(a) (i) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document and (ii) Liens on cash or deposits granted in favor of the Swing Line Lender or the L/C Issuer to Cash Collateralize any Defaulting Lender's participation in Letters of Credit or Swing Line Loans, respectively, as contemplated by Section 2.03(a)(ii)(E) and 2.04(b), and 2.17(a)(ii), respectively;

- (b) Liens on property of DBI and its Subsidiaries existing on the date hereof and listed in Section 7.01(b) of the Confidential Disclosure Letter and any modifications, replacements, renewals or extensions thereof; <u>provided</u> that (i) the Lien does not extend to any additional property other than (A) after-acquired property that is affixed or incorporated into the property covered by such Lien, and (B) proceeds and products thereof, and (ii) the modification, replacement, renewal, extension or refinancing of the obligations secured or benefited by such Liens (if such obligations constitute Indebtedness) is permitted by Section 7.03;
- (c) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges which are not overdue for a period of more than thirty (30) days or, if more than thirty (30) days overdue (i) which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate actions diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person to the extent required in accordance with GAAP or (ii) with respect to which the failure to make payment could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (d) statutory Liens and any Liens arising by operation of law in each case of landlords, carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, materialmen, repairmen, construction contractors or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure amounts not overdue for a period of more than thirty (30) days or, if more than thirty (30) days overdue (i) no action has been taken to enforce such Lien, (ii) such Lien is being contested in good faith and by appropriate actions diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person to the extent required in accordance with GAAP or (iii) with respect to which the failure to make payment could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (e) (i) pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation, (ii) pledges and deposits in the ordinary course of business securing insurance premiums or reimbursement obligations under insurance policies, in each case payable to insurance carriers that provide insurance to the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (iii) obligations in respect of letters of credit or bank guarantees that have been posted by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to support the payments of the items set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 7.01(e).
- (f) (i) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, governmental contracts and leases (other than Indebtedness for borrowed money), statutory obligations, surety, stay, customs and appeal bonds, performance bonds, performance and completion guarantees and other obligations of a like nature (including those to secure health, safety and environmental obligations) incurred in the ordinary course of business and (ii) obligations in respect of letters of credit or bank guarantees that have been posted to support payment of the items set forth in clause (i) of this Section 7.01(f);

(g) matters of record affecting title to any owned or leased real property and survey exceptions, encroachments, protrusions, recorded and unrecorded servitudes, easements, restrictions, reservations, licenses, rights-of-way, sewers, electric lines, telegraphs and telephone lines, variations in area or measurement, rights of parties in possession under written leases or occupancy agreements, and other title defects and non-monetary encumbrances affecting real property, and zoning, building or other restrictions as to the use of real property or Liens incidental to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties, in each case that were not incurred in the connection with Indebtedness and which could not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person;

- (h) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(h);
- (i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(f); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Liens attach concurrently with or within two hundred and seventy (270) days after the acquisition, repair, replacement, construction or improvement (as applicable) of the property subject to such Liens (except in the case of any Permitted Refinancing) and (ii) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property except for accessions to such property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and the proceeds and the products thereof; <u>provided</u> that individual financings of equipment provided by one lender may be cross collateralized to other financings of equipment provided by such lender;
- (j) (i) leases, licenses, subleases or sublicenses granted to other Persons in the ordinary course of business which do not (A) interfere in any material respect with the business of the Borrower and the other Loan Parties, taken as a whole, or (B) secure any Indebtedness for borrowed money or (ii) the rights reserved or vested in any Person by the terms of any lease, license, franchise, grant or permit held by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or by a statutory provision, to terminate any such lease, license, franchise, grant or permit, or to require annual or periodic payments as a condition to the continuance thereof;
- (k) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with the importation of goods in the ordinary course of business;
- (l) Liens (i) of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code on items in the course of collection, (ii) attaching to commodity trading accounts or other commodities brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business or (iii) in favor of a banking institution arising as a matter of law encumbering deposits (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking industry;
- (m) Liens (i) (A) on advances of cash or Cash Equivalents in favor of the seller of any property to be acquired in an Investment permitted pursuant to Section 7.02 to be applied against the purchase price for such Investment and (B) consisting of an agreement to Dispose of any property in a Disposition permitted under Section 7.05, in each case under this clause (m)(i), solely to the extent such Investment or Disposition, as the case may be, would have been permitted on the date of the creation of such Lien or on the date of any contract for such Investment or

Disposition, and (ii) earnest money deposits of cash or Cash Equivalents made by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted hereunder;

- (n) Liens on property of any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party securing Indebtedness of such Subsidiary permitted under Section 7.03;
- (o) (i) Liens in favor of the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary that is a Loan Party securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(e) and (ii) Liens in favor of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party granted by another Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, <u>provided</u> that any such Lien on Collateral shall be expressly junior in priority to the Liens on such Collateral granted to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties under the Loan Documents and all documentation with respect to such lien priority shall be in the form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;
- (p) Liens existing on property at the time of its acquisition or existing on the property of any Person at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case after the date hereof (other than Liens on the Equity Interests of any Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary) and any modifications, replacements, renewals or extensions thereof; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lien was not created in contemplation of such acquisition or such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) such Lien does not extend to or cover any other assets or property (other than the proceeds or products thereof and after-acquired property subjected to a Lien pursuant to terms existing at the time of such acquisition, it being understood that such requirement shall not be permitted to apply to any property to which such requirement would not have applied but for such acquisition) and (iii) the Indebtedness secured thereby (or, as applicable, any modifications, replacements, renewals or extension thereof) is permitted under Section 7.03;
- (q) Liens arising from precautionary UCC financing statement filings (or similar filings under other applicable Law) regarding leases entered into by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (r) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for sale of goods entered into by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and not prohibited by this Agreement;
- (s) any interest and title of a lessor, sublessor, licensor or sublicensor under any lease, sublease or license agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business;
 - (t) to the extent constituting Liens, Dispositions expressly permitted under Section 7.05 (other than Section 7.05(e));
 - (u) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations outstanding in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000;
- (v) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off (i) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (ii) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to permit

satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries or (iii) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into with customers of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

- (w) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;
 - (x) Liens on insurance policies and the proceeds thereof securing the financing of the premiums with respect thereto;
- (y) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and the proceeds thereof securing such Person's obligations in respect of documentary letters of credit or banker's acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or goods;
- (z) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements referred to in clause (d) of the definition of "Cash Equivalents";
- (aa) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(s)(ii) and any modifications, replacements, renewals or extensions thereof; <u>provided</u> that the modification, replacement, renewal, extension or refinancing of the obligations secured or benefited by such Liens is permitted by Section 7.03(s)(iii);
- (bb) ground leases in respect of real property on which facilities owned or leased by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries are located:
- (cc) customary rights of first refusal and tag, drag and similar rights in joint venture agreements and franchise agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (dd) restrictions on the use of Ad Fund Cash and Gift Card Restricted Funds in accordance with the documentation governing the Ad Fund Cash and the Gift Card Restricted Funds; and
- (ee) Liens on the Collateral securing (i) Permitted First Priority Refinancing Debt and subject to the Pari Passu Intercreditor Agreement or (ii) Permitted Second Priority Refinancing Debt and subject to the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement.

Section 7.02 *Investments*. Make or hold any Investments, except:

- (a) Investments by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in assets that were Cash Equivalents when such Investment was made;
- (b) loans or advances to officers, directors, members of management, and employees of Holdings or (to the extent relating to the business of Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries) any direct or indirect parent thereof, the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (i) for reasonable

and customary business-related travel, entertainment, relocation and analogous ordinary business purposes and (ii) in connection with such Person's purchase of Equity Interests of Holdings;

- (c) Investments (i) by any Loan Party in any other Loan Party (other than Holdings), (ii) by any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party in any Loan Party (other than Holdings) or in any other Restricted Subsidiary that is also not a Loan Party, (iii) by any Loan Party in any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party in an aggregate amount, together with Investments pursuant to Section 7.02(i) (A)(2)(x), not to exceed the greater of (X) \$150,000,000 and (Y) 5.0% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period last ended (in the case of clause (iii), determined without regard to any write-downs or write-offs of such Investments), and (iv) by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in any Subsidiary of the type described in clause (c) of the definition of Excluded Subsidiary to the extent consisting of contributions or other Dispositions of Equity Interests in other Subsidiaries of the type described in clause (c) of the definition of Excluded Subsidiary to such Subsidiary;
- (d) Investments consisting of extensions of credit in the nature of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising from the grant of trade credit in the ordinary course of business, and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors and other credits to suppliers in the ordinary course of business;
- (e) Investments consisting of Liens, Indebtedness, fundamental changes, Dispositions, Restricted Payments and prepayments and repurchases of Indebtedness expressly permitted by Section 7.01, Section 7.03 (other than Sections 7.03(d) and (e)), Section 7.04 (other than Section 7.04(c)), Section 7.05 (other than Section 7.05(d)(ii) and (e)), Section 7.06 (other than Section 7.06(e)(v)), Section 7.13 and Section 10.07(l), respectively;
- (f) Investments of DBI and its Subsidiaries existing or contemplated on the date hereof or as set forth in Section 7.02(f) of the Confidential Disclosure Letter and any modification, replacement, renewal or extension thereof as in effect on the date hereof; <u>provided</u> that the amount of the original Investment is not increased except by the terms of such Investment or as otherwise permitted by this Section 7.02;
 - (g) Investments in Swap Contracts permitted by Section 7.03;
 - (h) promissory notes and other non-cash consideration received in connection with Dispositions permitted by Section 7.05;
- (i) the purchase or other acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets or business of, any Person, or of assets constituting a business unit, a line of business or division of, any Person, or of the Equity Interests in a Person that, upon the consummation thereof, will be owned directly by the Borrower or one or more of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including, without limitation, as a result of a merger or consolidation); <u>provided</u> that, with respect to each such purchase or other acquisition made pursuant to this Section 7.02(i) (each of the foregoing, a "**Permitted Acquisition**"):
 - (A) (1) each applicable Loan Party and any such newly created or acquired Subsidiary shall, or will within the times specified therein, have complied

with the applicable requirements of Section 6.12 to the extent required thereby, and (2) the aggregate amount of cash or property provided by Loan Parties to make any such purchase or acquisition of assets that are not purchased or acquired (or do not become owned) by a Loan Party or in Equity Interests in Persons that do not become Loan Parties upon consummation of such purchase or acquisition shall not exceed, together with Investments pursuant to Section 7.02(c)(iii), the sum of (x) the greater of (i) \$150,000,000 and (ii) 5.0% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period last ended and (y) amounts otherwise available pursuant to Section 7.02(n);

- (B) (1) immediately before and immediately after giving Pro Forma Effect to any such purchase or other acquisition, no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (2) immediately after giving effect to such purchase or other acquisition, the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be in Pro Forma Compliance with all of the covenants set forth in Section 7.10, such compliance to be determined on the basis of the financial information most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders pursuant to Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(b) as though such purchase or other acquisition had been consummated as of the first day of the fiscal period covered thereby and evidenced by a certificate from the chief financial officer or treasurer of the Borrower demonstrating such compliance calculation in reasonable detail; and
- (C) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent, no later than the date on which any such purchase or other acquisition is consummated, a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying that all of the requirements set forth in this clause (i) have been satisfied or will be satisfied on or prior to the consummation of such purchase or other acquisition.
- (j) Investments in connection with Refranchising Transactions in the ordinary course of business;
- (k) Investments in the ordinary course of business consisting of (i) endorsements for collection or deposit or (ii) customary trade arrangements with customers;
- (l) Investments (including debt obligations and Equity Interests) received in connection with (x) the bankruptcy or reorganization of any Person and in settlement of obligations of, or disputes with, any Person arising in the ordinary course of business and upon foreclosure with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment and (y) the non-cash proceeds of any Disposition permitted by Section 7.05;
- (m) loans and advances to Holdings or any direct or indirect parent thereof in lieu of, and not in excess of the amount of (after giving effect to any other loans, advances or Restricted Payments in respect thereof), Restricted Payments permitted to be made to Holdings or any direct or indirect parent thereof in accordance with Section 7.06; <u>provided</u>, that any Investment made under this Section 7.02(m) shall reduce dollar for dollar capacity to make Restricted Payments under Section 7.06;

(n) Investments that do not exceed the sum of (x) the greater of (A) \$100,000,000 and (B) 3.0% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period last ended at any time outstanding, <u>plus</u> (y) the Cumulative Amount at the time of such Investment;

- (o) advances of payroll payments to employees in the ordinary course of business;
- (p) Guarantees by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of leases (other than Capitalized Leases) or of other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness, in each case entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (q) Investments to the extent the consideration paid therefor consists solely of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent thereof;
- (r) Investments consisting of promissory notes issued by any Loan Party to future, present or former officers, directors and employees, members of management, or consultants of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or their respective estates, spouses or former spouses to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent thereof, to the extent the applicable Restricted Payment is permitted by Section 7.06;
- (s) Investments held by a Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (or is merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary) pursuant to this Section 7.02 (and, if applicable, Section 7.04) after the Closing Date to the extent that such Investments were not made in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition, merger, amalgamation or consolidation:
- (t) Investments made in the ordinary course of business in connection with obtaining, maintaining or renewing client and customer contracts and loans or advances made to, and guarantees with respect to obligations of, distributors, suppliers, franchisees, franchisors, licensors and licensees in the ordinary course of business;
- (u) Investments made by any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party to the extent such Investments are made with the proceeds received by such Restricted Subsidiary from an Investment made by a Loan Party in such Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to this Section 7.02; and
- (v) Investments in any Ad Fund Special Subsidiary and any Gift Card Special Subsidiary, in each case, to the extent funded with cash received from franchisees.

Section 7.03 Indebtedness. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) The Senior Notes (including any guarantees thereof by the Subsidiary Guarantors) issued on the Closing Date in an aggregate principal amount of \$625,000,000, the exchange notes and related exchange guarantees to be issued by the Subsidiary Guarantors in exchange for

such Senior Notes pursuant to the registration rights agreement entered into in connection with the issuance of such Senior Notes, and any Permitted Refinancing of the foregoing;

- (b) Indebtedness of the Loan Parties under the Loan Documents;
- (c) Indebtedness of DBI and its Subsidiaries outstanding on the date hereof and listed in Section 7.03(c) of the Confidential Disclosure Letter and any Permitted Refinancing thereof;
- (d) Guarantees by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of Indebtedness of the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary otherwise permitted hereunder and to the extent permitted by Section 7.02; <u>provided</u> that (A) no Guarantee by any Restricted Subsidiary of any Indebtedness constituting a Specified Junior Financing Obligation shall be permitted unless such Restricted Subsidiary shall have also provided a Guarantee of the Obligations substantially on the terms set forth in the applicable Guaranty to the extent required by Section 6.12 and (B) if the Indebtedness being Guaranteed is subordinated to the Obligations, such Guarantee shall be subordinated to the Guarantee of the Obligations on terms at least as favorable to the Lenders as those contained in the subordination provisions of such Indebtedness;
- (e) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary owing to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to the extent such Investment is permitted by Section 7.02; <u>provided</u> that all such Indebtedness of any Loan Party to any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party must be expressly subordinated to the Obligations of such Loan Party;
- (f) Attributable Indebtedness and purchase money obligations (including obligations in respect of mortgage, industrial revenue bond, industrial development bond, and similar financings) to finance the purchase, repair or improvement of fixed or capital assets within the limitations set forth in Section 7.01(i) and any Permitted Refinancing thereof; <u>provided</u> that the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness at any one time outstanding shall not exceed the greater of (A) \$65,000,000 and (B) 2.0% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period;
- (g) Indebtedness of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding for all such Persons taken together not exceeding the greater of (A) \$65,000,000 and (B) 2.00% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period;
 - (h) Indebtedness in respect of Swap Contracts not incurred for speculative purposes;
 - (i) Indebtedness (other than for borrowed money) subject to Liens permitted under Section 7.01;
- (j) (i) Indebtedness (not constituting Disqualified Equity Interests) assumed in connection with any Permitted Acquisition; provided that such Indebtedness is not incurred in contemplation of such Permitted Acquisition; provided that both immediately prior and after giving effect to any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (j)(i), (x) no Event of Default shall exist or result therefrom, and (y) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be in Pro Forma Compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 7.10 and the Borrower's Total Leverage Ratio shall be no greater than the greater of (1) 6.50 to 1.0 as of the end of the Test Period last ended, after giving effect to such Permitted Acquisition and the assumption, incurrence or

issuance of such Indebtedness and (2) the Total Leverage Ratio immediately prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition and (ii) any Permitted Refinancing thereof;

- (k) Indebtedness representing deferred compensation to employees of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (l) Indebtedness constituting obligations for indemnification, the adjustment of the purchase price or similar adjustments incurred under agreements for a Permitted Acquisition or Disposition;
- (m) Indebtedness consisting of obligations of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary under deferred compensation or other similar arrangements incurred by such Person in connection with Permitted Acquisitions;
- (n) Cash Management Obligations and other Indebtedness in respect of netting services, overdraft protections and similar arrangements in each case in connection with cash management and deposit accounts;
- (o) Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the greater of (A) \$100,000,000 and (B) 3.25% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period at any time outstanding;
- (p) Indebtedness consisting of (A) the financing of insurance premiums or (B) take-or-pay obligations contained in supply arrangements, in each case, in the ordinary course of business;
- (q) Indebtedness incurred by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary constituting reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit issued in the ordinary course of business, including in respect of workers compensation claims, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance or other Indebtedness with respect to reimbursement-type obligations regarding workers compensation claims; <u>provided</u> that upon the drawing of such letters of credit or the incurrence of such Indebtedness, such obligations are reimbursed within thirty (30) days following such drawing or incurrence;
- (r) obligations in respect of surety, stay, customs and appeal bonds, performance bonds and performance and completion guarantees provided by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or obligations in respect of letters of credit related thereto, in each case in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice;
- (s) (i) (A) Permitted Unsecured Indebtedness to the extent the Net Cash Proceeds of such Permitted Unsecured Indebtedness are utilized within ninety (90) days of the incurrence thereof to finance a Permitted Acquisition (or if not so utilized within such time period, solely to the extent the Net Cash Proceeds of such Permitted Unsecured Indebtedness are applied to prepay Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.05(b)(iv)) and (B) Indebtedness owed to the seller of any property acquired in a Permitted Acquisition, so long as (x) the Borrower shall be in Pro Forma Compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 7.10, (y) if the aggregate amount of Permitted Unsecured Indebtedness incurred pursuant to clause (s)(i)(A) and (s)(i)(B) exceeds

\$50,000,000, the Borrower's Total Leverage Ratio shall be no greater than the greater of (1) 6.50 to 1.0 after giving effect to such Permitted Acquisition and the assumption, incurrence or issuance of such Indebtedness and (2) the Total Leverage Ratio immediately prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition and (z) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) Permitted Second Lien Indebtedness to the extent the Net Cash Proceeds of such Indebtedness are utilized within ninety (90) days of the incurrence thereof to finance a Permitted Acquisition (or if not so utilized within such time period, solely to the extent the Net Cash Proceeds of such Permitted Second Lien Indebtedness are applied to prepay Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.05(b)(iv)), so long as (x) the Borrower shall be in Pro Forma Compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 7.10, (y) the Senior Secured Leverage Ratio shall be no greater than the greater of (1) 4.0 to 1.0 as of the end of the Test Period then last ended, after giving effect to such Permitted Acquisition and the assumption, incurrence or issuance of such Indebtedness and (2) the Total Leverage Ratio immediately prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition and (z) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, and (iii) any Permitted Refinancing of Indebtedness incurred pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) hereof meeting the requirements of Permitted Unsecured Indebtedness or Permitted Second Lien Indebtedness, as applicable;

- (t) Indebtedness in respect of (x) any bankers' acceptance, letter of credit, warehouse receipt or similar facilities entered into in the ordinary course of business or (y) any letter of credit issued in favor of the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender to support any Defaulting Lender's participation in Letters of Credit or Swing Line Loans, respectively, as contemplated by Section 2.03(a)(ii)(E) or 2.04(b), respectively;
- (u) Indebtedness to current or former officers, directors, managers, consultants and employees, their Controlled Investment Affiliates or Immediate Family Members to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of the Borrower (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) permitted by Section 7.06;
- (v) (i) Permitted Subordinated Indebtedness to finance any prepayments of Indebtedness under the Loan Documents pursuant to Section 2.05(b)(iv) or 10.07(l) and (ii) any Permitted Refinancing thereof meeting the requirements of Permitted Subordinated Indebtedness:
- (w) Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to pay the deferred purchase price of goods or services or progress payments in connection with such goods and services;
- (x) all premiums (if any), interest (including post-petition interest), fees, expenses, charges and additional or contingent interest on obligations described in clauses (a) through (w);
- (y) Guarantees by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of obligations of franchisees or any of their Affiliates in an aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed the greater of (A) \$30,000,000 and (B) 1.0% of Total Assets as of the end of the Test Period at any time outstanding;
 - (z) the Subordinated Note; and