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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

CBC RESTAURANT CORP, et al.,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-10245 (KBO)

(Jointly Administered)

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First Republic Clings to Life Support as It Struggles to Find a Savior

FROM FIRST BUSINESS PAGE peared from public view. On March 13, Jim Cramer, the CNBC host, said on the air that Mr. Herbert had told him that the bank was doing "business as usual," and that there were "not any sizable number of people wanting their money."

That was belied by the bank's earnings report this week, which stated that "First Republic began experiencing unprecedented deposit outflows" on March 10.

Neither Mr. Herbert nor the bank's representatives would

Restructuring plans involve the government, which seems uninterested.

comment Wednesday, as First Republic's stock continued a harrowing slide, dropping about 30 percent to close the day at just \$5.69 down from about \$150 a year earlier. On Tuesday, the stock plummeted 49 percent. The company is now worth a little more than \$1 billion, or about one-twentieth its valuation before the banking turmoil began in March.

In what has become a disquieting pattern, the New York Stock Exchange halted trading in the shares 16 times on Wednesday because volatility thresholds were triggered.

Stock prices are always an imperfect measure of a lender's health, and there are strict rules about what types of entities can acquire a bank. Still, First Republic's stock slide means that its branches and \$103 billion in deposits could be bought for, theoretically, an amount less than the market capitalization of Portillo's, the Chicago-area hot dog purveyor. Of course, any company that buys First Republic would be taking on multibillion-dollar losses on its loan portfolio and assets.

The bank is more likely to fall into the hands of the government.



First Republic, with 88 branches focused on the coasts, is a concern for Wall Street and Washington. The company is now worth a little more than \$1 billion.

That outcome would likely wipe out shareholders and put the bank's fate in the hands of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The F.D.I.C. by its own rules guarantees that deposit accounts only up to \$250,000 will be made whole, though in practice - and in the case of SVB and Signature — it can make accounts of all sizes whole if several top government officials invoke a special legal provision. Of First Republic's remaining deposits, roughly half, or nearly \$50 billion, were over the insured threshold as of March 31, including the \$30 billion deposited

by big banks in March.

In conversations with industry and government officials, First Republic's advisers have proposed various restructuring solutions that would involve the government, in one form or another, according to people familiar with the matter. The government could seek to minimize a buyer's financial risk, the people said, asking not to be identified.

Thus far, the Biden administration and the Federal Reserve appear to have demurred. Policy experts have said officials would find it more difficult to intervene to save First Republic because of

restrictions Congress enacted after the 2008 financial crisis.

As a result, six weeks of efforts by First Republic and its advisers to sell all or part of its business have not resulted in a viable plan to save the bank - at least thus

The state of affairs became plain after the close of trading on Monday, when First Republic announced first-quarter results that showed that it had lost \$102 billion in customer deposits since early March. Those withdrawals were slightly ameliorated by the coordinated emergency move of 11 large U.S. banks to temporarily deposit

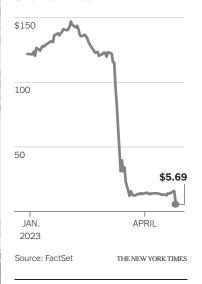
\$30 billion into First Republic.

To plug the hole, First Republic borrowed \$92 billion, mostly from the Fed and government-backed lending groups, essentially replacing its deposits with loans. While the move helped keep the bank going, it essentially undermined its business model, replacing relatively cheap deposits with more expensive loans.

The bank is paying more in interest to the government on that new debt than it is earning on its long-term investments, which include mortgage loans to its wellheeled customers on the coasts, funding for real estate projects

First Republic Bank's Share Price

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One of the biggest parts of the bank's business was offering large home loans with attractive interest rates to affluent people. Unlike other banks that make a lot of mortgages, First Republic kept many of those loans rather than packaging them into mortgagebacked securities and selling them to investors. At the end of December, the bank had nearly \$103 billion in home loans on its books, up from \$80 billion a year earlier.

But most of those loans were made when mortgage interest rates were much lower than they are today. That means those loans are worth a lot less, and anybody looking to buy First Republic would be taking on those losses.

It is not clear what First Republic can realistically do to make itself or its assets more attractive to a buyer

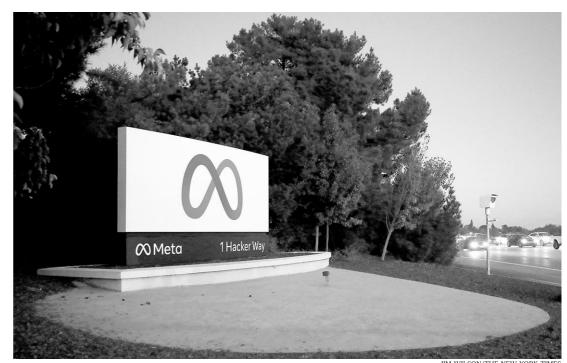
Among the only tangible changes that the bank has committed to is cutting as much as 25 percent of its staff and slashing executive compensation by an unspecified amount. On its earnings call. First Republic's executives declined to take questions and spoke for just 12 minutes.

Meta Begins 'Year of Efficiency' With Growth After Three Quarters of Falling Sales

FROM FIRST BUSINESS PAGE calls a "year of efficiency" and has reined in spending and slashed employee ranks by more than 21,000, or roughly 30 percent. Meta's stock price, which rose more than 12 percent in afterhours trading, has surged 63 percent since the company announced a first round of 11,000 layoffs in November.

among the layoffs. Mr. Zuckerberg has said he is trying to eliminate "managers managing managers," the result of a glut of middle management driven by overzealous pandemic-era hiring. The company said it had 77,114

gence, Meta is also trying to position itself as a leader in the field, drawing on years of investment. Mr. Zuckerberg and his executive team are attending weekly meetings focused on A.I. strategy. He has told investors that A.I. is helping to suggest more relevant photos and videos to Instagram and



Meta announced 10,000 more layoffs in March. The company said on Wednesday that it would incur severance and related personnel costs of about \$1 billion from the cuts.

"When we started this work last vear, our business wasn't performing as well as I wanted," Mr. Zuckerberg said in the call with investors. He added that he continued "to believe that slowing hiring, flattening our management structure" would improve the speed and quality of Meta's work.

But those moves have also hurt employee morale. Workers are questioning whether they will be

'We had a good quarter, and our community continues to grow.'

Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive of Meta

employees as of March 31, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Despite the latest results, Meta's challenges remain. The company's costs in the first quarter jumped 10 percent from a year earlier, to \$21.4 billion, outstripping revenue growth.

As hype for the metaverse has died and shifted to artificial intelliFacebook users. Mr. Zuckerberg said he ex-

pected the new technology to "touch literally every single one of our products" in the future. He did not reveal specific plans, but speculated on potential products like A.I.-powered chatbots that could help customer service or small businesses that use WhatsApp. A.I. could also help make photos or videos more engaging, he said. For now, Meta plans to continue

investing heavily in data centers and infrastructure that help build up A.I. efforts, similar to other big tech companies.

"Our A.I. work is driving good results across our apps and business," Mr. Zuckerberg said.

Since last November, Meta has reduced its employee ranks by more than 21,000 workers, or roughly 30 percent.

Microsoft's Bing Is China's Most Diligent Censor, Report Says

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

China's internet censorship is well known, but a report has quantified the extent of it, uncovering more than 66,000 rules controlling the content that is available to people using search engines.

The most diligent censor, by at least one measure, is Microsoft's search engine Bing, the only foreign search engine operating in the country, according to the report, which was released on Wednesday by the Citizen Lab, a cybersecurity research group at the University of Toronto.

The findings suggested that China's censorship apparatus had become not only more pervasive, but also more subtle. The search engines, including Bing, have created algorithms to "hard censor" searches deemed to be politically sensitive by providing no results or by limiting the results to selected sources, which are usually government agencies or state news organizations that follow the Communist Party's line.

'You might get no results if it is a very sensitive topic, but if your query is subject to this kind of selfcensorship, what happens is you actually appear to get results as normal, but that's not actually happening," said Jeffrey Knockel, a senior researcher at Citizen Lab and an author of the report. "You're getting results only from certain pre-authorized websites."

The organization's researchers studied eight online platforms that offer search tools: the search engines Baidu, Sogou and Bing; the social media sites Weibo, Douyin, Bilibili and Baidu Zhidao; and the e-commerce giant Jingdong

All are subject to extensive legal restrictions that have long censored criminal activity, obscenity, pornography, violence and gore, in addition to virtually any political, ethnic or religious content viewed as threatening to Communist Party rule and social stability.

More recent restrictions have extended to defamation of the country's heroes or martyrs, illegal surrogacy and misleading or false information about Covid-19 in Beijing.

Each of the companies have created mechanisms to comply with the government's everevolving restrictions.

The report found that Weibo, China's equivalent of Twitter, restricted search results for the term "Chinese spy balloon" so that only information from official Chinese sources would appear to those seeking to learn about the surveillance airship shot down by the United States in February.

Baidu blocked all results for searches that included the country's leader, Xi Jinping, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia and the international warrant for the Russian president's arrest issued days ahead of Mr. Xi's visit to Moscow in March.

The report said that the Chinese

tech companies had adopted more rules than Bing, one of the few foreign tech platforms allowed in the country, but compared with Baidu, Bing's rules were broader and affected more search results. They also on average restricted results from more domains.

Caitlin Roulston, a spokeswoman for Microsoft, said the company would look into the findings but had not yet fully analyzed them. "We are reaching out to Citizens Lab directly to get more information so that we can conduct any further investigation needed," she said.

Microsoft is one of the few foreign technology companies that still operates inside China, and it has acknowledged that to do so required complying with the country's censorship laws, something other companies, most prominently Google, refused to do.

Conditions in China have often

been fraught for Microsoft, with the company's products facing crackdowns from the authorities. In 2019, Bing itself was blocked temporarily. In 2021, Microsoft shut down LinkedIn in China after seven years in the country, citing regulatory and competitive obstacles.

Mr. Knockel said the study reinforced the argument that foreign tech companies could do little to restrict censorship or other demands from the government. China, for example, has signaled that it will restrict the operations of artificial intelligence in chat bots, which Microsoft has already unveiled for Bing.

"Just simply allowing American tech companies to do business in China isn't going to solve any of the censorship or larger human rights issues that we would like to be solved in China," Mr. Knockel said.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK

346 MADISON AVENUE, LLC and 11 EAST 44™ STREET, LLC, Petitioners, - against - JOHN DOE, Respondents. INDEX NO.: 158558/2022 rsuant to an order of this Court made and entered on February 10, 2023, notice is hereby given that all persons claiming any interest in t

real property described below, are hereby required to appear on September 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in N.Y. Supreme Court, N.Y. Cty., held 80 Centre Street, N.Y., N.Y., 10013, Part 28, Room 122, and show cause, if any, why they should not be forever barred from mo action or proceeding seeking the enforcement of the restrictive covenant set forth in Paragraph 12 of the Verified Petition [Dkt. No. 1] on the property hereinafter described, which was conveyed to Petitioners by deed, dated August 8, 2007, and recorded on September 10, 2007, as CRFN 2007000462812, in the N.Y. City Register, N.Y. Ciy., as well as by deed, dated January 9, 2019, and recorded on January 10, 2019, as CRFN 2019000011381 in the N.Y. City Register, N.Y. City. The Verified Petition, the Order, and all other documents filed in this proceeding may be obtained from the Court docket or by contacting coursel for Petitioners, which contact information is set forth below. The property affected by this notice i ubstantially described in the Vertified Pethtion and is described as follows: the property located at Block 1279, Lot 17, and known as 346 Madiso wenue, Borough of Manhattan, N.Y. Cty., State of N.Y., as well as the property located at Block 1279, Lot 9, and known as 7-11 East 44th Stree Borough of Manhattan, N.Y. Cty., State of N.Y. Any party seeking to be heard at the Public Hearing shall provide Petitioners with an supporting documents, such as a memo of law, but by no later than two weeks prior to the Public Hearing date. Supporting goes shall be delivered to counsel for Petitioners by overnight mail or email at the following address: Attm: Claude G. Szyfer, Strock & Strock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, N.Y., N.Y. 10038, email: <u>cszyfer@strock.com</u>, (P) (212) 806-5934.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, DISTRICT OF DELAWARE | the Qualified Bidders no later than May 26, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. (ET). The In re: CBC RESTAURANT CORP., et al., 1 Debtors. Chapter 11, Case No.23-10245 (KBO) (Jointly Administered) Re: Dkt. No. 289, 361

NOTICE OF SALE, BIDDING PROCEDURES, AUCTION,

<u>Debtors</u>. Re: bkt. No. 289, 361 **INOTICE OF SALE, BIDDING PROCEDURES, AUCTION, ADD SALE HEARING** On April 7, 2023, the above-captioned Debtors filed a Sale/Bidding Procedures Motion with the United States Bankrupty Court for the District of Delaware. The Sale/Bidding Procedures Motion seeks entry of an order (a) approving Bidding Procedures for the Sale of substantially all of the potential assumption and assignment of executory contracts and unex-pired leases (the <u>'Acquired Assets</u>'), (b) approving procedures for the potential assumption and assignment of executory contracts and unex-pired leases (the <u>'Acquired Assets</u>'), (c) scheduling an Auction and Sale Hearing for the sale of the Acquired Assets, ree and Cear of all liens, daims, enumbrances, and interests to the Successful Bidder, and (ii) the assumption and assignment of the PotentialAssumed Contracts. The Debtors may enter into an asset purchase agreement (the "<u>Stalking Horse APA</u>") with a Stalking Horse Notice with the Bankrupty Court and serve that notice on certain parties. The Stalking Horse Notice the information provided under Section IL. or the Bidding procedures within the information provided under Section IL on the Bidding Porcedures within the information provided under Section IL on the Bidding Porcedures within the bidros shall also provide contract and lease counterparties with the information provided under Section IL on the Bidding Porcedures within the bubiness days after service of the Stalking Horse Notice. If no objection to the proposed Stalking Horse APA is field and served upon the Debtors within three business days after service of the Stalking Horse Notice to the Court under Certificate of No Objection. If bidections to the proposed Stalking Horse APA are field, the Debtors may seek an expedited hearing thereon. The Debtors Bidders. Hthe Debtors seek to provide hairing Horse APA are field, the Debtors may seek an expedited hearing thereon. The Debtorse Bidder, they will seek authority from th

separate pleading from the Stalking Horse Notice. Parties Interested in Submitting a Bid. The Bidding Procedures set forth the requirements for becoming a Qualified Bidder and submitting a Qualified Bid, and any party interested in making an offer to purchase all or certain of the Acquired Assets must comply with the Bidding Procedures. Only Qualified Bids will be considered by the Debtors.

Only Qualified Bids will be considered by the Debtors. Any party interested in bidding on the Acquired Assets should contact, as soon as possible: 1) Greg Baracato, (hief Restructuring Officer, CR3 Partners, LLC, 13355 Noel Road, Suitz 2005, Dallas, XIV 75240 (greg baracato@cr3partners.com) and Winston Mar (winston.mar@c3partners.com); 2) Proposed counsel for the Debtors, Culhane Meadows PLLC, 3411 Silverside Road, Baynard Bullding, Suitz 104-13, Winnington DE 19810, Attn: Mette H. Kurth (Mkurth@cm.law) and Lynnette R. Warman (Warman@cm.law): /arman@cm.law); 3) Proposed investment banker for the Debtors, Hilco Corpora

3) Proposed investment banker for the Debtors, Hiko Corporate Finance, 401 N. Michigan, Suite 1630, Chicago, BL 6061 J. Attra: Teri Stratton (tstratton@hikocf.com) and Waleed Aly (WA)@hikod0bal.com). To receive copies of the Sale/Bidding Procedures Motion and exhibits, a confidentiality agreement to Schome a Potential Bidder, or the form asset purchase agreement or Stalking Horse APA, if any, you may contact Metter H. Kurth (Mkurth@cm.law) and Lynnette R. Warman (LWarman@cm.law); download such documents at https://www.kcklc.net/comerbakery. or telephone the claims agent toll free at: (877) 725-7534 or (424) 236-7243 fornon-US/Canada calls. n-US/Canada cal

y to demonstrate adequate assurance of future performance under the otential Assumed Contracts (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder unless the Stalking Horse Bidder's adequate assurance information was not dis-seminated at least 24 hours to the Counterparties in advance of the Sale Objection Deadline), Counterparties may raise their adequate assurance objections, if any, as to the Stalking Horse Bidder (collectively, the "Auction Objections, if any has Sale having the "Berger Bidder objection Deadling".

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19899, Attn. Ricardo Palacio (RPalacio@ashycoda t.s.om, Muningowich 19899, Attn. Ricardo Palacio (RPalacio@ashycoda t.s.om); (5) coursel to the Staking Horse Bidder; fany; and (6) any other party that has requested be served on counsel for the Successful Bidder. Consequences of Failing to Timely Assert an Objection. Any party who fails to make a timely Sale Objection by the Sale Objection Deadline (other than objections to be raised by the Auction Objection and Deadline) in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order and this Notice (a) shall be forever barred from asserting any Sale Objection, including, without limitation, with respect to the transfer of the Aquired Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and interests; and (b) shall be deemed to consent to the Sale to the Successful Bidder and the thereilef requested in the Sale Motion. Any party who fails to make a timely Auction Objection on before the Auction Objection Deadline in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order and this Notice shall be forever barred from asserting any Auction Objection, including, without limitation with respect to the transfer of the Acquired Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and interests.

cumbrances and interests. No Successor Liability. The Sale will be free and clear of any claim arising from any conduct of the Debtors prior to the closing of the Sale. As a result of the Sale, the Successful Bidder will not be a successor to As a result of the Sale, the Successful bladder Will had be a Successful or any of the Debros by reason of any theory of law or equity, and the Successful Bidder will have no liability, except as expressly provided in the Successful Bidder's asset purchase agreement, for any liens, claims, encumbrances and interests against or in any of the Debros nuder any theory of law, including, without limitation, successor liability theories. Dated: April 22, 2023. /s/ Mette H. Kurth (DE Bar No. 6491), CULHANE MEADOWS, PLLC, Proposed Counsel to the Debtors and Debtor

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