

Five Star Quality Care, Inc. Reports Fourth Quarter 2008 Results

Newton, MA (February 25, 2009). Five Star Quality Care, Inc. (NYSE Alternext US: FVE) today announced its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008.

Fourth Quarter 2008 Financial Highlights:

- Total revenues for the fourth quarter of 2008 increased 16.3% to \$292.2 million from \$251.2 million for the same period last year.
- Net loss for the fourth quarter of 2008 was \$7.4 million compared to net income of \$6.7 million for the same period last year.
- Net loss per share from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2008 was \$0.21, basic and diluted, compared to net income per share from continuing operations of \$0.22 and \$0.20, basic and diluted, respectively, for the same period last year.
- Net loss from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2008 included several items that, in aggregate, resulted in a negative impact of \$7.9 million, or \$0.25 per basic and diluted share. These items included a \$5.9 million unrealized loss on our holdings of auction rate securities; a \$5.9 million loss due to impairment of goodwill; a \$5.4 million loss due to the impairment of our investments in certain marketable securities held by our captive insurance companies; a \$1.8 million loss due to impairment of long lived assets; and an \$11.1 million gain resulting from UBS AG's agreement to repurchase our auction rate securities at par at our election between June 2010 and July 2012.

Fourth Quarter 2008 Operating Highlights (Senior Living Communities):

- Senior living occupancy for the fourth quarter of 2008 was 87.6% compared with 90.3% for the same period last year.
- Senior living average daily rate for the fourth quarter of 2008 increased by 2.0% to \$143.10 from \$140.23 in the same period last year.
- The percentage of senior living revenue derived from residents' private resources for the fourth quarter of 2008 increased to 69.4% from 65.6% for the same period last year.
- Wages and benefits as a percentage of senior living revenues were 50.4% and 49.8% for the fourth quarters of 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- For those senior living communities that we have operated continuously since October 1, 2007 (comparable communities), occupancy for the fourth quarter of 2008 was 88.0% compared with 90.3% for the same period last year.
- The average daily rate at comparable communities for the fourth quarter of 2008 increased by 4.0%, to \$145.78, from \$140.23 in the same period last year.
- In the fourth quarter of 2008, we acquired seven senior living communities with 628 units and leased one senior living community with 252 units. Six of these communities provide assisted living, one is an independent living community and one is a continuing care retirement community.

Financial Highlights for the year ended December 31, 2008:

- Total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 increased 13.5% to \$1.10 billion from \$972.9 million for the same period last year.
- Net loss for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$4.5 million compared to net income of \$23.3 million for the same period last year.
- Net income per share from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$0.01, basic and diluted,

compared to \$0.82 and \$0.75, basic and diluted, respectively, for the same period last year.

- Net income from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 included several items that, in aggregate, resulted in a negative impact of \$16.3 million, or \$0.51 per basic and diluted share. These items included a \$12.0 million unrealized loss on our holdings of auction rate securities; an \$8.4 million loss due to the impairment of our investments in certain marketable securities held by our captive insurance companies; a \$5.9 million loss due to impairment of goodwill; a \$1.8 million loss due to impairment of long lived assets; an \$11.1 million gain resulting from UBS AG's agreement to repurchase our auction rate securities at par at our election between June 2010 and July 2012; and a \$743,000 gain recognized on the early extinguishment of debt.
- Net income from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2007 included a gain from extinguishment of debt of \$4.5 million.

Recent Transaction — Purchase of Convertible Senior Notes:

• In January 2009, we repurchased and retired \$46.5 million, or 37%, of our Convertible Senior Notes at an average cost of 43% of par value totaling \$20 million, including transaction costs, but excluding accrued interest. We financed this repurchase by drawing on our secured credit facilities. We expect to record a \$25.1 million gain, net of unamortized deferred financing costs, on the early extinguishment of this debt in the first quarter of 2009.

Conference Call:

On February 25, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Bruce J. Mackey Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, and Francis R. Murphy, III, Chief Financial Officer, will host a conference call to discuss the fourth quarter and year end 2008 financial results. Following the Company's remarks, there will be a question and answer period.

The conference call telephone number is (888) 599-4860. Participants calling from outside the United States and Canada should dial (913) 312-6667. No pass code is necessary to access the call from either number. Participants should dial in about 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the call. A replay of the conference call will be available through 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Wednesday, March 4th. To hear the replay, dial (719) 457-0820. The replay pass code is 6417813.

A live audio webcast of the conference call will also be available in a listen only mode on the Company's web site at www.fivestarqualitycare.com. Participants wanting to access the webcast should visit the Company's web site about five minutes before the call. The archived webcast will be available for replay on the Company's web site for about one week after the call.

About Five Star Quality Care, Inc.:

Five Star Quality Care, Inc. is a senior living and healthcare services company. Five Star owns or leases and operates 210 senior living communities with 22,264 living units located in 30 states. These communities include independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing communities. Five Star also operates five institutional pharmacies and two rehabilitation hospitals. Five Star is headquartered in Newton, Massachusetts.

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

		nths ended ber 31,	Year ended December 31,			
	2008	2007	2008	2007		
Revenues:						
Senior living revenue	\$ 248,834	\$ 208,615	\$ 935,393	\$ 809,934		
Hospital revenue	25,325	25,294	98,428	102,005		
Pharmacy revenue	18,078	17,251	70,379	60,985		
Total revenues	292,237	251,160	1,104,200	972,924		
Operating expenses:						
Senior living wages and benefits	125,475	103,950	467,068	410,447		
Other senior living operating	62,286	52,795	235,603	202,194		
Hospital expenses	23,646	22,864	91,185	92,449		
Pharmacy expenses	18,617	16,171	69,535	58,012		
Rent expense	43,243	32,453	159,707	129,190		
General and administrative expenses	13,026	11,670	47,829	43,373		
Depreciation and amortization	3,746	3,654	14,719	13,595		
Total operating expenses	290,039	243,557	1,085,646	949,260		
Operating income	2,198	7,603	18,554	23,664		
Interest and other income	1.049	1.809	5.915	6.152		
Interest and other expense	(1,447)	(1,883)	(6,337)	(6,802)		
Unrealized loss on investments in trading securities	(5,869)	-	(11,967)	-		
Impairment of investments in available for sale						
securities	(5,385)	-	(8,404)	-		
Unrealized gain on receipt of UBS put right	11,081	-	11,081	-		
Impairment of goodwill	(5,930)	-	(5,930)	-		
Impairment of long lived assets	(1,837)	-	(1,837)	-		
Gain on early extinguishment of debt			743	4,491		
Income (loss) from continuing operations before						
income taxes	(6,140)	7,529	1,818	27,505		
Provision for income taxes	(472)	(650)	(1,392)	(1,410)		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(6,612)	6,879	426	26,095		
Loss from discontinued operations	(740)	(157)	(4,922)	(2,769)		
Net income (loss)	\$ (7,352)	\$ 6,722	\$ (4,496)	\$ 23,326		
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	31,991	31,758	31,872	31,710		
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	31,991	41.489	31.872	41.441		
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Basic income (loss) per share from:						
Continuing operations	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.82		
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.15)	(0.08)		
Net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.23)	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.74		
Diluted income (loss) per share from:						
Continuing operations	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.75		
Discontinued operations	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.15)	(0.07)		
Net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.23)	\$ 0.19	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.68		
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FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA (in thousands, except share data)

	December 31,			
	2008	2007		
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,138	\$ 30,999		
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	66,023	58,803		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	15,965	16,181		
Investment securities	7,232	69,255		
Restricted cash and investments	7,518	7,601		
Assets of discontinued operations	1,385	3,178		
Total current assets	114,261	186,017		
Long term assets:				
Property and equipment, net	190,627	131,705		
Investments in trading securities	62,866			
UBS put right	11,081	-		
Restricted cash and investments	13,368	12,943		
Other long term assets	20,435	29,789		
Total assets	\$ 412,638	\$ 360,454		
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Current liabilities	\$ 129.139	\$ 104.063		
Long term liabilities	37,344	27,259		
Secured revolving credit facility	21,875	21,239		
Mortgage notes payable, long term	12,441	15.810		
Convertible senior notes	126,500	126,500		
Shareholders' equity (32,205,604 and 31,818,144 shares	120,500	120,500		
issued and outstanding at December 31, 2008 and				
December 31, 2007, respectively)	85,339	86,822		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 412,638	\$ 360,454		

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC. SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY OPERATING DATA (1)

(dollars in thousands, except average daily rate)

_	Three months ended December 31,				Year ended December 31,				
-		2008		2007		2008		2007	
Number of communities (end of period)		210		163		210		163	
Number of living units (end of period)		22,264		18,079		22,264		18,079	
Occupancy		87.6%		90.3%		88.4%		90.3%	
Average daily rate (ADR)	\$	143.10	\$	140.23	\$	143.08	\$	137.23	
ADR % growth		2.0%		-		4.3%		-	
Percent breakdown of net senior living revenues:									
Medicare		14.3%		15.7%		14.8%		15.5%	
Medicaid		16.3%		18.7%		16.9%		18.3%	
Private		69.4%		65.6%		68.3%		66.2%	
Total		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%		100.0%	
Senior living revenues	\$	248,834	\$	208,615	\$	935,393	\$	809,934	
Senior living revenues % growth		19.3%		-		15.5%		-	
Senior living wages and benefits Senior living wages and benefits as a % of senior living	\$	125,475	\$	103,950	\$	467,068	\$	410,447	
revenues		50.4%		49.8%		49.9%		50.7%	
Other senior living operating expenses	\$	62,286	\$	52,795	\$	235,603	\$	202,194	
Other senior living operating expenses as a % of senior living revenues Community expenses (2) % growth		25.0% 19.8%		25.3%		25.2% 14.7%		25.0%	

⁽¹⁾ Excludes data for pharmacy and hospital operations and discontinued senior living operations (except for the number of communities and living units).

⁽²⁾ Community expenses equal senior living wages and benefits and other senior living operating expenses as shown on our consolidated statement of operations.

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC. COMPARABLE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY OPERATING DATA (1)

(dollars in thousands, except average daily rate)

_	Three month December		Year ended December 31, ⁽³⁾			
_	2008	2007	2008	2007		
Number of communities (end of period)	163	163	162	162		
Number of living units (end of period)	18,085	18,079	18,029	18,023		
Occupancy	88.0%	90.3%	88.6%	90.4%		
Average daily rate (ADR)	\$ 145.78	\$ 140.23	\$ 144.45	\$ 137.34		
ADR % growth	4.0%	-	5.2%	-		
Percent breakdown of net senior living revenues:						
Medicare	16.2%	15.7%	16.1%	15.5%		
Medicaid	18.3%	18.7%	18.1%	18.3%		
Private	65.5%	65.6%	65.8%	66.2%		
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Senior living revenues	\$ 211,401	\$ 208,615	\$ 836,690	\$ 808,880		
Senior living revenues % growth	1.3%	-	3.4%	-		
Senior living wages and benefits	\$ 107,879	\$ 103,950	\$ 420,414	\$ 410,056		
Senior living wages and benefits as a % of senior living	51.00/	40.00/	50.20/	50.70/		
revenues Other senior living energting expenses	51.0% \$ 52.845	49.8%	50.2%	50.7%		
Other senior living operating expenses	\$ 52,845	\$ 52,795	\$ 212,810	\$ 202,023		
Other senior living operating expenses as a % of senior living revenues	25.0%	25.3%	25.4%	25.0%		
Community expenses (4) % growth	2.5%	-	3.5%	-		

⁽¹⁾ Excludes data for pharmacy and hospital operations and discontinued senior living discontinued operations (except for the number of communities and living units).

⁽²⁾ Communities that we have operated continuously since October 1, 2007.

⁽³⁾ Communities that we have operated continuously since January 1, 2007.

⁽⁴⁾ Community expenses equal senior living wages and benefits and other senior living operating expenses as shown on our consolidated statement of operations.

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC. OTHER OPERATING DATA (1)

(dollars in thousands, except average daily rate)

	Three months ended December 31.				Year ended December 31.			
		2008	,	2007		2008	,	2007
Number of senior living communities ⁽²⁾ (end of period): Assisted and independent living communities, owned		23		13		23		13
Assisted and independent living communities, leased		138		101		138		101
Total number of assisted and independent living communities		161		114		161		114
Skilled nursing communities, owned		2		2		2		2
Skilled nursing communities, leased		47		47		47		47
Total number of skilled nursing communities		49		49		49		49
Total number of senior living communities		210		163		210		163
Number of senior living units (end of period):								
Assisted and independent living communities, owned		1,975		1,068		1,975		1,068
Assisted and independent living communities, leased (3)		15,879		12,607		15,879		12,607
Total number of assisted and independent living units		17,854		13,675		17,854		13,675
Skilled nursing communities, owned		271		271		271		271
Skilled nursing communities, leased (4)		4.139		4.133		4.139		4.133
Total number of skilled nursing units		4,410		4,404		4,410		4,404
Total number of senior living units		22,264		18,079		22,264		18,079
Senior living revenues: Assisted and independent living communities	\$	179,998	s	140,773	\$	663,744	s	549,622
Skilled nursing communities	•	66,841	-	66,203	•	263,909		254,756
Other (5)		1,995		1,679		7,740		5,556
Total senior living revenues	\$	248,834	\$	208,615	\$	935,393	\$	809,934
Assisted and independent living communities occupancy		88.1%		91.1%		88.6%		91.1%
Assisted and independent living communities ADR	\$	129.41	\$	124.34	\$	129.06	\$	122.40
Assisted and independent living communities ADR % growth		4.1%		-		5.4%		-
Skilled nursing communities occupancy		85.7%		87.8%		86.4%		87.8%
Skilled nursing communities ADR	\$	192.85	\$	186.10	\$	189.41	\$	180.51
Skilled nursing communities ADR % growth		3.6%		-		4.9%		-
Hospital data:								
Rehabilitation hospital units		321		321		321		321
Rehabilitation hospital occupancy		62.3%		62.1%		62.9%		63.5%

- (1) Excludes data for pharmacy operations and discontinued senior living operations (except for the number of communities and living units).
- (2) Communities are categorized by the type of living units which constitute a majority of the total living units at the community.
- (3) Includes 1,934 and 1,718 skilled nursing units in communities where assisted living and independent living services are the predominant services provided for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (4) Includes 66 assisted living and independent living units in communities where skilled nursing services are the predominant services provided for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (5) Other senior living revenues relates primarily to rehabilitation and other specialty service revenues provided at residential facilities and does not include revenues from pharmacy or hospital operations.

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC. RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

(in thousands, except per share data)

Reconciliation of income (loss) from continuing operations to earnings (losses) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007:

	For the thre ended Dece		For the year ended December 31,			
	2008 2007		2008	2007		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (6,612)	\$ 6,879	\$ 426	\$ 26,095		
Add: income taxes	472	650	1,392	1,410		
Add: depreciation and amortization	3,746	3,654	14,719	13,595		
Add: interest and other expense	1,447	1,883	6,337	6,802		
Less: interest and other income	(1,049)	(1,809)	(5,915)	(6,152)		
EBITDA (1)	\$ (1,996)	\$ 11,257	\$ 16,959	\$ 41,750		

(1) We consider earnings (losses) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, to be a meaningful disclosure because we believe that the inclusion of this non-GAAP financial measure helps investors to gain a better understanding of growth in our core operating results, and can also help investors who wish to make comparisons between us and other companies on both a GAAP and a non-GAAP basis. EBITDA as presented may not, however, always be comparable to amounts calculated by other companies. This non-GAAP financial measure is used by management to evaluate financial performance and resource allocation for our communities and for us as a whole, and for comparing such performance to that of prior periods and to the performance of our competitors. This measure also is used by management to aid in our financial and operating decision making. We have not made any adjustments to reported EBITDA for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, relating to the unrealized loss as a result of our holdings of auction rate securities; the impairment of certain investments in marketable securities; the gain on our receipt of UBS put rights; the impairment of goodwill and long lived assets; or the gain on early extinguishment of debt.

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