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(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Quarterly Period Ended July 1, 2025

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 0-21423

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

33-0485615

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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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, No Par Value	BJRI	NASDAQ Global Select Market

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including
area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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 (section 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 or a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging growth company | |

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 is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

As of August 6, 2025, there were 22,124,179 shares of Common Stock of the Registrant outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands)

	July 1, 2025 (unaudited)	December 31, 2024
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,964	\$ 26,096
Accounts and other receivables, net	17,922	20,402
Inventories, net	12,466	12,768
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	16,214	20,299
Total current assets	72,566	79,565
Property and equipment, net	513,237	510,581
Operating lease assets	322,692	336,936
Goodwill	4,673	4,673
Equity method investment	4,041	4,266
Deferred income taxes, net	64,425	62,318
Other assets, net	43,603	42,725
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,025,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,064</u>
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 49,970	\$ 51,011
Accrued expenses	97,377	105,316
Current operating lease obligations	42,611	39,982
Total current liabilities	189,958	196,309
Long-term operating lease obligations	374,548	394,129
Long-term debt	60,500	66,500
Other liabilities	13,667	14,109
Total liabilities	638,673	671,047
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, 5,000 shares authorized, none issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, no par value, 125,000 shares authorized and 22,181 and 22,697 shares issued and outstanding as of July 1, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively	—	—
Capital surplus	73,193	77,576
Retained earnings	313,371	292,441
Total shareholders' equity	386,564	370,017
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,025,237</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,064</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except per share data)

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Revenues	\$ 365,597	\$ 349,927	\$ 713,570	\$ 687,261
Restaurant operating costs (excluding depreciation and amortization):				
Cost of sales	90,803	89,836	177,623	174,789
Labor and benefits	129,374	126,309	255,026	251,330
Occupancy and operating	83,300	79,566	163,211	156,424
General and administrative	21,750	20,604	43,502	43,601
Depreciation and amortization	18,736	18,163	37,013	36,036
Restaurant opening	225	300	663	890
Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net	195	1,928	368	2,712
Total costs and expenses	344,383	336,706	677,406	665,782
Income from operations	21,214	13,221	36,164	21,479
Other (expense) income:				
Interest expense, net	(1,272)	(1,259)	(2,502)	(2,670)
Other income, net (1)	3,761	2,772	3,700	3,468
Total other income	2,489	1,513	1,198	798
Income before income taxes	23,703	14,734	37,362	22,277
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,495	(2,423)	1,662	(2,603)
Net income	\$ 22,208	\$ 17,157	\$ 35,700	\$ 24,880
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.07
Diluted	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.72	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.04
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:				
Basic	22,220	23,309	22,452	23,313
Diluted	22,962	23,921	23,130	23,954

- (1) For the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, related party costs included in other income, net was an equity method investment loss of \$66,000 and \$146,000, respectively. For the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, related party costs included in other income, net was an equity method investment loss of \$225,000 and \$293,000, respectively. See Note 10 for further information.

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In thousands)

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended				
	Common Stock		Capital	Retained	Total
	Shares	Amount	Surplus	Earnings	
Balance, April 2, 2024	23,369	\$ —	\$ 70,213	\$ 305,139	\$ 375,352
Issuance of restricted stock units	23	990	(1,021)	—	(31)
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(254)	(990)	—	(7,845)	(8,835)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	2,845	—	2,845
Adjustment to dividends previously accrued	—	—	—	1	1
Net income	—	—	—	17,157	17,157
Balance, July 2, 2024	<u>23,138</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 72,037</u>	<u>\$ 314,452</u>	<u>\$ 386,489</u>
Balance, April 1, 2025	22,436	\$ —	\$ 74,061	\$ 297,420	\$ 371,481
Exercise of stock options	162	8,410	(2,390)	—	6,020
Issuance of restricted stock units	21	464	(464)	—	—
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(438)	(8,874)	—	(6,257)	(15,131)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	1,986	—	1,986
Net income	—	—	—	22,208	22,208
Balance, July 1, 2025	<u>22,181</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 73,193</u>	<u>\$ 313,371</u>	<u>\$ 386,564</u>
	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended				
	Common Stock		Capital	Retained	Total
	Shares	Amount	Surplus	Earnings	
Balance, January 2, 2024	23,184	\$ —	\$ 77,036	\$ 288,725	\$ 365,761
Exercise of stock options	5	251	(83)	—	168
Issuance of restricted stock units	203	9,430	(10,322)	—	(892)
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(254)	(9,681)	—	846	(8,835)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	5,406	—	5,406
Adjustment to dividends previously accrued	—	—	—	1	1
Net income	—	—	—	24,880	24,880
Balance, July 2, 2024	<u>23,138</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 72,037</u>	<u>\$ 314,452</u>	<u>\$ 386,489</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	22,697	\$ —	\$ 77,576	\$ 292,441	\$ 370,017
Exercise of stock options	185	9,486	(2,786)	—	6,700
Issuance of restricted stock units	141	4,974	(5,623)	—	(649)
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(842)	(14,460)	—	(14,770)	(29,230)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	4,026	—	4,026
Net income	—	—	—	35,700	35,700
Balance, July 1, 2025	<u>22,181</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 73,193</u>	<u>\$ 313,371</u>	<u>\$ 386,564</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 35,700	\$ 24,880
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	37,013	36,036
Non-cash lease expense	17,042	15,838
Amortization of financing costs	108	109
Deferred income taxes	(2,107)	(4,831)
Stock-based compensation expense	3,857	5,243
Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net	368	2,712
Equity method investment	225	293
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and other receivables	2,480	4,202
Inventories, net	634	188
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,976	4,454
Other assets, net	(1,177)	(3,779)
Accounts payable	(2,088)	(8,749)
Accrued expenses	(7,939)	(12,427)
Operating lease obligations	(19,750)	(23,761)
Other liabilities	(442)	2,124
Net cash provided by operating activities	66,900	42,532
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(37,056)	(41,349)
Proceeds from disposal of assets	37	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(37,019)	(41,349)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on line of credit	418,000	453,900
Payments on line of credit	(424,000)	(458,400)
Payments of debt issuance costs	(834)	—
Taxes paid on vested stock units under employee plans	(649)	(892)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	6,700	168
Cash dividends accrued under stock compensation plans	—	(9)
Repurchase of common stock	(29,230)	(8,835)
Net cash used in financing activities	(30,013)	(14,068)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(132)	(12,885)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	26,096	29,070
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 25,964	\$ 16,185

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 1,248	\$ 3,712
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	\$ 2,018	\$ 2,311
Cash paid for operating lease obligations	\$ 32,443	\$ 31,153
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Operating lease assets obtained in exchange for operating lease obligations	\$ 2,798	\$ 13,552
Property and equipment acquired and included in accounts payable	\$ 5,654	\$ 8,639
Stock-based compensation capitalized	\$ 169	\$ 163

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BJ's Restaurants, Inc. (referred to herein as the "Company," "we," "us" and "our") and our wholly owned subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements presented herein include all material adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the periods presented. Our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been omitted pursuant to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make certain estimates and assumptions for the reporting periods covered by the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual amounts could differ from these estimates. Our operating results for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 may not be indicative of operating results for the entire year.

A description of our accounting policies and other financial information is included in our audited consolidated financial statements filed with the SEC on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The disclosures included in our accompanying interim consolidated financial statements and footnotes should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In December 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2023-09, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures. The ASU includes amendments requiring enhanced income tax disclosures, primarily related to standardization and disaggregation of rate reconciliation categories and income taxes paid by jurisdiction. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024, with early adoption permitted, and should be applied either prospectively or retrospectively. The adoption of this ASU will have no impact on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses (Subtopic 220-40). The ASU requires public entities to disaggregate, in a tabular presentation, certain income statement expenses into different categories, such as purchases of inventory, employee compensation, depreciation, and intangible asset amortization. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, with early adoption permitted, and may be applied retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting the new ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

We reviewed all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and concluded that they were either not applicable or not expected to have a significant impact to our consolidated financial statements.

2. REVENUE RECOGNITION

Our revenues are comprised of food and beverage sales from our restaurants, including takeout, delivery and catering sales. Revenues from restaurant sales are recognized when payment is tendered. Amounts paid with a credit card are recorded in accounts and other receivables until payment is collected from the credit card processor. We sell gift cards which do not have an expiration date, and we do not deduct non-usage fees from outstanding gift card balances. Gift card sales are recorded as a liability and recognized as revenues upon redemption in our restaurants. Based on historical redemption rates, a portion of our gift card sales are not expected to be redeemed and will be recognized as gift card "breakage." Estimated gift card breakage is recorded as revenue and recognized in proportion to our historical redemption pattern, unless there is a legal obligation to remit the unredeemed gift cards to government authorities.

Our "BJ's Premier Rewards Plus" guest loyalty program enables participants to earn points for qualifying purchases that can be redeemed for food and beverages in the future. We allocate the transaction price between the goods delivered and the future goods that will be delivered on a relative standalone selling price basis, and defer the revenues allocated to the points, less expected expirations, until such points are redeemed.

The liability related to our gift card and loyalty program, included in “Accrued expenses” on our Consolidated Balance Sheets is as follows (in thousands):

	July 1, 2025		December 31, 2024	
Gift card liability	\$	10,618	\$	15,668
Deferred loyalty revenue	\$	3,066	\$	2,910

Revenue recognized for the redemption of gift cards and loyalty rewards deferred at the beginning of each respective fiscal year is as follows (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended				For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended			
	July 1, 2025		July 2, 2024		July 1, 2025		July 2, 2024	
Revenue recognized from gift card liability	\$	2,142	\$	2,039	\$	7,911	\$	7,903
Revenue recognized from guest loyalty program	\$	1,319	\$	996	\$	7,065	\$	5,313

3. LEASES

We determine if a contract contains a lease at inception. Our material operating leases consist of restaurant locations and office space. U.S. GAAP requires that our leases be evaluated and classified as operating or finance leases for financial reporting purposes. The classification evaluation begins at the commencement date, and the lease term used in the evaluation includes the non-cancellable period for which we have the right to use the underlying asset, together with renewal option periods when the exercise of the renewal option is reasonably certain and failure to exercise such option would result in an economic penalty. All of our restaurant and office space leases are classified as operating leases. We have elected to account for lease and non-lease components as a single lease component for office and beverage equipment. We do not have any finance leases.

Lease costs included in “Occupancy and operating” on the Consolidated Statements of Operations consisted of the following (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended				For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended			
	July 1, 2025		July 2, 2024		July 1, 2025		July 2, 2024	
Lease cost	\$	14,821	\$	14,442	\$	29,497	\$	28,831
Variable lease cost		1,098		997		2,040		1,792
Total lease costs	\$	15,919	\$	15,439	\$	31,537	\$	30,623

4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Line of Credit

On May 30, 2025, we entered into a Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (“Credit Facility”) with Bank of America, N.A. (“BofA”), JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and certain other parties to amend and restate our revolving line of credit (the “Line of Credit”) to extend the maturity date, obtain a swingline subfacility, modify the interest rate, and revise certain loan covenants.

Our Credit Facility matures on May 30, 2030, and provides us with revolving loan commitments totaling \$215 million, which may be increased up to \$315 million, of which \$50 million may be used for the issuance of letters of credit. Availability under the Credit Facility is reduced by outstanding letters of credit, which are used to support our self-insurance programs. On July 1, 2025, there were borrowings of \$60.5 million and letters of credit of \$19.3 million outstanding, leaving \$135.2 million available to borrow.

Borrowings under the Line of Credit bear interest at an annual rate equal to either (a) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“Term SOFR”), adjusted by 10 basis points regardless of the duration of the Term SOFR, plus a percentage not to exceed 2.00%, or (b) the Base Rate plus a percentage not to exceed 1.00%. As with swingline loans: (i) the percentage adjustment depends on the level of lease and debt obligations of the Company as compared to EBITDA and lease expenses; and (ii) there is a floor of 0.00% on Term SOFR plus the 10 basis point adjustment. The weighted average interest rate during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024 was approximately 6.0% and 6.9%, respectively.

The Credit Agreement contains certain representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants and events of default that are customary for credit arrangements of this type, including covenants which restrict or limit the Company’s ability to, among other things, create liens, borrow money (other than purchase money indebtedness and trade credit, lease obligations incurred in the ordinary course, and similar ordinary course liabilities), make dividends, and engage in mergers, consolidations, significant asset sales, stock repurchases and certain other transactions. On July 1, 2025, we were in compliance with these covenants.

Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Company will be required to pay certain customary fees and expenses associated with maintenance and use of the Line of Credit including letter of credit issuance fees and unused commitment fees. Interest expense and commitment fees under the Credit Facility were approximately \$2.5 million and \$2.7 million, for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, respectively. We also capitalized approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million of interest expense related to new restaurant construction during each of the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, respectively. Additionally, we capitalized approximately \$0.8 million of fees related to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which are being amortized over the remaining term of the Credit Facility.

5. NET INCOME PER SHARE

Basic and diluted net income per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The number of diluted shares reflects the potential dilution that could occur if holders of in-the-money options and warrants were to exercise their right to convert these instruments into common stock and unvested restricted stock units (“RSUs”) were to vest. Additionally, performance-based restricted stock units (“RSUs”) are considered contingent shares; therefore, at each reporting date we determine the probable number of shares that will vest and include these contingently issuable shares in our diluted share calculation unless they are anti-dilutive. Once these performance-based RSUs vest, they are included in our basic net income per share calculation.

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic and diluted net income per share, including the number of dilutive equity awards included in the dilutive net income per share computation (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Numerator:				
Net income	\$ 22,208	\$ 17,157	\$ 35,700	\$ 24,880
Denominator:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding – basic	22,220	23,309	22,452	23,313
Dilutive effect of equity awards	742	612	678	641
Weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted	22,962	23,921	23,130	23,954
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.07
Diluted	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.72	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.04

For each of the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, there were approximately 0.4 million and 1.0 million, respectively, of common stock equivalents that have been excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share because they are anti-dilutive. For each of the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, there were approximately 0.6 million and 1.0 million, respectively, of common stock equivalents that have been excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share because they are anti-dilutive.

6. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Our current shareholder approved stock-based compensation plan is the BJ’s Restaurants, Inc. 2024 Equity Incentive Plan, (as it may be amended from time to time, “the Plan”). Under the Plan, we may issue shares of our common stock to team members, officers, directors and consultants. We grant non-qualified stock options, and service- and performance-based RSUs. Since fiscal 2024, we also grant performance-based RSUs with market-based metrics. Additionally, we issue service-based RSUs in connection with the BJ’s Gold Standard Stock Ownership Program (the “GSSOP”), a long-term equity incentive program under the Plan for our restaurant general managers, executive kitchen managers, directors of operations and directors of kitchen operations. All GSSOP participants are required to remain in good standing during their vesting period.

All options granted under the Plan expire within 10 years of their date of grant. Awards of stock options or stock appreciation rights are charged against the Plan share reserve on the basis of one share for each option granted. All other awards are charged against the 2024 Plan share reserve on the basis of 1.5 shares for each award unit granted. We estimate forfeitures based on historical data and we take into consideration future expectations. The Plan also contains other limits on the terms of incentive grants such as the maximum number that can be granted to a team member during any fiscal year.

We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of our stock options, and we use the Monte Carlo simulation model to determine the fair value of our performance-based RSUs that include a market-based metric. Both valuation models require management to make assumptions regarding stock price, volatility, the expected life of the award, risk-free interest rate and expected dividend yield. The fair value of service-based and performance-based RSUs without market-based metrics, is equal to the fair value of our common stock at market close on the grant date, or the last trading day prior to the grant date if the grant occurs on a day when the market is closed.

The grant date fair value of each stock option, service-based RSU, and performance-based RSU with market-based metrics is recognized as stock-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the applicable vesting period (e.g., one, three or five years). For performance-based RSUs without market-based metrics, stock-based compensation expense recognition is recognized based on the estimated number of awards that is expected to vest, which is reassessed each reporting period based on management's current estimate of achievement of the applicable performance goals. Forfeitures are estimated based on historical experience and adjusted for future expectations.

The Plan permits our Board of Directors to set the vesting terms and exercise period for awards at their discretion; however, the grant of awards with no minimum vesting period or a vesting period less than one year may not exceed 5% of the total number of shares authorized under the Plan. Stock options and service-based RSUs cliff vest at one year or ratably over three years for non-GSSOP participants, and either cliff vest at five years or cliff vest at 33% on the third anniversary and 67% on the fifth anniversary for GSSOP participants. Performance-based RSUs cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date in an amount from 0% to 150% of the grant quantity, depending on the level of performance target achievement.

The following table presents the stock-based compensation recognized within our consolidated financial statements (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Labor and benefits	\$ 865	\$ 529	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,037
General and administrative	\$ 1,042	\$ 2,237	\$ 2,592	\$ 4,206
Capitalized (1)	\$ 79	\$ 79	\$ 169	\$ 163
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 1,986	\$ 2,845	\$ 4,026	\$ 5,406

- (1) Capitalized stock-based compensation relates to our restaurant development personnel and is included in "Property and equipment, net" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Stock Options

The fair value of each stock option was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Volatility	64.1%	67.5%
Risk-free interest rate	4.5%	3.9%
Expected life (years)	5	5
Expected dividend yield	—%	—%
Fair value of options granted	\$ 20.69	\$ 18.86

Under our stock-based compensation plan, the exercise price of a stock option is required to equal or exceed the fair value of our common stock at market close on the option grant date or the last trading day prior to the date of grant when grants take place on a day when the market is closed. The following table presents stock option activity:

	Options Outstanding		Options Exercisable	
	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	933	\$ 39.10	741	\$ 41.00
Granted	45	36.21		
Exercised	(185)	36.12		
Forfeited	(92)	43.55		
Outstanding at July 1, 2025	701	\$ 39.12	556	\$ 40.63

As of July 1, 2025, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested stock options was approximately \$1.8 million, which is expected to be recognized over the next three years.

Restricted Stock Units

Service-Based Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents service-based restricted stock unit activity:

	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	772	\$ 30.45
Granted	145	35.81
Released	(120)	30.81
Forfeited	(56)	31.26
Outstanding at July 1, 2025	741	\$ 31.38

As of July 1, 2025, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested service-based RSUs was approximately \$11.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over the next three to five years.

Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents performance-based restricted stock unit activity:

	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	83	\$ 32.89
Granted	113	37.39
Released	(40)	32.27
Forfeited	(25)	34.54
Outstanding at July 1, 2025	131	\$ 36.63

The fair value of performance-based RSUs, which include a market-based metric, was estimated on the grant date using the Monte Carlo simulation model with the following assumptions:

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Volatility	48.0%	49.8%
Risk-free interest rate	4.2%	3.8%
Expected life (years)	3	3
Expected dividend yield	—%	—%
Fair value of market-based awards granted	\$ 37.98	\$ 34.79

As of July 1, 2025, the total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested performance-based RSUs was approximately \$3.0 million, which is expected to be recognized over the next three to five years.

7. INCOME TAXES

We calculate our interim income tax provision in accordance with ASC Topic 270, “Interim Reporting” and ASC Topic 740, “Accounting for Income Taxes.” The related tax expense or benefit is recognized in the interim period in which it occurs. In addition, the effect of changes in enacted tax laws, rates or tax status is recognized in the interim period in which the change occurs. The computation of the annual estimated effective tax rate at each interim period requires certain significant estimates and judgment including the expected operating income for the year, permanent and temporary differences because of differences between amounts measured and recognized in accordance with tax laws and financial accounting standards, and the likelihood of recovering deferred tax assets generated in the current fiscal year. The accounting estimates used to compute income tax expense may change as new events occur, additional information is obtained or the tax environment changes.

Our effective income tax rate for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 was an expense rate of 4.4% compared to a benefit rate of 11.7% for the comparable twenty-six weeks ended July 2, 2024. The effective tax rate expense and benefit for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, respectively, was different from the statutory tax rate primarily as a result of significant Federal Insurance Contributions Act (“FICA”) tax tip credits.

As of July 1, 2025, we had unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$0.9 million, which, if reversed, would impact our effective tax rate.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is the following (in thousands):

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Beginning gross unrecognized tax benefits	\$ 874	\$ 967
Increases for tax positions taken in the current year	67	51
Ending gross unrecognized tax benefits	<u>\$ 941</u>	<u>\$ 1,018</u>

Our uncertain tax positions are related to tax years that remain subject to examination by tax agencies. As of July 1, 2025, the earliest tax year still subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service is 2021. The earliest year still subject to examination by a significant state or local taxing authority is 2020.

8. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are subject to lawsuits, administrative proceedings and demands that arise in the ordinary course of our business and which typically involve claims from guests, team members and others related to operational, employment, real estate and intellectual property issues common to the foodservice industry. A number of these claims may exist at any given time. We are self-insured for a portion of our general liability, team member workers’ compensation and employment practice liability insurance requirements. We maintain coverage with a third-party insurer to limit our total exposure. We believe that most of our claims will be covered by our insurance, subject to coverage limits and the portion of such claims that are self-insured; however, punitive damages awards are not covered by our insurance. To date, we have not been ordered to pay punitive damages with respect to any claims, but there can be no assurance that punitive damages will not be awarded with respect to any future claims. We could be affected by adverse publicity resulting from allegations in lawsuits, claims and proceedings, regardless of whether these allegations are valid or whether we are ultimately determined to be liable. We currently believe that the final disposition of these types of lawsuits, proceedings and claims will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity. It is possible, however, that our future results of operations for a particular quarter or fiscal year could be impacted by changes in circumstances relating to lawsuits, proceedings or claims.

9. SHAREHOLDERS’ EQUITY

Warrant

BJ’s Act III, LLC’s (“Act III”) warrant for 876,949 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$26.94 was set to expire on May 4, 2025, five years following the issuance. On December 30, 2024, the Company agreed to extend the termination date of the warrant by two years to May 4, 2027. The warrant extension was executed in conjunction with a Cooperation Agreement that contains material non-shareholder restrictions, such as those limiting Act III’s ability to purchase additional Company shares.

Stock Repurchases

During the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, we repurchased and retired approximately 842,000 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$34.72 per share for approximately \$29.2 million, which is recorded as a reduction in common stock, with any excess charged to retained earnings. Our Board of Directors approved a \$50 million increase in our share repurchase program both in February 2024 and February 2025. As of July 1, 2025, we had \$56.7 million available under our authorized \$600 million share repurchase program. Repurchases may be made at any time.

Cash Dividends

We currently do not pay any cash dividends. Any payment of quarterly cash dividends will be subject to our Board of Directors determining that the payment of dividends is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

BJ’s Act III, LLC

On December 30, 2024, the Company agreed to extend Act III's warrant termination date by two years to May 4, 2027, and recorded a related expense of \$4.6 million within "Other (expense) income, net" on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Note 9 for further information.

Equity Method Investment

During fiscal 2022, we contributed assets valued at \$5.0 million to a company, in which our Board member and former Chief Executive Officer has a less than 1% interest. We recorded this non-cash contribution, in exchange for a 20% ownership of the company, as an investment within "Equity method investment" on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related gain within "Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net" on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. For the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, we recorded a net loss related to the investment of \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, within "Other income, net," and accordingly adjusted the investment carrying amount on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

11. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We currently operate in one operating segment: full-service company-owned restaurants and in one geographic area: the United States of America. We do not have intra-entity sales or transfers. Our revenues are comprised of food and beverage sales from our restaurants, including takeout, delivery and catering sales. Our Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") is our chief executive officer and president, and he assesses performance and decides how to allocate resources based on income (loss) from operations, which is also reported on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Additionally, the measure of segment assets is reported on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as total assets. Our CODM uses net income to evaluate income generated from our segment assets and decides whether to reinvest profits into other parts of our business.

Reported segment revenue and expenses is presented below (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Revenues	\$ 365,597	\$ 349,927	\$ 713,570	\$ 687,261
Less:				
Cost of sales	90,396	89,394	176,831	173,928
Labor and benefits	126,322	123,539	249,493	246,333
Occupancy and operating	86,759	82,778	169,536	162,282
Other segment items (1)	22,170	22,832	44,533	47,203
Depreciation and amortization	18,736	18,163	37,013	36,036
Income from operations	21,214	13,221	36,164	21,479
Reconciliation to net income:				
Interest expense, net	1,272	1,259	2,502	2,670
Other expense (income), net	(3,761)	(2,772)	(3,700)	(3,468)
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,495	(2,423)	1,662	(2,603)
Net income	\$ 22,208	\$ 17,157	\$ 35,700	\$ 24,880

(1) Other segment items consist of amounts related to general and administrative expenses, restaurant opening expenses, and loss on disposal of and impairment of assets.

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the end of our second fiscal quarter, on July 4, 2025, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBBA") was enacted. The OBBBA amends U.S. tax law, including provisions related to bonus depreciation, research and development expensing, and interest expense deduction, among other provisions. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the OBBBA on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING DISCLOSURE

Certain information included in this Form 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in our press releases, in other written communications, and in oral statements made by or with the approval of one of our authorized officers may contain

“forward-looking” statements about our current and expected performance trends, growth plans, business goals and other matters. Words or phrases such as “believe,” “plan,” “will likely result,” “expect,” “intend,” “will continue,” “is anticipated,” “estimate,” “project,” “may,” “could,” “would,” “should,” and similar expressions are intended to identify “forward-looking” statements. These statements, and any other statements that are not historical facts, are “forward-looking” statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as codified in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time. The cautionary statements made in this Form 10-Q should be read as being applicable to all related “forward-looking” statements wherever they appear in this Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to us as of the date any such statements are made, and we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risk factors described in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, as updated in our Form 10-Q for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, and in other reports filed subsequently with the SEC.

GENERAL

BJ’s Restaurants is a leading full-service restaurant brand differentiated by a high-quality, varied menu with compelling value, a dining experience that offers our customers (referred to as “guests”) best-in-class service, hospitality and enjoyment, in a high-energy, welcoming and approachable atmosphere. BJ’s is a national restaurant chain that, as of August 8, 2025, owns and operates 219 restaurants located in 31 states.

The first BJ’s restaurant opened in 1978 in Orange County, California, and was a small sit-down pizzeria that featured Chicago style deep-dish pizza with a unique California twist. In 1996, we introduced our proprietary craft beers and expanded the BJ’s concept to a full-service, high-energy restaurant when we opened our first large format restaurant with an on-site brewing operation in Brea, California. Today our restaurants feature a broad menu with approximately 100 menu items designed to offer something for everyone including: slow roasted entrees and wings, EnLIGHTened Entrees® such as our Cherry Chipotle Glazed Salmon, our original signature deep-dish pizza, and the world-famous Pizookie® dessert. We also offer our award-winning BJ’s craft beers, which are produced at four in-house brewing facilities, two standalone brewpubs and by independent third-party brewers using our proprietary recipes, alongside a full bar featuring innovative cocktails.

Our revenues are comprised of food and beverage sales from our restaurants, including takeout, delivery and catering sales. Revenues from restaurant sales are recognized when payment is tendered. Amounts paid with a credit card are recorded in accounts and other receivables until payment is collected from the credit card processor. We sell gift cards which do not have an expiration date, and we do not deduct non-usage fees from outstanding gift card balances. Gift card sales are recorded as a liability and recognized as revenues upon redemption in our restaurants. Based on historical redemption rates, a portion of our gift card sales are not expected to be redeemed and will be recognized as gift card “breakage.” Estimated gift card breakage is recorded as revenue and recognized in proportion to our historical redemption pattern, unless there is a legal obligation to remit the unredeemed gift cards to government authorities.

Our guest loyalty program enables participants to earn points for qualifying purchases that can be redeemed for food and beverages in the future. We allocate the transaction price between the goods delivered and the future goods that will be delivered, on a relative standalone selling price basis, and defer the revenues allocated to the points, less expected expirations, until such points are redeemed.

All of our restaurants are Company-owned. In calculating comparable restaurant sales, we include a restaurant in the comparable base once it has been open for 18 months. Guest traffic for our restaurants is estimated based on the number of guest checks.

Cost of sales is comprised of food and beverage costs, including the cost to produce and distribute our proprietary craft beer, soda and ciders. The components of cost of sales are variable and typically fluctuate directly with sales volumes but also may be impacted by changes in commodity prices, a shift in sales mix to higher cost proteins or other higher cost items, or varying levels of promotional activities.

Labor and benefit costs include direct hourly and management wages, bonuses, payroll taxes, fringe benefits and stock-based compensation, and workers’ compensation expense that are directly related to restaurant level team members.

Occupancy and operating expenses include restaurant supplies, credit card fees, third-party delivery company commissions, marketing costs, fixed rent, percentage rent, common area maintenance charges, utilities, real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance and other related restaurant costs.

General and administrative expenses include costs for our corporate administrative functions that support existing operations and provide infrastructure to facilitate our future growth. Components of this category include corporate management, field supervision and corporate hourly staff salaries and related team member benefits (including stock-based compensation expense and cash-based incentive compensation), travel and relocation costs, information systems, the cost to recruit and train new restaurant management team members, corporate rent, certain brand marketing-related expenses and legal and consulting fees.

Depreciation and amortization are composed primarily of depreciation of capital expenditures for restaurant and brewing equipment and leasehold improvements.

Restaurant opening expenses, which are expensed as incurred, consist of the costs of hiring and training the initial hourly work force for each new restaurant, travel, the cost of food and supplies used in training, grand opening promotional costs, the cost of the initial stock of operating supplies and other direct costs related to the opening of a restaurant, including rent during the construction and in-restaurant training period.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table provides, for the periods indicated, our unaudited Consolidated Statements of Operations expressed as percentages of total revenues. The results of operations for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year. Percentages below may not reconcile due to rounding.

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Restaurant operating costs (excluding depreciation and amortization):				
Cost of sales	24.8	25.7	24.9	25.4
Labor and benefits	35.4	36.1	35.7	36.6
Occupancy and operating	22.8	22.7	22.9	22.8
General and administrative	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.3
Depreciation and amortization	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2
Restaurant opening	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.4
Total costs and expenses	94.2	96.2	94.9	96.9
Income from operations	5.8	3.8	5.1	3.1
Other (expense) income:				
Interest expense, net	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Other income, net	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.5
Total other income	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1
Income before income taxes	6.5	4.2	5.2	3.2
Income tax expense (benefit)	0.4	(0.7)	0.2	(0.4)
Net income	6.1%	4.9%	5.0%	3.6%

Thirteen Weeks Ended July 1, 2025 Compared to Thirteen Weeks Ended July 2, 2024

Revenues. Total revenues increased by \$15.7 million, or 4.5%, to \$365.6 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$349.9 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. The increase in revenues primarily consisted of a 2.9%, or \$10.2 million, increase in comparable restaurant sales, and \$5.2 million related to sales from new restaurants not yet in our comparable restaurant sales base. The increase in comparable restaurant sales was due to an increase in guest traffic of approximately 3.3%, offset by an average check decrease of approximately 0.4%, resulting from changes in daypart and channel mix, partially mitigated by menu price increases.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales increased by \$1.0 million, or 1.1%, to \$90.8 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$89.8 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This increase was primarily to support the higher sales at restaurants in our comparable restaurant sales base as well as our new restaurants. As a percentage of revenues, cost of sales decreased to 24.8% for the current thirteen-week period from 25.7% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease was primarily due to lower commodity costs and the effectiveness of improved operations and our cost savings initiatives.

Labor and Benefits. Labor and benefit costs for our restaurants increased by \$3.1 million, or 2.4%, to \$129.4 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$126.3 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This increase was primarily due to \$1.8 million related to higher management compensation, \$0.8 million related to higher hourly labor, and \$0.3 million related to stock-based compensation. As a percentage of revenues, labor and benefit costs decreased to 35.4% for the current thirteen-week period from 36.1% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease was primarily due to leveraging our comparable restaurant growth and improved labor efficiency driven by our cost savings initiatives. Included in labor and benefits for the thirteen

weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, was approximately \$0.9 million and \$0.5 million, or 0.2% of revenues, of stock-based compensation expense related to equity awards granted in accordance with our Gold Standard Stock Ownership Program for certain restaurant management team members.

Occupancy and Operating. Occupancy and operating expenses increased by \$3.7 million, or 4.7%, to \$83.3 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$79.6 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This was primarily due to increases of \$2.5 million in marketing-related expenses, \$0.6 million in utilities, \$0.5 million in delivery fees, \$0.4 million in repairs and maintenance and \$0.4 million in credit card processing fees, offset by decreases of \$0.5 million in supplies and \$0.2 million in rent and related. As a percentage of revenues, occupancy and operating expenses increased to 22.8% for the current thirteen-week period from 22.7% for the prior year comparable period. This increase was primarily related to our investment in increased marketing with the goal of driving incremental sales.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses increased by \$1.1 million, or 5.6%, to \$21.8 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$20.6 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This was primarily due to increases of \$0.9 million in external services, including consulting fees, \$0.9 million related to personnel costs, \$0.5 million related to office related expenses, \$0.3 million related to our deferred compensation liability, \$0.3 million related to corporate expenses, and \$0.1 million related to travel expenses, offset by decreases of \$1.2 million in stock-based compensation and \$0.9 million in legal fees. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses remained consistent at 5.9% for the current thirteen-week period and the prior year comparable period. Included in general and administrative costs was stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$1.0 million and \$2.2 million, or 0.3% and 0.6% of revenues for the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, respectively. This reduction was due to equity forfeitures associated with leadership changes during the period.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased by \$0.6 million, or 3.2%, to \$18.7 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to \$18.2 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This increase was primarily related to depreciation expense related to our restaurants opened since the thirteen weeks ended July 2, 2024, coupled with depreciation related to our remodeled restaurants. As a percentage of revenues, depreciation and amortization decreased to 5.1% for the current thirteen-week period from 5.2% for the prior year comparable period.

Restaurant Opening. Restaurant opening expense decreased by \$0.1 million, or 25.0%, to \$0.2 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to \$0.3 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This decrease was primarily due to the timing of openings.

Loss on Disposal and Impairment of Assets, Net. Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net, was \$0.2 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, and \$1.9 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. For the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, these costs primarily related to disposals of assets in conjunction with initiatives to keep our restaurants up to date. For the thirteen weeks ended July 2, 2024, the cost primarily related to the impairment and reduction in the carrying value of the long-lived assets related to one of our restaurants.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net, remained consistent at \$1.3 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, and the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net, was \$3.8 million during the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to \$2.8 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. This change was primarily related to an increase in income related to a payroll tax credit, compared to prior period.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). Our effective income tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025, was an expense of 6.3% compared to a benefit of 16.4% for the comparable thirteen-week period of 2024. The effective tax rate expense and benefit, respectively, for the thirteen weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, was different than the statutory rate primarily due to FICA tax tip credits.

Twenty-Six Weeks Ended July 1, 2025 Compared to Twenty-Six Weeks Ended July 2, 2024

Revenues. Total revenues increased by \$26.3 million, or 3.8%, to \$713.6 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$687.3 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. The increase in revenues primarily consisted of a 2.3%, or \$15.9 million, increase in comparable restaurant sales and \$10.7 million related to sales from new restaurants not yet in our comparable restaurant sales base, offset by \$1.3 million related to closed restaurants. The increase in comparable restaurant sales was due to an increase in guest traffic of approximately 3.0%, offset by an average check decrease of approximately 0.7%, resulting from changes in daypart and channel mix, partially mitigated by menu price increases.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales increased by \$2.8 million, or 1.6%, to \$177.6 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$174.8 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This increase was primarily to support the higher sales at restaurants in our comparable restaurant sales base as well as our new restaurants. As a percentage of revenues, cost of sales decreased

to 24.9% for the current twenty-six-week period from 25.4% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease was primarily due to lower commodity costs and the effectiveness of our cost savings initiatives.

Labor and Benefits. Labor and benefit costs for our restaurants increased by \$3.7 million, or 1.5%, to \$255.0 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$251.3 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This increase was primarily due to \$2.3 million related to higher management compensation, \$1.1 million in taxes and benefits, and \$0.4 million related to higher workers' compensation costs, offset by \$0.3 million related to lower hourly labor. As a percentage of revenues, labor and benefit costs decreased to 35.7% for the current twenty-six-week period from 36.6% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease was primarily due to leveraging our comparable restaurant growth and improved labor efficiency driven by our cost savings initiatives. Included in labor and benefits for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, was approximately \$1.3 million and \$1.0 million, or 0.2% of revenues, of stock-based compensation expense related to equity awards granted in accordance with our Gold Standard Stock Ownership Program for certain restaurant management team members.

Occupancy and Operating. Occupancy and operating expenses increased by \$6.8 million, or 4.3%, to \$163.2 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$156.4 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This was primarily due to increases of \$3.4 million in marketing-related expenses, \$1.4 million in utilities, \$1.3 million in delivery fees, \$1.2 million in repairs and maintenance, and \$0.6 million in credit card processing fees, offset by decreases of \$1.3 million in supplies and \$0.2 million in restaurant facility expenses. As a percentage of revenues, occupancy and operating expenses increased to 22.9% for the current twenty-six-week period from 22.8% for the prior year comparable period. This increase was primarily related to our investment in increased marketing with the goal of driving incremental sales.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses decreased by \$0.1 million, or 0.2%, to \$43.5 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, from \$43.6 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This was primarily due to decreases of \$2.1 million in legal fees, and \$0.5 million related to our deferred compensation liability, offset by increases of \$1.7 million in external services, including consulting fees, and \$0.9 million related to office expenses. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses decreased to 6.1% for the current twenty-six-week period from 6.3% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease was primarily due to our ability to leverage our fixed costs over a higher revenue base. Included in general and administrative costs was stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$2.6 million and \$4.2 million, or 0.4% and 0.6% of revenues for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, respectively. This reduction was due to equity forfeitures associated with leadership changes during the period.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased by \$1.0 million, or 2.7%, to \$37.0 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to \$36.0 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This increase was primarily related to depreciation expense related to our restaurants opened since the twenty-six weeks ended July 2, 2024, coupled with depreciation related to our remodeled restaurants. As a percentage of revenues, depreciation and amortization remained consistent at 5.2% for the current twenty-six-week period and the prior year comparable period.

Restaurant Opening. Restaurant opening expense decreased by \$0.2 million, or 25.5%, to \$0.7 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to \$0.9 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This decrease was primarily due to the timing of openings.

Loss on Disposal and Impairment of Assets, Net. Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net, was \$0.4 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, and \$2.7 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. For the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, these costs primarily related to disposals of assets in conjunction with initiatives to keep our restaurants up to date. For the twenty-six weeks ended July 2, 2024, the cost primarily related to the impairment and reduction in the carrying value of the long-lived assets related to one of our restaurants, coupled with the disposals of assets in conjunction with initiatives to keep our restaurants up to date.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net, decreased by \$0.2 million to \$2.5 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to \$2.7 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This decrease was primarily due to a lower weighted average interest rate year over year, coupled with a lower average outstanding debt balance.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net, was \$3.7 million of expense during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, compared to income of \$3.5 million during the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. This change was primarily related to an increase in income related to a payroll tax credit, compared to prior period, offset by the change in the cash surrender value of certain life insurance policies under our deferred compensation plan.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). Our effective income tax rate for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, was an expense of 4.4% compared to a benefit of 11.7% for the comparable twenty-six-week period of 2024. The effective tax rate expense and benefit, respectively, for the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025 and July 2, 2024, was different than the statutory rate primarily due to FICA tax tip credits.

LIQUIDITY AND MATERIAL CASH REQUIREMENTS

The following table provides, for the periods indicated, a summary of our key liquidity measurements (dollars in thousands):

	July 1, 2025		December 31, 2024	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	25,964	\$	26,096
Net working capital	\$	(117,392)	\$	(116,744)
Current ratio		0.4:1.0		0.4:1.0

Our capital requirements are driven by our fundamental financial objective to improve total shareholder return through a balanced approach of new restaurant expansion plans, enhancements and initiatives focused on existing restaurants and return of capital to our shareholders through our share repurchase program. We expect to accelerate restaurant openings in 2026. Our capital expenditures in 2025, related to future restaurant openings, will depend on the speed at which we can develop a more robust and targeted pipeline that aligns with our refined criteria for new locations. In addition, we want to maintain a flexible balance sheet to provide the financial resources necessary to manage the risks and uncertainties of conducting our business operations in the restaurant industry. In order to achieve these objectives, we use a combination of operating cash flows, debt, and landlord allowances.

Based on current operations, we believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, coupled with cash generated from operations and availability under our credit agreement will be adequate to meet our capital expenditure and working capital needs for at least the next twelve months. Our future operating performance will be subject to future economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Similar to many restaurant chains, we typically utilize operating lease arrangements (principally ground leases) for our restaurant locations. We believe our operating lease arrangements provide appropriate leverage for our capital structure in a financially efficient manner. However, we are not limited to the use of lease arrangements as our only method of opening new restaurants and from time to time have purchased the underlying land for new restaurants. We typically lease our restaurant locations for periods of 10 to 20 years under operating lease arrangements. Our rent structures vary from lease to lease, but generally provide for the payment of both minimum and contingent (percentage) rent based on sales, as well as other expenses related to the leases (for example, our pro-rata share of common area maintenance, property tax and insurance expenses). Many of our lease arrangements include the opportunity to secure tenant improvement allowances to partially offset the cost of developing and opening the related restaurants. Generally, landlords recover the cost of such allowances from increased minimum rents. There can be no assurance that such allowances will be available to us on each project. From time to time, we may also decide to purchase the underlying land for a new restaurant if that is the only way to secure a highly desirable site. Currently, we own the underlying land for our Texas brewpub locations. We also own parcels of land adjacent to two of our restaurants. It is not our current strategy to own a large number of land parcels that underlie our restaurants. Therefore, in many cases we have subsequently entered into sale-leaseback arrangements for land parcels that we previously purchased. We disburse cash for certain site-related work, buildings, leasehold improvements, furnishings, fixtures and equipment to build our leased and owned premises. We own substantially all of the equipment, furniture and trade fixtures in our restaurants and currently plan to do so in the future.

CASH FLOWS

The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, our cash flows from operating, investing, and financing activities (in thousands):

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 66,900	\$ 42,532
Net cash used in investing activities	(37,019)	(41,349)
Net cash used in financing activities	(30,013)	(14,068)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (132)</u>	<u>\$ (12,885)</u>

Operating Cash Flows

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$66.9 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, representing a \$24.4 million increase from the \$42.5 million provided during the twenty-six weeks ended July 2, 2024. The increase over prior year is primarily due to the timing of accounts payable and accrued expenses, coupled with improved net income.

Investing Cash Flows

Net cash used in investing activities was \$37.0 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, representing a \$4.3 million decrease from the \$41.3 million used during the twenty-six weeks ended July 2, 2024. The decrease over prior year is primarily due to the number of new restaurant openings coupled with the timing of restaurant remodel activity.

The following table provides, for the periods indicated, the components of capital expenditures (in thousands):

	For the Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	July 1, 2025	July 2, 2024
New restaurants	\$ 4,506	\$ 15,406
Restaurant maintenance and remodels, and key productivity initiatives	32,076	25,391
Restaurant and corporate systems	474	552
Total capital expenditures	\$ 37,056	\$ 41,349

As of August 8, 2025, we have opened one new restaurant and currently plan to remodel approximately 20 existing locations in fiscal 2025. We currently anticipate our total capital expenditures for fiscal 2025 to be approximately \$65 million to \$75 million. This estimate includes costs to open new restaurants and remodel existing locations and excludes anticipated proceeds from tenant improvement allowances. We expect to fund our net capital expenditures with our current cash balance on hand, cash flows from operations and our line of credit. Our future cash requirements will depend on many factors, including the pace of our expansion, conditions in the retail property development market, construction costs, the nature of the specific sites selected for new restaurants, and the nature of the specific leases and associated tenant improvement allowances available, if any, as negotiated with landlords.

Financing Cash Flows

Net cash used in financing activities was \$30.0 million during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, representing a \$15.9 million increase from the \$14.1 million used during the twenty-six weeks ended July 2, 2024. The increase over prior year is primarily due to the increase in share repurchases, partially offset by the increase in proceeds from stock option exercises.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We do not participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or variable interest entities (“VIEs”), which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow limited purposes. As of July 1, 2025, we are not involved in any off-balance sheet arrangements.

IMPACT OF INFLATION

Inflation has had an impact on our operations, new restaurant construction and corresponding return on invested capital. While we have been able to partially offset inflation and other changes in the costs of key operating inputs by gradually increasing menu prices, coupled with more efficient purchasing practices, productivity improvements and greater economies of scale, there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to do so in the future. Increases in inflation, including the effects of any tariff increases or other changes in trade policies on food and other restaurant operating and construction costs, could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, increases in inflation could have a severe impact on the United States and global economies, which will have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Macroeconomic conditions that impact consumer discretionary spending for food away from home could make additional menu price increases imprudent to offset the effects of inflation. Whether we are able to continue to offset the effects of inflation will determine to what extent, if any, inflation affects our restaurant profitability in future periods.

SEASONALITY AND ADVERSE WEATHER

Our business is impacted by weather and other seasonal factors that typically impact other restaurant operations. Holidays (and shifts in the holiday calendar) and severe weather including hurricanes, tornadoes, thunderstorms, snow and ice storms, prolonged extreme temperatures and similar conditions may impact restaurant sales volumes in some of the markets where we operate. Many of our restaurants are located in or near shopping centers and malls that typically experience seasonal fluctuations in sales. Quarterly results have been and will continue to be significantly impacted by the timing of new restaurant openings and their associated restaurant opening expenses. As a result of these and other factors, our financial results for any given quarter may not be indicative of the results that may be achieved for a full fiscal year.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of net revenues and expenses in the reporting period. We base our estimates and assumptions on current facts, historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the accrual of costs and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. We continually review

the estimates and underlying assumptions to ensure they are appropriate for the circumstances. Accounting assumptions and estimates are inherently uncertain and actual results may differ materially from our estimates.

A summary of our other critical accounting policies is included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. During the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, there were no significant changes in our critical accounting policies.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The following discussion of market risks contains "forward-looking" statements. Actual results may differ materially from the following discussion based on general conditions in the financial and commodity markets.

Interest Rate Risk

We have a \$215 million Credit Facility, of which \$60.5 million is outstanding as of July 1, 2025, and carries interest at a floating rate. We utilize the Credit Facility principally for letters of credit that are required to support our self-insurance programs, to fund a portion of our announced share repurchase program, and for working capital and construction requirements, as needed. We are exposed to interest rate risk through fluctuations in interest rates on our obligations under the Credit Facility. Based on our current outstanding balance, a hypothetical 1% change in the interest rates under our Credit Facility would have an approximate \$0.5 million annual impact on our net income.

Food, Supplies and Commodity Price Risks

We purchase food, supplies and other commodities for use in our operations based upon market prices established with our suppliers. Our business is dependent on frequent and consistent deliveries of these items. We may experience shortages, delays or interruptions due to inclement weather, natural disasters, labor issues, tariffs or other operational disruptions or other conditions beyond our control such as cyber breaches or ransomware attacks at our suppliers, distributors or transportation providers. Additionally, many of the commodities purchased by us can be subject to volatility due to market supply and demand factors outside of our control, whether contracted for or not. Costs can also fluctuate due to government regulation and changes in trade policies, including the imposition of tariffs. To manage this risk in part, we attempt to enter into fixed-price purchase commitments, with terms typically up to one year, for some of our commodity requirements. However, it may not be possible for us to enter into fixed-price contracts for certain commodities or we may choose not to enter into fixed-price contracts for certain commodities. We believe that substantially all of our food and supplies are available from several sources, which helps to diversify our overall commodity cost risk. We also believe that we have some flexibility and ability to increase certain menu prices, or vary certain menu items offered or promoted, in response to food commodity price increases. Some of our commodity purchase arrangements may contain contractual features that limit the price paid by establishing certain price floors or caps. We do not use financial instruments to hedge commodity prices, since our purchase arrangements with suppliers, to the extent that we can enter into such arrangements, help control the ultimate cost that we pay.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that, as of July 1, 2025, our disclosure controls and procedures are designed and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended July 1, 2025, we implemented a new enterprise resource planning ("ERP") system. The new ERP system replaced legacy systems in which a significant portion of our business transactions originated, were processed, or were recorded. Additionally, we converted certain boundary applications so that they would interface with the new ERP system. The new ERP system is intended to provide us with enhanced transactional processing, security and management tools and is an important component of our system of disclosure controls and procedures.

There has not been any other change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during our second fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 8 of Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for a summary of legal proceedings.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

As of July 1, 2025, we have cumulatively repurchased shares valued at approximately \$543.3 million in accordance with our approved share repurchase plan since its inception in 2014. During the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025, we repurchased and retired approximately 842,000 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$34.72 per share for approximately \$29.2 million, which is recorded as a reduction in common stock, with any excess charged to retained earnings. In February 2025, our Board of Directors approved an increase in our share repurchase program by \$50 million. As a result, as of July 1, 2025, we had approximately \$56.7 million available under our authorized \$600 million share repurchase program.

The following table sets forth information with respect to the repurchase of common shares during the twenty-six weeks ended July 1, 2025:

Period (1)	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of the Publicly Announced Plans	Increase in Dollars for Share Repurchase Authorization	Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
01/01/25 - 01/28/25	58,284	\$ 35.07	58,284	\$ —	\$ 33,886,105
01/29/25 - 02/25/25	46,960	\$ 36.16	46,960	\$ 50,000,000	\$ 82,187,998
02/26/25 - 04/01/25	298,320	\$ 34.72	298,320	\$ —	\$ 71,830,877
04/02/25 - 04/29/25	309,226	\$ 32.21	309,226	\$ —	\$ 61,871,926
04/30/25 - 05/27/25	83,891	\$ 37.72	83,891	\$ —	\$ 58,707,907
05/28/25 - 07/01/25	45,094	\$ 44.52	45,094	\$ —	\$ 56,700,365
Total	<u>841,775</u>		<u>841,775</u>		

(1) Period information is presented in accordance with our fiscal months during fiscal 2025.

Item 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	<u>Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2017.</u>
3.2	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Form 8-K filed on August 14, 2020.</u>
3.3	<u>Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2004.</u>
3.4	<u>Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2010.</u>
4.1	<u>Specimen Common Stock Certificate of the Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 1996 (File No. 3335182-LA).</u>
10.1	<u>Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated May 30, 2025, by and among the Company and Bank of America, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and the other lenders identified therein, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Form 8-K filed on June 5, 2025.</u>
10.2	<u>Consulting Agreement dated July 14, 2025, between the Company and FLG Partners, LLC.</u>
31	<u>Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer.</u>
32	<u>Section 906 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer.</u>
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
(Registrant)

August 8, 2025

By: /s/ LYLE D. TICK
Lyle D. Tick
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. ATKINS
William J. Atkins
Interim Principal Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ JACOB J. GUILD
Jacob J. Guild
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)



CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTING AGREEMENT

This Confidential Consulting Agreement (the "Agreement") is executed as of the date shown on the signature page (the "Effective Date"), by and between FLG Partners, LLC, a California limited liability company ("FLG"), and the entity identified on the signature page ("Client").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, FLG is in the business of providing certain financial services;

WHEREAS, Client wishes to retain FLG to provide and FLG wishes to provide such services to Client on the terms set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Services.
 - A. Commencing on the Effective Date, FLG will perform those services (the "Services") described in one or more exhibits attached hereto. Such services shall be performed by the member or members of FLG identified in Exhibit A (collectively, the "FLG Member").
 - B. Client acknowledges and agrees that FLG's success in performing the Services hereunder will depend upon the participation, cooperation and support of Client's most senior management.
 - C. Notwithstanding anything in Exhibit A or elsewhere in this Agreement to the contrary, neither FLG nor any of its members shall serve as an employee, an appointed officer, or an elected director of Client. Consistent with the preceding: (i) Client shall not appoint FLG Member as a corporate officer in Client's corporate minutes; (ii) Client shall not elect FLG Member to its board of directors or equivalent governing body; and (iii) the FLG Member shall have no authority to sign any documents on behalf of Client, including, but not limited to, federal or state securities filings, tax filings, or representations and warranties on behalf of Client except as pursuant to a specific resolution(s) of Client's board of directors or equivalent governing body granting such authority to FLG Member as a non-employee consultant to Client.
 - D. The Services provided by FLG and FLG Member hereunder shall not constitute an audit, attestation, review, compilation, or any other type of financial statement reporting engagement (historical or prospective) that is subject to the rules of the California Board of Accountancy, the AICPA, or other similar state or national licensing or professional bodies. Client agrees that any such services, if required, will be performed separately by its independent public accountants or other qualified consultants.
 - E. During the term of this Agreement, Client shall not hire or retain the FLG Member as an employee, consultant or independent contractor except pursuant to this Agreement.
2. Compensation; Payment; Deposit; Expenses.
 - A. As compensation for Services rendered by FLG hereunder, Client shall pay FLG the amounts set forth in Exhibit A for Services performed by FLG hereunder (the "Fees"). The Fees shall be net of any and all taxes, withholdings, duties, customs, bank fees, social contributions or other reductions imposed by any and all authorities which are required to be withheld or collected by Client or FLG, including ad valorem, sales, gross receipts or similar taxes, but excluding US income taxes based upon FLG's or FLG Member's net taxable income.
 - B. Consistent with common practice in professional services, FLG reserves the right to increase the Fee set forth in Exhibit A no more frequently than annual anniversary of the Effective Date, and no sooner than at least six (6) months from the Effective Date. Notice of any such increase will be made no less than thirty (30) days in advance of such of Fee increase. The only exception is in the event the FLG Member and Client have mutually agreed, in writing, to an increase in fees prior to the dates noted herein.
 - C. As additional compensation to FLG, Client will pay FLG the incentive bonus or warrants or options, if any, set forth in Exhibit A.
 - D. Client shall pay FLG all amounts owed to FLG under this Agreement upon Client's receipt of invoice, with no purchase order required. Any invoices more than thirty (30) days overdue will accrue a late payment fee at the rate of one and 50/100 percent (1.5%) per month. FLG shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) incurred by it in collecting any amounts overdue under this Agreement.
 - E. Client acknowledges that it shall promptly review all invoices submitted by FLG upon receipt. Any dispute related to the accuracy, completeness, or any other aspect of an invoice must be submitted in writing to FLG within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the invoice. Failure to raise a dispute within this timeframe shall be deemed an irrevocable acceptance of the invoice. Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a manifest error or a discrepancy acknowledged by FLG, the parties may mutually agree to extend the dispute resolution period.
 - F. Client hereby agrees to pay FLG a deposit as set forth on Exhibit A (the "Deposit") to be held in its entirety as security for Client's future payment obligations to FLG under this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, all amounts then owing to FLG under this Agreement shall be charged against the Deposit and the balance thereof, if any, shall be refunded to Client. In the event that the total amount of past due unpaid invoices exceeds the amount of the Deposit held by FLG, FLG reserves the right to stop providing services until such time as the outstanding balance is paid in full. FLG shall not be liable for any consequential damages, losses, or claims arising from a work stoppage initiated in accordance with this provision. If outstanding invoices remain unpaid for an extended period, FLG reserves the right to terminate the agreement for default, in accordance with the termination provisions outlined in Paragraph 4(C) of this Agreement.
 - G. Within ten (10) days of Client's receipt of an expense report from FLG's personnel performing Services hereunder, Client shall immediately reimburse FLG personnel directly for reasonable travel and out-of-pocket business expenses detailed in such expense report. Ordinary meals



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are not subject to reimbursement. Any required air travel, overnight accommodation and resulting per diem expenses shall be consistent with Client's travel & expense policies for Client's employed executive staff.

3. Relationship of the Parties.

- A. FLG's relationship with Client will be that of an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or employer-employee relationship. FLG is not the agent of Client and is not authorized to make any presentation, contract, or commitment on behalf of Client unless specifically requested or authorized to do so by Client in writing. FLG agrees that all taxes payable as a result of compensation payable to FLG hereunder shall be FLG's sole liability. FLG shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Client, Client's officers, directors, employees and agents, and the administrators of Client's benefit plans from and against any claims, liabilities or expenses relating to such taxes or compensation.

4. Term and Termination.

- A. The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set forth in Exhibit A.
- B. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to the other party.
- C. Either party may terminate this Agreement immediately upon a material breach of this Agreement by the other party and a failure by the other party to cure such breach within ten (10) days of written notice thereof by the non-breaching party to the breaching party.
- D. FLG shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately without advance written notice (i) if Client is engaged in, or requests that FLG or the FLG Member undertake or ignore any illegal or unethical activity, or (ii) upon the death or disability of the FLG Member.
- E. This Agreement shall be deemed terminated if during any six month period no billable hours occur, with the termination date effective on the date of the last billable hour therein.
- F. If at any time during this engagement there is a conversion of the FLG Member from 1099 to W2 with Client, then a placement fee shall be immediately payable to FLG. In addition, to the extent within one year of the end of this engagement Client directly hires, employs or retains the FLG Member or any FLG Member either via 1099 or W2, then Client will also immediately pay to FLG a placement fee. The Placement fee paid by Client to FLG will be equal to thirty percent (30%) of FLG Member's annual base salary including bonus that is agreed to by Client and the FLG Member. Client will not withhold any taxes from any placement fee paid to FLG.

5. Disclosures

- A. **IRS Circular 230.** To ensure compliance with requirements imposed by the IRS effective June 20, 2005, FLG hereby informs Client that any tax advice offered during the course of providing, or arising out of, the Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, unless expressly stated otherwise, is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of: (i) avoiding tax-related penalties under the Internal Revenue Code, or (ii) promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any tax-related matter(s) said tax advice address(es).
- B. **Attorney-Client Privilege.** Privileged communication disclosed to FLG or FLG Member may waive the privilege through no fault of FLG. FLG strongly recommends that Client consult with legal counsel before disclosing privileged information to FLG or FLG Member. Pursuant to Paragraph 6, neither FLG nor FLG Member will be responsible for damages caused through Client's waiver of privilege, whether deliberate or inadvertent, by disclosing such information to FLG or FLG Member.

6. DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, ALL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY FLG AND FLG MEMBER (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH 6, COLLECTIVELY "FLG") HEREUNDER ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY WHATSOEVER. CLIENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE "AS IS" CLAUSE OF THIS AGREEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BASIS OF THIS AGREEMENT, WITHOUT WHICH FLG WOULD NOT HAVE AGREED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT. FLG EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, TERMS OR CONDITIONS, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED, OR STATUTORY, REGARDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING ANY, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, TITLE, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND INFRINGEMENT. NO REPRESENTATION OR OTHER AFFIRMATION OF FACT REGARDING THE SERVICES PROVIDED HEREUNDER SHALL BE DEEMED A WARRANTY FOR ANY PURPOSE OR GIVE RISE TO ANY LIABILITY OF FLG WHATSOEVER.

IN NO EVENT SHALL FLG BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: LOST PROFITS; REVENUE OR SAVINGS; WAIVER BY CLIENT, WHETHER INADVERTENT OR INTENTIONAL, OF CLIENT'S ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE THROUGH CLIENT'S DISCLOSURE OF LEGALLY PRIVILEGED INFORMATION TO FLG; OR THE LOSS, THEFT, TRANSMISSION OR USE, AUTHORIZED OR OTHERWISE, OF ANY DATA, EVEN IF CLIENT OR FLG HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF, KNEW, OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN, OF THE POSSIBILITY THEREOF. NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, FLG'S AGGREGATE CUMULATIVE LIABILITY HEREUNDER, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, NEGLIGENCE, MISREPRESENTATION, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE, SHALL NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LAST TWO (2) MONTHS OF FEES PAYABLE BY CLIENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF THIS AGREEMENT. CLIENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMPENSATION PAID BY IT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT REFLECTS THE ALLOCATION OF RISK SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT FLG WOULD NOT ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT THESE LIMITATIONS ON ITS LIABILITY. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO EITHER PARTY WITH RESPECT TO A BREACH OF ITS CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS.



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- A. As a condition for recovery of any amount by Client against FLG, Client shall give FLG written notice of the alleged basis for liability within ninety (90) days of discovering the circumstances giving rise thereto, in order that FLG will have the opportunity to investigate in a timely manner and, where possible, correct or rectify the alleged basis for liability; provided that the failure of Client to give such notice will only affect the rights of Client to the extent that FLG is actually prejudiced by such failure. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Client must assert any claim against FLG by the sooner of: (i) ninety (90) days after discovery; (ii) ninety (90) days after the termination of this Agreement; (iii) ninety (90) days after the last date on which the Services were performed; or, (iv) sixty (60) days after completion of a financial or accounting audit for the period(s) to which a claim pertains.
7. Indemnification.
- A. FLG and FLG Member acting in relation to any of the affairs of Client shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, as now or hereafter in effect, be indemnified and held harmless, and such right to indemnification shall continue to apply to FLG and FLG Member following the term of this Agreement out of the assets and profits of the Client from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses which FLG or FLG Member, or FLG's or FLG Member's heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason for any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of FLG's or FLG Member's duty or services performed on behalf of Client; and Client shall advance the reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred by FLG or FLG's Member in connection with litigation related to the foregoing on the same basis as such advancement would be available to the Client's officers and directors, PROVIDED THAT Client shall not be obligated to make payments to or on behalf of any person (i) in connection with services provided by such person outside the scope of Services contemplated by this Agreement, and not authorized or consented to by Client's CEO or Board of Directors, or (ii) in respect of any (a) gross negligence or willful misconduct of such person, or (b) negligence of such person, but only to the extent that FLG's errors and omissions liability insurance would cover such person for such negligence without regard to Client's obligation to indemnify FLG hereunder.
- B. Client shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, as now or hereafter in effect, be indemnified and held harmless, and such right to indemnification shall continue to apply to Client following the term of this Agreement out of the assets and profits of FLG and FLG Member from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses arising out of actions by FLG or FLG Member that are grossly negligent or willful misconduct. FLG and FLG Member shall have no liability to Client relating to the performance of its duties under this Agreement except in the event of FLG's or FLG Member's gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- C. FLG and FLG Member agree to waive any claim or right of action FLG or FLG Member might have whether individually or by or in the right of Client, against any director, secretary and other officers of Client and the liquidator or trustees (if any) acting in relation to any of the affairs of Client and every one of them on account of any action taken by such director, officer, liquidator or trustee or the failure of such director, officer, liquidator or trustee to take any action in the performance of his duties with or for Client; PROVIDED THAT such waiver shall not extend to any matter in respect of any gross negligence or willful misconduct which may attach to any such persons.
8. Representations and Warranties.
- A. Each party represents and warrants to the other that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and can fulfill all of its obligations hereunder.
- B. FLG and FLG Member warrant that they shall perform the Services diligently, with due care, and in accordance with prevailing industry standards for comparable engagements and the requirements of this Agreement. FLG and FLG Member warrant that FLG Member has sufficient professional experience to perform the Services in a timely and competent manner.
- C. Each party represents and warrants that it has and will maintain a policy or policies of insurance with reputable insurance companies providing the members, officers and directors, as the case may be, of itself with coverage for losses from wrongful acts. FLG covenants that it has an error and omissions insurance policy in place in the form provided to Client prior to or contemporaneously with the date of execution of this Agreement and will continue to maintain such policy or equivalent policy provided that such policy or equivalent policy shall be available at commercially reasonable rates.
9. Work Product License.
- The parties do not anticipate that FLG or FLG Member will create any intellectual property for Client in performing the Services pursuant to this Agreement. However, FLG and FLG Member grant to Client a world-wide, perpetual, exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to use and create derivative works from all tangible and electronic documents, spreadsheets, and financial models (collectively, "Work Product") produced or authored by FLG Member in the course of performing the Services pursuant to this Agreement. Any patent rights arising out of the Services will be assigned to and owned by Client and not FLG or FLG Member. All other rights, including, but not limited to, the residual memory of any methods, discoveries, developments, improvements, know-how, ideas, insights, analytical concepts and skills directly inherent to, or reasonably required for, the competent execution of FLG Member's profession as a chief financial officer are reserved in their entirety by FLG and FLG Member.
10. Miscellaneous.
- A. Any notice required or permitted to be given by either party hereto under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or sent by a reputable courier mail service (e.g., Federal Express) or by facsimile or email transmission confirmed by reputable courier mail service, to the other party as set forth in this Paragraph 10(A). Notices will be deemed effective two (2) days after deposit with a reputable courier service or upon confirmation of receipt by the recipient from such courier service or the same day if sent by facsimile or email transmission and confirmed as set forth above.

If to FLG:

U. Heather Ogan
FLG Partners, LLC



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228 Hamilton Ave., 3rd Floor,
Palo Alto, CA 94301
PO BOX 192304
San Francisco, CA 94119
Tel: 415-508-4048, ext 201
Fax: 415-508-6896
E-mail: accounting@flgpartners.com

If to Client: the address, telephone numbers and email address shown below Client's signature on the signature page.

- B. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of California without giving effect to any choice of law principles that would require the application of the laws of a different jurisdiction.
- C. Any claim, dispute, or controversy of whatever nature arising out of or relating to this Agreement (including any other agreement(s) contemplated hereunder), including, without limitation, any action or claim based on tort, contract, or statute (including any claims of breach or violation of statutory or common law protections from discrimination, harassment and hostile working environment), or concerning the interpretation, effect, termination, validity, performance and/or breach of this Agreement ("Claim"), shall be resolved by final and binding arbitration before a single arbitrator ("Arbitrator") selected from and administered by the San Francisco office of JAMS (the "Administrator") in accordance with its then existing commercial arbitration rules and procedures. The arbitration shall be held in San Francisco, California. The Arbitrator shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the conclusion of the Arbitration hearing, issue a written award and statement of decision describing the essential findings and conclusions on which the award is based, including the calculation of any damages awarded. The Arbitrator also shall be authorized to grant any temporary, preliminary or permanent equitable remedy or relief he or she deems just and equitable and within the scope of this Agreement, including, without limitation, an injunction or order for specific performance. Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements arising out of the arbitration, and shall pay an equal share of the fees and costs of the Administrator and the Arbitrator; provided, however, the Arbitrator shall be authorized to determine whether a party is the prevailing party, and if so, to award to that prevailing party reimbursement for its reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements, and/or the fees and costs of the Administrator and the Arbitrator. The Arbitrator's award may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Paragraph 10(C) will restrict either party from applying to any court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive relief.
- D. Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its obligations hereunder, either in whole or in part, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the other party; provided, however, that FLG may assign its rights and delegate its obligations hereunder to any affiliate of FLG. The rights and liabilities of the parties under this Agreement will bind and inure to the benefit of the parties' respective successors and permitted assigns.
- E. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof, shall for any reason and to any extent be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement and application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall be interpreted so as best to reasonably effect the intent of the parties. The parties further agree to replace such void or unenforceable provision of this Agreement with a valid and enforceable provision that will achieve, to the extent possible, the economic, business and other purposes of the void or unenforceable provision.
- F. This Agreement, the Exhibits, and any executed Non-Disclosure Agreements specified herein and thus incorporated by reference constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements or understandings, express or implied, written or oral, between the parties with respect hereto. The express terms hereof control and supersede any course of performance or usage of the trade inconsistent with any of the terms hereof.
- G. Any term or provision of this Agreement may be amended, and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived, only by a writing signed by the parties. The waiver by a party of any breach hereof for default in payment of any amount due hereunder or default in the performance hereof shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other default or succeeding breach or default.
- H. Upon completion of the engagement hereunder FLG may place customary "tombstone" advertisements using Client's logo and name in publications of FLG's choice at its own expense, and/or cite the engagement in similar fashion on FLG's website.
- I. If Client discloses FLG Member's name on Client's website (such as in an executive biography, for example), press releases, SEC filings and other public documents and media, then Client shall include in the description of FLG Member a sentence substantially the same as "[FLG Member] is also a partner at FLG Partners, a leading CFO services firm in Silicon Valley."
- J. If and to the extent that a party's performance of any of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement is prevented, hindered or delayed by fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, acts of war, terrorism, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of such party (each, a "Force Majeure Event"), and such non-performance, hindrance or delay could not have been prevented by reasonable precautions of the non-performing party, then the non-performing, hindered or delayed party shall be excused for such non-performance, hindrance or delay, as applicable, of those obligations affected by the Force Majeure Event for as long as such Force Majeure Event continues and such party continues to use its best efforts to recommence performance whenever and to whatever extent possible without delay, including through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means.
- K. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties on separate counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original, but all the counterparts together constitute one and the same instrument.
- L. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile signatures (including electronic versions of this document in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format form which contain scanned or secure, digitally signed signatures) by any party hereto and such signatures shall be deemed binding for all purposes hereof, without delivery of an original signature being thereafter required.



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M. **Survivability.** The following Paragraphs shall survive the termination of this Agreement: 6 (“Disclaimers and Limitation of Liability”); 7 (“Indemnification”); 8 (“Representations and Warranties”); 9 (“Work Product License”); and 10 (“Miscellaneous”).

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Initial: Client _____ FLG _____

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

CLIENT:

BJ's Restaurants, Inc,
a California corporation.

By: Jennifer Jaffe

Signed: _____

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief People Officer

Address: 7755 Center Avenue, Suite 300, Huntington Beach, CA
92647

Tel: +1 (714) 500-2400

Email: Jjaffe@bjsrestaurants.com

FLG:

FLG Partners, LLC,
a California limited liability company.

By: U. Heather Ogan

Signed: _____

Title: Administrative Partner

Effective Date: July 14, 2025.

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EXHIBIT A

1. Description of Services: Interim CFO level services typical for a publicly held corporation, including acting and signing on behalf of the Company in his capacity as a non-employee consultant, as the Company's Principal Financial Officer in SEC filings.
2. FLG Member: William Atkins.
3. Fees: \$650 per hour, 24-32 hours per week, subject to any hourly maximums that Client may establish from time to time.
4. Additional Compensation: None.
5. Deposit: \$50,000.
6. Term: Indefinite, and terminable pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the Agreement.
7. Non-Disclosure Agreement: FLG-Client Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement dated July 13, 2025 (the "NDA"). FLG hereby expressly consents to the public disclosure of the existence of FLG's relationship with Client, by Client, provided that the terms and conditions herein shall remain confidential pursuant to the terms of the NDA.

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BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.

Certification of Chief Executive Officer

I, Lyle D. Tick, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for BJ's Restaurants, Inc. (the "registrant");
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 consolidated 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 officers 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 consolidated 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;
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 8, 2025

By: /s/ LYLE D. TICK
Lyle D. Tick
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.

Certification of Principal Financial Officer

I, William J. Atkins, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for BJ's Restaurants, Inc. (the "registrant");
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 consolidated 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 officers 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 consolidated 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;
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 8, 2025

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. ATKINS
William J. Atkins
Interim Principal Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In accordance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned Lyle D. Tick, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and William J. Atkins, Interim Principal Financial Officer of the Company, certify to their knowledge:

- (1) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended July 1, 2025, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

In Witness Whereof, each of the undersigned has signed this Certification as of this August 8, 2025.

/s/ LYLE D. TICK

Lyle D. Tick
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ WILLIAM J. ATKINS

William J. Atkins
Interim Principal Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
