

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-13913

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

51-0261715
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6300 Lamar Avenue

Overland Park, Kansas 66202

(Address, including zip code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

(913) 236-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post 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 (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No .

Shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:

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Class
Class A common stock, \$.01 par value

Outstanding as of April 19, 2013
85,933,065

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

| | March 31, 2013 (unaudited) | December 31, 2012 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 390,497 | 328,027 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - restricted | 154,631 | 92,980 |
| Investment securities | 175,608 | 176,142 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Funds and separate accounts | 43,119 | 33,886 |
| Customers and other | 96,528 | 136,073 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,063 | 7,978 |
| Income taxes receivable | | 5,577 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 9,723 | 9,080 |
| Assets of discontinued operations held for sale | | 15,150 |
| Total current assets | 874,169 | 804,893 |
| Property and equipment, net | 69,140 | 69,328 |
| Deferred sales commissions, net | 71,861 | 69,355 |
| Goodwill and identifiable intangible assets | 161,969 | 161,969 |
| Deferred income taxes | 20,892 | 17,797 |
| Other non-current assets | 14,591 | 11,491 |
| Assets of discontinued operations held for sale | | 18,010 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,212,622 | 1,152,843 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 15,780 | 23,795 |
| Payable to investment companies for securities | 189,579 | 152,749 |
| Payable to third party brokers | 52,857 | 46,169 |
| Payable to customers | 25,271 | 45,182 |
| Accrued compensation | 32,070 | 32,215 |
| Accrued other compensation | 12,803 | 14,132 |
| Other current liabilities | 43,039 | 43,504 |
| Current income taxes | 19,711 | |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale | | 7,587 |
| Total current liabilities | 391,110 | 365,333 |
| Long-term debt | 190,000 | 190,000 |
| Accrued pension and postretirement costs | 54,943 | 62,458 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 23,676 | 24,531 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale | | 281 |

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| | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|
| Total liabilities | 659,729 | 642,603 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock-\$1.00 par value: 5,000 shares authorized; none issued | | |
| Class A Common stock-\$0.01 par value: 250,000 shares authorized; | | |
| 99,701 shares issued; 85,544 shares outstanding (85,679 at December 31, 2012) | 997 | 997 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 243,806 | 230,021 |
| Retained earnings | 728,351 | 698,423 |
| Cost of 14,157 common shares in treasury (14,022 at December 31, 2012) | (377,088) | (372,404) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (43,173) | (46,797) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 552,893 | 510,240 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 1,212,622 | 1,152,843 |

Table of Contents**WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Consolidated Statements of Income

(Unaudited, in thousands, except for per share data)

| | For the three months ended March 31, | |
|--|---|----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Investment management fees | \$ 148,445 | 134,900 |
| Underwriting and distribution fees | 135,419 | 121,153 |
| Shareholder service fees | 32,691 | 31,818 |
| Total | 316,555 | 287,871 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Underwriting and distribution | 161,571 | 144,486 |
| Compensation and related costs (including share-based compensation of \$11,676 and \$11,886, respectively) | 48,155 | 44,158 |
| General and administrative | 16,208 | 17,764 |
| Subadvisory fees | 4,484 | 6,271 |
| Depreciation | 3,227 | 3,359 |
| Total | 233,645 | 216,038 |
| Operating income | 82,910 | 71,833 |
| Investment and other income | 4,377 | 3,949 |
| Interest expense | (2,854) | (2,826) |
| Income from continuing operations before provision for income taxes | 84,433 | 72,956 |
| Provision for income taxes | 30,570 | 26,119 |
| Income from continuing operations | 53,863 | 46,837 |
| Income from discontinued operations net of tax expense of \$397 | | 550 |
| Net income | \$ 53,863 | 47,387 |
| Net income per share, basic and diluted: | | |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 0.63 | 0.55 |
| Income from discontinued operations | | |
| Net income | \$ 0.63 | 0.55 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 85,592 | 85,604 |
| Diluted | 85,593 | 85,606 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | For the three months ended March 31, | |
|---|---|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net income | \$ 53,863 | 47,387 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Unrealized appreciation of available for sale investment securities during the period, net of income taxes of \$9 and \$0, respectively | 2,778 | 5,277 |
| Pension and postretirement benefits, net of income taxes of \$558 and \$521, respectively | 846 | 657 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 57,487 | 53,321 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | Common Stock Shares | Common Stock Amount | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Treasury Stock | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total Stockholders Equity |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2012 | 99,701 | \$ 997 | 230,021 | 698,423 | (372,404) | (46,797) | 510,240 |
| Net income | | | | 53,863 | | | 53,863 |
| Recognition of equity compensation | | | 11,676 | | | | 11,676 |
| Net issuance/forfeiture of nonvested shares | | | 1,432 | | (1,432) | | |
| Dividends accrued, \$0.28 per share | | | | (23,935) | | | (23,935) |
| Exercise of stock options | | | (35) | | 170 | | 135 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | | | 712 | | | | 712 |
| Repurchase of common stock | | | | | (3,422) | | (3,422) |
| Unrealized appreciation on available for sale investment securities | | | | | | 2,778 | 2,778 |
| Pension and postretirement benefits | | | | | | 846 | 846 |
| Balance at March 31, 2013 | 99,701 | \$ 997 | 243,806 | 728,351 | (377,088) | (43,173) | 552,893 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | For the three months ended March 31, | |
|---|---|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 53,863 | 47,387 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,497 | 3,900 |
| Amortization of deferred sales commissions | 13,668 | 13,485 |
| Share-based compensation | 11,676 | 12,272 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | (712) | (444) |
| Gain on sale of available for sale investment securities | (2,426) | (1,527) |
| Net purchases and sales or maturities of trading securities | 1,012 | 10,573 |
| Unrealized gain on trading securities | (2,166) | (2,225) |
| Loss on sale and retirement of property and equipment | 49 | 101 |
| Capital gains and dividends reinvested | (40) | |
| Deferred income taxes | 254 | (851) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents - restricted | (61,650) | (30,759) |
| Other receivables | 39,545 | (1,707) |
| Payable to investment companies for securities and payable to customers | 16,516 | 27,989 |
| Receivables from funds and separate accounts | (9,233) | (320) |
| Other assets | (3,743) | (366) |
| Deferred sales commissions | (16,174) | (14,466) |
| Accounts payable and payable to third party brokers | (925) | 1,017 |
| Other liabilities | 18,122 | 20,091 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 61,133 | 84,150 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of available for sale investment securities | (55,350) | |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available for sale investment securities | 62,020 | 4,907 |
| Additions to property and equipment | (3,088) | (2,375) |
| Disposition of companies | 22,000 | |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | \$ 25,582 | 2,532 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Dividends paid | (23,973) | (21,402) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (3,422) | (12) |
| Exercise of stock options | 135 | |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | 712 | 444 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | \$ (26,548) | (20,970) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 60,167 | 65,712 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period, including discontinued operations | 330,330 | 327,083 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 390,497 | 392,795 |
| Less cash and cash equivalents of discontinued operations at end of period | | 2,251 |
| Cash and cash equivalents of continuing operations at end of period | \$ 390,497 | 390,544 |

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. and subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to as the Company, we, our and us) derive revenues from investment management, investment product underwriting and distribution, and shareholder services administration provided to the Waddell & Reed Advisors Group of Mutual Funds (the Advisors Funds), Ivy Funds (the Ivy Funds), Ivy Funds Variable Insurance Portfolios (the Ivy Funds VIP) and InvestEd Portfolios (InvestEd) (collectively, the Advisors Funds, Ivy Funds, Ivy Funds VIP and InvestEd are referred to as the Funds), and institutional and separately managed accounts. The Funds and the institutional and separately managed accounts operate under various rules and regulations set forth by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Services to the Funds are provided under investment management agreements, underwriting agreements and shareholder servicing and accounting service agreements that set forth the fees to be charged for these services. The majority of these agreements are subject to annual review and approval by each Fund's board of trustees and shareholders. Our revenues are largely dependent on the total value and composition of assets under management. Accordingly, fluctuations in financial markets and composition of assets under management can significantly impact revenues and results of operations.

Basis of Presentation

We have prepared the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements included herein pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although we believe that the disclosures are adequate to enable a reasonable understanding of the information presented. The information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with Part I, Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our audited financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (the 2012 Form 10-K). Certain amounts in the prior years' financial statements have been reclassified for consistent presentation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements are prepared consistently with the accounting policies described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in our 2012 Form 10-K, which include the following: use of estimates, cash and cash equivalents, disclosures about fair value of financial instruments, investment securities and investments in affiliated mutual funds, property and equipment, software developed for internal use, goodwill and identifiable intangible assets, deferred sales commissions, revenue recognition, advertising and promotion, share-based compensation and accounting for income taxes.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Company adopted an amended accounting standard to improve the reporting of reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income. The guidance requires an entity to present separately for each component of comprehensive income, the current period reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income by the respective line items of net income affected by the reclassification. The adoption was effective prospectively and did not have any effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position

or liquidity.

In our opinion, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of only a normal and recurring nature) necessary to present fairly our financial position at March 31, 2013, the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company committed to a plan to sell its Legend group of subsidiaries (Legend) and on October 29, 2012, the Company signed a definitive agreement to execute the transaction. The sale closed effective January 1, 2013. The operational results of Legend have been reclassified as discontinued operations in our unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and as of December 31, 2012. Unless otherwise stated, footnote references refer to continuing operations.

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2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and short-term investments. We consider all highly liquid investments with maturities upon acquisition of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents restricted represents cash held for the benefit of customers segregated in compliance with federal and other regulations.

3. Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In July 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-06, Other Topics (Topic 720): Fees Paid to the Federal Government by Health Insurers (ASU 2011-06). This ASU was issued to address questions about how health insurers should recognize and classify in their income statements fees mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (collectively, the Acts). The Acts impose an annual fee on health insurers for each calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2014. A health insurer s portion of the annual fee is payable no later than September 30 of the applicable calendar year and is not tax deductible. The ASU specifies that the liability for the fee should be estimated and recorded in full once the entity provides qualifying health insurance in the applicable calendar year in which the fee is payable with a corresponding deferred cost that is amortized to expense using a straight-line method of allocation unless another method better allocates the fee over the calendar year in which it is payable. ASU 2011-06 is effective for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2013. The Company is evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2011-06 in 2014 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

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Investment securities at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are as follows:

| March 31, 2013 | Amortized cost | Unrealized gains | Unrealized losses | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
| (in thousands) | | | | |
| Available for sale securities: | | | | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | \$ 9 | 1 | | 10 |
| Corporate bonds | 30,190 | 208 | (1) | 30,397 |
| Affiliated mutual funds | 69,239 | 5,533 | (49) | 74,723 |
| | \$ 99,438 | 5,742 | (50) | 105,130 |
| Trading securities: | | | | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | | | | 42 |
| Municipal bonds | | | | 501 |
| Corporate bonds | | | | 12,049 |
| Common stock | | | | 48 |
| Affiliated mutual funds | | | | 57,838 |
| | | | | 70,478 |
| Total investment securities | | | | \$ 175,608 |

| December 31, 2012 | Amortized cost | Unrealized gains | Unrealized losses | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
| (in thousands) | | | | |
| Available for sale securities: | | | | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | \$ 9 | 1 | | 10 |
| Corporate bonds | 30,408 | 248 | (3) | 30,653 |
| Affiliated mutual funds | 73,443 | 3,749 | (1,090) | 76,102 |
| | \$ 103,860 | 3,998 | (1,093) | 106,765 |
| Trading securities: | | | | |
| Mortgage-backed securities | | | | 44 |
| Municipal bonds | | | | 501 |
| Corporate bonds | | | | 12,112 |
| Common stock | | | | 37 |
| Affiliated mutual funds | | | | 56,683 |
| | | | | 69,377 |
| Total investment securities | | | | \$ 176,142 |

Purchases of trading securities during the three months ended March 31, 2013 were \$49.8 million. Sales of trading securities were \$50.8 million for the same period.

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A summary of available for sale debt securities and affiliated mutual funds with fair values below carrying values at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 is as follows:

| March 31, 2013 | Less than 12 months | | 12 months or longer | | Fair value | Total Unrealized losses |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Fair value | Unrealized losses | Fair value | Unrealized losses | | |
| | | | (in thousands) | | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 5,800 | (1) | | | 5,800 | (1) |
| Affiliated mutual funds | | | 3,177 | (49) | 3,177 | (49) |
| Total temporarily impaired securities | \$ 5,800 | (1) | 3,177 | (49) | 8,977 | (50) |

| December 31, 2012 | Less than 12 months | | 12 months or longer | | Fair value | Total Unrealized losses |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Fair value | Unrealized losses | Fair value | Unrealized losses | | |
| | | | (in thousands) | | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 997 | (3) | | | 997 | (3) |
| Affiliated mutual funds | 23,478 | (469) | 5,604 | (621) | 29,082 | (1,090) |
| Total temporarily impaired securities | \$ 24,475 | (472) | 5,604 | (621) | 30,079 | (1,093) |

Based upon our assessment of these corporate bonds and affiliated mutual funds, the time frame investments have been in a loss position, our intent to hold affiliated mutual funds until they have recovered, and our history of holding bonds until maturity, we determined that a write-down was not necessary at March 31, 2013.

Mortgage-backed securities and corporate bonds accounted for as available for sale and held as of March 31, 2013 mature as follows:

| | Amortized cost | Fair value |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Within one year | \$ 18,811 | 18,850 |
| After one year but within five years | 11,379 | 11,547 |
| After five years but within 10 years | 9 | 10 |
| | \$ 30,199 | 30,407 |

Mortgage-backed securities, municipal bonds and corporate bonds accounted for as trading and held as of March 31, 2013 mature as follows:

| | Fair value |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| | (in thousands) |
| Within one year | \$ 2,504 |
| After one year but within five years | 9,546 |
| After five years but within 10 years | 542 |
| | \$ 12,592 |

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Accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value and a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of the asset. Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset. An individual investment's fair value measurement is assigned a level based upon the observability of the inputs that are significant to the overall valuation. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized as follows:

- Level 1 Investments are valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

- Level 2 Investments are valued using other significant observable inputs, including quoted prices in active markets for similar securities.

- Level 3 Investments are valued using significant unobservable inputs, including the Company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.

Assets classified as Level 2 can have a variety of observable inputs. These observable inputs are collected and utilized, primarily by an independent pricing service, in different evaluated pricing approaches depending upon the specific asset to determine a value. The fair value of municipal bonds is measured based on pricing models that take into account, among other factors, information received from market makers and broker/dealers, current trades, bid-wants lists, offerings, market movements, the callability of the bond, state of issuance and benchmark yield curves. The fair value of corporate bonds is measured using various techniques, which consider recently executed transactions in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers, market price quotations (where observable), bond spreads and fundamental data relating to the issuer.

Securities' values classified as Level 3 are primarily determined through the use of a single quote (or multiple quotes) from dealers in the securities using proprietary valuation models. These quotes involve significant unobservable inputs, and thus, the related securities are classified as Level 3 securities.

The following tables summarize our investment securities as of March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 that are recognized in our consolidated balance sheets using fair value measurements based on the differing levels of inputs.

| March 31, 2013 | Level 1 | Level 2 (in thousands) | Level 3 | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mortgage-backed securities | \$ | 52 | | 52 |
| Municipal bonds | | 501 | | 501 |
| Corporate bonds | | 42,446 | | 42,446 |
| Common stock | | 48 | | 48 |
| Affiliated mutual funds | | 132,561 | | 132,561 |
| Total | \$ | 132,609 | 42,999 | 175,608 |

| December 31, 2012 | Level 1 | Level 2 (in thousands) | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|-------|
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|-------|

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| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|---------|---------|
| Mortgage-backed securities | \$ | 54 | 54 |
| Municipal bonds | | 501 | 501 |
| Corporate bonds | | 42,765 | 42,765 |
| Common stock | | 37 | 37 |
| Affiliated mutual funds | | 132,785 | 132,785 |
| Total | \$ | 132,822 | 176,142 |

Table of Contents**5. Discontinued Operations**

During the third quarter of 2012, the Company committed to a plan to sell Legend. On October 29, 2012, the Company signed a definitive agreement with First Allied Holdings Inc. to sell all of the common interests of Legend Group Holdings, LLC. The sale closed effective January 1, 2013. Based on the value of the consideration the Company expected to receive upon closing of the sale, which was less than the carrying value of net assets to be sold, the Company recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$42.4 million during the third quarter of 2012. The agreement also includes an earnout provision based on asset retention for a period of two years following the closing date.

For income tax purposes, the sale resulted in a \$48.3 million capital loss that may only be utilized to offset future capital gains. Due to the character of the loss and the limited carry forward period permitted by law, the Company may not realize the full tax benefit of the capital loss.

The operational results of Legend have been presented as discontinued operations in the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2012. Legend's revenues and income before provision for income taxes for that period were \$18.7 million and \$947 thousand, respectively.

The assets and liabilities of Legend, classified as discontinued operations held for sale in the balance sheet at December 31, 2012 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,303 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - restricted | 401 |
| Investment securities | 1,352 |
| Receivables | 10,345 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 749 |
| Total current assets | 15,150 |
| Property and equipment, net | 992 |
| Goodwill | 16,868 |
| Other non-current assets | 150 |
| Total non-current assets | 18,010 |
| Total assets | 33,160 |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts payable | 464 |
| Accrued compensation | 6,243 |
| Other current liabilities | 880 |
| Total current liabilities | 7,587 |
| Non-current liabilities | 281 |
| Total liabilities | 7,868 |
| Assets less liabilities | \$ 25,292 |

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Goodwill represents the excess of purchase price over the tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets of an acquired business. Our goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes. Goodwill and identifiable intangible assets (all considered indefinite lived) are as follows:

| | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Goodwill | \$ 138,947 | 138,947 |
| Accumulated amortization | (31,977) | (31,977) |
| Total goodwill | 106,970 | 106,970 |
| Mutual fund management advisory contracts | 38,699 | 38,699 |
| Mutual fund management subadvisory contracts | 16,300 | 16,300 |
| Total identifiable intangible assets | 54,999 | 54,999 |
| Total | \$ 161,969 | 161,969 |

7. Indebtedness

Debt is reported at its carrying amount in the consolidated balance sheets. The fair value of the Company's outstanding indebtedness is approximately \$211.9 million at March 31, 2013 compared to the carrying value of \$190.0 million. Fair value is calculated based on Level 2 inputs.

8. Income Tax Uncertainties

As of January 1, 2013 and March 31, 2013, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits, including penalties and interest, of \$10.8 million (\$7.5 million net of federal benefit) and \$11.2 million (\$7.7 million net of federal benefit), respectively, that if recognized, would impact the Company's effective tax rate. The unrecognized tax benefits that are not expected to be settled within the next 12 months are included in other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets; unrecognized tax benefits that are expected to be settled within the next 12 months are included in income taxes payable.

The Company's accounting policy with respect to interest and penalties related to income tax uncertainties is to classify these amounts as income taxes. As of January 1, 2013, the total amount of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions recognized in the consolidated balance sheet was \$2.5 million (\$2.0 million net of federal benefit). The total amount of penalties and interest, net of federal benefit, related to income tax uncertainties recognized in the statement of income for the three month period ended March 31, 2013 was \$0.1 million. The total amount of accrued penalties and interest related to uncertain tax positions at March 31, 2013 of \$2.5 million (\$2.0 million net of federal benefit) is included in the total unrecognized tax benefits described above.

In the ordinary course of business, many transactions occur for which the ultimate tax outcome is uncertain. In addition, respective tax authorities periodically audit our income tax returns. These audits examine our significant tax filing positions, including the timing and amounts of deductions and the allocation of income among tax jurisdictions. The 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 federal income tax returns are open tax years that remain subject to potential future audit. The 2006 and 2007 federal tax years also remain open to a limited extent due to capital loss carryback claims. State income tax returns for all years after 2008 and, in certain states, income tax returns prior to 2009, are subject to potential future audit by tax authorities in the Company's major state tax jurisdictions.

The Company is currently being audited in various state jurisdictions. It is reasonably possible that the Company will settle the audits in these jurisdictions within the next 12-month period. It is estimated that the

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Company's liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including penalties and interest, could decrease by approximately \$0.1 million to \$2.2 million (\$0.1 million to \$1.5 million net of federal benefit) upon settlement of these audits. Such settlements are not anticipated to have a significant impact on the results of operations.

9. Pension Plan and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension

We provide a non-contributory retirement plan that covers substantially all employees and certain vested employees of our former parent company (the Pension Plan). Benefits payable under the Pension Plan are based on employees' years of service and compensation during the final 10 years of employment. We also sponsor an unfunded defined benefit postretirement medical plan that covers substantially all employees, as well as Waddell & Reed advisors. The medical plan is contributory with participant contributions adjusted annually. The medical plan does not provide for post age 65 benefits with the exception of a small group of employees that were grandfathered when such plan was established.

The components of net periodic pension and other postretirement costs related to these plans are as follows:

| | Pension Benefits Three months ended March 31, | | Other Postretirement Benefits Three months ended March 31, | |
|--|---|--------------|--|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Components of net periodic benefit cost: | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 2,950 | 2,209 | 197 | 173 |
| Interest cost | 1,952 | 1,812 | 90 | 100 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (2,704) | (2,127) | | |
| Actuarial loss amortization | 1,250 | 1,021 | | 3 |
| Prior service cost amortization | 139 | 139 | 14 | 14 |
| Transition obligation amortization | 1 | 1 | | |
| Total (1) | \$ 3,588 | 3,055 | 301 | 290 |

(1) Net periodic pension benefit cost related to discontinued operations and included in the table above was \$196 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2012. Net periodic cost for the postretirement medical plan related to discontinued operations and included in the table above was \$3 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

During the first quarter of 2013, we contributed \$10.0 million to the Pension Plan and contributed an additional \$7.0 million to the Pension Plan in April 2013.

Table of Contents**10. Stockholders Equity***Earnings per Share*

The components of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations were as follows:

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in thousands, except per share amounts) | |
| Net income from continuing operations | \$ 53,863 | 46,837 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 85,592 | 85,604 |
| Dilutive potential shares from stock options (1) | 1 | 2 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 85,593 | 85,606 |
| Earnings per share from continuing operations, basic and diluted | \$ 0.63 | 0.55 |

(1) There were no anti-dilutive options for the three months ended March 31, 2013 or 2012.

Dividends

On February 14, 2013, the Board of Directors (the Board) approved a dividend on our common stock in the amount of \$0.28 per share to stockholders of record as of April 10, 2013 to be paid on May 1, 2013. The total dividend to be paid is approximately \$24.0 million and is included in other current liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2013.

Common Stock Repurchases

The Board has authorized the repurchase of our common stock in the open market and/or private purchases. The acquired shares may be used for corporate purposes, including shares issued to employees in our stock-based compensation programs.

There were 81,701 shares repurchased in the open market or privately during the three months ended March 31, 2013, which included 2,601 shares repurchased from employees tendering shares to cover their minimum income tax withholdings with respect to vesting of stock awards

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during the quarter. There were 366 shares repurchased in the open market during the quarter ended March 31, 2012, all of which were repurchased from employees tendering shares during the quarter.

In April 2013, the Company repurchased 464,177 shares from employees tendering shares to cover their minimum income tax withholdings with respect to vesting of stock awards during the period.

Table of Contents*Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss*

The following table summarizes other comprehensive income (loss) activity for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.

| | Unrealized gains on investment securities | Decrease of valuation allowance for unrealized gains on investment securities (in thousands) | Pension and postretirement benefits | Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Balance at December 31, 2012 | \$ 1,823 | 32 | (48,652) | (46,797) |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassification | 3,279 | 1,934 | | 5,213 |
| Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | (1,535) | (900) | 846 | (1,589) |
| Net current period other comprehensive income | 1,744 | 1,034 | 846 | 3,624 |
| Balance at March 31, 2013 | \$ 3,567 | \$ 1,066 | (47,806) | (43,173) |

Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income and included in net income are summarized in the table that follows for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

| | Pre-tax | Tax (expense) benefit | Net of tax | Statement of income line item |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Reclassifications included in net income: | | | | |
| Realized gain on sale of available for sale investment securities | \$ (2,426) | 891 | (1,535) | Investment and other income |
| Valuation allowance | | (900) | (900) | Provision for income taxes |
| Total | \$ (1,022) | (567) | (1,589) | |

11. Share-Based Compensation

A summary of stock option activity and related information for the three months ended March 31, 2013 is presented in the table below.

| Options | Weighted average exercise price |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
|---------|---------------------------------------|

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| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|----|-------|
| Outstanding, December 31, 2012 | 6,371 | \$ | 21.09 |
| Granted | | | |
| Exercised | 6,371 | \$ | 21.09 |
| Terminated/Cancelled | | | |
| Outstanding, March 31, 2013 | | | |
| Exercisable, March 31, 2013 | | | |

In the first quarter of 2013, we granted 33,715 shares of nonvested stock with a fair value of \$36.86 per share under the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "SI Plan"). The value of those shares at the grant date, aggregating \$1.2 million, will generally be amortized to expense over a four year vesting period.

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On April 2, 2013, we granted 1,078,674 shares of nonvested stock with a fair value of \$43.19 per share under the SI Plan. The value of those shares at the grant date, aggregating \$46.6 million, will generally be amortized to expense over a four year vesting period.

12. Contingencies

The Company is involved from time to time in various legal proceedings, regulatory investigations and claims incident to the normal conduct of business, which may include proceedings that are specific to us and others generally applicable to business practices within the industries in which we operate. A substantial legal liability or a significant regulatory action against us could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and on the results of operations in a particular quarter or year.

The Company accrues an undiscounted liability for those contingencies where the incurrence of a loss is probable, and the amount can be reasonably estimated. These amounts are not reduced by amounts that may be recovered under insurance or claims against third parties, but undiscounted receivables from insurers or other third parties may be accrued separately. The Company regularly revises such accruals in light of new information. For contingencies where an unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible and that are significant, the Company discloses the nature of the contingency and, where feasible, an estimate of the possible loss. For purposes of our litigation contingency disclosures, significant includes material matters as well as other items that management believes should be disclosed. Management judgment is required related to contingent liabilities and the outcome of litigation because both are difficult to predict.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which reflect the current views and assumptions of management with respect to future events regarding our business and industry in general. These forward-looking statements include all statements, other than statements of historical fact, regarding our financial position, business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations, including statements with respect to revenues and earnings, the amount and composition of assets under management, distribution sources, expense levels, redemption rates and the financial markets and other conditions. These statements are generally identified by the use of such words as may, could, should, would, believe, anticipate, forecast, estimate, expect, intend, plan, project, outlook, statements of a future or forward-looking nature. Readers are cautioned that any forward-looking information provided by or on behalf of the Company is not a guarantee of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including but not limited to those discussed below. If one or more events related to these or other risks, contingencies or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those forecasted or expected. Certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are disclosed in the Risk Factors section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, which include, without limitation:

- *The introduction of legislative or regulatory proposals or judicial rulings that change the independent contractor classification of our financial advisors at the federal or state level for employment tax or other employee benefit purposes;*

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- *The adverse ruling or resolution of any litigation, regulatory investigations and proceedings, or securities arbitrations by a federal or state court or regulatory body;*
- *The loss of existing distribution channels or inability to access new distribution channels;*
- *A reduction in assets under our management on short notice, through increased redemptions in our distribution channels or our Funds, particularly those Funds with a high concentration of assets, or investors terminating their relationship with us or shifting their funds to other types of accounts with different rate structures;*

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- *Our inability to implement new information technology and systems, or inability to complete such implementation in a timely or cost effective manner;*
- *Non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations and changes in current legal, regulatory, accounting, tax or compliance requirements or governmental policies;*
- *A decline in the securities markets or in the relative investment performance of our Funds and other investment portfolios and products as compared to competing funds; and*
- *Our inability to hire and retain senior executive management and other key personnel.*

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read together with other cautionary statements included in this and other reports and filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the information in Item 1 Business and Item 1A Risk Factors of Part I and Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Part II to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and as updated in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the year ending December 31, 2013. All forward-looking statements speak only as the date on which they are made and we undertake no duty to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Overview

Founded in 1937, we are one of the oldest mutual fund complexes in the United States, with expertise in a broad range of investment styles and across a variety of market environments. Our earnings and cash flows are heavily dependent on financial market conditions. Significant increases or decreases in the various securities markets can have a material impact on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

We derive our revenues from providing investment management, investment product underwriting and distribution, and shareholder services administration to mutual funds and institutional and separately managed accounts. Investment management fees are based on the amount of average assets under management and are affected by sales levels, financial market conditions, redemptions and the composition of assets. Our underwriting and distribution revenues consist of commissions derived from sales of investment and insurance products, Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution fees, distribution fees on certain variable products, fees earned on fee-based asset allocation products, and related advisory services. The products sold have various commission structures and the revenues received from those sales vary based on the type and amount sold. Shareholder service fee revenue includes transfer agency fees, custodian fees from retirement plan accounts, portfolio accounting and administration fees, and is earned based on assets under management or number of client accounts. Our major expenses are underwriting and distribution-related commissions, employee compensation, amortization of deferred sales commissions, subadvisory fee expenses and information technology expense.

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One of our distinctive qualities is that we are a significant distributor of investment products. Our retail products are distributed through our Wholesale channel, which includes third-parties such as other broker/dealers, registered investment advisors and various retirement platforms, or through our Advisors channel sales force of independent financial advisors. We also market our investment advisory services to institutional investors, either directly or through consultants, in our Institutional channel.

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Company Highlights

- The Company sold its Legend group of subsidiaries (Legend) effective January 1, 2013. The operational results of Legend have been reclassified as discontinued operations in the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2012. Unless stated otherwise, any reference to income statement items refers to results from continuing operations.
- In April, we launched the Ivy Global Real Estate Fund and Ivy Global Risk-Managed Real Estate Fund, both subadvised by LaSalle Investment Management Securities, to help investors and financial advisors pursue the potential opportunities of investment in real estate securities.
- Our assets under management increased 8% during the quarter, from \$96.4 billion to \$103.8 billion, driven by market appreciation and net flows.
- Income from continuing operations increased 15% compared to the first quarter of 2012, and our operating margin was 26.2%, an improvement from 25.0% for the same period a year ago.
- During the quarter, we recorded investment income of \$4.4 million. Certain components of this investment income allowed us to release a portion of our existing tax valuation allowance, which reduced income tax expense by \$1.4 million.
- Our balance sheet remains solid, and we ended the quarter with cash and investments of \$566.1 million.

Table of Contents**Assets Under Management**

During the first quarter, assets under management increased to \$103.8 billion compared to \$96.4 billion on December 31, 2012 due to market appreciation of \$5.3 billion and net flows of \$2.1 billion.

Change in Assets Under Management(1)

| | Wholesale | First Quarter 2013 Advisors (in millions) | | Institutional | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|--|---------------|---------|
| Beginning Assets | \$ 48,930 | 35,660 | | 11,775 | 96,365 |
| Sales and Other Net Inflows(2) | 5,042 | 1,303 | | 430 | 6,775 |
| Redemptions | (3,157) | (1,047) | | (469) | (4,673) |
| Net Exchanges | 66 | (66) | | 0 | 0 |
| Net Flows | 1,951 | 190 | | (39) | 2,102 |
| Market Appreciation | 2,373 | 2,065 | | 890 | 5,328 |
| Ending Assets | \$ 53,254 | 37,915 | | 12,626 | 103,795 |

| | Wholesale | First Quarter 2012 Advisors (in millions) | | Institutional | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|--|---------------|---------|
| Beginning Assets | \$ 40,954 | 31,709 | | 10,494 | 83,157 |
| Sales and Other Net Inflows(2) | 4,520 | 1,097 | | 682 | 6,299 |
| Redemptions | (3,446) | (1,042) | | (507) | (4,995) |
| Net Exchanges | (104) | 103 | | 0 | (1) |
| Net Flows | 970 | 158 | | 175 | 1,303 |
| Market Appreciation | 4,814 | 3,206 | | 1,312 | 9,332 |
| Ending Assets | \$ 46,738 | 35,073 | | 11,981 | 93,792 |

(1) Includes all activity of the Funds and institutional and separate accounts, including money market funds and transactions at net asset value, accounts for which we receive no commissions.

(2) Sales and Other Net Inflows is primarily gross sales (net of sales commission). This amount also includes net reinvested dividends and capital gains and investment income.

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Average assets under management, which are generally more indicative of trends in revenue for providing investment management services than the quarter over quarter change in ending assets under management, are presented below.

Average Assets Under Management

| Asset Class: | Wholesale | First Quarter 2013 | | Total |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| | | Advisors | Institutional | |
| | | (in millions) | | |
| Equity | \$ 41,056 | 26,257 | 11,477 | \$ 78,790 |
| Fixed Income | 10,478 | 9,597 | 798 | 20,873 |
| Money Market | 167 | 1,369 | | 1,536 |
| Total | \$ 51,701 | 37,223 | 12,275 | \$ 101,199 |

| Asset Class: | Wholesale | First Quarter 2012 | | Total |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | Advisors | Institutional | |
| | | (in millions) | | |
| Equity | \$ 38,902 | 24,285 | 10,398 | \$ 73,585 |
| Fixed Income | 5,769 | 8,410 | 785 | 14,964 |
| Money Market | 226 | 1,315 | | 1,541 |
| Total | \$ 44,897 | 34,010 | 11,183 | \$ 90,090 |

Results of Operations Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 as Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2012*Income from continuing operations*

| | | Three months ended | | Variance |
|--|----|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| | | 2013 | March 31, 2012 | |
| Net income from continuing operations | \$ | 53,863 | 46,837 | 15% |
| Net income per share from continuing operations, basic and diluted | \$ | 0.63 | 0.55 | 15% |
| Operating Margin | | 26.2% | 25.0% | 5% |

We reported income from continuing operations of \$53.9 million, or \$0.63 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$46.8 million, or \$0.55 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2012.

Table of Contents*Total Revenues*

Total revenues increased 10% to \$316.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2012 due to an increase in average assets under management of 12% and an increase in gross sales of 8%.

| | | Three months ended March 31, | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|-----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2012 | Variance |
| | (in thousands, except percentage data) | | | |
| Investment management fees | \$ | 148,445 | 134,900 | 10% |
| Underwriting and distribution fees | | 135,419 | 121,153 | 12% |
| Shareholder service fees | | 32,691 | 31,818 | 3% |
| Total revenues | \$ | 316,555 | 287,871 | 10% |

Investment Management Fee Revenues

Investment management fee revenues are earned for providing investment advisory services to the Funds and to institutional and separate accounts. Investment management fee revenues increased \$13.5 million, or 10%, from last year's first quarter.

Revenues from investment management services provided to our retail mutual funds, which are distributed through the Wholesale, Advisors and Institutional channels, were \$136.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2013. Revenues increased \$12.6 million, or 10%, compared to the first quarter of 2012, while the related retail average assets increased 13% to \$88.9 billion. Investment management fee revenues increased less than the related retail average assets due to a shift in assets to products with lower management fee rates, as well as one less day in the first quarter of 2013.

Institutional account revenues were \$11.5 million for the first quarter of 2013, representing an increase of \$0.9 million, or 9%, from the first quarter of 2012, while average assets increased 10%. Account revenues increased less than the related average assets due to a decline in the average management fee rate.

Long-term redemption rates (which exclude money market fund redemptions) in the Wholesale channel were 24.6% in the first quarter of 2013, compared to 30.7% in the first quarter of 2012. In the Advisors channel, long-term redemption rates were 9.4% for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, compared to 10.1% in the first quarter of 2012. We expect the Advisors channel long-term redemption rate to remain lower than that of the Wholesale channel due to the personal and customized nature in which our financial advisors provide service to our clients. Long-term redemption rates for our Institutional channel were 15.5% and 18.2% for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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Our overall redemption rate of 18.0% for the first quarter of 2013 compares positively to the current year to date industry average of approximately 24%, based on data from the Investment Company Institute.

Table of Contents*Underwriting and Distribution Fee Revenues and Expenses*

The following tables summarize our underwriting and distribution fee revenues and expenses segregated by distribution method within the respective Wholesale or Advisors channel:

| | Wholesale | First Quarter 2013 Advisors (in thousands) | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|----------|
| Revenue | \$ 48,175 | 87,244 | 135,419 |
| Expenses - Direct | 63,548 | 59,657 | 123,205 |
| Expenses - Indirect | 11,000 | 27,366 | 38,366 |
| Net Distribution (Costs)/Excess | \$ (26,373) | 221 | (26,152) |

| | Wholesale | First Quarter 2012 Advisors (in thousands) | Total |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|----------|
| Revenue | \$ 44,473 | 76,680 | 121,153 |
| Expenses - Direct | 55,104 | 53,676 | 108,780 |
| Expenses - Indirect | 9,339 | 26,367 | 35,706 |
| Net Distribution (Costs) | \$ (19,970) | (3,363) | (23,333) |

Underwriting and distribution revenues earned in the first quarter of 2013 increased \$14.3 million, or 12%, compared with the first quarter of 2012 due to increased revenues in our Advisors channel of \$10.6 million, and increased revenues in our Wholesale channel of \$3.7 million. Revenues from fee-based asset allocation products increased \$8.7 million compared to the prior year, as assets grew from \$8.6 billion at March 31, 2012 to \$11.3 billion at March 31, 2013. Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution fee revenues increased \$5.6 million, or 9%, primarily due to an increase in average mutual fund assets under management. Partially offsetting these increases, variable annuity revenues decreased \$1.6 million.

Underwriting and distribution expenses increased by \$17.1 million, or 12%, compared to the first quarter of 2012. Direct expenses in the Wholesale channel increased by \$8.4 million, as a result of an increase in average wholesale assets under management and higher sales volume year over year. We incurred higher dealer compensation paid to third party distributors, increased Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution expenses and higher wholesaler commissions. Direct expenses in the Advisors channel increased \$6.0 million, or 11%, compared to the first quarter of 2012 due to increased commissions related to the sale of fee-based asset allocation products of \$6.5 million and increased Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution expenses of \$0.4 million, partially offset by decreased commissions on variable annuity product sales of \$1.0 million. Indirect expenses increased \$2.7 million compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2012 due primarily to increased group health expenses, IT and marketing expenses.

Table of Contents*Shareholder Service Fee Revenue*

Shareholder service fee revenue primarily includes transfer agency fees, custodian fees from retirement plan accounts, and portfolio accounting and administration fees. Transfer agency fees and portfolio accounting and administration fees are asset-based revenues or account-based revenues, while custodian fees from retirement plan accounts are based on the number of client accounts. During the first quarter of 2013, shareholder service fee revenue increased \$0.9 million, or 3%, over the first quarter of 2012. Of the total increase, \$1.6 million was due to higher asset-based fees quarter over quarter in certain share classes. This increase was partially offset by a decrease of \$0.7 million attributable to account-based revenues, primarily due to an amended contract effective the beginning of the year. The number of accounts increased 1% compared to the first quarter of 2012.

Total Operating Expenses

Operating expenses increased \$17.6 million, or 8%, in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012, primarily due to increased underwriting and distribution expenses. Underwriting and distribution expenses are discussed above.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | Variance |
| | (in thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| Underwriting and distribution | \$ 161,571 | 144,486 | 12% |
| Compensation and related costs | 48,155 | 44,158 | 9% |
| General and administrative | 16,208 | 17,764 | -9% |
| Subadvisory fees | 4,484 | 6,271 | -28% |
| Depreciation | 3,227 | 3,359 | -4% |
| Total operating expenses | \$ 233,645 | 216,038 | 8% |

Compensation and Related Costs

Compensation and related costs increased \$4.0 million, or 9%, compared to the first quarter of 2012. Of the total increase period over period, \$1.7 million was due to higher base salaries associated with increased headcount and annual salary increases. Incentive compensation increased \$1.4 million, \$0.6 million of which related to higher earnings on portfolio manager deferred compensation plans. Share-based compensation decreased \$0.2 million due a credit in the amount of \$1.6 million taken in the first quarter 2013 related to the cancellation of unvested shares granted to Legend employees. This decrease was partially offset by higher amortization expense associated with our April 2012 and December 2012 grants of nonvested stock compared to grants that became fully vested in 2012 and an increase in non-employee advisor (independent contractor) stock award amortization expense.

General and Administrative Costs

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General and administrative expenses decreased \$1.6 million to \$16.2 million for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012, primarily due to lower legal and consulting costs.

Subadvisory Fees

Subadvisory fees represent fees paid to other asset managers for providing advisory services for certain mutual fund portfolios. These expenses reduce our operating margin since we pay out approximately half of our management fee revenue received from subadvised products. Gross management fee revenues for products subadvised by others were \$8.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$12.5 million for the first quarter of 2012 due to a 28% decrease in average net assets. Subadvisory expenses followed the same pattern of decrease compared to 2012.

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Other Income and Expenses

Investment and Other Income, Interest Expense and Taxes

Investment and other income was \$4.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, compared to \$3.9 million in the same period a year ago. We recorded realized gains of \$2.4 million on the sale of available for sale mutual fund holdings during the current quarter compared to \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2012. In our mutual fund trading portfolio, we recorded mark-to-market gains of \$2.2 million during the quarter compared to gains of \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Interest expense was \$2.9 million and \$2.8 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Our effective income tax rate from continuing operations was 36.2% for the first quarter of 2013, as compared to 35.8% for the first quarter of 2012. Due to the sale of subsidiaries in 2009 and 2013, the Company has deferred tax assets related to capital loss carryforwards, which are available to offset current and future capital gains. A valuation allowance was recorded on a portion of these capital losses when realized due to the limited carryforward period permitted by law on losses of this character. Realized capital gains on securities classified as available for sale and increases in the fair value of the Company's trading securities portfolio in the first quarters of 2013 and 2012 allowed for a release of the valuation allowance and a reduction of income tax expense by \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. The reduction in the valuation allowance decreased our effective tax rate in both quarters.

The first quarter 2013 and 2012 effective income tax rates for continuing operations, removing the effects of the valuation allowance, would have been 37.9% and 37.6%, respectively. The higher effective tax rate in 2013 compared to 2012 was largely attributable to changes in state legislation in a jurisdiction in which the Company operates.

The Company expects its future effective tax rate, exclusive of any increases or reductions to the valuation allowance, state tax incentives, unanticipated state tax legislative changes, and unanticipated fluctuations in earnings to range from 37% to 39%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our operations provide much of the cash necessary to fund our priorities, as follows:

- Finance internal growth

- Pay dividends
- Repurchase our stock

Finance Internal Growth

We use cash to fund growth in our distribution channels. Our Wholesale channel, which has a higher cost to gather assets, requires cash outlays for wholesaler commissions and commissions to third parties on deferred load product sales. We continue to invest in our Advisors channel by providing additional support to our advisors through wholesaling efforts and enhanced technology tools.

Pay Dividends

We paid quarterly dividends on our common stock that resulted in financing cash outflows of \$24.0 million and \$21.4 million for the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Board approved an increase in the quarterly dividend on our common stock from \$0.25 per share to \$0.28 per share beginning with our fourth quarter 2012 dividend, paid on February 1, 2013.

Repurchase Our Stock

We repurchased 81,701 shares and 366 shares of our common stock in the open market or privately during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, resulting in cash outflows of \$3.4 million and \$12 thousand, respectively.

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Operating Cash Flows

Cash from operations, our primary source of funds, decreased \$23.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013 compared to the previous year. The first quarter of 2013 benefited from increased net income compared to 2012, offset by a decrease in net sales or maturities of trading securities.

During the first quarter of 2013, we contributed \$10.0 million to the Pension Plan and contributed an additional \$7.0 million to the Pension Plan in April 2013. We do not expect to make additional contributions for the remainder of 2013.

Investing Cash Flows

Investing activities consist primarily of the purchase, sale and maturities of available for sale investment securities, as well as capital expenditures. We expect our 2013 capital expenditures to be in the range of \$15.0 to \$20.0 million. Related to the sale of Legend, we received cash proceeds of \$22.0 million during the first quarter of 2013.

Financing Cash Flows

As noted previously, dividends and stock repurchases accounted for a majority of our financing cash outflows in the first three months of 2013 and 2012.

Future Capital Requirements

Management believes its available cash, marketable securities and expected cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund its short-term operating and capital requirements. Expected short-term uses of cash include dividend payments, interest payments on outstanding debt, income tax payments, seed money for new products, share repurchases, payment of deferred commissions to our financial advisors and third parties, capital expenditures and home office leasehold improvements, and could include strategic acquisitions.

Expected long-term capital requirements include indebtedness, operating leases and purchase obligations, and potential recognition of tax liabilities. Other possible long-term discretionary uses of cash could include capital expenditures for enhancement of technology infrastructure and home office expansion, strategic acquisitions, payment of dividends, income tax payments, seed money for new products, payment of upfront fund commissions for Class B shares, Class C shares and certain fee-based asset allocation products, pension funding and repurchases of our common stock.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management believes certain critical accounting policies affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. The Company's critical accounting policies and estimates are disclosed in the Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates section of our 2012 Form 10-K.

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| | First Quarter 2013 | First Quarter 2012 | Change |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Channel highlights</u> | | | |
| Number of Wholesalers | 50 | 49 | 2.0% |
| Number of Advisors | 1,717 | 1,778 | -3.4% |
| Gross revenue per advisor (in thousands) | \$ 47.3 | 40.3 | 17.4% |
| <u>Redemption rates - long term assets</u> | | | |
| Wholesale | 24.6% | 30.7% | |
| Advisors | 9.4% | 10.1% | |
| Institutional | 15.5% | 18.2% | |
| Total | 18.0% | 21.5% | |
| <u>Operating highlights</u> | | | |
| Organic growth / (decay) annualized | 8.7% | 6.3% | |
| Total assets under management (in millions) | \$ 103,795 | 93,792 | 10.7% |
| <u>Diversification (Company Total)</u> | | | |
| <i>As % of Sales</i> | | | |
| Asset Strategy | 33.6% | 27.7% | |
| Fixed Income | 30.7% | 32.3% | |
| Other | 35.7% | 40.0% | |
| <i>As % of Assets Under Management</i> | | | |
| Asset Strategy | 33.7% | 35.3% | |
| Fixed Income | 20.7% | 16.9% | |
| Other | 45.6% | 47.8% | |
| Operating Margin | 26.2% | 25.0% | |
| Number of shareholder accounts (in thousands) | 4,142 | 4,082 | 1.5% |
| Number of shareholders | 781,848 | 831,779 | -6.0% |

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company has had no significant changes in its Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk from that previously reported in the Company's 2012 Form 10-K.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures that is designed to provide reasonable assurance that information, which is required to be timely disclosed, is accumulated and communicated to management in a timely fashion. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that such information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. However, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected.

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The Company is involved from time to time in various legal proceedings, regulatory investigations and claims incident to the normal conduct of business, which may include proceedings that are specific to us and others generally applicable to the business practices within the industries in which we operate. A substantial legal liability or a significant regulatory action against us could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and on the results of operations in a particular quarter or year.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The Company has had no material changes to its Risk Factors from those previously reported in the Company's 2012 Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table sets forth certain information about the shares of common stock we repurchased during the first quarter of 2013.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| January 1 - January 31 | 20,000 | \$ 38.82 | 20,000 | n/a(1) |
| February 1 - February 28 | 2,601 | 42.57 | 2,601 | n/a(1) |
| March 1 - March 31 | 59,100 | 42.88 | 59,100 | n/a(1) |
| Total | 81,701 | \$ 41.88 | 81,701 | |

(1) On August 31, 1998, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a program to repurchase shares of our common stock on the open market. Under the repurchase program, we are authorized to repurchase, in any seven-day period, the greater of (i) 3% of our outstanding common stock or (ii) \$50 million of our common stock. We may repurchase our common stock through the New York Stock Exchange, other national or regional market systems, electronic communication networks or alternative trading systems. Our stock repurchase program does not have an expiration date or an aggregate maximum number or dollar value of shares that may be repurchased. Our Board of Directors reviewed and ratified the stock repurchase program in October 2012. During the first quarter of 2013, all stock repurchases were made pursuant to the repurchase program and 2,601 shares, reflected in the table above, were purchased in connection with funding employee income tax withholding obligations arising from the vesting of nonvested shares.

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Item 6. Exhibits

10.1 2013 Performance Goals established pursuant to the Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. Executive Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 001-13913, filed February 19, 2013 and incorporated herein by reference.*

31.1 Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

31.2 Section 302 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

32.1 Section 906 Certification of Chief Executive Officer

32.2 Section 906 Certification of Chief Financial Officer

101 Materials from the Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iv) Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) related Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged in detail.

*Indicates management contract or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to 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, this 25th day of April 2013.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Henry J. Herrmann
Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board
and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Daniel P. Connealy
Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ Brent K. Bloss
Senior Vice President - Finance
and Treasurer
(Principal Accounting Officer)