
Deferred revenue		1,311,228		802,392	
Borrowings against lines of credit, current, net		20,141,297		21,285,314	
Notes payable, current		77,903		98,475	
Finance lease obligations, current		137,243		148,778	
Accrued expenses		1,307,069		1,393,973	
Operating lease liabilities, current		5,438,356			
Other payables, current		3,584,756		2,926,101	
Total current liabilities		42,672,307		40,832,733	
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Notes payable, non-current		46,706		130,068	
Finance lease obligations, non-current		277,350		413,225	
Deferred rent		277,550		6,659,412	
Other payables, non-current		83,102		97,900	
Long term operating lease liabilities		58,729,843		37,300	
	_		_	40,400,000	
Total liabilities		101,809,308		48,133,338	
Commitments and contingencies					
Shareholders' equity (deficiency)					
Preferred shares, \$.0001 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized;1,000 and 0 issued and outstanding as of March 31,					
2020 and 2019, respectively.		3,500,000		-	
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 18,658,547 and 16,737,685 shares issued and					
outstanding as of March 31,2020 and 2019, respectively		1,866		1,674	
Additional paid-in capital		18,202,323		14,933,829	
Accumulated deficit		(24,254,336)		(15,967,482)	
Total shareholders' deficiency		(2,550,147)		(1,031,979)	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficiency)	ď		ď		
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

## IFRESH INC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

		he years ended March 31,
	2020	2019
Net sales	\$ 87,503,	281 \$ 121,281,093
Net sales-related parties	1,949,	750 4,150,346
Total net sales	89,453,	031 125,431,439
Cost of sales	64,377,	063 92,215,568
Cost of sales-related parties	1,580,	880 3,674,407
Retail Occupancy costs	6,660,	9,148,872
Gross profit	16,834,	640 20,392,592
Selling, general and administrative expenses	25,043,	254 31,899,310
Loss from operations	(8,208,	614) (11,506,718)
Interest expense, net	(1,824,	667) (1,314,295)
Impairment loss	(1,100,	
Other income	2,660,	232 1,385,093
Loss before income taxes	(8,473,	049) (11,435,920)
Income tax provision	(186,	195) 567,523
Net Loss	\$ (8,286,	854) \$ (12,003,443)
Net loss per share:		
Basic	\$ ((	0.45) \$ 0.79
Diluted		
	\$ (	).45 <sup>)</sup> \$ 0.79
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	18,381,	081 15,219,548
Diluted	18,381,	081 15,219,548

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

#### iFRESH INC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIENCY) For the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019

					Additional		
	Preferre	ed Stock	Commo	on Stock	Paid-in	Accumulated	
	Shares	amount	Shares	amount	Capital	Deficit	Total
Balances at March 31, 2018		\$ -	14,220,548	\$ 1,422	\$ 9,428,094	\$ (3,964,039)	\$ 5,465,477
Capital contribution	-	-	-	-	330,000	-	330,000
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	(12,003,443)	(12,003,443)
Common stock issued in							
connection of equity finance	-	-	1,833,000	183	3,753,839	-	3,754,022
Stock issued for service	-	-	684,137	68	1,421,896	-	1,421,965
Balances at March 31, 2019		\$ -	16,737,685	\$ 1,674	\$ 14,933,829	\$ (15,967,482)	\$ (1,031,979)
Capital contribution		-			1,311,820		1,311,820
Preferred stock issued in							
connection of debt conversion	1,000	3,500,000	-	-	-	-	3,500,000
Net loss	-	-	· -	-	-	(8,286,854)	(8,286,854)
Common stock issued in							
connection of warrants exercise	-	-	1,457,049	146	1,450,654	-	1,450,800
Stock issued for service		-	463,813	46	506,020		506,066
Balances at March 31, 2020	1,000	\$ 3,500,000	18,658,547	\$ 1,866	\$ 18,202,323	\$ (24,254,336)	\$ (2,550,147)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

## iFRESH INC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the years ended March 31,			
	<u> </u>	2020		2019
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net loss	\$	(8,286,854)	\$	(12,003,443)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
Depreciation expense		2,121,564		1,999,562
Amortization expense		315,832		315,832
Loss from disposal of property and equipment		124,965		
Share based compensation		1,956,866		1,421,965
Lease amortization		7,612,941		-
Impairment loss		1,100,000		-
Bad debt reserve		127,362		233,448
Deferred income taxes		(527,527)		198,243
Inventory reserve		(43,339)		(24,778)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		495,206		641,983
Inventories		4,269,603		518,896
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		29,272		(1,795,369)
Security deposits		(28,280)		11,033
Accounts payable		(3,503,242)		(1,384,253)
Deferred revenue		508,836		475,933
Accrued expenses		(86,904)		520,024
Taxes payable		-		(1,606,504)
Deferred rent		-		340,026
Operating lease liabilities		(7,691,944)		-
Other liabilities		643,854		1,773,139
Net cash used in operating activities		(861,789)	_	(8,364,263)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Cash advances to related parties		160,177		4,799,142
Cash received from repayment of related party receivable		-		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Acquisition of property and equipment		(2,828,495)		(3,886,013)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	_	(2,668,318)	_	913,129
	_	(2,000,310)	_	913,129
Cash flows from financing activities				2.050.000
Borrowings against Term loan		-		3,950,000
Borrowings against lines of credit		(4.000.545)		1,750,000
Repayments on term loan		(1,326,517)		(1,641,672)
Repayments on notes payable		(103,933)		(137,755)
Payments on capital lease obligations		(147,411)		(146,286)
Cash received from capital contribution		1,311,820		330,000
Cash received from shareholder's loan		3,500,000		-
Cash received from issuance of stock		-		3,754,022
Net cash provided by financing activities		3,233,959		7,858,309
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(296,148)		407,175
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		1,048,090		640,915
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$	751,942	\$	1,048,090
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information	<u> </u>	,o . <b>-</b>	Ť	, : : : ; ; ; ;
Cash paid for interest	\$	1,157,556	\$	1,834,091
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	260,706	\$	
Gusti paid for income taxes	<u>\$</u>	200,700	Ф	1,606,504
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities				
Capital expenditures funded by capital lease obligations and notes payable	\$	_	\$	779,837
Preferred stock issued in connection with debt conversion	\$	3,500,000	\$	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

### IFRESH INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Organization and Description of Business

#### **Organization and General**

iFresh Inc. ("iFresh") is a Delaware company incorporated in July 2016 to reincorporate E-Compass Acquisition Corp. ("E-Compass") to Delaware pursuant to the Merger Agreement (as defined below under "Redomestication"). E-Compass was incorporated in Cayman Islands on September 23, 2014 as a blank check company whose objective is to enter into a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities, or entering into contractual arrangements that gives E-Compass control over such a target business (a "Business Combination").

#### Redomestication

On July 25, 2016, iFresh entered into the Merger Agreement with E-Compass, iFresh Merger Sub Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of iFresh, and NYM Holding, Inc. ("NYM"), the stockholders of NYM, and Long Deng, as representative of the stockholders of NYM. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, on February 10, 2017, E-Compass would merge with and into iFresh in order to redomesticate E-Compass into Delaware (the "Redomestication Merger"). At the time of the Redomestication, each E-Compass ordinary share was converted into one share of common stock of iFresh and each E-Compass Right was converted into one substantially equivalent right ("iFresh Right") to receive one-tenth (1/10) of a share of iFresh common stock on the consummation of the Business Combination. In connection with the Redomestication, E-Compass ceased to exist and iFresh is the surviving corporation and successor registrant that will continue to file reports under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of

#### **Business Combination**

On February 10, 2017, after the Redomestication Merger, Merger Sub merged with and into NYM, resulting in NMY being a wholly owned subsidiary of iFresh (the "Merger"). The transaction constituted a business combination. iFresh closed the business combination by paying NYM's stockholders an aggregate of: (i) \$5 million in cash, plus, (ii) 12,000,000 shares of iFresh's common stock (the deemed value of the shares in the Merger Agreement) as consideration. At closing, iFresh also executed an option agreement to acquire up to additional four supermarkets prior to March 31, 2017 for aggregate consideration of \$10 million in cash, less any advances or receivables owed to the Company (see Note 6). The option agreement subsequently expired unexercised.

In connection with the closing, holders of 1,937,967 of the Company's ordinary shares elected to redeem their shares and iFresh paid \$20,154,857 (\$10.40 per share in accordance with Redemption Clause) in connection with such redemption. Also, on February 10, 2017, iFresh repurchased 1,500,000 of such non-redeemable shares promptly at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share according to an agreement with Handy Global Limited signed on January 11, 2017. On February 10, 2017, iFresh entered into an agreement to repurchase 200,000 shares of its common stock from Lodestar Investment Holdings Corporation for \$200.00. At the closing of the Redomestication Merger: (i) one share of iFresh common stock for each share of E-Compass common stock, resulting in 1,872,033 non-redeeming E-Compass common stock being converted into iFresh common stock; (ii) each ten E-Compass rights were converted into one share of common stock of iFresh, resulting in 4,310,010 E-Compass rights automatically converting into 431,000 shares of the iFresh's common stock.

Prior to the closing of the Redomestication Merger and Business Combination, there were 5,310,000 E-Compass shares issued and outstanding. After the redemption of 1,937,967 shares, the repurchase of 1,700,000 shares and the conversion of 4,310,010 E-Compass rights into 431,000 shares, there were 2,103,033 shares of E-Compass's common stock being re-domesticated into the iFresh's common stock. With the new issuance of the 12,000,000 shares of iFresh's common stock in connection with the Business Combination, there were a total of 14,103,033 shares of iFresh's common stock issued and outstanding after the business combination.

On June 7, 2019, the Company, entered into certain Share Exchange Agreement ("Exchange Agreement") with Xiaotai International Investment Inc. ("Xiaotai"), a Cayman Island Company, and certain shareholders of Xiaotai (collectively with Xiaotai, "Seller"), pursuant to which, among other things and subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, the Company will acquire all of the outstanding issued shares and other equity interests in Xiaotai from certain shareholders of Xiaotai (such transactions, collectively, the "Acquisition"). The Company agreed to issue to the sellers an aggregate of 254,813,383 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001. This Exchange Agreement was terminated and the proposed acquisition was cancelled in November 2019 after Zhejiang Xiao's business activities were found in violation of China's laws and regulations.

iFresh is an Asian/Chinese supermarket chain with multiple retail locations and its own distribution operations, currently all located along the East Coast of the United States. The Company offers seafood, vegetables, meat, fruit, frozen goods, groceries, and bakery products through its retail stores

#### 2. Liquidity and Going Concern

As reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements, the Company had operating losses of \$8.3 million and \$12.0 million for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019 and had negative working capital of \$28.6 million and \$21.6 million as of March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company had negative equity of \$2.6 million and \$1.0 million as of March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company did not meet certain financial covenants required in the credit agreement with Keybank National Association ("Keybank"). As of March 31, 2020, the Company has outstanding loan facilities of approximately \$20.1 million due to Keybank. Failure to maintain these loan facilities will have a significant impact on the Company's operations.

In assessing its liquidity, management monitors and analyzes the Company's cash on-hand, its ability to generate sufficient revenue sources in the future and its operating and capital expenditure commitments. iFresh had funded working capital and other capital requirements in the past primarily by equity contribution from shareholders, cash flow from operations, and bank loans. As of March 31, 2020, the Company also has \$5.1 million of advances and receivable from the related parties we intend to collect. Subsequently in April and May 2020, the Company received Paycheck Protection Program loan of approximately \$1.77 million.

The Company was in default under the Credit Agreement as of March 31, 2020 and 2019. Specifically, the financial covenants of the Credit Agreement require the Company to maintain a senior funded debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio for the trailing 12 month period of less than 3.00 to 1.00 at the last day of each fiscal quarter. As of March 31, 2020 and 2019, this ratio was greater than 3.00 to 1.00, and the Company was therefore not in compliance with the financial covenants of the KeyBank loan. In addition, the Company violated the loan covenant when Mr. Long Deng, CEO and major shareholder of the Company sold an aggregate of 8,294,989 restricted shares to HK Xu Ding Co., Limited, representing 51% of the total issued and outstanding shares of the Company as of December 31, 2018. The Company failed to obtain a written consent for the occurrence of the change of ownership. KeyBank has notified the Company in February that it has not waived the default and reserves all of its rights, power, privileges, and remedies under the Credit Agreement. effective as of March 1, 2019, interest was accrued on all loans at the default rate.

On May 20, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company entered into a forbearance agreement (the "Forbearance Agreement") with KeyBank, pursuant to which KeyBank has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan agreement based on the existence of the events of shares transfer defaults for certain period of time. The Forbearance Agreement contains customary forbearance covenants and other forbearance covenants and defined certain events of defaults. Starting from May, 2019, the monthly payment decreased to \$142,842 as originally required per the credit facility agreements.

From January to June 2020, non-payment of amount due by the Company was \$1,194,878. Also, the Company is not incompliance with certain loan covenants. On August 6, 2020 the Company received 3rd forbearance agreement from Key Bank, which includes the following terms:

- All delinquent regular interest paid at or before settlement.
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- File a UCC-1 financing statement for iFresh Inc.

If agreement cannot be reached, KeyBank is fully prepared to pursue legal remedies. As of the date of this report. The Forbearance Agreement is still under negotiation.

On December 17, 2019, the Company received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Staff (the "Staff") of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"), which stated that the Company was not in compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2), which requires an issuer to maintain a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share (the "Bid Price Rule"). In accordance with the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the Company was provided with a 180-day grace period to regain compliance with the Bid Price Rule, through June 15, 2020. The notice has no immediate impact on the listing or trading of the Company's securities on Nasdaq. The Company has received a written notice from the Listing Qualifications Staff of Nasdaq on May 4, 2020, indicating that the Company has regained compliance with Nasdaq's continued listing requirements and that its common stock will continue to be listed on Nasdaq Stock Market.

The Company was impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak as it operates in area under stay-at-home orders since mid-March 2020. The Company had to operate under reduced hours including closure of the stores located in in Brooklyn, New York and in Flushing, New York, where are with high population and at high risk of infection during the end of March and April peak period. Sales was decreased by \$0.3 million due to the lockdown in March 2020.

The Company's principal liquidity needs are to meet its working capital requirements, operating expenses and capital expenditure obligations. The Company's ability to fund these needs will depend on its future performance, which will be subject in part to general economic, competitive and other factors beyond its control. These conditions raise substantial doubt as to the Company's ability to remain a going concern.

#### 3. Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The Company's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of iFresh, NYM and its subsidiaries. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company has two reportable and operating segments. The Company's Chief Executive Officer is the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM"). The CODM bears ultimate responsibility for, and is actively engaged in, the allocation of resources and the evaluation of the Company's operating and financial results.

#### 4. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Significant Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Such estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The Company's critical accounting estimates included, but are not limited to: allowance for estimated uncollectible receivables, inventory valuations, lease assumptions, impairment of long-lived assets, impairment of intangible assets, and income taxes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist primarily of uncollected amounts from customer purchases (primarily from the Company's two distribution operations), credit card receivables, and food stamp vouchers, and are presented net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts.

The Company periodically assesses its accounts receivable for collectability on a specific identification basis. If collectability of an account becomes unlikely, an allowance is recorded for that doubtful account. Once collection efforts have been exhausted, the account receivable is written off against the allowance.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories consist of merchandise purchased for resale, which are stated at the lower of cost or market. The cost method is used for wholesale and retail perishable inventories by assigning costs to each of these items based on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis (net of vendor discounts).

The Company's wholesale and retail non-perishable inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market using weighted average method.

#### Leases

On April 1, 2019 the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02. For all leases that were entered into prior to the effective date of ASC 842, we elected to apply the package of practical expedients. Based on this guidance we will not reassess the following: (1) whether any expired or existing contracts are or contain leases; (2) the lease classification for any expired or existing leases; and (3) initial direct costs for any existing leases. The adoption of Topic 842 resulted in the presentation of \$65.6 million of operating lease assets and \$72.3 operating lease liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet as of April 1, 2019. See Note 12 for additional information.

The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use ("ROU") assets, current portion of obligations under operating leases, and obligations under operating leases, non-current on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. Finance leases are included in property and equipment, net, current portion of obligations under capital leases, and obligations under capital leases, non-current on our consolidated balance sheets.

Operating lease ROU assets and operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term at commencement date, adjusted by the deferred rent liabilities at the adoption date. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of future payments. The operating lease ROU asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives and initial direct costs incurred. The Company's terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise that option. Lease expense for minimum lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The Company records its financial assets and liabilities in accordance with the framework for measuring fair value in accordance with U.S GAAP. This framework establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value:

- Level 1: Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.
- Level 2: Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets.
  - Level 3: Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

Fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets and non-financial liabilities are primarily used in the impairment analysis of intangible assets and long-lived assets.

Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other current assets, advances to related parties, accounts payable, deferred revenue and accrued expenses approximate fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments. Based on comparable open market transactions, the fair value of the lines of credit and other liabilities, including current maturities, approximated their carrying value as of March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company's estimates of the fair value of line of credit and other liabilities (including current maturities) were classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

In accordance with Topic 606 revenue is recognized at the time the sale is made, at which time our walk-in customers take immediate possession of the merchandise or delivery is made to our wholesale customers. Payment terms are established for our wholesale customers based on the Company's pre-established credit requirements. Payment terms vary depending on the customer. Based on the nature of receivables, no significant financing components exist. Sales are recorded net of discounts, sales incentives and rebates, sales taxes and estimated returns and allowances. We estimate the reduction to sales and cost of sales for returns based on current sales levels and our historical return experience.

Topic 606 defines a performance obligation as a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer and is considered the unit of account. The majority of our contracts have one single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the individual goods is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and is, therefore, not distinct.

We had no material contract assets, contract liabilities, or costs to obtain and fulfill contracts recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2020 and 2019. For the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, revenue recognized from performance obligations related to prior periods was insignificant.

Revenue expected to be recognized in any future periods related to remaining performance obligations is insignificant.

The following table summarizes disaggregated revenue from contracts with customers by product group:

	For the y	ears ended
	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
Grocery	\$ 40,795,051	\$ 54,219,303
Perishable goods	48,657,980	71,212,136
Total	\$ 89,453,031	\$ 125,431,439

#### **Business Combinations**

The Company accounts for its business combinations using the purchase method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805 ("ASC 805"), "Business Combinations". The purchase method of accounting requires that the consideration transferred be allocated to the assets, including separately identifiable assets and liabilities the Company acquired, based on their estimated fair values. The consideration transferred in an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the fair values at the date of exchange of the assets given, liabilities incurred, and equity instruments issued as well as the contingent considerations and all contractual contingencies as of the acquisition date. Identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired or assumed are measured separately at their fair value as of the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any non-controlling interests. The excess of (i) the total of cost of acquisition, fair value of the noncontrolling interests and acquired as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized directly in earnings.

The Company estimates the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. While the Company uses its best estimates and assumptions to accurately value assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date, its estimates are inherently uncertain and subject to refinement. Significant estimates in valuing certain intangible assets include, but are not limited to future expected revenues and cash flows, useful lives, discount rates, and selection of comparable companies. Although the Company believes the assumptions and estimates it has made in the past have been reasonable and appropriate, they are based in part on historical experience and information obtained from management of the acquired companies and are inherently uncertain. During the measurement period, which may be up to one year from the acquisition date, the Company records adjustments to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with the corresponding offset to goodwill. On the conclusion of the measurement period or final determination of the values of assets acquired or liabilities assumed, whichever comes first, any subsequent adjustments are recorded to the Company's consolidated statements of income.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, "Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting", which simplifies the accounting for share-based payments granted to nonemployees for goods and services. Under the ASU, most of the guidance on such payments to nonemployees would be aligned with the requirements for share-based payments granted to employees. The changes take effect for public companies for fiscal years starting after December. 15, 2018, including interim periods within that fiscal year. For all other entities, the amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than an entity's adoption date of Topic 606. On April 1, 2019, the Company adopted this ASU and the adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): The amendments in this Update require a financial asset (or a group of financial assets) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The amendments broaden the information that an entity must consider in developing its expected credit loss estimate for assets measured either collectively or individually. The use of forecasted information incorporates more timely information in the estimate of expected credit loss, which will be more decision useful to users of the financial statements. This ASU is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2019 for issuers and December 15, 2020 for non-issuers. Early adoption is permitted for all entities for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein. In May 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-05, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Targeted Transition Relief. This update adds optional transition relief for entities to elect the fair value option for certain financial assets previously measured at amortized cost basis to increase comparability of similar financial assets. The updates should be applied through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective (that is, a modified retrospective approach). In November 19, 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10 to amend the effective date for ASU 2016-13 to be fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022 and interim periods therein. The Company does not believe this guidance will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12 ("ASU 2019-12"), Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes, which is intended to simplify various aspects related to managerial accounting for income taxes. ASU 2019-12 removes certain exceptions to the general principles in ASC 740 and also clarifies and amends existing guidance to improve consistent application. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of adopting this standard, and does not believe this guidance will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

No other new accounting pronouncements issued or effective had, or are expected to have, a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### 5. Accounts Receivable

A summary of accounts receivable, net is as follows:

	ľ	March 31, 2020		•		•		,		,
Customer purchases	\$	3,975,414	\$	4,008,747						
Credit card receivables		143,851		532,369						
Food stamps		26,407		99,762						
Others		2,518		2,518						
Total accounts receivable		4,148,190		4,643,396						
Allowance for bad debt		(742,849)		(615,487)						
Accounts receivable, net	\$	3,405,341	\$	4,027,909						

#### 6. Inventories

A summary of inventories, net is as follows:

	ľ	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	
Non-perishables	\$	5,396,152	\$	8,762,634
Perishables		820,761		1,723,882
Inventories		6,216,913		10,486,516
Allowance for slow moving or defective inventories		(31,811)		(75,150)
Inventories, net	\$	6,185,102	\$	10,411,366

#### 7. Advances and receivables - related parties

A summary of advances and receivables - related parties is as follows:

Entities	N	March 31, 2020		/				March 31, 2019
New York Mart, Inc.	\$	2,092	\$	-				
Pacific Supermarkets Inc.		-		437,863				
NY Mart MD Inc.		363,296		335,374				
iFresh Harwin Inc		-		-				
Advances – related parties	\$	365,388	\$	773,237				
New York Mart, Inc.		605,265		605,265				
Pacific Supermarkets Inc.		-		428,237				
NY Mart MD Inc.		3,841,237		3,181,011				
iFresh Harwin Inc		248,480		232,797				
Receivables – related parties		4,694,982		4,447,310				
Total advances and receivables – related parties	\$	5,060,370	\$	5,220,547				

The Company has advanced funds to related parties and accounts receivable due from the related parties with the intention of converting some of these advances and receivables into deposits towards the purchase price upon planned acquisitions of some of these entities, which are directly or indirectly owned, in whole or in part, by Mr. Long Deng, the majority shareholder and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Accounts receivable due from related parties relate to the sales to these related parties (see Note 16). The advances and receivables are interest free, repayable on demand, and guaranteed by Mr. Long Deng.

#### 8. Property and Equipment

	 March 31, 2020	 March 31, 2019
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 21,023,715	\$ 19,957,600
Automobiles	1,997,925	2,214,306
Leasehold improvements	9,442,401	8,849,422
Software	6,735	6,735
Total property and equipment	32,470,776	31,028,063
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(12,701,624)	(10,740,877)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 19,769,152	\$ 20,287,186

Depreciation expense for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019 was \$2,121,564 and \$1,999,562, respectively.

#### 9. Intangible Assets

A summary of the activities and balances of intangible assets are as follows:

	Balance at March 31, 2019 Additions			Balance a March 31 ons 2020		
Gross Intangible Assets						
Acquired leasehold rights	\$	2,500,000	\$	-	\$	2,500,000
Total intangible assets	\$	2,500,000	\$	-	\$	2,500,000
Accumulated Amortization	_					
Total accumulated amortization	\$	(1,466,663)	\$	(133,332)	\$	(1,599,995)
Intangible assets, net	\$	1,033,337	\$	(133,332)	\$	900,005

Amortization expense was \$133,332 and \$133,332 for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Future amortization associated with the net carrying amount of definite-lived intangible assets is as follows:

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2021	\$ 133,333
2022	133,333
2023	133,333
2024	133,333
2025	133,333
Thereafter	233,340
Total	\$ 900,005

#### 10. Debt

A summary of the Company's debt is as follows:

	ľ	March 31,	March 31,
		2020	2019
Revolving Line of Credit-KeyBank National Association	\$	4,950,000	4,950,000
Delayed Term Loan-KeyBank National Association		4,102,483	4,494,983
Term Loan-KeyBank National Association		11,408,189	12,342,206
Less: Deferred financing cost		(319,375)	(501,875)
Total		20,141,297	21,285,314

#### KeyBank National Association ("KeyBank") - Senior Secured Credit Facilities

On December 23, 2016, NYM, as borrower, entered into a \$25 million senior secured Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Key Bank National Association ("Key Bank" or "Lender"). The Credit Agreement provides for (1) a revolving credit of \$5,000,000 for making advance and issuance of letter of credit, (2) \$15,000,000 of effective date term loan and (3) \$5,000,000 of delayed draw term loan. The interest rate is equal to (1) the Lender's "prime rate" plus 0.95%, or (b) the Adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1.95%. Both the termination date of the revolving credit and the maturity date of the term loans are December 23, 2021. The Company will pay a commitment fee equal to 0.25% of the undrawn amount of the Revolving Credit Facility and 0.25% of the unused Delayed Draw Term Loan Facility. \$4,950,000 of the revolving credit was used as of March 31, 2020.

\$15,000,000 of the term loan was fully funded by the lender in January 2017. The Company is required to make fifty-nine consecutive monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$142,842 starting from February 1, 2017 and a final payment of the then entire unpaid principal balance of the term loan, plus accrued interest on the maturity date. On December 23, 2016, the Company used the proceeds from the loan term to pay off the outstanding balance under the Bank of America credit line agreement and HSBC line of credit.

The Delayed Draw Term Loan shall be advanced on the Delayed Draw Funding date, which is no later than December 23, 2021.

The senior secured credit facility is secured by all assets of the Company and is jointly guaranteed by the Company and its subsidiaries and contains financial and restrictive covenants. The financial covenants require NYM to deliver audited consolidated financial statements within one hundred twenty days after the fiscal year end and to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio not less than 1.1 to 1.0 and senior funded debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio less than 3.0 to 1.0 at the last day of each fiscal quarter, beginning with the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2017. As of March 31, 2020 and 2019, these ratios were failed, and the Company was therefore not in compliance with the financial covenants of the KeyBank loan. Except as stated below, the senior secured credit facility is subject to customary events of default. It will be an event of default if Mr. Long Deng resigns, is terminated, or is no longer actively involved in the management of NYM and a replacement reasonably satisfactory to the Lender is not made within sixty (60) days after such event takes place. The Company violated the loan covenant when Mr. Long Deng, CEO and major shareholder of the Company sold an aggregate of 8,294,989 restricted shares to HK Xu Ding Co., Limited on January 23, 2019, representing 51% of the total issued and outstanding shares of the Company as of December 31, 2018. The Company failed to obtain a written consent for the occurrence of the change of ownership. As a result, effective as of March 1, 2019, interest was accrued on all loans at the default rate and the monthly principal and interest payment due under the effective date term loan will be \$155,872 instead of \$142,842.

On May 20, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company entered into a forbearance agreement (the "Forbearance Agreement") with KeyBank, pursuant to which KeyBank has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan agreement based on the existence of the events of shares transfer defaults for certain period of time. The Forbearance Agreement contains customary forbearance covenants and other forbearance covenants and defined certain events of defaults. Starting from May, 2019, the monthly payment decreased to \$142,842 as originally required per the credit facility agreements.

The Company failed to meet its obligations under the Loan Agreements by the end of the First Forbearance Period. On October 17, 2019 (the "Effective Date"), the Company, Go Fresh 365, Inc. ("Go Fresh"), Mr. Long Deng and Keybank entered into the second forbearance agreement (the "Second Forbearance Agreement"). Pursuant to certain Guaranty Agreement dated as of December 26, 2016, as amended by several joinder agreements and the Second Forbearance Agreement, the Company, certain subsidiaries of NYM, Go Fresh and Mr. Long Deng (collectively, the "Guarantors", and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties") have agreed to guarantee the payment and performance of the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Agreement ("Obligations"). Key Bank has agreed to delay the exercise of its rights and remedies under the Loan Agreement based on the existence of certain events of default (the "Specified Events of Default") until the earlier to occur of: (a) 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the November 29, 2019; and (b) a Forbearance Event of Default.

From Jan to June 2020, non-payment of amount due by the Company was \$1,194,878. Also, the Company has filed certain loan covenants. On August 6, 2020 the Company received 3<sup>rd</sup> forbearance agreement from Key Bank, which includes the following terms:

- All delinquent regular interest paid at or before settlement.
- July and August required payments will be regular interest amounts.
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If agreement cannot be reached, KeyBank is fully prepared to pursue legal remedies. As of the date of this report, the Forbearance Agreement is still under negotiation.

Maturities of borrowings against the term loan under this credit facility for each of the next five years are as follows:

#### **Year Ending March 31**

2021	\$ 2,146,472
2022	17,994,825
Total	\$ 20,141,297

#### 11. Notes Payable

Notes payables consist of the following:

	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
Triangle Auto Center, Inc.		2013
Secured by vehicle, 4.02%, principal and interest of \$890 due monthly through January 28, 2021	8,730	18,823
Colonial Buick GMC		
Secured by vehicle, 8.64%, principal and interest of \$736 due monthly through February 1, 2020	-	6,350
<u>Koeppel Nissan, Inc.</u>		
Secured by vehicle, 3.99%, principal and interest of \$612 due monthly through January 18, 2021, early paid off in 2020	-	12,378
Secured by vehicle, 0.9%, principal and interest of \$739 due monthly through March 14, 2020	-	8,826
Secured by vehicle, 7.86%, principal and interest of \$758 due monthly through September 1, 2022	18,707	25,415
Silver Star Motors		
Secured by vehicle, 4.22%, principal and interest of \$916 due monthly through June 1, 2021	13,357	23,546
<u>BMO</u>		
Secured by vehicle, 5.99%, principal and interest of \$1,924 due monthly through July 1, 2020	29,532	50,172
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Wells Fargo	0.500	12.006
Secured by vehicle, 4.01%, principal and interest of \$420 due monthly through December 1, 2021	8,500	13,096
Toyota Finance	10.240	25.020
Secured by vehicle, 0%, principal and interest of \$632 due monthly through August, 2022	18,340	25,928
Secured by vehicle, 4.87%, principal and interest of \$761 due monthly through July, 2021	11,633	24,031
Secured by vehicle, 0%, principal and interest of \$633 due monthly through April 1, 2022	15,810	19,978
Total Notes Payable	\$ 124,609	\$ 228,543
Current notes payable	(77,903)	(98,475)
Long-term notes payable, net of current maturities	\$ 46,706	\$ 130,068

All notes payables are secured by the underlying financed automobiles.

Maturities of the notes payables for each of the next five years are as follows:

Year Ending March 31,

2021	\$ 77,903
2022	40,656
2023	 6,050
Total	\$ 124,609

#### 12. Lease

The Company's material leases consist of store, warehouse, parking lots and its offices with expiration dates through 2027. In general, the leases have remaining terms of 1-20 years, most of which include options to extend the leases. The lease term is generally the minimum noncancelable period of the lease. The Company does not include option periods unless the Company determines that it is reasonably certain of exercising the option at inception or when a triggering event occurs.

Balance sheet information related to the Company's operating and finance leases (noting the financial statement caption each is included with) as of March 31, 2020 was as follows:

	As of March 31, 2020
Operating Lease Assets:	
Operating Lease	\$ 57,587,790
Total operating lease assets	57,587,790
Operating lease obligations:	
Current operating lease liabilities	5,438,356
Non-current operating lease liabilities	58,729,843
Total Lease liabilities	\$ 64,168,199
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term Operating Lease	12.47 years
Weighted Average discount rate	4.3%

Accumulated depreciation		219,679		159,938
Finance lease assets, net	\$	655,019	\$	714,760
Finance lease obligations:	_	March 31, 2020	M	Iarch 31, 2019
Current	\$	137,243	\$	148,778
Long-term		277,350		413,225
Total obligations	\$	414,593	\$	562,003
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Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term Finance Lease				1.88 years
Weighted Average discount rate				7.1%
Supplemental cash flow information related to leases was as follows:				
			N	As of March 31, 2020
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:				
Operating Lease			\$	7,691,944
Finance lease				147,410

March 31,

2020

874,698

March 31,

2019

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The estimated future lease payments under the operating and finance leases are as follows:

		Capital Lease	Operating, lease
2021	_	169,004	8,088,762
2022		148,162	7,833,368
2023		146,831	8,078,334
2024		10,522	7,896,900
2025			7,359,994
Thereafter		-	46,108,683
Total minimum lease payments	\$	474,519	\$ 85,366,040
Less: Amount representing interest		(59,926)	(21,194,841)
Total	\$	414,593	\$ 64,168,199

#### 13. Segment Reporting

**Finance lease Assets** 

Vehicles under finance lease

ASC 280, "Segment Reporting", establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments on a basis consistent with the Company's internal organizational structure as well as information about geographical areas, business segments and major customers in financial statements for details on the Company's business segments. The Company uses the "management approach" in determining reportable operating segments. The management approach considers the internal organization and reporting used by the Company's CODM for making operating decisions and assessing performance as the source for determining the Company's reportable segments. Management, including the CODM, reviews operation results by the revenue of different products or services. Based on management's assessment, the Company has determined that it has two operating segments as defined by ASC 280, consisting of wholesale and retail operations.

The primary financial measures used by the Company to evaluate performance of individual operating segments are sales and income before income tax provision.

The following table presents summary information by segment for the years ended March 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

	Year ended March 31, 2020					.0
	_	Wholesale		Retail		Total
Net sales	\$	16,336,795	\$	73,116,236	\$	89,453,031
Cost of sales		12,152,005		53,805,938		65,957,943
Retail occupancy costs		-		6,660,448		6,660,448
Gross profit	\$	4,184,790	\$	12,649,850	\$	16,834,640
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Interest expense, net	\$	(11,118)	\$	(1,813,549)		(1,824,667)
Depreciation and amortization Capital expenditures	\$ \$	491,233	\$ \$	9,559,104 2,828,495	\$ \$	10,050,337 2,828,495
Segment loss before income tax provision	\$	766,381	\$	(9,239,428)		(8,473,047)
Income tax provision (benefit)	\$	16,841	\$	(203,036)	\$	(186,195)
Segment assets	\$	14,032,417	\$	85,226,744	\$	99,259,161
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	Year ended March 31, 2019				•	
		Year	end	ed March 31,	201	.9
		Year Wholesale	end —	Retail	201	9 Total
Net sales	\$	Wholesale	_	Retail	_	Total
Net sales Cost of sales	_		_		_	
	_	Wholesale 18,463,885	_	<b>Retail</b> 106,967,554	_	<b>Total</b> 125,431,439
Cost of sales	_	Wholesale 18,463,885	_	Retail 106,967,554 81,664,829	_	<b>Total</b> 125,431,439 95,889,975
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs	\$	Wholesale 18,463,885 14,225,146	\$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872	\$	Total  125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872 20,392,592
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs	\$	Wholesale 18,463,885 14,225,146	\$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872	\$	<b>Total</b> 125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs Gross profit	\$	18,463,885 14,225,146 - 4,238,739	\$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872 16,153,853	\$	Total  125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872 20,392,592
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs Gross profit  Interest expense, net Depreciation and amortization Capital expenditures	\$ \$ \$ \$	18,463,885 14,225,146 	\$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872 16,153,853  (1,301,492) 2,080,557 4,633,789	\$	Total  125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872 20,392,592  (1,314,295)
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs Gross profit  Interest expense, net Depreciation and amortization Capital expenditures Segment income (loss) before income tax provision	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	18,463,885 14,225,146 	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872 16,153,853  (1,301,492) 2,080,557 4,633,789 (11,378,056)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Total  125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872 20,392,592  (1,314,295) 2,315,394 4,665,850 (11,435,919)
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs Gross profit  Interest expense, net Depreciation and amortization Capital expenditures Segment income (loss) before income tax provision Income tax provision (benefit)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	18,463,885 14,225,146  4,238,739 (12,803) 234,837 32,061 (57,863) 2,872	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872 16,153,853  (1,301,492) 2,080,557 4,633,789 (11,378,056) 564,651	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Total  125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872 20,392,592  (1,314,295) 2,315,394 4,665,850 (11,435,919) 567,523
Cost of sales Retail occupancy costs Gross profit  Interest expense, net Depreciation and amortization Capital expenditures Segment income (loss) before income tax provision	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	18,463,885 14,225,146 	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Retail  106,967,554 81,664,829 9,148,872 16,153,853  (1,301,492) 2,080,557 4,633,789 (11,378,056)	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Total  125,431,439 95,889,975 9,148,872 20,392,592  (1,314,295) 2,315,394 4,665,850 (11,435,919)

#### 14. Shareholder's Equity

On October 19, 2018, the Company and certain institutional investors entered into a securities purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell to such investors an aggregate of 1,275,000 shares of common stock (the "Common Stock") in a registered direct offering and warrants to purchase up to approximately 1,170,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock in a concurrent private placement, for gross proceeds of approximately \$2.55 million (the "Financing"). The warrants will be exercisable immediately following the date of issuance and have an exercise price of \$2.25. The warrants will expire 5 years from the earlier of the date on which the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants may be sold pursuant to an effective registration statement or may be exercised on a cashless basis and be immediately sold pursuant to Rule 144. The purchase price for each share of Common Stock and the corresponding warrant is \$2.00. Each warrant is subject to anti-dilution provisions that require adjustment of the number of shares of Common Stock that may be acquired upon exercise of the warrant, or to the exercise price of such shares, or both, to reflect stock dividends and splits, subsequent rights offerings, pro-rata distributions, and certain fundamental transactions.

Management determined that these warrants are equity instruments because the warrants are both a) indexed to its own stock; and b) classified in stockholders' equity. The warrants were recorded at their fair value on the date of grant as a component of stockholders' equity. On June 5, 2019, the Company agreed to issue to the Holders an aggregate of 1,170,000 shares ("Exchange Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share and warrant to purchase an aggregate of 1,170,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Exchange Warrants") as the negotiated purchase price for the Existing Warrants based on the Black Scholes Value as a result of a certain transaction which was deemed as a Fundamental Transaction as defined in purchase agreement. On March 23, 2020, 585,000 warrants has been cashless exercised to 287,049 shares of common stock.

On December 11, 2019, iFresh Inc. (the "Company") entered into an agreement (the "Conversion Agreement") between Mr. Deng and the Company, pursuant to which the Mr. Deng agreed to convert debt owed to him by the Company into 1,000 preferred shares of the Company's common stock. Upon receiving stockholder approval for the conversion, the 1,000 shares of preferred stock will automatically convert into shares of the Company's common stock.

On January 13, 2020, the Company filed a Certificate of Designation creating the class of Preferred Stock required by the Conversion Agreement, and \$3,500,000 of capital Mr. Deng contributed to the Company were converted into 1,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"). The Preferred Stock has no voting rights, no dividend, no redemption right and will convert automatically into 9,210,526 shares of the Company's common stock once the conversion is approved by the Company's stockholders. In the event of the liquidation of the Company, the Preferred Stock has a preference equal to \$3,500,000 over the Company's common stock.

On March 25, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with two third party individuals, Dengrong Zhou and Qiang Ou (the "Investors"), pursuant to which the Investors agreed to purchase 1,783,167 shares of the Company's common stock in exchange for \$2,500,000. Subsequently on April 9, 2020, these shares were issued and the transaction was closed.

#### 15. Income Taxes

iFresh is a Delaware holding company that is subject to the U.S. income tax.

NYM is taxed as a corporation for income tax purposes and as a result of the "Contribution Agreement" entered into in December 31, 2014 NYM has elected to file a consolidated federal income tax return with its eleven subsidiaries. NYM and the shareholders of the eleven entities, as parties to the Contribution Agreement, entered into a tax-free transaction under Section 351 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 whereby the eleven entities became wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. As a result of the tax-free transaction and the creation of a consolidated group, the subsidiaries are required to adopt the tax year-end of its parent, NYM. NYM was incorporated on December 30, 2014 and has adopted a tax-year end of March 31.

Certain of the subsidiaries have incurred net operating losses ("NOL") in tax years ending prior to the Contribution Agreement. The net operating losses are subject to the Separate Return Limitation Year ("SRLY") rules which limit the utilization of the losses to the subsidiaries who generated the losses. The SRLY losses are not available to offset taxable income generated by members of the consolidated group.

Based upon management's assessment of all available evidence, the Company believes that it is more-likely-than-not that the deferred tax assets, primarily for certain of the subsidiaries SRLY NOL carry-forwards will not be realizable; and therefore, a full valuation allowance is established for SRLY NOL carry-forwards. Pursuant to The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, NOLs from the 2018, 2019, and 2020 tax years to be carried back to the previous five tax years (beginning with the earliest year first) and suspends the 80% of taxable income limitation through the 2020 tax year. The NOL carryback can result in an immediate refund of taxes paid in prior years. The valuation allowance for deferred tax assets was \$7,643,963 and \$6,260,912 as of March 31, 2020 and 2019.

The Company has approximately \$30,496,643 and \$20,688,214 of US NOL carry forward of which approximately \$3,135,816 and \$2,891,876 are SRLY NOL as of March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2019, respectively. For income tax purposes, those NOLs will expire in the year 2033 through 2037.

#### **Income Tax Provision (Benefit)**

The provision (benefit) for income taxes consists of the following components:

	For the ye Marc	
	2020	2019
Current:		
Federal	\$ -	\$ -
State	341,332	369,278
	341,332	369,278
Deferred:		
Federal	(711,436)	261,649
State	183,909	(63,404)
	(527,527)	198,245
Total	\$ (186,195)	\$ 567,523

#### Tax Rate Reconciliation

Following is a reconciliation of the Company's effective income tax rate to the United State federal statutory tax rate:

	Years end March 3	
	2020	2019
Expected tax at U.S. statutory income tax rate	21%	21%
State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax effect	7%	7%
Other non-deductible fees and expenses	10%	(2.4%)
Changes in deferred tax allowance	(36%)	(32.2%)
Other	-%	1.6%
Effective tax rate	2%	(5%)

#### **Deferred Taxes**

The effect of temporary differences included in the deferred tax accounts as follows:

Deferred Tax Assets/ (Liabilities):		March 31, 2020		•		March 31, 2019	
Deferred expenses	\$	164,434	\$	101,829			
Sec 263A Inventory Cap		38,207		208,514			
Deferred rent/Lease obligation		2,215,294		2,092,128			
Depreciation and amortization		(3,008,058)		(2,305,164)			
Net operating losses		8,305,813		5,993,061			
163 (j) business interest		-		286,133			
Valuation allowance		(7,643,963)		(6,260,912)			
Net Deferred Tax Assets	\$	643,116	\$	115,589			

#### 16. Related-Party Transactions

#### Management Fees, Advertising Fees and Sale of Non-Perishable and Perishable Products to Related Parties

The following is a detailed breakdown of significant management fees, advertising fees and sale of products for the year ended March 31, 2020 and 2019 to related parties, which are directly or indirectly owned, in whole or in part, by Mr. Long Deng, a majority shareholder, and not eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. In addition, the outstanding receivables due from these related parties as of March 31, 2020 and 2019 were included in advances and receivables – related parties (see Note 7).

	Year ended March 31, 2020	
Related Parties	· ·	Non- Perishable rtising & Perishable ees Sales
Tampa Seafood	\$ 2,000 \$	- \$ -
Dragon Seeds	3,650	
NY Mart MD Inc.	22,550	11,520 1,004,275
NYM Elmhurst Inc.	90,698	4,752 828,932
Spring Farm Inc.	6,050	- 58,134
New Ming	-	8,320 -
Pine Court Chinese Bistro	-	- 58,408
Others	80,000	250 -
	\$ 204,948 \$	24,842 \$ 1,949,749

	Management Advertising			Non- erishable Perishable									
Related Parties	Fees		U		Fees		Fees		U		U		Sales
New York Mart, Inc.	\$	11,651	\$	880	\$ 2,248,885								
Pacific Supermarkets Inc.		77,998		14,040	1,327,401								
NY Mart MD Inc.		86,529		10,920	193,741								
El Monte		4,410		-	315,641								
iFresh Harwin Inc		2,862		2,600	9,677								
Spring Farm Inc.		5,052		1,600	2,005								
Spicy Bubbles, Inc.		4,944		-	-								
Tampa Seafood		3,610		-	-								
Pine Court Chinese Bistro					52,996								
	\$	197,056	\$	30,040	\$ 4,150,346								

#### Long-Term Operating Lease Agreement with a Related Party

The Company leases warehouse and stores from related parties that is owned by Mr. Long Deng, the majority shareholder of the Company, and will expire on April 30, 2026. Rent incurred to the related party was \$886,543 and \$1,208,000 for the year ended on March 31, 2020 and 2019.

#### 17. Contingent Liabilities

The Company is exposed to claims and litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of business and uses various methods to resolve these matters in a manner that the Company believes best serves the interests of its stakeholders. These matters have not resulted in any material losses to date.

#### Leo J. Motsis, as Trustee of the 140-148 East Berkeley Realty Trust v. Ming's Supermarket, Inc.

This case relates to a dispute between Ming's Supermarket, Inc. ("Ming"), the subsidiary of the Company and the landlord of the building located at 140-148 East Berkeley Street, Boston, MA (the "Property"), under a long-term operating lease ("Lease"). Since February 2015, Ming was unable to use the premise of the property due to a structure damage assessed by the Inspectional Services Department of the City of Boston ("ISD"), and stopped paying the rent since April 2015 after the landlord refused to perform structural repairs. The landlord then sued Ming for breach of the Lease and unpaid rent, and Ming counterclaimed for constructive eviction and for damages resulting from the landlord's breach of its duty to perform structural repairs under the Lease.

The case was tried before a jury in August 2017. The jury awarded Ming judgment against the landlord in the amount of \$795,000, plus continuing damages of \$2,250 per month until the structural repairs are completed. The court found that the landlord's actions violated the Massachusetts unfair and deceptive acts and practices statute and therefore doubled the amount of damages to \$1,590,000 and further ruled that Ming should also recover costs and attorneys' fees of approximately \$250,000. The result is a judgment in favor of Ming and against the landlord that will total approximately \$1.85 million. The judgment requires the landlord to repair the premises and obtain an occupancy permit. The landlord is responsible to Ming for damages in the amount of \$2,250 per month until an occupancy permit is issued. The judgment also accrues interest at the rate of 12% per year until paid.

The landlord filed an appeal, the appeal hearing was held in July 12, 2019 and judge concluded that the landlord should be required both to perform the relevant obligations of the lease in the future and to pay damages caused by his previous failure to do so and for any period of delay in completing specific performance. On November 5, 2019, the Appeal Count issued a full decision affirming the judgment was entered and transmitted a rescript of the affirmance of the judgment to the superior count.

The final judgment was entered after rescript on May 7, 2020. On June 29, 2020, the landlord executed the final judgment finally and made the payment of \$2,536,142 to Ming.

#### Hartford Fire Insurance Company v. New York Mart Group Inc.

On November 28, 2018, a lawsuit was filed against New York Mart Group, Inc. by Hartford Fire Insurance Company ("Hartford"), who seeks contractual indemnification from the Company and other defendants relating to certain supersedeas bonds issued by Hartford in connection with the unsuccessful appeal of state court litigation by iFresh's codefendant. Hartford alleges that iFresh guaranteed performance of the bonds and therefore seeks to enforce the indemnification terms thereof against iFresh in addition to the other defendants. On June 14, 2019, Hartford filed a motion for summary judgment against iFresh, arguing that Hartford is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. On July 29, 2019, the Court granted judgment against iFresh in a consented amount of \$458,498 for the alleged loss. The Court is still having a hearing on Hartford's entitlement to attorneys' fees/costs. The Company has accrued \$500,000 for the potential loss and expense associated with this case.

#### Winking Group LLC v. New York Supermarket E. Broadway Inc.

A subsidiary of the Company, New York Supermarket E. Broadway Inc., entered into a lease with Winking Group LLC for the Company's store located at 75 East Broadway, NY, 10002. The landlord sued the Company for failing to pay rent and additional fee of \$450,867. The Company is currently negotiating an agreement with the landlord to settle the case. On November 21, 2019, the Company consented to a final judgement of possession in favor of Winking Group LLC in the amount of \$400,000, with \$50,867 being waived by the landlord. \$400,000 was paid as of December 31, 2019.

#### JD Prroduce Maspeth LLC v. iFresh, Inc. alt.

On September 16, 2019, the JD Produce Maspeth ("plaintiff") seeks \$178,953 in unpaid goods purchased by the Company. The legal process was just initiated and interrupted by the outbreak of COVID-19. The Company has recorded the purchase and payable on the financial statements.

#### Don Rick Associates LLC. v. New York Mart Roosevelt Inc.

One of the subsidiaries of the Company, New York Mart Roosevelt Inc, has failed to pay the rents on time. The landlord has sued the Company for nonpayment. On May 31, 2019, a motion for summary Judgement was filed for unpaid rent in the amount of \$102,792 and \$14,984 for attorney fees. These amounts have been fully accrued as of March 31, 2020.

#### 18. Subsequent Event

#### **Key Bank Loans**

From Jan to June 2020, the Company failed to make loan payment of \$1,194,878. On August 6, 2020 the Company received 3rd forbearance agreement from Key Bank. Please refer to Note 10 for key terms.

#### **Acquisitions**

On March 26, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with Kairui Tong and Hao Huang (collectively, the "Sellers") and Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd., pursuant to which the Sellers will sell their 100% interest in Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd. (collectively, the "Target Companies") to the Company in exchange for 3,852,372 shares of the Company's common stock and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock"). Upon approval of the Company's shareholders, the 1,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be converted into 3,834,796 shares of the Company's common stock. The Series B Preferred will rank on parity with the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of the Company.

On April 22, 2020, the Company consummated the above transactions. The aggregate fair value of the consideration paid by the Company in the acquisition is approximately \$9.8 million and is based on the closing price of the Company's common stock at the date of closing. The excess of total cost of acquisition over the fair value of the identifiable net assets of the acquiree is recorded as goodwill.

The following table presents the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of this acquisition:

(Unaudited)	
Cash	\$ 371,910
Accounts receivable, net	84,260
Inventories, net	2,099,306
Advances to suppliers, net	76,476
Other current assets	910,435
Property and equipment, net	 4,310,878
Total tangible assets acquired	\$ 7,852,665
Accounts payable	9,260
Advance from customers	386,119
Accrued expenses and other payables	703,060
Deferred tax liability	 954,173
Total liability assumed	 2,052,612
Net tangible assets acquired	5,800,053
Intangible assets	3,013,272
Goodwill	1,026,250
Total consideration	9,839,575

The following table presents the Company's unaudited pro forma results for the years ended March 31, 2020, as if the acquisitions had occurred on April 1, 2019. The unaudited pro forma financial information presented includes the effects of adjustments related to the amortization of acquired intangible assets, and excludes other non-recurring transaction costs directly associated with the acquisition such as legal and other professional service fees. Statutory rates were used to calculate income taxes.

	For the year ended March 31, 2020
Pro forma net revenue	\$ 91,423,225
Pro forma net loss	(7,538,237)
Pro forma loss per share	(0.29)
Weighted average shares-Basic and diluted	26,068,249

On March 17, 2020, the Company entered into a purchase agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with Guo Hui Ji, a citizen of the People's Republic of China (the "Seller") and Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd., a People's Republic of China company, pursuant to which the Seller will sell his 70% equity interests in Xiamen DL Medical Technology Co, Ltd. to the Company (the "Equity Interests"). In consideration for the Equity Interests, the Company shall pay to the Seller \$600,000 in cash and issue 900,000 shares of common stock of the Company to the Seller.

On April 28, 2020, the Company consummated the above transactions. The aggregate fair value of the consideration paid by the Company in the acquisition is approximately \$1.7 million and is based on the closing price of the Company's common stock at the date of closing. As of this report date, the Company is still gathering information necessary to provide those disclosures with regard to this transaction. The Company plan to provide this information in its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2020.

On August 6, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with Zhang Fei and Liu Meng (collectively, the "Sellers") and Jiuxiang Blue Sky Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd. (the "Target"), pursuant to which the Sellers will sell their 100% interest in the Target to the Company in exchange for 5,036,298 shares of the Company's common stock and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series C Preferred Stock"). Upon approval of the Company's shareholders, the 1,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock will be converted into 1,916,781 shares of the Company's common stock. The Series C Preferred Stock will rank on parity with the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock of the Company. All of the issuances and conversions of the Company's common stock in the foregoing Acquisition Agreement were at a price per share of \$1.402. The closing of the acquisition as contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement is subject to customary closing terms and conditions.

#### DESCRIPTION OF REGISTERED SECURITIES

#### General

iFresh Inc. has one class of securities, Common Stock, registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The following description of Common Stock summarizes the material terms and provisions of the Common Stock as set forth in our articles of incorporation and bylaws, but it is not complete. For the complete terms of our Common Stock, please refer to our articles of incorporation, as may be amended from time to time, and our bylaws, as amended from time to time. The Delaware General Corporation Law may also affect the terms of these securities.

As of August 6, 2020, our authorized capital stock consists of 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, of which 1,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock is issued and outstanding and 1,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is issued and outstanding; and 100,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, of which 25,194,085 shares are issued and outstanding.

The authorized and unissued shares of our Common Stock and preferred stock are available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless such action is required by applicable law or the rules of The Nasdaq Capital Market, or any stock exchange on which our securities may be listed at such time. Unless approval of our stockholders is so required, our board of directors will not seek stockholder approval for the issuance and sale of our Common Stock.

#### Preferred Stock

On December 11, 2019, we entered into an agreement with Long Deng, our Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to which we issued 1,000 shares of its preferred stock to Mr. Deng in exchange for the cancellation of \$3,500,000 of liabilities. The shares of preferred stock are only convertible into shares of common stock if the conversion is approved by iFresh's stockholders. If the conversion is approved, the preferred stock will result in the issuance of 9,210,526 shares of common. Long Deng is the Chief Executive Officer and a director of iFresh.

On March 26, 2020, we entered into an agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with Kairui Tong and Hao Huang (collectively, the "Sellers") and Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd., pursuant to which the Sellers sold their 100% interest in Hubei Rongentang Wine Co., Ltd. and Hubei Rongentang Herbal Wine Co., Ltd. (collectively, the "Target Companies") to us in exchange for 3,852,372 shares of the Company's common stock and 1,000 shares of the Company's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock"). Upon approval of the Company's shareholders, the 1,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be converted into 3,834,796 shares of our common stock.

Both the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series B Convertible Stock have a liquidation preference but no voting rights. Each series is convertible automatically up on stockholder approval of the conversion, but is not otherwise convertible.

#### Common Stock

The holders of iFresh Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by shareholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. The holders of iFresh Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends, if and when declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available therefor. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of iFresh, iFresh's shareholders are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining available for distribution to them after payment of liabilities and after provision is made for each class of stock, if any, having preference over the iFresh Common Stock. iFresh's common shareholders have no preemptive or other subscription rights.

Subject to exceptions, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within the prior three years did own, 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock.

Our Common Stock is listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "IFMK." The transfer agent and registrar for our Common Stock is Continental Stock Transfer and Trust Company, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York 10004.

#### **Delaware Law Affecting Business Combinations**

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A "business combination" includes mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder.

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#### ACCOUNTANTS AND ADVISORS

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (File No.333-224141) and Form S-8 (File No.333-226464) of our report dated August 13, 2020 relating to the consolidated balance sheets of iFresh, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") as of March 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related consolidated statements of operations, statements of shareholders' equity (deficiency), and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended March 31, 2020, and the related notes, which appears in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2020.

/s/ Friedman LLP

New York, New York August 13, 2020

## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Long Deng, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of iFresh, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under my supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared; and
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under my supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report my conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 13, 2020

/s/ Long Deng

Long Deng Chief Executive Officer (Principal executive officer)

## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Yanhong (Amy) Xue, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of iFresh, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under my supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared; and
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under my supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report my conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 13, 2020

/s/ Yanhong (Amy) Xue

Yanhong (Amy) Xue Chief Financial Officer (Principal financial and accounting officer)

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

In connection with the Annual Report of iFresh, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), each of the undersigned, in the capacities and on the dates indicated below, hereby certifies pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operation of the Company.

Date: August 13, 2020 /s/ Long Deng

Date: August 13, 2020

Long Deng

Chief Executive Officer (Principal executive officer)

/s/ Yanhong (Amy) Xue

Yanhong (Amy) Xue Chief Financial Officer

(Principal financial and accounting officer)