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one healthy habit at a time.[®]

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Dan Chavira

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Fellow Stockholder:



Three years ago we laid out our vision to grow Medifast to a billion dollars in sales by the end of 2021. We built a wide-ranging and methodical plan to deliver against our goals, invested in growth, and created the organizational rigor and structure to help us maximize our effectiveness and prepare for our next growth objective. I'm delighted to say that this intentional approach paid dividends in 2021, as we not only hit that \$1 billion revenue milestone, but ended the year above \$1.5 billion.

Our health and wellness brand, **OPTAVIA**, now reaches a community of more than one million people annually who have used our coaching services, branded products and digital apps. It's no wonder that **OPTAVIA** has now joined the ranks of just a small number of food and beverage brands that have broken through the billion dollar revenue mark in the 21st century, placing us alongside some

of the most illustrious and well-known names in the consumer world. In terms of revenue, we are now the publicly traded market leader in the U.S. \$7 billion weight management industry, surpassing companies that just a few years ago were several times our size.

It's a truly remarkable achievement in a very short time period, and a testament to the passion and dedication of the **OPTAVIA** community and our employees. Together we have shown that our shared mission of providing the world lifelong transformation, one healthy habit at a time not only inspires change in our growing **OPTAVIA** community but has also built a foundation for a fast growing and vibrant company that is changing the way individuals approach health and wellness.

In 2021, Medifast recorded a 63.2% increase in revenues over the prior year. Net income increased 59.5% year-over-year to \$164.0 million, while earnings per share grew 60% to \$13.89.

Continued growth in Coach attraction, retention and productivity were significant drivers of this outstanding success. By the fourth quarter of 2021, our number of active earning coaches grew to 59,800, an increase of more than 35% over the prior year, while average revenue per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach was \$6,321 compared to \$5,932 for the fourth quarter of 2020, an increase of 6.6%.

Our commitment to client experience has played an important role in this success. We have made significant investments in our supply chain over the course of the past eighteen months, more than doubling our manufacturing and distribution capacity so that we can power growth and ensure that Clients can get products in a timely and effective manner.

We've also driven Coach productivity by harnessing the power of digital and social technology. During 2021, we launched two integrated digital apps to help Coaches support their current and future clients, as well as to help Clients better manage their **OPTAVIA** relationship and their overall health and wellness journey.

By the end of 2021, these apps were being used by more than 300,000 users in the **OPTAVIA** community, and we continue to see further potential for growth in the months ahead.

As a company, we see a world in which people find it easier and more rewarding to transform their lives for the better, through a health and wellbeing journey that is powered and optimized through a deep and engaged community.

When we began our business transformation five years ago, we defined our market in the United States as the commercial weight loss meal plan and replacement sector, worth an estimated \$7 billion.



Having achieved so much in this space, we believe that our differentiated model gives us a unique opportunity to expand and operate in a much wider addressable market than we do today.

The health and wellness market as a whole is worth \$230 billion in the United States alone, and it's our intention to pursue deeper penetration of that market through new and existing products and services in the future.

As we move forward to 2022, we have set a new growth milestone to double our revenue to \$3 billion. With our long-term growth objective of 15% firmly in focus, we anticipate we will achieve this goal within five years.

Technology will be at the core of our expanded growth vision. We'll leverage social media, communication platforms, apps and data to improve the efficiency of our Coach and Client community, and add to our strong platform of clinically proven products as well as our pioneering Habits of Health system. Through this process, we'll make our offer more attractive to increasing numbers of Clients, and unlock further opportunities for new service and subscription offers.

This process, in combination with continued improvement in field-led training, will be important to driving increased Coach efficiency and productivity, both in the United States and in international markets.

We continue to believe that there is significant opportunity around the globe, and as we expand into the broader health and wellness segment, we'll be looking for further ways to bring our deep insight and knowledge to bear in markets outside our domestic stronghold.

Our commitment to helping clients achieve lifelong transformation is relentless, with more than two million lives now impacted. Whether it's at home or internationally, it always starts with the work that we do in the communities where we live and work.

Our corporate social responsibility initiative, Healthy Habits for All, advances our mission by providing underserved communities with education and access to tools and support to help build their personal and family wellbeing.

Through partnerships with a number of non-profits, we can help break inter-generational chains of poor health to give kids and families in underserved communities the ability to transform their health and wellness destinies. It is important work, and I am proud of the role our employees, Coaches and Clients play in driving its success.

Whether we are working in the community or driving organizational effectiveness, the Medifast team is working with passion and commitment to drive positive outcomes.

We are building our operational effectiveness and repeatable business rhythms as we power our economic engine for consistent growth over the years ahead. We believe we have a fast-moving agile organization that can shift to take advantage of opportunities, and we have the solid financial foundation to give us a platform from which to expand into the wider health and wellness sector. More than anything, we have a world-class team that continues to improve all the time. It's no wonder we are optimistic about the future.

Thank you for your continued support as an investor in this company. I look forward to updating you further on our progress and success for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Dan Chard
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain information included in this Annual Report, such as descriptions of Medifast's objectives, goals or targets, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements give expectations or forecasts of future events. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control and are difficult to predict. Although Medifast believes that the expectations, statements, and assumptions reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Risks, uncertainties, and other factors that might cause such differences include, among others, Medifast's inability to attract and retain independent OPTAVIA Coaches, increases in competition, litigation, regulatory changes, its planned growth into new domestic and international markets and new channels of distribution, disruptions in Medifast's supply chain, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Medifast's results, and uncertainties and factors identified in Medifast's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Annual Report. Unless legally required, Medifast undertakes no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number: 001-31573

Medifast, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

13-3714405

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 International Drive

Baltimore, Maryland

21202

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(410) 581-8042

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	MED	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes No

As of June 30, 2021, the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the Registrant's common stock (based on the closing sale price of \$282.98, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on such date) held by non-affiliates was approximately \$3.3 billion.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding at February 14, 2022 was 11,542,630.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for its 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 (“Report”) contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Forward-looking statements often include words such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “would,” “could,” or similar expressions and are made in connection with discussions of future operating or financial performance and/or events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future.

Forward-looking statements reflect management’s expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals and strategies as of the date of this Report. Although we believe that these forward-looking statements and the underlying assumptions on which they are based are reasonable, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. By their nature, forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict or quantify. Our actual results and financial condition may differ materially from what is anticipated in the forward-looking statements. Some of the risks and uncertainties that may affect our business include:

- risks associated with our direct-to-consumer business model;
- the impact of rapid growth on our systems;
- disruptions in our supply chain;
- health or advertising related claims by our clients;
- our ability to continue to develop innovative new products and to continue to appeal to consumer preferences and the market;
- effectiveness of our advertising and marketing programs, including use of social media by independent **OPTAVIA** Coaches;
- our ability to maintain and grow our network of independent **OPTAVIA** Coaches;
- the departure of one or more key personnel;
- our ability to protect against online security risks, including security breaches and identity theft;
- our ability to protect our brand and other intellectual property rights;
- expansion into international markets increases our operational, regulatory and other risks;
- adverse publicity associated with our products;
- the impact of existing and future laws and regulations on our business;
- product liability claims;
- actions of activist investors;
- our ability to continue declaring dividends;
- the impact of the global outbreak of COVID-19;
- consequences of unexpected geopolitical events, natural disasters, acts of war or terrorism, or climate change;
- overall economic and market conditions and the resultant impact on consumer spending patterns;
- fluctuations of the market price of our common stock due to factors that are beyond our control;
- a failure of our internal control over financial reporting; and
- other risks and uncertainties described elsewhere in this Report, including those described under Item 1A - “Risk Factors” of this Report, and in subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Report. We undertake no obligation to update any information contained in this Report or to publicly release the results of any revisions to forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances of which we may become aware after the date of this Report.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

SUMMARY

Medifast, Inc. (“Medifast,” the “Company,” “we” or “us”) is the global company behind one of the fastest-growing health and wellness communities, **OPTAVIA**[®], which offers Lifelong Transformation, One Healthy Habit at a Time[®]. Reflecting the success of our holistic approach to health and wellness, we have consistently grown revenue over the past five years. Of equal importance, we expect our differentiated direct-to-consumer business model to continue to deliver growth in the foreseeable future.

Medifast has redefined direct selling by combining the best aspects of the model, while eliminating those dimensions that have typically challenged other companies. Medifast is often compared to diet and weight loss-only companies or to multi-level marketing companies, but our model is different.

Our **OPTAVIA** brand offers a highly competitive and effective lifestyle solution centered on developing new healthy habits through smaller, foundational changes called micro-habits. The program is built around four key components:

- **Independent OPTAVIA Coaches:** Provide individualized support and guidance to clients on the path to optimal health and wellbeing.
- **OPTAVIA Community:** A Community of like-hearted people providing each other with real-time connection and support.
- **The Habits of Health[®] Transformational System:** A proprietary system which offers easy steps to a sustainably healthy lifestyle.
- **Products & Plans:** Clinically proven plans and scientifically developed products, called “Fuelings,” backed by dietitians, scientists and physicians.

We help clients achieve their health goals through a network of approximately 59,800 independent **OPTAVIA** Coaches, about 90% of whom were clients first, and have impacted more than 2 million lives to date. **OPTAVIA** Coaches introduce clients to a set of healthy habits, in most cases starting with the habit of healthy eating, and offer exclusive **OPTAVIA**-branded nutritional products, or Fuelings. Fuelings are nutrient-dense, portion-controlled, nutritionally interchangeable and simple to use. They are formulated with high-quality ingredients and are fortified with probiotic cultures, vitamins and minerals, as well as other nutrients essential for good health. Our products support the process of integrating healthy habits into our client’s day-to-day lives.

The **OPTAVIA** coaching model is client-centric and boasts an energized health and wellness community. It promotes holistic health and wellness and positions healthy weight as a catalyst to greater lifestyle changes. **OPTAVIA** Coaches provide personalized support to clients and motivate them by sharing their passion for healthy living and lifestyle transformation. We believe this personal coaching is an essential factor in client success based on findings from a clinical study published in *Obesity Science and Practice* in 2018, which validated the **OPTAVIA** model when its meal plan was combined with education and support consistent with that provided by **OPTAVIA** Coaches.

The entrepreneurial spirit of our **OPTAVIA** Coaches is another key to our success, as they create a continuous cycle of growth, activating new clients, many of whom go on to become **OPTAVIA** Coaches. We offer economic incentives designed to support each **OPTAVIA** Coach’s long-term success, which we believe plays an important role in their financial wellness, providing the opportunity to improve their finances while changing the health trajectory of families, communities and generations.¹

OPTAVIA Coaches are independent contractors, not employees, who support clients and market our products and services primarily through word of mouth, email and via social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and video conferencing platforms. As entrepreneurs, **OPTAVIA** Coaches market our products to friends, family and other acquaintances. **OPTAVIA** products are shipped directly to **OPTAVIA** clients who are working with an **OPTAVIA** Coach. **OPTAVIA** Coaches do not handle or deliver merchandise to clients. This arrangement frees our **OPTAVIA** Coaches from having to manage inventory and allows them to maintain an arms-length transactional relationship while focusing their attention on support and encouragement.

¹ **OPTAVIA** makes no guarantee of financial success. Success with **OPTAVIA** results from successful sales efforts, which require hard work, diligence, skill, persistence, competence and leadership. Please see the **OPTAVIA** Income Disclosure Statement (<http://bit.ly/idsOPTAVIA>) for statistics on actual earnings of Coaches.

We measure our success by the results our clients are able to achieve. The more **OPTAVIA** Coaches we have, the more clients we can serve. The total number of active earning **OPTAVIA** Coaches as of December 31, 2021 was 59,800. Our growth is demonstrated by strong financial performance over the last several years. We generated revenue of \$1.526 billion in 2021, \$934.8 million in 2020 and \$713.7 million in 2019, representing year-over-year increases of 63.2% in 2021 and 31.0% in 2020. Income from operations was \$216.2 million in 2021, \$134.2 million in 2020 and \$91.0 million in 2019, representing year-over-year increases of 61.2% in 2021 and 47.5% in 2020.

We are one of the fastest growing health and wellness companies in the United States ("U.S."), with a large and growing market opportunity. We believe our coach-based model is scalable and drives both client success and growth. We expect our continued investment in fostering a robust community around our **OPTAVIA** brand and our **OPTAVIA** Coaching Model will continue to drive a sustainable, repeatable business rhythm focused on our mission of offering the world Lifelong Transformation, One Healthy Habit at a Time.

Our operations are conducted through our wholly owned subsidiaries, Jason Pharmaceuticals, Inc., **OPTAVIA**, LLC, Jason Enterprises, Inc., Jason Properties, LLC, Medifast Franchise Systems, Inc., Seven Crondall Associates, LLC, Corporate Events, Inc., **OPTAVIA** (Hong Kong) Limited, **OPTAVIA** (Singapore) PTE. LTD and **OPTAVIA** Health Consultation (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.

COVID-19 Update

A novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19") surfaced in late 2019 and has spread around the world, including to the U.S. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic.

In response to the pandemic, many governments implemented policies intended to stop or slow the further spread of the disease, such as social distancing guidelines, shelter-in-place orders and other measures. Nutritional supplements and health foods have been designated critical/essential infrastructure in the U.S. As a manufacturer and distributor of these products our manufacturing and distribution facilities remain fully operational to date and we have not experienced any meaningful disruption to our worldwide supply chain. The Company's priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be protecting the health and safety of our employees and **OPTAVIA** Coaches, and their families, and we have undertaken numerous steps and instituted additional precautions to protect their safety and well-being, including:

- instituting enhanced safety protocols to comply with guidelines from government and health officials, limiting visitation to our plant and distribution center and rolling out additional sick leave (crisis pay) for our onsite essential employees;
- shifting to a hybrid approach for all onsite employees, enabling them to work 2-3 days from our offices with the flexibility to work 2-3 days from their home offices, in order to optimize productivity, foster strong relationships and promote health and well-being;
- implementing additional health and safety precautions in our headquarters, manufacturing and distribution centers, including use of personal protective equipment and frequent hand sanitization; and
- establishing controls in relation to social distancing, visitors, travel and quarantine.

Although vaccines are available in various countries where we operate, it is possible the COVID-19 pandemic could further impact our operations and the operations of our suppliers and vendors, particularly in light of the potential of variant strains of the virus to cause a resumption of high levels of infection and hospitalization. Should that occur, the extent to which the pandemic ultimately impacts the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and liquidity may differ from management's current expectations. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from management's expectations include inherent uncertainties regarding the duration and further spread of the outbreak, its severity, government actions taken to contain the virus or treat its impact, changes in consumer behavior resulting from the pandemic and how quickly and to what extent normal economic and operating conditions can resume. The senior management team meets regularly to review and assess the status of the Company's operations and the health and safety of its various constituencies, and will continue to proactively respond to the situation and communicate with our supply chain partners to identify and mitigate risk and to manage inventory levels. The Company may take further actions that alter its business operations as may be required by governmental authorities, or that are determined to be in the best interests of employees, **OPTAVIA** Coaches and clients.

These uncertainties make it challenging for our management to estimate our future business performance. However, we intend to continue to actively monitor the impact of COVID-19 and related developments on our business and will update our practices accordingly, as we have done throughout the pandemic.

MARKETS

Health & Wellness Consumers

We develop and market products for consumers who want to lose weight and adopt a holistic approach to overall health and wellness. According to the most recently published data by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), over 70% of all adults in the U.S. aged 20 and above were overweight or obese in 2017-2018, and is growing at approximately 2% per annum.

According to a proprietary analysis, the addressable market for weight loss is large and growing. It’s worth about \$20 billion today with a growth rate of approximately 6% per annum. Additionally, roughly 75% of the U.S. population above 18 wants to lose weight and is open to dieting, and approximately 65% of overweight/obese population considers paid meal plans effective. The total potential pool of **OPTAVIA** clients is sizable; there are about 175 million people looking to lose weight and willing to consider dieting in the U.S.²

We offer clients a radically different approach to health, with weight loss and weight management serving as a catalyst to an overall improvement in health, confidence, vitality and general well-being.

Consumer Motivation

Our core clients are highly motivated to adopt a healthy lifestyle that is transformative and sustainable. Many have tried weight loss programs previously, but have been unsuccessful at maintaining a healthy weight and embracing healthy habits for the long-term. Lifestyle issues our clients often seek to address and resolve include:

- physical limitations and debilitating medical conditions linked to an unhealthy weight;
- the desire for more energy to meet physical demands and aspirations (e.g. work, parenting, sports and recreation);
- mental, emotional and psychological limitations caused by being at an unhealthy weight;
- triggers that cause chronic “emotional eating” or “comfort eating”;
- lack of knowledge or understanding about the impact of certain foods on their bodies and overall health;
- lack of knowledge or understanding about how to balance different food groups;
- the need for a convenient and simple, healthy lifestyle solution or program to accommodate demands on their time; and
- the need for a community of like-minded people for support to achieve their goals.

Weight management is a challenge for a significant portion of the U.S. population, as well as the global population. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, overweight and obese individuals are increasingly at risk for diseases such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, certain types of cancer, stroke, arthritis, sleep apnea and depression. In 2013, The American Medical Association declared obesity a disease and the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, and the Obesity Society jointly issued treatment guidelines recommending obesity be managed as a chronic disease. In 2016, the World Health Organization estimates that approximately 1.9 billion people 18 years and older were overweight worldwide, triple the rate since 1975.

Obesity is defined as a Body Mass Index (“BMI”) of 30 kg/m² or greater, whereas overweight is defined as a BMI ranging between 25 and 29.9 kg/m. In the U.S., more than two-thirds of the adult population fall within the overweight or obese categories and approximately 42.4% were obese in 2017. By 2017, only two states and the District of Columbia had an obesity rate that was less than 25%; twenty-nine states had an adult obesity rate of 30% or higher. Being overweight and/or obese is linked to a multitude of serious comorbidities including heart disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes, certain types of cancers, arthritis, sleep apnea and depression. In fact, the 2020 National Diabetes Statistics Report from CDC estimated approximately 89% of people with diabetes were overweight or had obesity.

Consumers in the U.S. spend an estimated \$147 billion annually on obesity-related medical conditions according to data reported by CDC’s National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Prevention Division; the average annual medical costs for those who are obese are more than \$1,400 higher than those of people in a normal weight range. According to a 2020 study by Marketdata Enterprises, the U.S. weight loss market itself is estimated to be a roughly \$61.9 billion per year industry, including consumer spending on diet foods, drinks and low-calorie sweeteners, health clubs, fitness centers and workout videos; medically supervised and commercial weight loss programs; children’s weight loss camps; diet books; appetite suppressants

² Consumer and **OPTAVIA** Client surveys February 2020, NCHS, team analysis

and more. Portion-controlled, meal-replacement weight management programs are continuing to gain popularity, as consumers search for a safe and effective solution that provides balanced nutrition, effective weight loss, and valuable behavior-modification education.

Direct Sellers

Our business model combines the most powerful aspects of direct selling, while eliminating those dimensions that have typically challenged other companies. Our growth does not depend on recruiting thousands of distributors who take on inventory to sell to clients. Rather, **OPTAVIA** Coaches help clients adopt healthy habits and learn the benefits of **OPTAVIA** products, which are shipped directly to the clients. We are often compared to diet and weight loss-only companies or to multi-level marketing companies, but our model is different. We support clients through independent **OPTAVIA** Coaches, about 90% of whom were clients first.

Our competitive advantages:

- **OPTAVIA's** innovative model is client-centric and has one sales price to both **OPTAVIA** Coaches and clients. There is no tiered pricing.
- **OPTAVIA** Coaches focus on coaching and supporting clients. They do not hold inventory or manage cash.
- **OPTAVIA** boasts an energized health and wellness community, where about 90% of Coaches come from the client base and have been in their clients' shoes. They promote a holistic wellness program and are not exclusively focused on product sales. Our competitive **OPTAVIA** Coach compensation plan is also deliberately structured to incentivize coaching and support client success.
- The field promotes a unified training system that aligns its leaders around a common mission.

OPTAVIA offers an entrepreneurial opportunity that allows Coaches:

- to start, manage and grow their own business with minimal upfront capital investment;
- the ability to earn supplemental income;
- the ability to enjoy a work-life balance;
- the opportunity to market products they believe in; and
- the opportunity to complement other business pursuits.

Markets

United States

The U.S. is our principal market and continues to represent significant potential for growth given the high percentage of overweight or clinically obese adults, where over 70% of adults aged 20 and over were considered overweight or obese in 2017-2018. Sales of weight loss and health and wellness products and services are projected to grow at a compound average growth rate ("CAGR") of approximately 7% in the United States through 2022, according to industry research and analysis.

Industry growth is also being driven by growing consumer awareness and increasing demand for health and wellness products. The intensified interest in physical fitness, fitness center membership, increased public awareness and incidences of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis and others have increased demand for health and wellness products. The nutrition and weight management segment of the industry continued to dominate the health and wellness market in 2021.

OPTAVIA Coaches are focusing on word of mouth and social media marketing toward increasingly younger demographics, reaching out to important and increasingly diverse communities of health and wellness consumers, and identifying and marketing to consumers who are in varying stages of optimal well-being.

Asia Pacific

As we previously disclosed, global expansion is an important component of our long-term growth strategy. In July 2019, we commenced our international operations, entering into the Asia Pacific markets of Hong Kong and Singapore. Our decision to enter these markets was based on industry market research that reflects a dynamic shift in how health care is being prioritized and consumed in those countries. We outsource a distribution center in Hong Kong to provide adequate product distribution capacity for the foreseeable future in these markets.

Like the U.S., we believe healthy lifestyles have increasingly become a priority to middle-class consumers in the Asia Pacific markets as disposable income grows. Our research has found that while traditional remedies are still essential, consumers are increasingly incorporating healthy living products into their daily lives. In-market testing of our products and programs evoked strong consumer response and acceptance.

Asia Pacific is the largest health and wellness marketplace in the world, in terms of revenue share, with robust growth projected over the next several years. The region also is a leading direct selling marketplace, with China representing the second largest market for direct selling retail sales as of 2020.

PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS

We take pride in our scientific heritage. We have authored 18 peer-reviewed publications over the past 10 years. Most recently, we conducted a double blind study that shows the effects that **OPTAVIA** Coaching has on the program; the results suggested that speaking with their **OPTAVIA** Coach more often may help clients lose up to twice as much weight.³

Our clinically proven plans and our scientifically developed products were developed by physicians, dietitians, and scientists to help clients achieve a healthy weight. We work closely with our cross-disciplinary Scientific Advisory Board comprised of physicians and scientists who help guide and provide valuable input into the development of our comprehensive portfolio of offerings. Our products are scientifically designed to deliver proper nutrition at every stage of a person's journey toward a sustainable, healthy lifestyle. Our exclusive **OPTAVIA**-branded nutritional products, fuelings, are nutrient-dense, portion-controlled, nutritionally interchangeable and simple to use.

OPTAVIA-BRANDED PRODUCTS

OPTAVIA-branded nutritional products we market include:

- **OPTAVIA Essential Fuelings.** **OPTAVIA** Essential Fuelings contain 24 vitamins and minerals, high quality, complete protein, and no colors, flavors or sweeteners from artificial sources. Each **OPTAVIA** Essential Fueling is scientifically formulated with the right balance of carbohydrates, protein and fat which helps promote a gentle, but efficient fat-burning state. Our Fuelings contain high-quality protein which helps our clients retain lean muscle mass and each contains the patented probiotic BC30™ to support digestive health as part of a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle. Our **OPTAVIA** Coaches market **OPTAVIA** Essential Fuelings primarily through a suite of scientifically proven Optimal Weight Plans. Clients purchase kits tailored to their individual needs on the advice and counsel of their **OPTAVIA** Coach. Kits, ranging in price from approximately \$428.20 to \$472.95, include up to a 30-day supply of Fuelings and are purchased by our clients through our e-commerce website, their **OPTAVIA** Coach's personalized replicated website or our call center.
- **OPTAVIA Select Fuelings.** **OPTAVIA** Select Fuelings represent our Non-GMO line of products. These products have unique flavor profiles, work with the same suite of Optimal Weight Plans described below but are formulated for those who desire Non-GMO products.
- **OPTAVIA Coach Business Kit.** Coaches are required to purchase a business kit to join our network. The kits provide new **OPTAVIA** Coaches with business essentials to successfully start their independent business, including plan information and 12 months of free access to a personalized **OPTAVIA** website.

OPTAVIA-BRANDED PLANS

Our **OPTAVIA**-branded health and wellness plans help clients enter a gentle, but efficient fat-burning state. Their success is enhanced by the personal attention, counseling, education, advice and motivation they receive from our **OPTAVIA** Coaches. They also benefit from being members of a broader **OPTAVIA** Community of clients with like-minded goals and objectives regarding their health. We offer clients incentives to join the **OPTAVIA** Community, including support calls with a caring

³ Based on the results of a 16-week clinical study, those who participated in at least 75% of their 23 assigned **OPTAVIA** Coaching calls lost 15.2 lbs. compared to 6.7 lbs. for those participating in fewer calls.

community, exclusive offers through our **OPTAVIA** Premier service that help our clients stay on plan, as well as qualifies them for discounts on purchased products and free shipping. We encourage our clients to embrace our Six Steps to Optimal Health:

- Prepare for your journey.
- Achieve a healthy weight.
- Transition to healthy eating.
- Live the Habits of Health.
- Optimize health for your age.
- The potential to live a longer healthier life.⁴

The majority of our **OPTAVIA** Coaches began as weight-loss clients and became **OPTAVIA** Coaches for a number of reasons, including to pay it forward and help others through their transformation journey. Optimal Weight and Health plans we market to clients are:

- **The Optimal Weight 5 & 1 Plan[®]**. Our proven Optimal Weight 5 & 1 Plan encourages clients to eat six small meals a day, an important habit that helps maintain healthy weight. Five daily meals are **OPTAVIA** Fuelings, offering clients a choice from more than 50 delicious, convenient, nutritionally interchangeable, scientifically-designed products, including shakes, soups, bars, hot beverages, hearty choices, biscuits, pretzels, pudding and brownies. **OPTAVIA** Coaches counsel their clients on which Fuelings to select. **OPTAVIA** Coaches also counsel their clients on how to develop healthy habits, such as preparing lean and green meals and choosing healthy snacks.
- **Optimal Weight 4 & 2 & 1 Plan[®]**. The Optimal Weight 4 & 2 & 1 Plan is designed for clients who want to continue eating all food groups or want a flexible meal plan to help them achieve a healthy weight. Under this plan, **OPTAVIA** Coaches counsel their clients to eat four meals of **OPTAVIA** Fuelings and prepare two lean and green meals and one healthy snack themselves.
- **Optimal Health 3 & 3 Plan[®]**. The Optimal Health 3 & 3 plan is designed for clients who want to sustain a healthy weight. This plan focuses on nutritionally balanced, small meals eaten every two or three hours, similar to our Optimal Weight plans, while integrating more food choices in the right portions. Clients are counseled by their **OPTAVIA** Coaches to eat three Optimal Health Fuelings and three balanced meals they prepare themselves daily.

No matter what plan a client is on, they learn the Habits of Health through the Habits of Health[®] Transformational System which is a crucial tool for client success and provides the foundation for our community to learn and adopt healthy habits. The Habits of Health Transformational System is an innovative, mind and body lifestyle approach that encourages and educates clients to replace unhealthy habits with healthy ones that contribute to their long-term success.

THE MEDIFAST BRAND

Consistent with business and brand strategy, the Company has completed the sunset of the Medifast Direct channel and Medifast-branded product line during the second quarter of 2021. By maintaining our commitment to building capabilities in the areas that matter most to our **OPTAVIA** Coaches and clients within the **OPTAVIA** channel, we believe we will enhance our ability to further grow our business over the next several years, enabling robust revenue growth while also maintaining our profitability in the long-term.

CLIENTS

Sales are made to individual clients. No single client accounted for 10% or more of our consolidated revenue for the year ended December 31, 2021.

SEASONALITY

Demand for weight management products and programs are typically seasonal. Traditionally, the predisposition of clients not to initiate a weight loss or management program during the holiday season impacts the fourth quarter with fewer sales of weight

⁴ No one can predict how long you are going to live, but research suggests that making an overall lifestyle change by taking an active role in your choices and behavior, including losing weight, eating healthier, moving more, and reducing stress, has the potential to help you live a longer, healthier life.

management products and services during these months. January and February generally show increases in sales, as these months are considered the commencement of the “diet season.” We believe our sales pattern does not follow the seasonality of our industry, but rather is predicated on the growth of our **OPTAVIA** Coach network.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Our Scientific Advisory Board consists of a multi-disciplinary, international panel that serves as the foundation for scientifically-valid, client-centric, high quality innovations for lasting health. Its mission is to help guide us in making informed decisions regarding medical, nutritional, and scientific matters by providing expertise and information on research and emerging trends.

The work of this cross-disciplinary group builds on our scientific heritage and incorporates leading-edge clinical research into our products and programs.

COMPETITION

The weight-loss industry is very competitive and encompasses various weight loss products and programs. These include a wide variety of commercial weight-loss programs, pharmaceutical products, books, self-help diets, dietary meal replacements, and appetite suppressants, as well as, digital tools, app-based health and wellness monitoring solutions and wearable trackers. The weight loss market is served by a diverse array of competitors. Potential clients seeking to manage their weight can turn to other traditional center-based competitors, online diet-oriented sites, self-directed dieting and self-administered products such as prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs and supplements, as well as medically supervised programs. We also compete with other direct selling organizations, some of which have a longer operating history, and greater visibility, name recognition and financial resources than we do.

Medifast’s identified publicly-traded peers and competitors in the general health and wellness diet industry include USANA Health Sciences Inc., WW International, Inc. (formerly Weight Watchers International, Inc.), Nature’s Sunshine Products Inc., Herbalife Nutrition Ltd., Simply Good Foods Co., The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., BellRing Brands, Inc., and Beyond Meat, Inc.

We have a competitive advantage over traditional diet companies. The **OPTAVIA** model:

- Promotes a program that focuses on holistic wellness; it views healthy weight as a catalyst to greater changes.
- Offers personalized, empathetic support from Coaches that have been in their clients’ shoes.
- Offers lifelong habit development supported by a proprietary integrated system, the Habits of Health Transformational System.
- Has a vibrant health and wellness community that has impacted more than 2 million lives.

We also have an advantage over traditional direct selling companies:

- **OPTAVIA**’s innovative model is client-centric and has one sales price to both **OPTAVIA** Coaches and clients. There is no tiered pricing.
- **OPTAVIA** boasts a health and wellness community, where about 90% of **OPTAVIA** Coaches come from the client base and have been in their clients’ shoes. They promote a holistic health and wellness program and are not focused on product sales.
- **OPTAVIA** Coaches promote a unified training system that aligns its leaders around a common mission.

We believe our scientific and clinical heritage and commitment to evaluating products and programs through clinical research are primary differentiators that allow us to compete in this market. Our products were originally developed by a physician, and we have been on the cutting edge in the development of nutritional and weight-management products since our founding. Our products are individually portioned, calorie and carbohydrate-controlled meal replacements that share a similar nutritional “footprint” and provide a balance of protein and good carbohydrates, including fiber.

Our **OPTAVIA** Integrated Coaching Model offers the personal support of an **OPTAVIA** Coach, who is often a person who has achieved success with **OPTAVIA** and has turned their success into a business opportunity.

MARKETING

We continue to build and leverage our core brands through multiple marketing strategies. Customer acquisition and retention strategies include word-of-mouth, digital marketing, public relations, social media, email marketing, events and other means. These mediums are used to target new clients by stressing **OPTAVIA**'s simple and effective approach to weight loss and management and long-term health. Many of these programs are also utilized to reactivate, encourage and support existing clients and **OPTAVIA** Coaches. We are constantly working to enhance all of our Company materials and websites.

MANUFACTURING

Jason Pharmaceuticals, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary with a manufacturing facility in Owings Mills, Maryland, is one of the primary manufacturers of our powder-based products, which account for approximately 17% of our powder-based unit sales. We purchased the plant in July 2002 and have gradually increased production capacity and improved overall efficiencies with additional investments in blending and packaging equipment. The remaining 83% of our powder-based unit sales are manufactured by third-party vendors in accordance with Medifast proprietary formulas and manufacturing standards. Our Owings Mills manufacturing facility is regulated and inspected by the United States Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA"), the United States Department of Agriculture (the "USDA"), the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Office of Food Protection. It is certified by the Safe Qualified Food Institute as a Safe Quality Food Program Level 2 facility compliant with the Global Food Safety Initiative, a global non-profit collaboration to advance food safety.

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

We are subject to extensive foreign, federal, state, and local government laws and regulations, including those relating to the preparation and sale of food and beverages, in the various jurisdictions in which we operate, own, and lease properties, and market our offerings, including our **OPTAVIA** program, our products, and other aspects of our business. We are also subject to laws governing our relationships with employees, including minimum wage requirements, overtime, working conditions, hiring and firing, non-discrimination for disabilities and other individual characteristics, work permits, and benefit offerings. Further, we are subject to laws governing our relationships with our independent contractor **OPTAVIA** Coaches. To date, compliance with federal, state and local environmental protection regulations has not had a material effect on our capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position.

In this section, we describe the regulations that are applicable to our business.

Direct Selling Regulations

Direct selling is regulated by various national, state and local government agencies in the United States and foreign markets. These laws and regulations are generally intended to prevent fraudulent or deceptive schemes, including "pyramid" schemes, which compensate participants primarily for recruiting additional participants without significant emphasis on product sales to consumers. The laws and regulations governing direct selling may be modified or reinterpreted from time to time, which may cause us to modify our sales compensation and business models. In almost all of our domestic markets, regulations are subject to discretionary interpretation by regulators and judicial authorities. There is often ambiguity and uncertainty with respect to the state of direct selling and anti-pyramiding laws and regulations. In the United States, for example, federal law provides law enforcement agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC"), broad latitude in policing unfair or deceptive trade practices, but does not provide a bright-line test for identifying a pyramid scheme. Several states have passed legislation that more clearly distinguishes between illegal pyramid schemes and legitimate multi-level marketing ("MLM") business models. Recent settlements between the FTC and other direct selling companies and guidance from the FTC have addressed inappropriate earnings and lifestyle claims and the importance of focusing on consumers. These developments have created a level of ambiguity as to the proper interpretation of the law and related court decisions. For example, in 2016, the FTC entered into a settlement with another multi-level marketing company, requiring the company to modify its business model, including basing sales compensation and qualification only on sales to retail and preferred customers and on purchases by a distributor for personal consumption within allowable limits. Although this settlement does not represent judicial precedent or a new FTC rule, the FTC has indicated that the industry should look at this settlement, and the principles underlying its specific measures, for guidance. If the requirements in this settlement lead to new industry standards or new rules, our business could be impacted and we may need to amend our compensation plan.

In 2018, the FTC released its nonbinding Business Guidance Concerning Multi-Level Marketing ("MLM Guidance"). The MLM Guidance explains, among other things, the FTC's views concerning lawful and unlawful compensation structures, whether personal consumption by participants can be used in determining a MLM organization's compensation structure, and

how a MLM organization should approach representations to current and prospective participants. We believe our current business practices comply with the MLM Guidance.

In 2019, the FTC took aggressive actions against a multi-level marketing company, alleging that the company operated an illegal pyramid scheme that deceived consumers into believing that they could earn significant income as distributors of its health and wellness products. The company eventually entered into a consent order with the FTC, pursuant to which the company was permanently prohibited from using a multilevel compensation plan in the United States. We have taken additional steps to educate our Coaches on proper earnings claims. If our Coaches make improper claims, or if regulators determine we are making any improper claims, this could lead to an FTC investigation and could harm our business.

Additionally, in 2009 the FTC promulgated nonbinding Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising (“Endorsement Guides”) which explained what endorsement practices the FTC views as being unfair or deceptive acts or practices. In 2020, the FTC sought public comments on whether the Endorsement Guides should be amended. The last time the FTC sought similar public comments led to a major revision of the Endorsement Guides. Consequently, the FTC could bring an enforcement action based on practices that are inconsistent with the current Endorsement Guides as it considers revisions. Under the current Endorsement Guides, advertisements that feature a consumer and convey his or her atypical experience with a product or service are required to clearly disclose the typical results that consumers can generally expect. **OPTAVIA** has adapted its rules regarding the practices of its Coaches in order to comply with the current Endorsement Guides, but we cannot be sure that the FTC will not challenge our advertising or other operations in the future.

We continue to monitor developments to assess whether we should make any changes to our business or compensation plan. If we are required to make changes or if the FTC seeks to enforce similar measures in the industry, either through rulemaking or an enforcement action against our company, our business could be harmed.

Other Regulations

A number of laws and regulations govern our advertising and marketing, services, products, operations and relations with consumers, franchisees, and other service providers and government authorities in the countries in which we operate.

The formulation, processing, packaging, labeling, marketing, advertising and selling of the Company’s products is subject to regulation by federal, state and local agencies. Products must comply with the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Food Safety Modernization Act, the Federal Trade Commission Act, State Consumer Protection laws and several other federal, state and local statutes and regulations applicable in localities in which the Company products are made or are sold.

The FDA, USDA and state and local health departments are the major agencies whose regulatory mission is to assure that products are made using approved ingredients, labeling, manufacturing procedures and testing to ensure that safe quality products are delivered to consumers.

Laws and regulations directly applicable to data protection and communications, operations or commerce over the Internet, such as those governing intellectual property, privacy and taxation, continue to evolve. Our operations are subject to these laws and regulations and we continue to monitor their development and our compliance. In addition, we are subject to other laws and regulations in the United States and internationally.

The FTC has principal regulatory authority over the Company’s advertising and trade practices, its enforcement powers are aimed at protecting the consumer from being deceived by unfair marketing and trading practices.

During the mid-1990s, the FTC filed complaints against a number of commercial weight management providers alleging violations of federal law in connection with the use of advertisements that featured testimonial claims for program success and program costs. In 2012, Jason Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a consent decree with the FTC regarding certain statements included in the advertising for the Company’s weight-loss programs. The consent decree requires us to comply with certain procedures and disclosures in connection with our advertisements of products and services.

PRODUCT LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The Company, like other producers and distributors of ingested products, faces an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims in the event that, among other things, the use of its products results in injury or death. The Company maintains insurance against product liability claims with respect to the products it manufactures. With respect to the retail and direct marketing

distribution of products produced by others, the Company's principal form of insurance consists of arrangements with each of its suppliers of those products to name the Company a covered entity under each of such vendor's product liability insurance policies. The Company does not buy products from suppliers who do not maintain such coverage.

WORKING CAPITAL PRACTICES

We maintain sufficient amounts of inventory in stock in order to provide a high level of service to our clients. Substantial inventories are required to meet the needs of our dual role as manufacturer and distributor.

ENVIRONMENT LAWS

We are not aware of any instance in which we have contravened federal, state, or local laws relating to protection of the environment or in which we otherwise may be subject to liability for environmental conditions that could materially affect operations.

HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

As of December 31, 2021, the Company employed 984 team members, of whom 624 were engaged in manufacturing, logistics and supply chain support, and 360 in marketing, administrative and corporate support functions. None of our team members are subject to a collective bargaining agreement with the Company. We actively foster an organizational culture centered around strong cross-functional relationships and are focused on driving an excellent employee experience. Of our total team members, 974 are employed in the United States and 10 are employed in Asia Pacific.

At Medifast, we nurture a one team mindset that celebrates strong cross-functional teaming and partnering. Our culture emphasizes the importance of building community and strong relationships to facilitate trust, understanding and empathy. We have a Culture Compass that expresses:

- Our Mission ... why we exist
- Our Focus ... on Coaches and Clients
- Our Core Values ... what we believe
- Our Success Drivers ... how we lead
- Our Operating Principles ... how we make choices

Our Community (Coach Community & our team members) is united by our values – we are one team with one mission, guided by clear, shared behaviors that help us stay aligned as we grow and enable us to prioritize our work, plan for the future and harness our combined energy to accomplish our company objectives. Our Compass is fully embedded in our core human capital processes to ensure our team members understand how their success translates to the success of the greater team and ultimately to an amazing Coach & Client Experience.

Building transparency and developing communication channels that allow us to cascade information and connect our teams are critical components of our people strategy. We leverage our Workplace from Meta platform to connect, collaborate, incite conversations around topics that matter to us (like wellness), foster greater comradery, celebrate our successes and build trust among peers. We leverage our communication channels to remind team members of the significant impact they have on the Coach and Client Experience, help them understand our business model, get them engaged in opportunities to learn and increase empathy across functional teams.

In 2021, we established a new recognition program (#AcedIt!), to provide team members and people leaders a platform to recognize excellent work that supports our business strategy and applaud behaviors that reinforce our cultural values. We believe fostering a sense of gratitude is a key component to nurturing strong relationships and building tight-knit communities. Our #AcedIt! program allows for both social and point-based recognition as well as celebrates team members for achieving important milestones in service.

Diversity is one of Medifast's Core Values and an important part of our culture. As an organization, we are committed to generating an open dialog with our team members as well as improving our learning on how we can foster a more inclusive work environment that enables all our team members to have a voice. On a regular basis, we deploy pulse surveys after significant events or programs so that we can gain a deeper understanding of how we can better serve our team members' needs, ensure we are staying aligned with our mission and gauge our team members' understanding of our company strategy and goals. In 2021, we piloted a listening initiative we call "The Loop". The Loop is enabled by a technology platform that will allow us to institutionalize our listening program and have a way to promote communication transparency and ultimately allow us to monitor and improve our organizational health. We plan to deploy The Loop organization wide in 2022.

We regularly review our team members' feedback to better align our human capital initiatives to their needs. In 2020, the company established a relationship with an external partner to assess our work environment and identify opportunities in the area of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion ("DEI"). Based on the results of this assessment, in 2021, we planned and deployed leadership training for our executive and senior leadership team and identified the cultural elements most critical for us to nurture in order to strengthen inclusion within our company. As part of our focus on inclusion and to foster community in a time of 100% remote work, we established a new initiative called Culture Club. Culture Club is open to all team members and is intended to give team members a platform to connect and learn together as well as socialize and build stronger bonds.

Nurturing growth and learning are also key elements of our culture. In 2021, we hosted 11 focus groups to understand the capabilities needed by our team members and identified key competencies that will be at the center of future learning and development initiatives. Our executive leaders also expanded their talent review and succession planning process to reach deeper into the organization and gain an understanding of opportunities and strength areas to further inform development plans and accelerate the learning of top talent.

Medifast is focused on attracting and retaining top talent who are eager to participate in our mission. Our Total Rewards Program is intended to deliver competitive compensation and benefits that align with our company mission and values. Annually, we review our market reference ranges and the pay of our team members to ensure we are paying competitively, applying a consistent market pricing approach and ensure we are considering internal equity. Our variable pay targets are performance based and tied to organizational results.

In 2021, we continued to prioritize the health and well-being of our team members. All onsite-essential teams continued to adhere to our enhanced safety protocols and had access to additional sick time. For our onsite-flexible teams, effective October 2021, we rolled out a hybrid work plan that allowed team members to work 2 to 3 days from the office. We developed and deployed a Hybrid Playbook to assist people leaders in formulating a plan that enables flexibility and allows them to optimize collaboration across their teams. We will continue to listen and adjust our plans as we continue on this hybrid work journey.

In addition to our team members, our Human Capital also includes our independent contractor **OPTAVIA** Coaches. They support our clients and market our products and services primarily through word of mouth, email and via social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and video conferencing platforms. For more information about our **OPTAVIA** Coaches, see Item 1. Business.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

Our websites use commercially developed software which are hosted by data center colocation and cloud service providers. The hosting facilities provide carrier-diverse network connectivity, information security technologies, redundant and emergency power, fire prevention and control, and physical security. Our information systems and infrastructure are monitored continuously, 24x7. Redundant carrier-diverse networks are also used to interconnect our corporate locations. SSAE 18 compliance of key service organizations is evaluated annually by reviewing relevant System and Organization Controls (SOC) reports. Where applicable, service provider PCI-DSS compliance is also reviewed annually.

A variety of information security methods are used to protect confidential customer and corporate data against unauthorized access, including periodic network and website penetration testing. Network intrusion detection and prevention technologies are in use to prevent unauthorized access and distributed denial of service (DDOS) attacks, including bot mitigation. Industry standard multi-factor authentication (MFA) and encryption secure customer and corporate data in transit and at rest.

As our operations grow in both size and scope, we will continue to improve and upgrade our information systems and infrastructure while maintaining their reliability and integrity.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Products manufactured by and programs marketed by the Company are sold primarily under its own trademarks and trade names. Our policy is to protect our products and programs through trademark registrations both in the United States and in significant international markets. The Company carefully monitors trademark use and strongly promotes enforcement and protection of all of its trademarks.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Our principal office is located at 100 International Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Our telephone number at this office is (410) 581-8042. Our corporate website is <http://www.medifastinc.com>. All periodic and current reports, registration statements,

code of conduct and other material that we are required to file with the SEC, including our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act are available free of charge through our investor relations page at <https://ir.medifastinc.com>. Such documents are available as soon as reasonably practicable after electronic filing of the material with the SEC. Our Internet website and the information contained therein or connected thereto are not intended to be incorporated into this Report.

The SEC maintains an Internet site, www.sec.gov, which contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file such information electronically with the SEC.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully the following risks and uncertainties when reading this Report. If any of the events described below actually occurs, the Company's business, financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such risks and uncertainties. Consequently, you should not consider the following to be a complete discussion of all potential risks or uncertainties.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our direct selling model may be challenged both domestically and abroad which could harm our business.

In both domestic and foreign markets, we may be subject to challenges by government regulators regarding our direct selling model. Legal and regulatory requirements concerning the direct selling industry generally do not include "bright line" rules and are inherently fact-based and subject to interpretation. As a result, regulators and courts have discretion in their application of these laws and regulations, and the enforcement or interpretation of these laws and regulations by government agencies or courts can change.

Recent settlements between the FTC and other direct selling companies and guidance from the FTC have addressed inappropriate earnings and lifestyle claims and the importance of focusing on consumers. These developments have created a level of ambiguity as to the proper interpretation of the law and related court decisions. Any adverse rulings or legal actions could impact our business if direct selling laws or anti-pyramid laws are interpreted more narrowly or in a manner that results in additional burdens or restrictions on direct selling companies. For example, in 2016, the FTC entered into a settlement with another multi-level marketing company, requiring the company to modify its business model, including basing sales compensation and qualification only on sales to retail and preferred customers and on purchases by a distributor for personal consumption within allowable limits. Although this settlement does not represent judicial precedent or a new FTC rule, the FTC has indicated that the industry should look at this settlement, and the principles underlying its specific measures, for guidance.

Similarly, in 2019, the FTC took aggressive actions against a multi-level marketing company, which ultimately led to the company being permanently prohibited from using a multilevel compensation plan in the United States. If our **OPTAVIA** Coaches make improper claims regarding our products or business, or if regulators determine we are making any improper claims, this could lead to an FTC investigation and could harm our business.

We continue to monitor developments to assess whether we should make any changes to our compensation structure. If we are required to make changes or if the FTC seeks to enforce similar measures in the industry, either through rulemaking or an enforcement action against us, our business could be harmed.

In addition, the FTC has increased its scrutiny of the use of testimonials, which we also utilize, as well as the role of endorsers. We cannot be sure that the FTC will not challenge our advertising or other operations in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Governmental regulations in countries where we plan to commence or expand operations may prevent or delay entry into those markets. In addition, our ability to sustain satisfactory levels of sales in our markets is dependent in significant part on our ability to introduce innovative products into such markets. However, governmental regulations in our markets, both domestic and international, can delay or prevent the introduction, or require the reformulation or withdrawal, of certain of our products. Any such regulatory action, whether or not it results in a final determination adverse to us, could create negative publicity, with detrimental effects on the motivation and recruitment of **OPTAVIA** Coaches and, consequently, on sales.

We could also be subject to challenges by private parties in civil actions. We are aware of recent civil actions against other companies in the United States that use a direct selling model, which have and may in the future result in significant legal costs.

Allegations against companies that use a multi-level marketing strategy in various markets have also created intense public scrutiny of companies in the direct selling industry. Similarly, the FTC continues to scrutinize multi-level marketers. In 2020, the FTC sent out letters warning multi-level marketing companies to remove and address claims that they or their participants made about their products' ability to treat or prevent COVID-19 or provide earnings for people who have recently lost income. All of these actions and any future scrutiny of us or the direct selling industry could generate negative publicity or further regulatory actions that could result in fines, restrict our ability to conduct our business, enter into new markets, and ultimately attract clients.

We have experienced rapid growth and expect our growth to continue, which could place significant strain on our management, systems, resources, and results of operations.

We have experienced rapid growth and development in a relatively short period of time and expect to continue this rapid growth in the future. For example, the total number of our active earning **OPTAVIA** Coaches was 59,800, 44,200 and 31,800 as of December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively, representing year-over-year increases of 35.3% in 2021 and 39.0% in 2020. In addition, in July 2019, we commenced our international operations, entering into the Asia Pacific markets of Hong Kong and Singapore. We outsource a distribution center in Hong Kong for product distribution capacity. Our rapid growth places significant demands on our management and our administrative, logistical, operational and financial infrastructure.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully optimize our distribution center network or open new distribution centers in new or existing markets if needed to accommodate or facilitate growth or that certain of our distribution centers will not have, or continue to have, operational challenges. Our ability to compete effectively and to manage future growth, if any, will depend on our ability to maximize operational efficiencies across our distribution center network, to implement and improve on a timely basis operational, financial and management information systems, including our warehouse management systems, and to expand, train, motivate and manage our work force. We cannot assure you that our existing personnel, systems, procedures and controls will be adequate to support the future growth of our operations.

Our failure to effectively manage our growth could harm our business and reputation and, in particular, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, which could negatively affect our ability to make distributions to stockholders and the trading price of our common stock. Our growth could also increase our capital requirements, which may require us to issue potentially dilutive equity securities and incur debt.

We rely on third parties to provide us with a majority of the products we sell and we manufacture the remaining portion. We also rely on third parties to distribute and deliver our products. The inability to obtain the necessary products from our third-party manufacturers, produce the products we manufacture in-house or distribute and deliver our products could cause our revenue, earnings or reputation to suffer.

We rely on third-party manufacturers to supply a majority of the food and other products we sell. If we are unable to obtain a sufficient quantity, quality and variety of foods and other products from these manufacturers in a timely and low-cost manner, we will be unable to fulfill our clients' orders in a timely manner, which may cause us to lose revenue and market share or incur higher costs, as well as damage our reputation and the value of our brands. We also rely on third-parties to distribute and deliver our products.

Therefore, it is critical that we maintain good relationships with our manufacturers and third parties that distribute and deliver our products. The services we require from these parties may be disrupted due to a number of factors associated with their businesses, including the following:

- the COVID-19 pandemic and any future pandemics;
- labor disruptions;
- delivery and transportation problems;
- financial condition or results of operations;
- internal inefficiencies;
- power failures;
- equipment failure;
- severe weather, climate and other adverse environmental conditions;
- fire;
- natural or man-made disasters, war, terrorism, or political instability;
- adverse changes in third-party contract terms;
- shortages or increases in prices of ingredients; and

- USDA or FDA compliance issues.

We manufacture and produce a portion of our powder-based products, which account for approximately 17% of our powder-based unit sales, at our manufacturing facility in Owings Mills, Maryland. As a result, we are dependent upon the uninterrupted and efficient operation of our sole manufacturing facility in Owings Mills, Maryland. The operations at this facility may be disrupted by a number of factors, including the following:

- the COVID-19 pandemic and any future pandemics;
- labor disruptions;
- power failures;
- equipment failure;
- internal inefficiencies;
- severe weather, climate and other adverse environmental conditions;
- fire;
- natural or man-made disasters, war, terrorism, or political instability; and
- USDA or FDA compliance issues.

There can be no assurance that the occurrence of these or any other operational problems at our sole facility would not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our ability to source quality ingredients and other products is critical to our business, and any disruption to our supply or supply chain could materially adversely affect our business.

We depend on frequent deliveries of ingredients and other products from domestic and foreign suppliers, especially for our non-powder products. Some of our suppliers may depend on a variety of other local, regional, national and international suppliers to fulfill the purchase orders we place with them. The availability of such ingredients and other products at competitive prices depends on many factors beyond our control, including the number and size of the suppliers that provide the raw materials that meet our quality and production standards.

We rely on our suppliers, and their supply chains, to meet our quality and production standards and specifications and supply ingredients and other products in a timely and safe manner. However, no safety and quality measures can eliminate the possibility that suppliers may provide us with defective or out-of-specification products against which regulators may take action or which may subject us to litigation or require a recall. Suppliers may provide us with ingredients that are or may be unsafe, below our quality standards or improperly labeled. In addition to a negative customer experience, we could face possible seizure or recall of our products and the imposition of civil or criminal sanctions if we incorporate a defective or out-of-specification item into one of our deliveries.

Furthermore, there are many factors beyond our control which could cause shortages or interruptions in the supply of our ingredients and other products, including adverse weather, climate and environmental factors, natural disasters, unanticipated demand, labor or distribution problems, changes in law or policy, food safety issues by our suppliers and their supply chains, and the financial health of our suppliers and their supply chains. Production or yield of the agricultural crops that are used as ingredients in our products may also be materially adversely affected by drought, water scarcity, temperature extremes, scarcity of agricultural labor, changes in government agricultural programs or subsidies, import restrictions, scarcity of suitable agricultural land, crop conditions, crop or animal diseases or crop pests. Failure to take adequate steps to mitigate the likelihood or potential effect of such events, or to effectively manage such events if they occur, may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results, particularly in circumstances where an ingredient or product is sourced from a single supplier or location.

In addition, unexpected delays in deliveries from suppliers or increases in transportation costs (including through increased fuel costs) could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results. Labor shortages or work stoppages in the transportation industry, long-term disruptions to the national transportation infrastructure, reduction in capacity and industry-specific regulations such as hours-of-service rules that lead to delays or interruptions of deliveries could also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results.

We currently source certain of our ingredients from suppliers located outside of the United States. Any event causing a disruption or delay of imports from suppliers located outside of the United States, including weather, drought, crop-related diseases, the imposition of import or export restrictions, restrictions on the transfer of funds or increased tariffs, destination-based taxes, value-added taxes, quotas or increased regulatory requirements, could increase the cost or reduce the supply of our

ingredients and the other materials required by our product offerings, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results. Furthermore, our suppliers' operations may be adversely affected by political and financial instability, resulting in the disruption of trade from exporting countries, restrictions on the transfer of funds or other trade disruptions, each of which could adversely affect our access or ability to source ingredients and other materials used in our product offerings on a timely or cost-effective basis.

We may be subject to claims that our OPTAVIA Coaches are unqualified to provide proper weight loss advice.

Our OPTAVIA Coaches are independent contractors and, accordingly, we are not in a position to provide the same level of oversight as we would if these OPTAVIA Coaches were our own employees. As a result, there can be no assurance that our OPTAVIA Coaches will comply with our policies and procedures. Additionally, some of our OPTAVIA Coaches do not have extensive training or certification in nutrition, diet or health fields and have only undergone the education they receive from us. We may be subject to claims from our clients alleging that our OPTAVIA Coaches lack the qualifications necessary to provide proper advice regarding weight loss and related topics. We may also be subject to claims that our OPTAVIA Coaches have provided inappropriate advice or have inappropriately referred or failed to refer clients to health care providers for matters other than weight loss. Such claims could result in lawsuits, damage to our reputation and divert management's attention from our business, which would adversely affect our business.

We may be subject to health or advertising related claims from our clients.

Our weight loss and weight management programs do not include medical treatment or medical advice, and we do not engage physicians or nurses to monitor the progress of our clients. Many people who are overweight suffer from other physical conditions, and our target consumers could be considered a high-risk population. A customer who experiences health problems could allege or bring a lawsuit against us on the basis that those problems were caused or worsened by participating in our programs. Further, clients who allege that they were deceived by any statements that we made in advertising or labeling could bring a lawsuit against us under consumer protection laws. From time-to-time we are subject to such allegations and have been involved in such litigation. We may ultimately be unsuccessful in defending ourselves against such claims. Also, defending ourselves against such claims, regardless of their merit and ultimate outcome, may be lengthy and costly, and could adversely affect our brand image, customer loyalty and results of operations.

The weight management industry is highly competitive. If any of our competitors or a new entrant into the market with significant resources pursues a weight management program similar to ours, our business could be significantly affected.

Competition is intense in the weight management industry and we must remain competitive in the areas of program efficacy, price, taste, customer service and brand recognition. Our competitors include companies selling pharmaceutical products and weight loss programs, digital tools, app-based health and wellness monitoring solutions and wearable trackers, as well as a wide variety of diet foods and meal replacement bars and shakes, appetite suppressants and nutritional supplements. Some of our competitors are significantly larger than we are and have substantially greater resources. Any increased competition from new entrants into our industry or any increased success by existing competition could result in reductions in our sales or prices, or both, which could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

New weight loss products or services may put us at a competitive disadvantage and our business may suffer.

The weight management industry is subject to changing consumer demands based, in large part, on the efficacy and popular appeal of weight management programs. The popularity of weight management programs is dependent, in part, on their ease of use, cost and channels of distribution as well as consumer trends, which continue to evolve with the introduction of new technologies and innovations, and, on an ongoing basis, many existing and potential providers of weight loss solutions, including many pharmaceutical firms with significantly greater financial and operating resources than we have, are developing new products and services. The creation of a weight loss solution, such as a drug therapy, that is perceived to be safe, effective and "easier" than a portion-controlled meal plan would put us at a disadvantage in the marketplace and our results of operations could be negatively affected.

If we do not continue to develop innovative new products or if our products do not continue to appeal to the market, or if we are unable to successfully expand or respond to consumer trends, our business may suffer.

The increasing focus of consumers on more integrated lifestyle and fitness approaches rather than just food, nutrition and diet could adversely impact the popularity of our programs. Our future success depends on our ability to continue to develop and market new, innovative products and to enhance our existing products, each on a timely basis to respond to new and evolving consumer demands, achieve market acceptance and keep pace with new nutritional, weight management, technological and other developments. We may not be successful in developing, introducing on a timely basis or marketing any new or enhanced products, and we cannot assure you that any new or enhanced products will appeal to the market. Our failure to develop new products and to enhance our existing products, and the failure of our products to continue to appeal to the market could have an adverse impact on our ability to attract and retain clients and thus adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We may not be able to successfully implement new strategic initiatives, which could adversely impact our business.

We are continuously evaluating changing consumer preferences and the competitive environment of our industry and seeking out opportunities to improve our performance through the implementation of selected strategic initiatives. The goal of these efforts is to develop and implement a comprehensive and competitive business strategy which addresses the continuing changes in the weight management industry environment and our position within the industry. For example, as the healthcare industry continues to evolve its response to the obesity epidemic, so do the requirements, both regulatory and business, for providers. If we do not successfully meet these requirements, we may not be perceived as an appropriate partner for certain purposes. We may not be able to successfully implement our strategic initiatives and realize the intended business opportunities, growth prospects, including new business units, and competitive advantages. Our efforts to capitalize on business opportunities may not bring the intended results. Assumptions underlying expected financial results or consumer demand may not be met or economic conditions may deteriorate. We also may be unable to attract and retain highly qualified and skilled personnel to implement our strategic initiatives. If these or other factors limit our ability to successfully execute our strategic initiatives, our business activities, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Our business depends on the effectiveness of our advertising and marketing programs, including the strength of the Company's and our OPTAVIA Coaches' social media presence, to attract and retain clients. Use of social media may materially and adversely affect our reputation or subject us to fines or other penalties, and restrictions on the use of or access to social media may adversely impact sales of our products and services.

Our business success depends on our ability to attract and retain clients. Our ability to attract and retain clients depends significantly on the effectiveness of our OPTAVIA Coaches' advertising and marketing practices. Our OPTAVIA Coaches support our clients and market our products and services primarily through word of mouth, email and via social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and video conferencing platforms. If their advertising and marketing campaigns do not generate a sufficient number of clients, our business, financial condition and results of operations will be adversely affected.

We and our OPTAVIA Coaches, as well as social media influencers or other brand ambassadors that we may utilize from time to time, use email and social media platforms as a means of communicating with clients. We use digital marketing, social media, and email marketing, among other means, to attract and retain clients. Unauthorized or inappropriate use of these channels could result in harmful publicity or negative consumer experiences, which could have an adverse impact on the effectiveness of our marketing through these channels. In addition, the rising popularity of social media and other consumer-oriented technologies has increased the speed and accessibility of information dissemination. Our target consumers often value readily available information and often act on such information without further investigation and without regard to its accuracy. The harm may be immediate without affording us an opportunity for redress or correction. Negative or false commentary about us may be posted on social media platforms or similar devices at any time and may harm our business, brand, reputation, Coaches, financial condition, and results of operations, regardless of the information's accuracy.

An increase in the use of social media for product promotion and marketing may cause an increase in the burden on us to monitor compliance of such materials and increase the risk that such materials could contain problematic product or marketing claims in violation of applicable regulations. As laws and regulations, including FTC enforcement, rapidly evolve to govern the use of these platforms and devices, the failure by us, our employees, or our Coaches or other third parties acting at our direction to abide by applicable laws and regulations in the use of these platforms and devices could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations or subject us to fines or other penalties.

In addition, as we continue to expand our presence domestically and internationally, we, our **OPTAVIA** Coaches and clients may face more restrictions and increasingly complex regulations on free use and access to social media platforms. Restrictions on the use of or access to social media, especially in foreign countries that impose stricter regulations around free speech, access to independent news or citizens' use of foreign communications tools deemed harmful to political or economic interests, may adversely impact sales of our products and services. Even where the restrictions on social media or censorship are narrowly tailored or targeted, the ability of our **OPTAVIA** Coaches to reach new clients or our ability to grow our **OPTAVIA** Coaches in those markets may be adversely affected and our results of operations and financial condition could suffer.

Human Capital Risks

The success of our business is dependent on our ability to maintain and grow our network of OPTAVIA Coaches.

OPTAVIA Coaches are subject to high turnover and we depend on our network of **OPTAVIA** Coaches to continually grow their businesses by attracting, training and motivating new **OPTAVIA** Coaches. We consider our number of active earning **OPTAVIA** Coaches and average quarterly revenue per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach to be key indicators of our financial performance and condition. As of December 31, 2021, the Company had 59,800 total active earning **OPTAVIA** Coaches and the average Q4 2021 revenue per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach was \$6,321. The failure to provide the business essentials and competitive compensation necessary to motivate **OPTAVIA** Coaches to grow their businesses will adversely affect our future growth and operating results. The growth and sustainability of our network of **OPTAVIA** Coaches is also subject to risks which may be outside of our control. These include:

- Potential misconduct or improper claims by **OPTAVIA** Coaches;
- Negative public perceptions of multi-level marketing;
- General economic conditions;
- Failure to develop innovative products to meet consumer demands;
- Adverse opinions of our products, services, or industry; and
- Regulatory actions against our Company, competitors in our industry, or other direct selling companies.

We are dependent on our key executives for future success. If we lose the services of any of our key executives and we are unable to timely retain a qualified replacement, our business could be harmed.

Our future success depends to a significant degree on the skills, experience and efforts of our key executives. The loss of the services of any of these individuals could harm our business. We have not obtained life insurance on any key executives. If any key executives left us or were seriously injured and became unable to work, our business could be harmed.

Information Technology and Cyber Security Risks

Any failure of our technology or systems to perform satisfactorily could result in an adverse impact on our business.

We rely on software, hardware, network systems, including cloud-based technology, that is either developed by us or licensed from or maintained by third parties to operate our websites. As much of this technology is complex, there may be future errors, defects or performance problems, including when we update our technology or integrate new technology to expand and enhance our capabilities. Our technology may malfunction or suffer from defects that become apparent only after extended use. The integrity of our technology may also be compromised as a result of third-party cyber-attacks, such as hacking, spear phishing campaigns and denial of service attacks, which are increasingly negatively impacting companies. In addition, our operations depend on our ability to protect our information technology systems against damage from third-party cyber-attacks, fire, power loss, water, earthquakes, telecommunications failures and similar unexpected adverse events. Interruptions in our websites, services and products or network systems could result from unknown technical defects, insufficient capacity or the failure of our third-party providers to provide continuous and uninterrupted service. While we maintain disaster recovery capabilities to return to normal operation in a timely manner, we do not have a fully redundant system that includes an instantaneous recovery capability.

As a result of such possible defects, failures, interruptions or other problems, our services and products could be rendered unreliable or be perceived as unreliable by clients, which could result in harm to our reputation and brand. Any failure of our technology or systems could result in an adverse impact on our business.

Our business is subject to online security risks, including security breaches and identity theft.

Unauthorized users who penetrate our information security systems could misappropriate proprietary or customer information or data or cause interruptions to the product offerings on our website. As a result, it may become necessary to expend significant additional amounts of capital and resources to protect against, or to alleviate, problems caused by unauthorized users. These expenditures, however, may not prove to be a timely remedy against unauthorized users who are able to penetrate our information security systems. In addition to purposeful security breaches, the inadvertent transmission of computer viruses could adversely affect our computer systems and, in turn, harm our business.

Existing, proposed or new data privacy legislation and regulations, including interpretations thereof, could also significantly affect our business. For example, data protection and privacy laws have been enacted by the U.S. federal and state governments, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), which became effective on January 1, 2020, and other relevant statutes. These laws typically impose significant penalties for non-compliance. Further, a significant number of states require that customers be notified if a security breach results in the disclosure of their personal financial account or other information. Additional states and governmental entities are considering such “notice” laws. In addition, other public disclosure laws may require that material security breaches be reported. If we experience a security breach and such notice or public disclosure is required in the future, our reputation and our business may be harmed. The effects of these new and evolving laws, regulations, and other obligations potentially are far-reaching and may require us to further modify our data processing practices and policies and to incur substantial costs and expenses in an effort to comply. In addition, if we choose to continue expanding our business internationally in the future we may be subject to non-U.S. privacy, data protection, consumer protection and other laws and regulations, which in some cases are more restrictive than those in the United States. For example, the European Union traditionally has imposed stricter obligations under such laws than the United States. Consequently, any future expansion of our international operations may require changes to the ways we collect and use consumer information. In the ordinary course of our business, we collect and utilize proprietary and customer information and data. As a result, we have developed systems that are designed to protect consumer information and prevent fraudulent transactions and other security breaches. Privacy concerns among prospective and existing clients regarding our use of such information or data collected on our website or through our services and products, such as weight management information, financial data, email addresses and home addresses, could keep them from using our website or purchasing our services or products. We currently face certain legal obligations regarding the manner in which we treat such information and data. Businesses have been criticized by privacy groups and governmental bodies for their use and handling of such information and data. We rely on third-party software products to secure our credit card transactions. Failure to prevent or mitigate fraudulent payment transactions or security breaches or changes in industry standards or regulations may adversely affect our business and operating results or cause us to lose our ability to accept credit cards as a form of payment and result in chargebacks of fraudulently charged amounts. Furthermore, widespread credit card fraud may lessen our clients’ willingness to purchase our products on our website.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

Third parties may infringe on our brand, trademarks and other intellectual property rights, which may have an adverse impact on our business.

We currently rely on a combination of trademark and other intellectual property laws and confidentiality procedures to establish and protect our proprietary rights, including our brand. Because our business relies heavily on a direct-to-consumer business model, our brand is an important element of our business strategy. If we fail to successfully enforce our intellectual property rights, the value of our brand, services and products could be diminished and our business may suffer. Additionally, failure to protect our intellectual property could result in the entry of a competitor to the market. Our precautions may not prevent misappropriation of our intellectual property by state actors, competitors, or individuals or groups that are or are not affiliated with the Company. Any legal action that we may bring to protect our brand and other intellectual property could be unsuccessful and expensive and could divert management’s attention from other business concerns. In addition, legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of intellectual property, especially in Internet-related businesses, are uncertain and evolving. We cannot assure you that these evolving legal standards will sufficiently protect our intellectual property rights in the future.

We may in the future be subject to intellectual property rights claims.

Third parties may, in the future, make claims against us alleging infringement of their intellectual property rights. Any intellectual property claims, regardless of merit, could be time-consuming and expensive to litigate or settle and could significantly divert management’s attention from other business concerns. In addition, if we were unable to successfully defend against such claims, we may have to pay damages, stop selling the service or product or stop using the software, technology or

content found to be in violation of a third-party's rights, seek a license for the infringing service, product, software, technology or content or develop alternative non-infringing services, products, software, technology or content. If we cannot license on reasonable terms, develop alternatives or have to stop using the service, product, software, technology or content for any infringing aspects of our business, we may be forced to limit our service and product offerings. Any of these results could reduce our revenue and our ability to compete effectively, increase our costs or harm our business.

Risks Related to International Operations

The sale of our products in markets outside of the United States may subject us to risks.

In connection with our entry into the Asia Pacific markets of Hong Kong and Singapore, we expanded our sales, marketing and distribution activities in these markets. The sale, marketing and distribution of our products and programs in these and other international locations is subject to a number of uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the following:

- the COVID-19 pandemic and any future pandemics;
- economic and political instability;
- import or export licensing requirements;
- trade restrictions;
- product registration requirements;
- longer payment cycles;
- changes in regulatory requirements, including regulations governing our direct selling business model, and tariffs;
- potentially adverse tax consequences; and
- potentially weak protection of intellectual property rights.

These uncertainties could lead to potential risks for our continued expansion and sales success in the Asia Pacific markets and elsewhere, any of which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Expansion into international markets increases our operational, regulatory and other risks.

In July 2019, we commenced our international operations, entering into the Asia Pacific markets of Hong Kong and Singapore. As a result, we face increased operational, regulatory, compliance and reputational risks. The failure of our compliance and internal control systems to properly mitigate such additional risks, or of our operating infrastructure to support such expansion, could result in operational failures and regulatory fines or sanctions. Our operations in Hong Kong and Singapore and other jurisdictions are subject to significant compliance, disclosure and other obligations. Activity in international markets also exposes us to fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which may adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of revenues, expenses and assets associated with our business activities outside the United States. Actual and anticipated changes in current exchange rates may also adversely affect international demand for our business investment strategies to expand our products and services, most of which represent investments primarily in U.S. dollar-based assets. Because certain of our costs to support international business activities will be based in local currencies, the profitability of such activities in U.S. dollars may be adversely affected by a weakening of the U.S. dollar versus other currencies in which we derive revenues.

If we expand our operations into additional foreign countries, we may be subject to additional risks, including the ability to successfully adapt to local culture and navigate regulatory, economic, political and social risks. We cannot be certain that we will be able to enter and successfully compete in additional foreign markets or that we will be able to continue to compete in the foreign markets in which we currently operate.

We are subject to anti-corruption laws in the jurisdictions in which we operate, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"). Our failure to comply with these laws could result in penalties which could harm our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We are subject to the FCPA, which generally prohibits companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments to foreign officials for the purpose of obtaining or keeping business and/or other benefits, along with various other anticorruption laws. There is no assurance that the policies, procedures and training for all employees, including management, that were designed to ensure that we, our employees and other intermediaries comply with the FCPA and other anticorruption laws to which we are subject, will work effectively all of the time or protect us against liability under the FCPA or other laws for actions taken by our employees and other intermediaries with respect to our business or any businesses that we may acquire.

Expansion of our operations in international markets, such as Hong Kong, Singapore and other jurisdictions, may pose elevated risks of anti-corruption violations as we are in frequent contact with persons who may be considered “foreign officials” under the FCPA, resulting in an elevated risk of potential FCPA violations. If we are not in compliance with the FCPA and other laws governing the conduct of business with government entities (including local laws), we may be subject to criminal and civil penalties and other remedial measures, which could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. Any investigation of any potential violations of the FCPA or other anticorruption laws by U.S. or foreign authorities could harm our reputation and have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business in Hong Kong and Singapore is subject to sensitive economic, political, regulatory and market conditions.

Entering the Asia Pacific markets of Hong Kong and Singapore is a key component of our global growth strategy. Our business in these countries is sensitive to economic, political, regulatory and market conditions that drive sales volume. If we are unable to establish our position in these markets our business and financial results could be adversely affected.

Risks Related to Our Industry

Changes in consumer preferences could negatively impact our operating results.

Our program features pre-packaged food selections, which we believe offer convenience and value to our clients. Our continued success depends, to a large degree, upon the continued popularity of our program versus various other weight loss, weight management and fitness regimens, such as low carbohydrate diets, appetite suppressants and diets featured in the published media. Changes in consumer tastes and preferences away from our pre-packaged food and support and counseling services, and any failure to provide innovative responses to these changes, may have a materially adverse impact on our business, financial condition, operating results, cash flows and prospects. Our success is also dependent on our food innovation including maintaining a robust array of food items and improving the quality of existing items. If we do not continually expand our food items or provide clients with items that are desirable in taste and quality, our business could be harmed.

The weight loss industry is subject to adverse publicity, which could harm our business.

The weight loss industry receives adverse publicity from time to time, and the occurrence of such publicity could harm us, even if the adverse publicity is not directly related to us. Congressional hearings about practices in the weight loss industry have also resulted in adverse publicity and a consequent decline in the revenue of weight loss businesses. Future research or investigative reports or publicity that is perceived as unfavorable or that question certain weight loss programs, products or methods could result in a decline in our revenue. Because of our dependence on consumer perceptions, adverse publicity associated with illness or other undesirable effects resulting from the consumption of our products or similar products by competitors, whether or not accurate, could also damage customer confidence in our weight loss program and result in a decline in revenue. Adverse publicity could arise even if the unfavorable effects associated with weight loss products or services resulted from the user’s failure to use such products or services appropriately.

Our industry is subject to governmental regulation that could increase in severity and hurt results of operations.

Our industry is subject to federal, state and other governmental regulation. Certain federal and state agencies, such as the FTC and the U.S. states’ consumer protection agencies, regulate and enforce laws relating to advertising, disclosures to consumers, privacy, consumer pricing and billing arrangements and other consumer protection matters. A determination by a federal or state agency, or a court, that any of our practices do not meet existing or new laws or regulations could result in liability, adverse publicity, and restrictions of our business operations. Some advertising practices in the weight loss industry have led to investigations from time to time by the FTC and other governmental agencies. Many companies in the weight loss industry, including our predecessor businesses, have entered into consent decrees with the FTC relating to weight loss claims and other advertising practices. In 2009, the FTC promulgated nonbinding Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising (“Endorsement Guides”) which explained what endorsement practices the FTC views as being unfair or deceptive acts or practices. In 2020, the FTC sought public comments on whether the Endorsement Guides should be amended. The last time the FTC sought similar public comments led to a major revision of the Endorsement Guides. Consequently, the FTC could bring an enforcement action based on practices that are inconsistent with the current Endorsement Guides as it considers revisions. Under the current Endorsement Guides, advertisements that feature a consumer and convey his or her atypical experience with a product or service are required to clearly disclose the typical results that consumers can generally expect. We cannot be sure that the FTC will not challenge our advertising or other operations in the future, which could have a material adverse impact on our business.

Other aspects of our industry are also subject to government regulation. For example, the labeling and distribution of food products, including dietary supplements, are subject to strict USDA and FDA requirements and food manufacturers are subject to rigorous inspection and other requirements of the USDA and FDA, and companies operating in foreign markets must comply with those countries' requirements for proper labeling, controls on hygiene, food preparation and other matters. If federal, state, local or foreign regulation of our industry increases for any reason, then we may be required to incur significant expenses, as well as modify our operations to comply with new regulatory requirements, which could harm our operating results. Additionally, remedies available in any potential administrative or regulatory actions may include product recalls and require us to refund amounts paid by all affected clients or pay other damages, which could be substantial.

Laws and regulations directly applicable to communications, operations or commerce over the Internet such as those governing intellectual property, privacy, libel and taxation, are more prevalent and remain unsettled. If we are required to comply with new laws or regulations or new interpretations of existing laws or regulations, or if we are unable to comply with these laws, regulations or interpretations, our business could be adversely affected.

Future laws or regulations, including laws or regulations affecting our marketing and advertising practices, relations with consumers, employees, service providers, or our services and products, may have an adverse impact on us.

The manufacture and sale of ingested products are subject to product liability claims and other risks.

Like other manufacturers and distributors of products that are ingested, we face an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims if the use of our products results in illness or injury. The foods and products that we manufacture and sell in the United States are subject to laws and regulations, including those administered by the USDA and FDA that establish manufacturing practices and quality standards for food products. Product liability claims could have a material adverse effect on our business as existing insurance coverage may not be adequate. Distributors of weight loss food products, including dietary supplements, have been named as defendants in product liability lawsuits from time to time. The successful assertion or settlement of an uninsured claim, a significant number of insured claims or a claim exceeding the limits of our insurance coverage would harm us by adding costs to the business and by diverting the attention of senior management from the operation of the business. We may also be subject to claims that our products contain contaminants, are improperly labeled, include inadequate instructions as to use or inadequate warnings covering interactions with other substances. Additionally, the manufacture and sale of these products involves the risk of injury to consumers due to tampering by unauthorized third parties or product contamination. Product liability litigation, even if not meritorious, is very expensive and could also entail adverse publicity for us and reduce our revenue. Furthermore, the products we manufacture and distribute, or certain components of those products, may be subject to product recalls or other deficiencies. Any negative publicity associated with these actions would adversely affect our brand and may result in decreased product sales and, as a result, lower revenue and profits.

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

Actions of activist stockholders could cause us to incur substantial costs, divert management's attention and resources, and have an adverse effect on our business.

We have been the target of activist stockholder activities in the past. If a new activist investor purchased our stock, our business could be adversely affected because responding to proxy contests and reacting to other actions by activist stockholders can be costly and time-consuming, disruptive to our operations and divert the attention of management and our employees. In addition, perceived uncertainties as to our future direction, strategy or leadership created as a consequence of activist stockholder initiatives may result in the loss of potential business opportunities, harm our ability to attract new investors, customers, employees, suppliers and other strategic partners, and cause our share price to experience periods of volatility or stagnation.

There can be no assurance that we will continue to declare cash dividends at all or in any particular amounts.

The Company declared a dividend of \$1.42 per share on December 8, 2021, to stockholders of record as of December 21, 2021, that was paid on February 8, 2022. We intend to continue paying a quarterly dividend to our stockholders for the foreseeable future, subject to long term cash flow needs, including capital spend needs and overall macroeconomic conditions. Our Board of Directors periodically reviews our quarterly dividend to ensure that it is in the best interest of our stockholders and is in compliance with all applicable laws and agreements. Future dividends may also be affected by, among other factors: our views on potential future capital requirements for investments in acquisitions; legal risks; any stock repurchase programs; changes in federal and state income tax laws or corporate laws; changes to our business model; and interest and principal payments required by indebtedness that we may incur in the future. Our dividend payments may change from time to time, and we cannot

provide any assurance that we will continue to declare dividends at all or in any particular amounts. A reduction in our dividend payments could have a negative effect on our stock price.

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation may deter or delay an acquisition of us or prevent a change in control, even if an acquisition or a change of control would be beneficial to our stockholders.

Provisions of our certificate of incorporation (as amended) may have the effect of deterring unsolicited takeovers or delaying or preventing a third-party from acquiring control of us, even if our stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares over the then current market prices. In addition, these provisions may limit the ability of our stockholders to approve transactions that they may deem to be in their best interests.

Our certificate of incorporation (as amended) permits our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval upon such terms as the Board of Directors may determine. The rights of the holders of our common stock will be junior to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any preferred stock that may be issued in the future. The issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third-party to acquire, or discourage a third-party from acquiring, a majority of our outstanding common stock. The issuance of a substantial number of preferred shares could adversely affect the price of our common stock.

Risks Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The global outbreak of the COVID-19 virus may adversely impact our business.

The global outbreak of COVID-19 may have a significant adverse impact on our business as well as on the business environment and the markets in which we operate. This global health crisis has also had a significant adverse effect on overall economic conditions and we expect consumer demand to continue to be negatively impacted due to changes in consumer behavior and confidence and health concerns. The situation remains dynamic and subject to rapid and possibly significant change, and accordingly the magnitude and duration of the negative impact to our business from the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be predicted with certainty.

The widespread health crisis also could adversely affect the economies and financial markets in the countries in which we operate, resulting in an economic downturn that could affect consumer demand for our products and services. Our customer purchasing patterns can be influenced by economic factors. The precise impact on our business from the disruption of financial markets and the weakening of overall economic conditions cannot be predicted with certainty. Uncertainties regarding the economic impact of COVID-19 have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, sustained impact on the economy. Our business is particularly sensitive to reductions in discretionary consumer spending, which may be adversely impacted by a recession or fears of a recession, volatility and declines in the stock market and increasingly pessimistic consumer sentiment due to perceived or actual economic and/or health risks. Consumers may shift purchases to lower-priced or other perceived value offerings during economic downturns. Prolonged unfavorable economic conditions, including as a result of COVID-19, and any resulting recession or slowed economic growth, may have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Individually and collectively, the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic could adversely impact our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity. The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic ultimately impacts the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and liquidity may differ from management's current estimates due to inherent uncertainties regarding the duration and further spread of the outbreak, its severity, actions taken to contain the virus or treat its impact, and how quickly and to what extent normal economic and operating conditions can resume. The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affects the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and liquidity, it may also have the effect of heightening the risks related to the other risk factors described in Part I, Item 1A - Risk Factors.

General Risk Factors

Our sales may be adversely impacted by the health and stability of the general economy.

Our results of operation are highly dependent on the number of product sales and program fees generated by our **OPTAVIA** Coaches. A downturn in general economic conditions, such as a recession or prolonged economic slowdown, may reduce the demand for our products and otherwise adversely affect our sales. For example, economic forces, including changes in disposable consumer income and/or reductions in discretionary spending, unemployment levels, labor shortages, demographic

trends, inflation and consumer confidence in the economy, may cause consumers to defer or decrease purchases of our products and programs which could adversely affect our revenue, gross profit, and/or our overall financial condition and operating results.

Our stock price fluctuates from time to time and may fall below expectations of securities analysts and investors, and could subject us to litigation, which may result in you suffering a loss on your investment.

The market price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to a number of factors, many of which are out of our control. These factors include: quarterly variations in operating results; changes in accounting treatments or principles; announcements by us or our competitors of new products and services offerings; significant contracts, acquisitions, or strategic relationships; additions or departures of key personnel; any future sales of our common stock or other securities; stock market price and volume fluctuations of publicly-traded companies; and general political, economic and market conditions. In some future quarter our operating results may fall below the expectations of securities analysts and investors, which could result in a decrease in the trading price of our common stock. In the past, securities class action litigation has often been brought against a company following periods of volatility in the market price of its securities. We may be the target of similar litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources, which could seriously harm our business and operating results.

If we do not maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, we could fail to report our financial results accurately.

Effective internal control over financial reporting is necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports. In the future, if we identify a control deficiency that rises to the level of a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, this material weakness may adversely affect our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information timely and accurately and, as a result, our financial statements may contain material misstatements or omissions. If we fail to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, we could be required to take costly and time-consuming corrective measures, to remedy any number of deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, be required to restate the affected historical financial statements, be subjected to investigations and/or sanctions by federal and state securities regulators, and be subjected to civil lawsuits by security holders. Any of the foregoing could also cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and in our company and could result in a decline in the market price of our stock and in our ability to raise additional financing if needed in the future.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company leases office space in Baltimore, Maryland which serves as our corporate headquarters. The corporate headquarters' lease expires in February 2026. In January 2020, the Company entered into a lease for a satellite office in Lehi, Utah. The satellite office lease expires in March 2023. In May 2021, the Company entered into a lease for our innovation research center in Owings Mills, Maryland. The innovation research center lease expires in February 2029.

The Company owns a 49,000 square-foot manufacturing facility in Owings Mills, Maryland, and a 119,000 square-foot distribution facility in Ridgley, Maryland. The Company outsources domestic distribution centers in Reno, Nevada, and Haltom City, Texas. In April 2021, the Company entered into a lease for a distribution center in Havre De Grace, Maryland. In addition, the Company outsources an international distribution center in Hong Kong.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is, from time to time, subject to a variety of litigation and similar proceedings that arise out of the ordinary course of its business. Based upon the Company's experience, current information and applicable law, it does not believe that these proceedings and claims will have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial position or liquidity. However, the results of legal actions cannot be predicted with certainty. Therefore, it is possible that the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows could be materially adversely affected in any particular period by the unfavorable resolution of one or more legal actions.

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

The Company's common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "MED."

Holders

There were approximately 76 record holders of the Company's common stock as of February 14, 2022. This number does not include beneficial owners of our securities held in the name of nominees.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

See Part III, Item 12 - Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters for information regarding securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides information about the Company's repurchases of common stock for the three months ended December 31, 2021:

2021	Total Number of Shares Purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of a Publicly Announced Plan or Program	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ⁽²⁾
October 1 - October 31	142	\$ 193.81	—	2,131,689
November 1 - November 30	26,568	222.63	20,419	2,111,270
December 1 - December 31	41,698	206.51	26,790	2,084,480

(1) Also included are shares of common stock surrendered by employees and directors to the Company to cover minimum tax liability withholding obligations upon the exercise of stock options or the vesting of shares of restricted stock previously granted to such employees and directors.

(2) At the outset of the quarter ended December 31, 2021, there were 2,131,689 shares of the Company's common stock eligible for repurchase under the repurchase authorization dated September 16, 2014 (the "Stock Repurchase Plan").

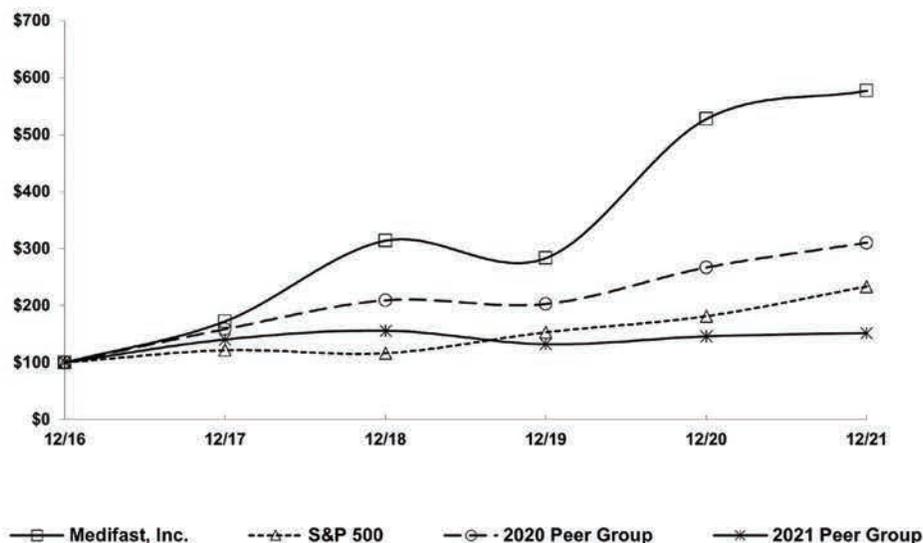
As of December 31, 2021, there were 2,084,480 shares of the Company's common stock eligible for repurchase under the Stock Repurchase Plan. There can be no assurances as to the amount, timing or prices of repurchases, which may vary based on market conditions and other factors. The Stock Repurchase Plan does not have an expiration date and can be modified or terminated by the Board of Directors at any time.

Performance Graph

The following line graph compares the yearly percentage change in the Company's cumulative total stockholder return (Common Stock price appreciation plus dividends, on a reinvested basis) for the last five fiscal years to that of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Company's selected peer groups. The 2020 Peer Group includes 1-800-flowers.com Inc., Blue Apron Holdings Inc., Duluth Holdings Inc., E.l.f Beauty Inc., Farmer Brothers Company, Herbalife Nutrition Ltd., Inter Parfums Inc., Nature's Sunshine Products Inc., Nu Skin Enterprises Inc., Petmed Express Inc., Simply Good Foods Co., Tupperware Brands Corp., USANA Health Sciences Inc., and WW International, Inc. The 2021 Peer Group includes the 2020 Peer Group with the exception of E.l.f Beauty Inc. and Petmed Express Inc. as well as the addition of The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., Edgewell Personal Care Company, Belling Brands, Inc. and Beyond Meat, Inc.

COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*

Among Medifast, Inc., the S&P 500 Index,
2020 Peer Group and 2021 Peer Group



*\$100 invested on 12/31/16 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends.
Fiscal year ending December 31.

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Medifast, Inc.	\$ 100.00	\$ 172.35	\$ 313.84	\$ 283.33	\$ 527.35	\$ 576.87
S&P 500	100.00	121.83	116.49	153.17	181.35	233.41
2020 Peer Group	100.00	158.63	209.27	202.79	266.71	310.22
2021 Peer Group	100.00	140.31	155.90	132.01	145.89	151.63

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Management develops, and changes periodically, these estimates and assumptions based on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Management considers the following accounting policies to be the most critical in preparing our consolidated financial statements. These critical accounting policies have been discussed with our Audit Committee, as appropriate.

Revenue Recognition: Our revenue is derived primarily from point of sale transactions executed over an e-commerce platform for weight loss, weight management, and other healthy living products. Revenue is recognized upon receipt by customer and net of discounts, rebates, promotional adjustments, price adjustments, allocated consideration to loyalty programs, and estimated returns.

Revenue is recognized when control of the promised products is transferred to our clients, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for transferring those products. When determining whether the customer has obtained control of the products, we consider any future performance obligations.

A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer, and is the unit of account in *Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized as revenue when, or as, each performance obligation is satisfied. Our contracts have performance obligations to fulfill and deliver products from the point of sale transaction along with the related customer reward programs.

Our performance obligations are satisfied at a point in time. Revenue from products transferred to clients at a point in time accounted for substantially all of our revenue for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019. Revenue on these contracts is recognized when the obligations under the terms of the contract with our customer are satisfied. Generally, this occurs with the transfer of control upon receipt of products by our clients. Any consideration received prior to the fulfillment of the Company's performance obligation is deferred and recognized as a liability.

Our return policy allows for customer returns of consumable products within 30 days of purchase and upon our authorization. We adjust revenues for the products expected to be returned and a liability is recognized for expected refunds to clients. We estimate expected returns based on historical levels and project this experience into the future.

Our sales contracts may give clients the option to purchase additional products priced at a discount. Options to acquire additional products at a discount can come in many forms, such as customer reward programs and incentive offerings including pricing arrangements, and promotions.

We reduce the transaction price for certain customer reward programs and incentive offerings including pricing arrangements, promotions, and incentives that represent variable consideration and separate performance obligations. The Company accounts for sales rewards that provide the customer with a material right as a separate performance obligation of the transactions, and therefore allocates consideration between the initial sale of products and the customer reward program and incentive offering.

Amounts billed to clients for shipping and handling activities are treated as a promised service performance obligation and are recorded in revenue in our Consolidated Statements of Income upon fulfillment of the performance obligation. Shipping and handling costs incurred by the Company for the delivery of products to clients are considered a cost to fulfill the contract and are included in cost of sales in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

We expense **OPTAVIA** Coach compensation and credit card fees during the period in which the corresponding revenue is earned. These costs are deferred along with the revenues for goods that are in transit and not received by clients by period end. These costs are recorded in selling, general and administrative expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

Long-lived Asset Impairment: Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

Income Taxes: Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

The benefit of a tax position is recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, management believes it is more-likely-than-not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any. Tax positions taken are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement with the applicable taxing authority. The portion of the benefits associated with tax positions taken that exceeds the amount measured as described above is reflected as a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in our Consolidated Balance Sheets along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination.

Our policy is to recognize interest and penalties accrued on uncertain tax positions as part of income tax expense. We evaluated our tax positions and determined that we did not have any material uncertain tax positions.

BACKGROUND

Medifast is the global company behind one of the fastest-growing health and wellness communities, **OPTAVIA**, which offers Lifelong Transformation, One Healthy Habit at a Time. Reflecting the success of our holistic approach to health and wellness, we have consistently grown revenue over the past five years. Of equal importance, we expect our differentiated direct-to-consumer business model to continue to deliver growth in the foreseeable future. Medifast has redefined direct selling by combining the best aspects of the model, while eliminating those dimensions that have typically challenged other companies. Medifast is often compared to diet and weight loss-only companies or to multi-level marketing companies, but our model is very different. The Company supports clients through independent **OPTAVIA** Coaches, the majority of whom were clients first. Our product sales accounted for approximately 98.0% of our revenues in each of 2021, 2020, and 2019.

We review and analyze a number of key operating and financial metrics to manage our business, including the number of active earning **OPTAVIA** Coaches and average quarterly revenue generated per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach.

As we previously disclosed, global expansion is an important component of our long-term growth strategy. In July 2019, we commenced our international operations, entering into the Asia Pacific markets of Hong Kong and Singapore. We outsource a distribution center in Hong Kong to provide adequate product distribution capacity for the foreseeable future. Our decision to enter these markets was based on industry market research that reflects a dynamic shift in how health care is being prioritized and consumed in those countries.

Our **OPTAVIA** business unit accounted for approximately 99.9%, 98.0%, and 96.4% of our revenues in 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. We have operated and reported as a single sales segment, **OPTAVIA**, since 2018. Consistent with business and brand strategy, the Company has completed the sunset of the Medifast Direct channel and Medifast-branded product line during the second quarter of 2021. By maintaining our commitment to building capabilities in the areas that matter most to our **OPTAVIA** Coaches and clients within the **OPTAVIA** channel, we believe we will enhance our ability to further grow our business over the next several years, enabling robust revenue growth while also maintaining our profitability in the long-term.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - 2021 COMPARED TO 2020

The following table reflects our consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 (in thousands, except percentages):

	2021	2020	\$ Change	% Change
Revenue	\$ 1,526,087	\$ 934,842	\$ 591,245	63.2%
Cost of sales	398,490	237,027	(161,463)	(68.1)%
Gross Profit	1,127,597	697,815	429,782	61.6%
Selling, general, and administrative	911,356	563,656	(347,700)	(61.7)%
Income from operations	216,241	134,159	82,082	61.2%
Other (expense) income				
Interest (expense) income	(231)	246	(477)	(193.9)%
Other income (expense)	119	(140)	259	(185.0)%
	(112)	106	(218)	(205.7)%
Income from operations before income taxes	216,129	134,265	81,864	61.0%
Provision for income taxes	52,098	31,406	(20,692)	(65.9)%
Net income	\$ 164,031	\$ 102,859	\$ 61,172	59.5%
% of revenue				
Gross Profit	73.9%	74.6%		
Selling, general, and administrative	59.7%	60.3%		
Income from Operations	14.2%	14.4%		

Revenue: Revenue increased \$591.2 million, or 63.2%, to \$1.526 billion in 2021 from \$934.8 million in 2020. The average revenue per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach increased 6.6% to \$6,321 for the three months ended December 31, 2021 from \$5,932 for the three months ended December 31, 2020. Increase in the productivity per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach for the quarter continued to be driven by an increase in both the number of clients supported by each Coach as well as an increase in average client spend. The year-over-year growth in revenue was primarily driven by the continued growth in active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach count and increase in the productivity per active earning **OPTAVIA** Coach.

Costs of Sales: Cost of sales increased \$161.5 million, or 68.1%, to \$398.5 million in 2021 from \$237.0 million in 2020. This increase in cost of sales was primarily driven by an increase in **OPTAVIA** product sales, higher product costs and shipping costs resulting from inflation in raw ingredient, freight and labor costs. In addition, acceleration of demand in **OPTAVIA**-branded products led to the increase in the Company's use of co-manufacturers, which further increased cost of sales.

Gross Profit: In 2021, gross profit increased \$429.8 million, or 61.6%, to \$1.128 billion from \$697.8 million in 2020. The increase in gross profit was primarily attributable to higher revenue partially offset by increased cost of sales. As a percentage of sales, gross profit decreased 70 basis points to 73.9% for 2021 from 74.6% for 2020. The decrease in gross margin percentage was primarily the result of higher product and shipping costs resulting from inflation in raw ingredient, freight and labor costs.

Selling, General and Administrative: Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses were \$911.4 million in 2021, an increase of \$347.7 million, or 61.7%, as compared to \$563.7 million in 2020. As a percentage of sales, SG&A expenses were 59.7% for 2021 as compared to 60.3% for 2020. The increase in SG&A was primarily due to higher **OPTAVIA** Coach compensation expense, increased salaries and benefits related expenses for employees, incremental costs related to continued investment in information technology and distribution, increased credit card fees resulting from higher sales, as well as costs for

the Company's hybrid annual convention held in July 2021. As the **OPTAVIA** convention in July 2020 was a virtual event in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the costs were significantly lower. SG&A expenses included research and development costs of \$4.4 million and \$2.8 million for 2021 and 2020, respectively, in connection with the development of new products and programs and clinical research activities.

OPTAVIA Coach compensation expense, which is a variable expense, increased \$272.1 million, or 68.9%, to \$667.2 million in 2021 from \$395.1 million in 2020. The increase was primarily the result of increased **OPTAVIA** product sales. This trend is the result of the success we are experiencing with our growing **OPTAVIA** Integrated Coach Model. The total number of active earning **OPTAVIA** Coaches for the three months ended December 31, 2021 increased to 59,800 from 44,200 for the corresponding period in 2020, an increase of 35.3%.

Income from operations: Income from operations in 2021 increased \$82.0 million to \$216.2 million from \$134.2 million in 2020 primarily as a result of increased gross profits partially offset by increased SG&A expenses. Income from operations as a percentage of sales decreased to 14.2% for 2021 as compared to 14.4% for 2020 due to the factors described above in the explanations from gross profit and SG&A expenses.

Provision for income taxes: For 2021, the Company recorded \$52.1 million in income tax expense, an effective tax rate of 24.1%, as compared to \$31.4 million in income tax expense and an effective tax rate of 23.4%, for 2020. The increase in the effective tax rate for 2021 as compared to 2020 was primarily driven by an increase in the state tax expenses of 1.2% and an increase in the limitation for executive compensation of 0.5%, partially offset by a decrease in the current year impact of the valuation allowance of 0.8% and an increase in the stock compensation benefit of 0.5% as well as other permanent differences.

Net income: Net income was \$164.0 million, or \$13.89 per diluted share, in 2021 as compared to \$102.9 million, or \$8.68 per diluted share, in 2020. The period-over-period changes were driven by the factors described above in the explanations from operations.

Additionally, refer to Item 7: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 for management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the fiscal year 2020 compared to fiscal year 2019.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company had stockholders' equity of \$202.5 million and working capital of \$137.0 million at December 31, 2021 compared with \$157.2 million and \$123.0 million at December 31, 2020. The \$45.3 million net increase in stockholders' equity reflects \$164.0 million in net income for 2021 offset by \$56.0 million spent on repurchases of common stock and \$67.2 million for declared dividends paid to our common stockholders as well as the other equity transactions described in the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity included in our consolidated financial statements included in this report. The Company declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.42 per share on December 8, 2021, to stockholders of record as of December 21, 2021 that was paid on February 8, 2022. While we intend to continue the dividend program and believe we will have sufficient liquidity to do so, we can provide no assurance we will be able to continue the declaration and payment of dividends. The Company's cash, cash equivalents and investment securities decreased from \$174.5 million at December 31, 2020 to \$109.5 million at December 31, 2021.

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$50.7 million to \$94.5 million for 2021 from \$145.2 million for 2020 primarily as a result of a \$114.5 million decrease in operating assets and liabilities partially offset by a \$61.2 million increase in net income. Decrease in operating assets and liabilities was primarily due to a \$122.0 decrease in the change in inventories. We increased our inventory purchases significantly in 2021 to meet our sales growth demand.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$29.0 million for 2021 as compared to \$1.3 million for 2020. This year-over-year change resulted primarily from a \$28.3 million increase in cash used in capital expenditures for 2021 as compared to 2020. Cash used in capital expenditures for 2021 expanded our technology and supply chain capabilities to support our planned growth.

Net cash used in financing activities increased \$68.0 million to \$125.1 million for 2021 from \$57.1 million for 2020. This increase was primarily due to a \$51.0 million increase in stock repurchases, a \$10.7 million increase in cash dividends paid to stockholders and a \$5.5 million increase in net shares repurchased for taxes.

In pursuing its business strategy, the Company may require additional cash for operating and investing activities. The Company expects future cash requirements, if any, to be funded from operating cash flow and financing activities.

From time to time the Company evaluates potential acquisitions that complement our business. If consummated, any such transactions may use a portion of our working capital or require the issuance of equity or debt. We have no present understandings, commitments or agreements with respect to any material acquisitions.

As of December 31, 2021, the Company maintained a credit facility, which provides for a \$125.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility with a \$20.0 million letter of credit sublimit and also provides for an uncommitted incremental facility that permits the Company, subject to certain conditions, to increase the senior secured revolving credit facility by up to \$100.0 million. The credit facility contains affirmative and negative covenants customarily applicable to credit facilities. As of December 31, 2021, the Company was in compliance with all of its debt covenants and there were no borrowings outstanding under the credit facility.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

The Company had the following contractual obligations as of December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

	2022	2023 - 2024	2025 - 2026	Thereafter	Total
Operating leases ^(a)	\$ 7,130	\$ 11,900	\$ 9,985	\$ 5,412	\$ 34,427
Unconditional purchase obligations ^(b)	94,618	99,886	3,621	756	198,881
Total contractual obligations	\$ 101,748	\$ 111,786	\$ 13,606	\$ 6,168	\$ 233,308

(a) The Company has operating leases in place for leased corporate offices, warehouses, and certain equipment.

(b) The Company has unconditional purchase obligations primarily for inventories, outsourced information technology and Coach events.

INFLATION

During 2021, the Company's business experienced a certain amount of inflation impact on raw ingredient, freight and supply chain labor. As a result, the Company increased its product sales prices by 3.5% in December 2021.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market risk is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as interest rates and a decline in the stock market. The Company does not enter into derivatives, foreign exchange transactions or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The Company is exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates and market pricing impacting our investment portfolio. Its current investment policy is to maintain an investment portfolio consisting of municipal bonds and United States money market securities directly or through managed funds. Its cash is deposited in and invested through highly rated financial institutions in North America. Its marketable securities are subject to interest rate risk and market pricing risk and will fall in value if market interest rates increase or if market pricing decreases. If market interest rates were to increase and market pricing were to decrease immediately and uniformly by 10% from levels at December 31, 2021, the Company estimates that the fair value of its investment portfolio would decline by an immaterial amount and therefore it would not expect its operating results or cash flows to be affected to any significant degree by the effect of a change in market conditions on our investments.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Medifast, Inc.

Opinion on the Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We have audited Medifast, Inc.'s (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company and our report dated February 23, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion.

Basis for Opinion

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ RSM US LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
February 23, 2022

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Medifast, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Medifast, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2021, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013, and our report dated February 23, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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 PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with 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 financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. 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 statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Income Taxes

As described in Notes 2 and 11 of the consolidated financial statements, the Company operates in multiple markets in the U.S. and internationally using an e-commerce platform and a direct selling network of **OPTAVIA** Coaches. The Company's provision for income taxes is impacted based on interpretations of U.S. federal and various state and local income tax laws. Management prepared the Company's provision for income taxes using significant judgment when interpreting the provisions of Treasury and state and local tax regulations and assessing the positions taken as a result of these considerations as to whether or not the amount of benefit recorded would be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination.

We identified the evaluation of the Company's provision for income taxes as a critical audit matter due to the significant judgments made by management when assessing the complex provisions of the tax laws and regulations. Auditing the matter required significant auditor judgment and use of our tax specialists, in evaluating the recorded results of management's tax positions and their assessment of the sustainability of these tax positions.

Our audit procedures related to the Company's provision for income taxes included the following, among others:

- We obtained an understanding of the relevant controls related to the determination of current and deferred taxes and tested such controls for design and operating effectiveness, including controls related to the interpretation and application of tax laws.
- We involved our specialized tax professionals to assist in evaluating the application of Treasury Regulations and state and local tax regulations. Our specialists considered the interpretations of Treasury Regulations, state and local tax positions, and other tax positions requiring significant judgement, made an independent assessment of such positions and related calculations and then compared them to the Company's recorded positions.
- We tested the accuracy and completeness of the data and inputs used to calculate the effective federal and state tax rate, current provision calculations and deferred tax assets/liabilities.

/s/ RSM US LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2010.

Baltimore, Maryland
February 23, 2022

MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
Years Ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019
(U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share amounts & dividend data)

	2021	2020	2019
Revenue	\$ 1,526,087	\$ 934,842	\$ 713,672
Cost of sales	398,490	237,027	176,814
Gross profit	1,127,597	697,815	536,858
Selling, general, and administrative	911,356	563,656	445,819
Income from operations	216,241	134,159	91,039
Other (expense) income			
Interest (expense) income	(231)	246	1,295
Other income (expense)	119	(140)	29
	(112)	106	1,324
Income from operations before income taxes	216,129	134,265	92,363
Provision for income taxes	52,098	31,406	14,447
Net income	\$ 164,031	\$ 102,859	\$ 77,916
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 14.01	\$ 8.74	\$ 6.62
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 13.89	\$ 8.68	\$ 6.43
Weighted average shares outstanding			
Basic	11,705	11,771	11,771
Diluted	11,813	11,850	12,117
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 5.68	\$ 4.52	\$ 3.38

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
Years Ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019
(U.S. dollars in thousands)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Net income	\$ 164,031	\$ 102,859	\$ 77,916
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation	112	(21)	1
Unrealized (losses) gains on investment securities	(42)	37	197
Other comprehensive income	<u>70</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>198</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 164,101</u>	<u>\$ 102,875</u>	<u>\$ 78,114</u>

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MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
As of December 31, 2021 and 2020
(U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 104,183	\$ 163,723
Inventories	180,043	53,392
Investment securities	5,361	10,752
Income taxes, prepaid	945	—
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	16,334	6,447
Total current assets	306,866	234,314
Property, plant and equipment - net of accumulated depreciation	56,131	27,633
Right-of-use assets	24,457	10,508
Other assets	6,468	2,937
Deferred tax assets	4,404	692
TOTAL ASSETS	398,326	276,084
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	163,309	107,677
Current lease obligations	6,523	3,673
Total current liabilities	169,832	111,350
Lease obligations, net of current lease obligations	26,020	7,488
Total liabilities	195,852	118,838
Commitments (Note 12)		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, par value \$.001 per share: 20,000 shares authorized; 11,594 and 11,822 issued and 11,593 and 11,772 outstanding at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	12	12
Additional paid-in capital	12,018	7,842
Accumulated other comprehensive income	111	41
Retained earnings	190,333	154,351
Less: treasury stock at cost, 0 and 46 shares at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	—	(5,000)
Total stockholders' equity	202,474	157,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	398,326	276,084

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MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019
(U.S. dollars in thousands)

	2021	2020	2019
Operating Activities			
Net income	\$ 164,031	\$ 102,859	\$ 77,916
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization	6,812	4,316	4,624
Non-cash lease expense	5,069	3,189	2,624
Share-based compensation	9,903	6,796	4,520
Loss on sale of disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	212	17
Amortization of premium on investment securities	89	320	454
Deferred income taxes	(3,715)	601	1,598
Change in operating assets and liabilities:			
Inventories	(126,651)	(4,621)	(9,883)
Income taxes, prepaid	(945)	5,169	(5,169)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(9,887)	1,086	(1,936)
Other assets	(4,543)	(2,741)	(2,615)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	54,380	28,010	12,111
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	94,545	145,196	84,261
Investing Activities			
Sale and maturities of investment securities	5,145	4,605	3,730
Purchase of property and equipment	(34,209)	(5,887)	(10,058)
Net cash flow used in investing activities	(29,064)	(1,282)	(6,328)
Financing Activities			
Options exercised by executives and directors	811	1,597	278
Net shares repurchased for taxes	(6,089)	(551)	(14,092)
Cash dividends paid to stockholders	(63,856)	(53,190)	(35,396)
Stock repurchases	(55,999)	(5,000)	(33,114)
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(125,133)	(57,144)	(82,324)
Foreign currency impact	112	(21)	1
(Decrease) Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(59,540)	86,749	(4,390)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the period	163,723	76,974	81,364
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$ 104,183	\$ 163,723	\$ 76,974
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Income taxes paid	\$ 56,758	\$ 24,636	\$ 17,314
Dividends declared included in accounts payable	\$ 17,186	\$ 13,831	\$ 13,719

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MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Years Ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019
(U.S. dollars in thousands)

	Number of Shares Issued	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total
Balance, January 1, 2019	12,117	\$ 12	\$ 8,802	\$ (173)	\$ 131,344	\$ (30,879)	\$ 109,106
Net income	—	—	—	—	77,916	—	77,916
Share-based compensation	273	—	4,520	—	—	—	4,520
Options exercised by executives and directors	10	—	278	—	—	—	278
Net shares repurchased for taxes	(128)	—	(13,600)	—	(492)	—	(14,092)
Treasury stock from stock repurchases	—	—	—	—	—	(33,114)	(33,114)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	198	—	—	198
Cash dividends declared to stockholders	—	—	—	—	(39,980)	—	(39,980)
Balance, December 31, 2019	12,272	\$ 12	\$ —	\$ 25	\$ 168,788	\$ (63,993)	\$ 104,832
Net income	—	—	—	—	102,859	—	102,859
Share-based compensation	17	—	6,796	—	—	—	6,796
Options exercised by executives and directors	28	—	1,597	—	—	—	1,597
Net shares repurchased for taxes	(6)	—	(551)	—	—	—	(551)
Treasury stock from stock repurchases	—	—	—	—	—	(5,000)	(5,000)
Treasury stock retired from stock repurchases	(489)	—	—	—	(63,993)	63,993	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	16	—	—	16
Cash dividends declared to stockholders	—	—	—	—	(53,303)	—	(53,303)
Balance, December 31, 2020	11,822	\$ 12	\$ 7,842	\$ 41	\$ 154,351	\$ (5,000)	\$ 157,246
Net income	—	—	—	—	164,031	—	164,031
Share-based compensation	55	—	9,454	—	142	—	9,596
Options exercised by executives and directors	29	—	811	—	—	—	811
Net shares repurchased for taxes	(28)	—	(6,089)	—	—	—	(6,089)
Treasury stock from stock repurchases	—	—	—	—	—	(55,999)	(55,999)
Treasury stock retired from stock repurchases	(284)	—	—	—	(60,999)	60,999	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	70	—	—	70
Cash dividends declared to stockholders	—	—	—	—	(67,192)	—	(67,192)
Balance, December 31, 2021	11,594	\$ 12	\$ 12,018	\$ 111	\$ 190,333	\$ —	\$ 202,474

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

MEDIFAST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2021, 2020, and 2019

1. NATURE OF THE BUSINESS

Medifast, Inc. (the “Company” or “Medifast”) is a Delaware corporation, incorporated in 1989. The Company’s operations are primarily conducted through its wholly owned subsidiaries, Jason Pharmaceuticals, Inc., **OPTAVIA**, LLC, Jason Enterprises, Inc., Jason Properties, LLC, Medifast Franchise Systems, Inc., Seven Crondall Associates, LLC, Corporate Events, Inc., **OPTAVIA** (Hong Kong) Limited, **OPTAVIA** (Singapore) PTE. LTD and **OPTAVIA** Health Consultation (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Medifast is the company behind one of the fastest-growing health and wellness communities called **OPTAVIA**. **OPTAVIA** is a highly effective lifestyle solution for people for whom diets alone have failed. The Company has one modern, United States Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) approved manufacturing facility located in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Medifast sells a variety of weight loss, weight management and healthy living products all based on our proprietary formulas under the **OPTAVIA**, Optimal Health by Take Shape for Life, and Flavors of Home® brands. The Company’s product line includes more than 95 consumable options, including, but not limited to, bars, bites, pretzels, puffs, cereal crunch, drinks, hearty choices, oatmeal, pancakes, pudding, soft serve, shakes, smoothies, soft bakes, and soups. Medifast’s nutritional products are formulated with high-quality ingredients. The processing, formulation, packaging, labeling and advertising of the Company’s products are subject to regulation by one or more federal agencies, including the FDA, the Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”), the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation - The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. The Company’s fiscal year ends on December 31.

Reclassification - Certain amounts reported for prior periods have been reclassified to be consistent with the current period presentation. No reclassification in the consolidated financial statements had a material impact on the presentation.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit in financial institutions, institutional money funds and other short-term investments with a maturity of 90 days or less at the time of purchase.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Our cash and cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities are maintained at several financial institutions and the balances with these financial institutions often exceed the amount of insurance provided on such accounts by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The cash and cash equivalents generally are maintained with financial institutions with reputable credit, and therefore bear minimal credit risk. Historically, we have not experienced any losses due to such concentration of credit risk.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments - Our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, and investment in available-for-sale securities. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value due to their short maturities. The fair value of investments in available-for-sale securities are based on third-party pricing services provided by the Company’s investment advisory firm.

Inventories - Inventories consist principally of raw materials and packaged meal replacements held in the Company’s warehouses and outsourced distribution centers. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value, utilizing the first-in, first-out method. The cost of finished goods includes the cost of raw materials, packaging supplies, direct and indirect labor, and other indirect manufacturing costs. On a quarterly basis, management reviews inventories for unsalable or obsolete inventories.

Investment Securities - The Company's investments consist of debt securities classified as available-for-sale securities. Available-for-sale debt securities are stated at fair value and unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the related deferred tax effect, are reported as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity. Interest and dividends on marketable debt securities are recognized in income when declared. Realized gains and losses, if any, are included in income.

Property, Plant, and Equipment - Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. The Company computes depreciation and amortization using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets acquired as follows:

Building and building improvements	10 - 35 years
Leasehold Improvements ⁽¹⁾	Lease term
Equipment and fixtures	3 - 15 years
Software	5 years
Vehicles	5 years

(1) The depreciation life for leasehold improvements is the lesser of the estimated useful life of the addition or the term of the related lease.

Long-lived Asset Impairment - Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset.

Revenue Recognition - Our revenue is derived primarily from point of sale transactions executed over an e-commerce platform for weight loss, weight management, and other consumable health and nutritional products. Revenue is recognized upon receipt by customer and net of discounts, rebates, promotional adjustments, price adjustments, allocated consideration to loyalty programs, and estimated returns.

Revenue is recognized when control of the promised products is transferred to our clients, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for transferring those products. When determining whether the customer has obtained control of the products, we consider any future performance obligations.

A performance obligation is a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to the customer, and is the unit of account in *ASC 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. A contract's transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized as revenue when, or as, each performance obligation is satisfied. Our contracts have performance obligations to fulfill and deliver products from the point of sale transaction along with the related customer reward programs.

Our performance obligations are satisfied at a point in time. Revenue from products transferred to clients at a point in time accounted for substantially all of our revenue for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019. Revenue on these contracts is recognized when obligations under the terms of the contract with our customer are satisfied. Generally, this occurs with the transfer of control upon receipt of products by our clients. Any consideration received prior to the fulfillment of the Company's performance obligation is deferred and recognized as a liability.

Sales returns

Our return policy allows for customer returns of consumable products within 30 days of purchase and upon our authorization. We adjust revenues for the products expected to be returned and a liability is recognized for expected refunds to clients. We estimate expected returns based on historical levels and project this experience into the future.

Customer reward programs and sales incentives

Our sales contracts may give clients the option to purchase additional products priced at a discount. Options to acquire additional products at a discount can come in many forms, such as customer reward programs and incentive offerings including pricing arrangements and promotions.

We reduce the transaction price for certain customer reward programs and incentive offerings including pricing arrangements, promotions, and incentives that represent variable consideration and separate performance obligations. The Company accounts for sales rewards that provide the customer with a material right as a separate performance obligation of the transactions, and therefore allocates consideration between the initial sale of products and the customer reward program and incentive offering.

Shipping and handling costs

Amounts billed to clients for shipping and handling activities are treated as a promised service performance obligation and are recorded in revenue in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income upon fulfillment of the performance obligation. Shipping and handling costs incurred by the Company for the delivery of products to clients are considered a cost to fulfill the contract and are included in cost of sales in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

Contract costs

We expense **OPTAVIA** Coach compensation and credit card fees during the period in which the corresponding revenue is earned. These costs are deferred along with the revenues for goods that are in transit and not received by clients by period end. These costs are recorded in selling, general and administrative expense in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income.

Leases - The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception and categorizes leases with contractual terms longer than twelve months as either operating or finance. All the Company's leases are operating leases. The right-of-use ("ROU") assets represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent an obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. ROU assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit interest rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The ROU asset also consists of any prepaid lease payments and lease incentives received. The lease terms used to calculate the ROU asset and related lease liability include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Company will exercise that option. Lease expense for operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as an operating expense.

Advertising Costs - Advertising costs are expensed as incurred, except for the preparation, layout, design and production of advertising costs which are expensed when the advertisement is first used. They are recorded in selling, general, and administrative expense in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income. Advertising expense, excluding broker fees, for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, amounted to \$1.6 million, \$4.4 million and \$5.3 million, respectively.

Research and Development - The Company incurs research and development costs in connection with the development of new products and programs and clinical research activities, which are expensed as incurred. They are recorded in selling, general, and administrative expense in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company incurred \$4.4 million, \$2.8 million, \$2.7 million in research and development expense for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Share-Based Compensation - Share-based compensation consists primarily of restricted stock awards, performance-based share awards, and stock options granted to employees and directors. Restricted stock awards are measured at the grant date, based on the calculated fair value of the award, and are recognized as an expense over the requisite service period. Performance-based share awards are measured based on the grant-date market price of the Company's common stock adjusted by expected level of achievement over the performance period. The fair value of the incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options is calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model as of the grant date and recognized over the service period. The Company issues new shares upon the exercise of stock options, the granting of restricted stock awards, and the achieved performance against predetermined performance goals over the performance period for performance-based share awards.

Income Taxes - Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

The benefit of a tax position is recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, management believes it is more-likely-than-not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any. Tax positions taken are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement with the applicable taxing authority. The portion of the benefits associated with tax positions taken that exceeds the amount measured as described above is reflected as a liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination.

Our policy is to recognize interest and penalties accrued on uncertain tax positions as part of income tax expense. We evaluated our tax positions and determined that we did not have any material uncertain tax positions.

Earnings Per Share - Basic earnings per share (“EPS”) computations are calculated utilizing the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted EPS is calculated utilizing the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding adjusted for the effect of dilutive common stock equivalents.

Comprehensive Income - Other comprehensive income refers to revenues, expenses, and gains and losses that are not included in net income but rather are recorded directly in stockholders’ equity. Comprehensive income consists of net income, unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, and foreign currency translation adjustments.

Accounting Pronouncements - Adopted in 2021

On January 1, 2021, the beginning of the Company’s fiscal year, the Company adopted Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) 2019-12, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes, which is designed to simplify the accounting for income taxes by eliminating certain exceptions to the general principles in Topic 740. There was no material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial statements upon adoption of this ASU.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements - Pending Adoption

We have considered all new accounting pronouncements and have concluded that there are no new pronouncements that have the potential for a material impact on our results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows, based on current information, except for:

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting, which provides optional guidance for a limited time to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform. The new guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying accounting principles under GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met and to other derivative instruments if there is a change to the interest rates used for discounting, margining or contract price alignment. These amendments are effective immediately and may be applied prospectively to contract modifications made and hedging relationships entered into or evaluated on or before December 31, 2022. We are currently evaluating our contracts and the optional expedients provided by the new standard as it pertains to the credit agreement disclosed in Note 13.

3. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
Raw materials	\$ 15,196	\$ 13,428
Packaging	3,641	4,071
Non-food finished goods	15,991	8,078
Finished goods	152,687	29,858
Reserve for obsolete inventory	(7,472)	(2,043)
Total	<u>\$ 180,043</u>	<u>\$ 53,392</u>

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant, and equipment consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 565	\$ 565
Building and leasehold improvements	23,518	13,013
Equipment and fixtures	42,708	20,955
Software	21,894	20,047
Vehicles	145	145
Property, plant and equipment - gross	88,830	54,725
Less: accumulated depreciation	(32,699)	(27,092)
Property, plant and equipment - net	\$ 56,131	\$ 27,633

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$5.7 million, \$4.1 million and \$3.7 million, respectively.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Trade payables and accrued expenses	\$ 70,894	\$ 36,092
OPTAVIA Coach compensation payable	28,733	22,598
Dividends payable	17,186	13,831
Accrued payroll and related taxes	24,940	16,948
Promotional sales incentive accruals	10,935	7,621
Deferred revenue	8,050	7,606
Sales tax payable	2,571	2,981
Total	\$ 163,309	\$ 107,677

6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted EPS for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in thousands, except per share data):

	2021	2020	2019
Numerator:			
Net income	\$ 164,031	\$ 102,859	\$ 77,916
Denominator:			
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	11,705	11,771	11,771
Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents	108	79	346
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	11,813	11,850	12,117
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 14.01	\$ 8.74	\$ 6.62
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 13.89	\$ 8.68	\$ 6.43

The calculation of diluted earnings per share excluded 0, 358 and 984 antidilutive options outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 also excluded 368, 2,658 and 718 antidilutive restricted stock awards, respectively.

7. EQUITY

Authorized Shares

Pursuant to the Company's Restated and Amended Certificate of Incorporation, the Company has the authority to issue 21,500,000 capital shares consisting of: (i) 20,000,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$0.001 per share and (ii) 1,500,000 shares of preferred stock having a par value \$0.001 per share. As of December 31, 2021, there were approximately 11,594,000 and 0 shares of common stock and preferred stock issued, respectively.

Issuance of Additional Common Stock

On May 18, 2017, the stockholders of the Company approved the Medifast, Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Share Incentive Plan (the "Amended and Restated 2012 Plan") that increased the number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be awarded under the Amended and Restated 2012 Plan by 600,000, to an aggregate of 1,600,000.

Stock Repurchase Plan

The Company implemented a stock repurchase plan on September 16, 2014 (the "Stock Repurchase Plan"). On September 12, 2019, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an additional 2,000,000 shares for repurchase under the Stock Repurchase Plan. The Company repurchased approximately 238,000 and 46,000 shares during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. As of December 31, 2021, there were approximately 2,084,000 shares of common stock remaining under the Company's Stock Repurchase Plan. There is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares of the Company's common stock, if any, that will be repurchased under the Stock Repurchase Plan.

8. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

Stock Options:

The Company has issued non-qualified and incentive stock options to employees and nonemployee directors. The fair value of these options are estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which requires estimates of the expected term of the option, the risk-free interest rate, the expected volatility of the price of the Company's common stock, and dividend yield. Options outstanding as of December 31, 2021 generally vest over a period of three years and expire ten years from the date of grant. The exercise price of these options ranges from \$26.52 to \$66.68. Due to the Company's lack of option exercise history on the date of grant, the expected term is calculated using the simplified method defined as the midpoint between the vesting period and the contractual term of each option. The risk free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect on the date of grant that most closely corresponds to the expected term of the option. The expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock over the period of time equivalent to the expected

term for each award. The dividend yield is computed as the annualized dividend rate at the grant date divided by the strike price of the stock option. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company did not grant stock options.

The number of stock options and weighted-average exercise prices as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Awards	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Awards	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
(awards in thousands)				
Outstanding at beginning of period	61	\$ 48.19	97	\$ 52.53
Exercised	(29)	40.53	(28)	57.79
Forfeited	—	—	(8)	68.45
Outstanding at end of the period	32	\$ 54.98	61	\$ 48.19
Exercisable at end of the period	23	\$ 49.50	44	\$ 39.98

As of December 31, 2021, the weighted-average remaining contractual life was 5.3 years with an aggregate intrinsic value of \$5.1 million for outstanding stock options and the weighted-average remaining contractual life was 4.9 years with an aggregate intrinsic value of \$3.6 million for exercisable options. The unrecognized compensation expense calculated under the fair value method for shares expected to vest as of December 31, 2021 was \$0.1 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.1 years. The Company received \$0.8 million, \$1.6 million and \$0.3 million in cash proceeds from the exercise of stock options during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$5.9 million, \$1.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

Restricted Stock:

The Company has issued restricted stock to employees and nonemployee directors generally with vesting terms up to five years after the date of grant. The fair value of the restricted stock is equal to the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Expense for restricted stock is amortized ratably over the vesting period. A summary of outstanding restricted stock activity as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
(shares in thousands)				
Outstanding at beginning of period	50	\$ 116.06	46	\$ 98.28
Granted	22	264.58	43	113.87
Vested	(26)	116.68	(32)	88.71
Forfeited	(3)	169.47	(7)	108.86
Outstanding at end of the period	43	\$ 183.51	50	\$ 116.06

The Company withheld approximately 22,000, 6,000 and 128,000 shares of the Company's common stock to cover minimum tax liability withholding obligations upon the vesting of shares of restricted stock for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The total fair value of restricted stock awards vested during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$7.0 million, \$3.7 million and \$4.7 million, respectively.

Performance-based Share Awards:

The Company has issued performance-based share awards to certain key executives who were granted a target number of deferred shares and may earn between 0% and 200% of the target number depending upon achieved performance against pre-determined performance goals over a three-year performance period after the date of grant. The fair value of the performance-based share awards is equal to the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant adjusted by expected level.

of achievement over the performance period. Expense for performance-based share awards is amortized ratably over the performance period.

Share-based compensation expense is recorded in selling, general, and administrative expense in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income. The total expenses during the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 are as follows (in thousands):

	2021		2020		2019	
	Shares	Share-Based Compensation Expense	Shares	Share-Based Compensation Expense	Shares	Share-Based Compensation Expense
Options and restricted stock	75	\$ 4,302	111	\$ 3,493	143	\$ 3,817
Performance-based share awards granted in 2021	15	1,986	—	—	—	—
Performance-based share awards granted in 2020	26	1,807	28	1,662	—	—
Performance-based share awards granted in 2019	—	1,808	17	1,641	18	703
Total share-based compensation	116	\$ 9,903	156	\$ 6,796	161	\$ 4,520

The total income tax benefit recognized in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income for restricted stock awards was \$2.4 million, \$1.4 million and \$7.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

There was \$4.8 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards as of December 31, 2021, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years. There was \$7.3 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to the 40,610 performance-based shares discussed above as of December 31, 2021, which is expected to be recognized over 1.8 years.

9. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table sets forth the components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax where applicable (in thousands):

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Foreign currency translation	\$ 90	\$ (22)
Unrealized gains on investment securities	21	63
Accumulated other comprehensive income	\$ 111	\$ 41

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Certain financial assets and liabilities are accounted for at fair value, which is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The following fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date. Level 2 includes those financial instruments that are valued using models or other valuation methodologies.

Level 3 – Pricing inputs include significant inputs that are generally less observable from objective sources. These inputs may be used with internally developed methodologies that result in management's best estimate of fair value from the perspective of a market participant.

The following tables present the Company's cash and financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis for each of the hierarchy levels (in thousands):

	December 31, 2021					
	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Accrued Interest	Estimated Fair Value	Cash & Cash Equivalents	Investment Securities
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 94,824	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 94,824	\$ 94,824	\$ —
Level 1:						
Money market accounts	9,359	—	—	9,359	9,359	—
Government & agency securities	1,401	12	—	1,413	—	1,413
	10,760	12	—	10,772	9,359	1,413
Level 2:						
Municipal bonds	3,880	9	59	3,948	—	3,948
Total	\$ 109,464	\$ 21	\$ 59	\$ 109,544	\$ 104,183	\$ 5,361

	December 31, 2020					
	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Accrued Interest	Estimated Fair Value	Cash & Cash Equivalents	Investment Securities
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 159,754	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 159,754	\$ 159,754	\$ —
Level 1:						
Money market accounts	3,969	—	—	3,969	3,969	—
Government & agency securities	2,829	45	—	2,874	—	2,874
	6,798	45	—	6,843	3,969	2,874
Level 2:						
Municipal bonds	7,689	42	147	7,878	—	7,878
Total	\$ 174,241	\$ 87	\$ 147	\$ 174,475	\$ 163,723	\$ 10,752

The Company had no realized losses or gains for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. As of December 31, 2021, the maturities of the Company's investment securities were less than 1 year for all the municipal bonds, government and agency securities.

11. INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	2021	2020	2019
Current			
Federal	\$ 49,433	\$ 28,520	\$ 11,024
State	6,380	2,285	1,825
Total current	55,813	30,805	12,849
Deferred			
Federal	(3,424)	477	2,323
State	(291)	(77)	(729)
Foreign	—	201	4
Total deferred	(3,715)	601	1,598
Provision for income taxes	\$ 52,098	\$ 31,406	\$ 14,447

The total provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$52.2 million, \$31.4 million and \$14.5 million, respectively. Those amounts have been allocated to the following financial statement items:

	2021	2020	2019
Income from operations	\$ 52,098	\$ 31,406	\$ 14,447
Stockholders' equity, unrealized gains on investment securities & foreign currency	66	14	75
Total provision for income taxes	\$ 52,164	\$ 31,420	\$ 14,522

The reconciliation of the United States federal statutory tax provision to the Company's provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019 (in thousands, except percentages):

	2021		2020		2019	
Statutory federal tax	\$ 45,405	21.0 %	\$ 28,196	21.0 %	\$ 19,396	21.0 %
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	4,980	2.3 %	1,470	1.1 %	864	0.9 %
Foreign taxes						
Hong Kong	91	0.0 %	94	0.1 %	1	0.0 %
Singapore	32	0.0 %	107	0.1 %	3	0.0 %
Share-based compensation - windfall	(1,835)	-0.8 %	(415)	-0.3 %	(6,424)	-7.0 %
Research and development and jobs credits	(503)	-0.2 %	(370)	-0.3 %	(579)	-0.6 %
Executive compensation	2,652	1.2 %	966	0.7 %	442	0.4 %
Valuation allowance	468	0.2 %	1,342	1.0 %	—	0.0 %
Other permanent differences	808	0.4 %	16	0.0 %	744	0.9 %
Provision for income taxes	\$ 52,098	24.1 %	\$ 31,406	23.4 %	\$ 14,447	15.6 %

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets (liabilities) consisted of the following (in thousands):

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Reserves on inventory and sales	\$ 2,022	\$ 753
Credit and loss carryforwards	3,052	2,546
Stock compensation	420	1,015
Accrued expenses and deferred costs	4,240	3,274
Inventory capitalization	3,514	120
Lease obligations	7,191	2,178
Valuation allowance	(1,904)	(1,436)
Total deferred tax assets	18,535	8,450
Right-of-use assets	(5,375)	(2,032)
Unrealized loss on investment securities	(6)	(24)
Prepaid expenses	(1,175)	(1,022)
Depreciation	(7,575)	(4,680)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(14,131)	(7,758)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 4,404	\$ 692

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"). It amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide relief and supportive measures for taxpayers impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 virus. The key components of the Act are as follows: eliminating taxable income limitation for certain net operating losses ("NOL") and permitting carry back NOLs arising in 2019, 2020 and 2021 to five prior tax years; accelerating refunds of previously generated Alternative Minimum Tax credit; increasing business interest limitation from 30 percent to 50 percent of adjusted taxable income; amending depreciation for qualified improvement property ("QIP") to 15-year property for QIP placed in service after December 31, 2018. The Company's income tax provision provided under the CARES Act did not have a material impact on the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. The impact to the Company's 2021 earnings per common share was immaterial.

The Company has separate state and foreign net operating loss carry forwards totaling \$28.4 million that start expiring in 2029. The company continues to utilize the net operating loss carry forwards in 2022. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance for the portion of the net operating loss carry forwards which is not expected to be realized.

We file income tax returns in the United States and various states and foreign jurisdictions. We are generally no longer subject to United States federal, state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for the years before 2018.

12. LEASES AND COMMITMENTS

Operating Leases:

The Company has operating leases for office and warehouse space and certain equipment. In certain of the Company's lease agreements, the rental payments are adjusted periodically based on defined terms within the lease. The Company did not have any finance leases as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, or for the years then ended.

Our leases relating to office and warehouse space have terms of 19 months to 126 months. Our leases relating to equipment have lease terms of 24 months to 203 months, with certain of them having clauses relating to automatic renewal.

The Company's warehouse agreements also contain non-lease components, in the form of payments towards variable logistics services and labor charges, which the Company is obligated to pay based on the services consumed by it. Such amounts are not included in the measurement of the lease liability but will be recognized as expense when they are incurred.

The operating lease expense was \$5.6 million, \$3.6 million and \$3.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Supplemental cash flow information related to the Company's operating leases were as follows (in thousands):

	2021	2020
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurements of lease liabilities		
Operating cash flow used in operating leases	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,775
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations		
Operating leases	\$ 18,872	\$ 887

As of December 31, 2021, the weighted average remaining lease term was 5.4 years and the weighted average discount rate was 2.1%.

The following table presents the maturity of the Company's operating lease liabilities as of December 31, 2021 (in thousands):

2022	\$ 7,130
2023	6,207
2024	5,693
2025	5,825
2026	4,160
Thereafter	5,412
Total lease payments	\$ 34,427
Less: imputed interest	(1,884)
Total	\$ 32,543

Unconditional purchase obligations:

At December 31, 2021, the Company had \$198.9 million in unconditional purchase obligations primarily for inventories, outsourced information technology and Coach events.

13. DEBT

Credit Agreement

On April 13, 2021, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Guarantors") entered into a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") among the Company, the Guarantors, the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent. The Credit Agreement provides for a \$125.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility with a \$20.0 million letter of credit sublimit. The Credit Agreement also provides for an uncommitted incremental facility that permits the Company, subject to certain conditions, to increase the senior secured revolving credit facility by up to \$100.0 million. The Credit Agreement matures on April 13, 2026.

The Company's obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by the Guarantors. The obligations of the Company and the Guarantors are secured by first-priority liens on substantially all of the assets of the Company and the Guarantors, subject to certain exceptions.

Under the Credit Agreement, the Company will pay to the administrative agent for the account of each revolving lender a commitment fee on a quarterly basis based on amounts committed but unused under the revolving facility from 0.20 to 0.40% per annum depending on the Company's Total Net Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement). The Company is also obligated to pay the administrative agent customary fees for credit facilities of this size and type.

Revolving borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to (i) the Adjusted LIBOR Rate for the interest period plus the Applicable Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) based on the Company's Total Net Leverage Ratio (with customary provisions under the Credit Agreement providing for the replacement of LIBOR with a successor rate) or (ii) the Alternate Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) as in effect from time to time plus the Applicable Rate based on the Company's Total Net Leverage Ratio. As of December 31, 2021, the Applicable Rate for Eurodollar Loans is 1.25% per annum and the Applicable Rate for ABR Loans is 0.25% per annum.

The Credit Agreement contains affirmative and negative covenants customarily applicable to senior secured credit facilities, including covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries, subject to negotiated exceptions, to incur additional indebtedness and additional liens on their assets, engage in mergers or acquisitions or dispose of assets, pay dividends or make other distributions, voluntarily prepay other indebtedness, enter into transactions with affiliated persons, make investments and change the nature of their businesses. The Credit Agreement also contains customary events of default, subject to thresholds and grace periods, including, among others, payment default, covenant default, cross default to other material indebtedness and judgment default. In addition, the Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain a Total Net Leverage Ratio of no more than 3.00 to 1.00 and an Interest Coverage Ratio of at least 3.50 to 1.00.

The Company has no borrowings under the Credit Agreement as of the date of this report.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

There were no disagreements with the Company's independent auditors, regarding accounting and financial disclosures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

In accordance with Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our management has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2021.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Internal control over financial reporting includes maintaining records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect our transactions, providing reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary for preparation of our financial statements, providing reasonable assurance that receipts and expenditures of Company assets are made in accordance with management authorization, and providing reasonable assurance that unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of Company assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements would be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting is not intended to provide absolute assurance that a misstatement of our financial statements would be prevented or detected.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. Based on this evaluation, our management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2021.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no material changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the last fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2021 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Attestation Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2021, was audited by RSM US LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing in our 2021 financial statements in Item 8 of this report under the captions entitled "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm."

Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal controls will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with associated policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

The following documents are filed as part of this Report

1. Consolidated Financial Statements

The Consolidated Financial Statements of Medifast, Inc. and related notes, together with the Reports of RSM US LLP dated February 23, 2022, are included in Part II, Item 8.

2. Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules

None, as all information required in these schedules is included in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

3. Exhibits required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K

The information called for by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the Exhibit Index included in this Report.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

No.

- 3.1 [Restated and Amended Certificate of Incorporation of Medifast, Inc. \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on February 27, 2015\).](#)
- 3.2 [Amended and Restated Bylaws of Medifast, Inc. \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Amendment No. 1 Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on December 4, 2019\).](#)
- 4.1 [Description of Securities \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on February 26, 2021\).](#)
- 10.1 [Amended and Restated 2012 Share Incentive Plan \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on May 10, 2017\).*](#)
- 10.2 [Form of Restricted Share Award Agreement \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 15, 2016\).*](#)
- 10.3 [Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on February 4, 2014\).*](#)
- 10.4 [Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 15, 2016\).*](#)
- 10.5 [Form of Performance-Based Deferred Share Award Agreement \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 15, 2016\).*](#)
- 10.7 [Cooperation Agreement dated April 3, 2015, by and among the Company, Engaged Capital LLC, and the persons set forth on the signature pages thereto \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on April 6, 2015\).](#)
- 10.8 [Medifast, Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Share Incentive Plan Grant Notice Performance Share Unit \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 1, 2019\).](#)
- 10.9 [Medifast, Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Share Incentive Plan Grant Notice Employee Deferred Shares \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 1, 2019\).](#)
- 10.10 [Medifast, Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Share Incentive Plan Grant Notice Nonemployee Director Deferred Shares \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 1, 2019\).](#)
- 10.11 [Medifast, Inc. Amended and Restated 2012 Share Incentive Plan Grant Notice Nonemployee Director Deferred Share Cash Equivalent \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on March 1, 2019\).](#)
- 10.12 [Medifast, Inc. Executive Severance Plan \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on November 8, 2019\).](#)
- 10.13 [Amendment to Medifast, Inc. Executive Severance Plan \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on November 3, 2020\).](#)

- 10.14 [Separation Agreement dated August 26, 2021 \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on September 1, 2021\).](#)
- 10.15 [Credit Agreement, dated as of April 13, 2021, among Medifast, Inc., certain of its subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8 K \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on April 19, 2021\).](#)
- 10.16 [Medifast, Inc. Amended and Restated Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q \(File No. 001-31573\) filed on August 4, 2021\).](#)
- 21.1 [Subsidiaries of Medifast, Inc. \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 23.1 [Consent of RSM US LLP \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 31.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Item 601\(b\)\(31\) of Regulation S-K, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 31.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Item 601\(b\)\(31\) of Regulation S-K, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(filed herewith\).](#)
- 32 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(furnished herewith\).](#)
- 101 The following financial statements from Medifast, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed February 23, 2022, formatted in Inline XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Statements of Income, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (v) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity and (vi) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (filed herewith).
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File - The cover page interactive data file does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan.

ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MEDIFAST, INC.

By: /s/ DANIEL R. CHARD
Daniel R. Chard
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: February 23, 2022

/s/ JAMES P. MALONEY
James P. Maloney
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: February 23, 2022

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

Name	Title	Date
<u>/s/ JEFFREY J. BROWN</u> Jeffrey J. Brown	Lead Director	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ KEVIN G. BYRNES</u> Kevin G. Byrnes	Director	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ DANIEL R. CHARD</u> Daniel R. Chard	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ CONSTANCE J. HALLQUIST</u> Constance J. Hallquist	Director	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ MICHAEL A. HOER</u> Michael A. Hoer	Director	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ JONATHAN B. MACKENZIE</u> Jonathan B. MacKenzie	Vice President Finance and Chief Accounting Officer	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ JAMES P. MALONEY</u> James P. Maloney	Chief Financial Officer	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ SCOTT SCHLACKMAN</u> Scott Schlackman	Director	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ ANDREA B. THOMAS</u> Andrea B. Thomas	Director	February 23, 2022
<u>/s/ MING XIAN</u> Ming Xian	Director	February 23, 2022

Subsidiaries of Medifast, Inc.

Corporate Subsidiaries	State of Incorporation
Corporate Events, Inc.	Delaware
Jason Enterprises, Inc.	Delaware
Jason Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Maryland
Jason Properties, LLC	Delaware
Medifast Franchise Systems, Inc.	Delaware
OPTAVIA, LLC	Delaware
OPTAVIA Health Consultation (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	Shanghai, China
OPTAVIA (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong
OPTAVIA (Singapore) PTE. LTD	Singapore
Seven Crondall Associates, LLC	Maryland

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-187974 and No. 333-218243) on Form S-8 of Medifast, Inc. of our reports dated February 23, 2022, relating to the consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Medifast, Inc. and Subsidiaries, appearing in the Annual Report to Shareholders, which is incorporated in this annual report on Form 10-K of Medifast, Inc. and Subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2021.

/s/ RSM US LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
February 23, 2022

RULE 13a-14(a) CERTIFICATION

I, Daniel R. Chard, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K of Medifast, 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 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)) 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 our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our 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;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our 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 (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) 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 and I have disclosed, based on my 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: February 23, 2022

/s/ Daniel R. Chard

Daniel R. Chard
Chief Executive Officer

RULE 13a-14(a) CERTIFICATION

I, James P. Maloney, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K of Medifast, 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. I am responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) 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 our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our 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;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our 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 (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. I have disclosed, based on my 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: February 23, 2022

/s/ James P. Maloney

James P. Maloney
Chief Executive Officer



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