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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, 2011

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

OR

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 21, 2011
86,345,893

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

| | March 31, 2011 (unaudited) | December 31, 2010 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 203,004 | 195,315 |
| Cash and cash equivalents - restricted | 78,864 | 81,197 |
| Investment securities | 221,020 | 192,611 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Funds and separate accounts | 28,847 | 27,234 |
| Customers and other | 91,015 | 84,422 |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,739 | 10,622 |
| Income taxes receivable | | 4,336 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 12,393 | 9,313 |
| Total current assets | 642,882 | 605,050 |
| Property and equipment, net | 72,799 | 71,248 |
| Deferred sales commissions, net | 68,292 | 64,710 |
| Goodwill and identifiable intangible assets | 221,210 | 221,210 |
| Other non-current assets | 15,001 | 14,713 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,020,184 | 976,931 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 38,113 | 40,836 |
| Payable to investment companies for securities | 122,745 | 117,596 |
| Accrued compensation | 33,754 | 37,555 |
| Income taxes payable | 13,757 | |
| Other current liabilities | 89,466 | 85,955 |
| Total current liabilities | 297,835 | 281,942 |
| Long-term debt | 190,000 | 189,999 |
| Accrued pension and postretirement costs | 13,984 | 22,492 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,174 | 4,729 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 19,819 | 20,608 |
| Total liabilities | 523,812 | 519,770 |
| 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; 85,743 shares outstanding (85,751 shares outstanding at December 31, 2010) | 997 | 997 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 212,598 | 201,442 |
| Retained earnings | 647,291 | 618,813 |
| Cost of 13,958 common shares in treasury (13,950 at December 31, 2010) | (348,622) | (346,064) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (15,892) | (18,027) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 496,372 | 457,161 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 1,020,184 | 976,931 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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, | |
|--|---|----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Investment management fees | \$ 131,644 | 109,663 |
| Underwriting and distribution fees | 132,763 | 113,136 |
| Shareholder service fees | 32,167 | 28,815 |
| Total | 296,574 | 251,614 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Underwriting and distribution | 152,004 | 133,866 |
| Compensation and related costs (including share-based compensation of \$9,868 and \$8,823, respectively) | 40,475 | 32,925 |
| General and administrative | 17,631 | 15,686 |
| Subadvisory fees | 8,080 | 7,072 |
| Depreciation | 3,604 | 3,445 |
| Total | 221,794 | 192,994 |
| Operating income | 74,780 | 58,620 |
| Investment and other income | 1,003 | 891 |
| Interest expense | (2,900) | (3,558) |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 72,883 | 55,953 |
| Provision for income taxes | 27,250 | 20,044 |
| Net income | \$ 45,633 | 35,909 |
| Net income per share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.53 | 0.42 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.53 | 0.42 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 85,814 | 85,629 |
| Diluted | 85,836 | 85,675 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011

(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, 2010 | 99,701 | \$ 997 | 201,442 | 618,813 | (346,064) | (18,027) | 457,161 |
| Net income | | | | 45,633 | | | 45,633 |
| Recognition of equity compensation | | | 9,868 | | | | 9,868 |
| Issuance of nonvested shares and other | | | (548) | | 548 | | |
| Dividends accrued, \$0.20 per share | | | | (17,155) | | | (17,155) |
| Exercise of stock options | | | 917 | | 3,619 | | 4,536 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | | | 919 | | | | 919 |
| Repurchase of common stock | | | | | (6,725) | | (6,725) |
| Unrealized appreciation on available for sale investment securities | | | | | | 1,134 | 1,134 |
| Valuation allowance on investment securities deferred tax asset | | | | | | 659 | 659 |
| Pension and postretirement benefits | | | | | | 342 | 342 |
| Balance at March 31, 2011 | 99,701 | \$ 997 | 212,598 | 647,291 | (348,622) | (15,892) | 496,372 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | For the three months ended March 31, | |
|--|---|--------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Net income | \$ 45,633 | 35,909 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investment securities during the period, net of income taxes of \$662 and \$437, respectively | 1,134 | 752 |
| Valuation allowance on investment securities deferred tax asset during the period | 659 | |
| Pension and postretirement benefits, net of income taxes of \$195 and \$220, respectively | 342 | 373 |
| Reclassification adjustment for amounts included in net income, net of income taxes of \$(21) | | (36) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 47,768 | 36,998 |

See accompanying notes to 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, | |
|--|---|-----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 45,633 | 35,909 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,629 | 3,393 |
| Amortization of deferred sales commissions | 13,381 | 14,450 |
| Share-based compensation | 9,868 | 8,823 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | (919) | (512) |
| Net purchases and sales of trading securities | (2,294) | (310) |
| Unrealized gain on trading securities | (738) | (697) |
| Loss on sale and retirement of property and equipment | 10 | 32 |
| Capital gains and dividends reinvested | | (203) |
| Deferred income taxes | 131 | (1,810) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents - restricted | 2,333 | (10,840) |
| Receivables from funds and separate accounts | (1,613) | 408 |
| Other receivables | (6,593) | 100,496 |
| Other assets | (3,368) | (476) |
| Deferred sales commissions | (16,963) | (17,373) |
| Accounts payable and payable to investment companies | 2,426 | (96,287) |
| Other liabilities | 9,965 | 4,658 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 54,888 | 39,661 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of available for sale investment securities | (23,607) | (10,000) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available for sale investment securities | | 185 |
| Additions to property and equipment | (5,164) | (3,750) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | \$ (28,771) | (13,565) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Debt repayment | | (9,996) |
| Dividends paid | (17,158) | (16,308) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (6,725) | (13,652) |
| Exercise of stock options | 4,536 | 5,480 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | 919 | 512 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | \$ (18,428) | (33,964) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 7,689 | (7,868) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 195,315 | 244,359 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 203,004 | 236,491 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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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 Waddell & Reed 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, 2010 (the 2010 Form 10-K).

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 2010 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 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, accounting for income taxes and derivatives and hedging activities.

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, 2011, the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Table of Contents**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. Investment Securities

Investment securities at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 are as follows:

| March 31, 2011 | Amortized cost | Unrealized gains (in thousands) | Unrealized losses | Fair value |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Available for sale securities: | | | | |
| U.S. treasury bills | \$ 69,953 | | | 69,953 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 10 | 2 | | 12 |
| Municipal bonds | 2,730 | | (212) | 2,518 |
| Corporate bonds | 10,616 | | | 10,616 |
| Mutual funds | 28,633 | 7,491 | (43) | 36,081 |
| | \$ 111,942 | 7,493 | (255) | 119,180 |
| Trading securities: | | | | |
| Commercial paper | | | | 4,997 |
| U.S. treasury bills | | | | 47,967 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | | | | 71 |
| Municipal bonds | | | | 483 |
| Corporate bonds | | | | 5,318 |
| Common stock | | | | 246 |
| Mutual funds | | | | 42,758 |
| | | | | 101,840 |
| Total investment securities | | | | 221,020 |
| | | | | |
| December 31, 2010 | Amortized cost | Unrealized gains (in thousands) | Unrealized losses | Fair value |
| Available for sale securities: | | | | |
| U.S. treasury bills | \$ 56,961 | | | 56,961 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 10 | 2 | | 12 |
| Municipal bonds | 2,729 | | (185) | 2,544 |
| Mutual funds | 28,633 | 5,662 | (37) | 34,258 |
| | \$ 88,333 | 5,664 | (222) | 93,775 |
| Trading securities: | | | | |
| Commercial paper | | | | 4,997 |

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| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| U.S. treasury bills | 60,958 |
| Mortgage-backed securities | 73 |
| Municipal bonds | 487 |
| Corporate bonds | 50 |
| Common stock | 201 |
| Mutual funds | 32,070 |
| | 98,836 |
| Total investment securities | 192,611 |

Purchases and sales of trading securities during the three months ended March 31, 2011 were \$15.3 million and \$13.0 million, respectively.

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A summary of available for sale debt securities and mutual funds with fair values below carrying values at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 is as follows:

| March 31, 2011 | Less than 12 months | | 12 months or longer | | Fair value | Total Unrealized losses |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Fair value | Unrealized losses | Fair value | Unrealized losses | | |
| | | | (in thousands) | | | |
| Municipal bonds | \$ | | 2,518 | (212) | 2,518 | (212) |
| Mutual funds | | 802 | 315 | (25) | 1,117 | (43) |
| Total temporarily impaired securities | \$ | 802 | 2,833 | (237) | 3,635 | (255) |

| December 31, 2010 | Less than 12 months | | 12 months or longer | | Fair value | Total Unrealized losses |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | Fair value | Unrealized losses | Fair value | Unrealized losses | | |
| | | | (in thousands) | | | |
| Municipal bonds | \$ | | 2,544 | (185) | 2,544 | (185) |
| Mutual funds | | 810 | 313 | (27) | 1,123 | (37) |
| Total temporarily impaired securities | \$ | 810 | 2,857 | (212) | 3,667 | (222) |

Based upon our assessment of these municipal bonds and mutual funds, the time frame investments have been in a loss position, our intent to hold 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, 2011.

Mortgage-backed securities, U.S. treasury bills, municipal bonds and corporate bonds accounted for as available for sale and held as of March 31, 2011 mature as follows:

| | Amortized cost | Fair value |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Within one year | \$ 69,953 | 69,953 |
| After one year but within 10 years | 12,355 | 12,282 |
| After 10 years | 1,001 | 864 |
| | \$ 83,309 | 83,099 |

Mortgage-backed securities, commercial paper, U.S. treasury bills, municipal bonds and corporate bonds accounted for as trading and held as of March 31, 2011 mature as follows:

| | Fair value |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| | (in thousands) |
| Within one year | \$ 52,964 |
| After one year but within 10 years | 5,801 |
| After 10 years | 71 |

\$ 58,836

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We determine the fair value of our investments using broad levels of inputs as defined by related accounting standards as follows:

- **Level 1** Investments are valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities at the reporting date. Assets classified as Level 1 include mutual funds classified as available for sale and mutual funds and common stock classified as trading.
- **Level 2** Investments are valued using other significant observable inputs, including quoted prices in active markets for similar securities. Assets classified as Level 2 include mortgage-backed securities, municipal bonds and corporate bonds.
- **Level 3** Investments are valued using significant unobservable inputs, including the Company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.

The following table summarizes our investment securities recognized on our balance sheet using fair value measurements based on the differing levels of inputs:

| | March 31, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|---------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Level 1 | \$ 202,002 | 189,445 |
| Level 2 | 19,018 | 3,166 |
| Level 3 | | |
| Total | \$ 221,020 | 192,611 |

4. Goodwill and Identifiable Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the 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, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Goodwill | \$ 202,518 | 202,518 |
| Accumulated amortization | (36,307) | (36,307) |
| Total goodwill | 166,211 | 166,211 |
| Mutual fund management advisory contracts | 38,699 | 38,699 |
| Mutual fund subadvisory management contracts | 16,300 | 16,300 |
| Total identifiable intangible assets | 54,999 | 54,999 |

| | | | |
|-------|----|---------|---------|
| Total | \$ | 221,210 | 221,210 |
|-------|----|---------|---------|

Table of Contents**5. Indebtedness**

On January 13, 2006, the Company issued \$200.0 million in principal amount 5.60% senior notes due 2011 (the Notes) resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$198.2 million (net of discounts, commissions and estimated expenses). Interest was payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 at a fixed rate of 5.60% per annum. During the first quarter of 2010, we repurchased \$10.0 million of the Notes.

On August 31, 2010, the Company entered into an agreement to complete a \$190.0 million private placement of senior unsecured notes that were issued and sold in two tranches: \$95.0 million bearing interest at 5% and maturing January 13, 2018 (the Series A Notes) and \$95.0 million bearing interest of 5.75% and maturing January 13, 2021 (the Series B Notes) (collectively, the Senior Notes). The agreement contained a delayed funding provision that allowed the Company to draw down the proceeds in January 2011 when the Notes matured. The Company used the proceeds of the issuance and sale of the Senior Notes to repay in full the Notes. Interest is payable semi-annually in January and July of each year. The most restrictive provisions of the agreement require the Company to maintain a consolidated leverage ratio not to exceed 3.0 to 1.0 for four consecutive quarters and a consolidated interest coverage ratio of not less than 4.0 to 1.0 for four consecutive quarters.

Debt is reported at its carrying amount on the consolidated balance sheet. The fair value of the Company's outstanding indebtedness is approximately \$186.2 million as of March 31, 2011 compared to the carrying value of \$190.0 million. The following is a summary of long-term debt at March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

| | March 31, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Principal amount unsecured 5.0% senior notes due in 2018 | \$ 95,000 | |
| Principal amount unsecured 5.75% senior notes due in 2021 | 95,000 | |
| Principal amount unsecured 5.60% senior notes due in 2011 | | 190,000 |
| Discount on unsecured 5.60% senior notes due in 2011 | | (1) |
| Total | \$ 190,000 | 189,999 |

6. Income Tax Uncertainties

As of January 1, 2011 and March 31, 2011, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits, including penalties and interest, of \$6.6 million (\$4.6 million net of federal benefit) and \$6.9 million (\$4.8 million net of federal benefit), respectively, that if recognized, would impact the Company's effective tax rate. Unrecognized tax benefits that are not expected to be settled within the next 12 months are included in other liabilities in the 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, 2011, the total amount of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions recognized in the consolidated balance sheet was \$1.9 million (\$1.5 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, 2011 was \$50 thousand. The total amount of accrued penalties and interest related to uncertain tax positions at March 31, 2011 of \$1.9 million (\$1.5 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 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 federal income tax returns are open tax years that remain subject to potential future audit. The 2005 and 2006 federal tax years also remain open to a limited extent due to capital loss carryback claims. State income tax returns for all years after

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2006, and in certain states, income tax returns for 2005 and 2006, 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 Company's liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including penalties and interest, could decrease by approximately \$0.7 million to \$1.7 million (\$0.5 million to \$1.2 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.

7. 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 ten years of employment. We also sponsor an unfunded defined benefit postretirement medical plan that covers substantially all employees, including Waddell & Reed and Legend advisors. The medical plan is contributory with retiree 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, | |
|--|---|---------|---|------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Components of net periodic benefit cost: | | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 1,701 | 1,509 | 139 | 110 |
| Interest cost | 1,737 | 1,698 | 101 | 91 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (2,186) | (1,892) | | |
| Actuarial loss amortization | 384 | 441 | | |
| Prior service cost amortization | 139 | 139 | 14 | 12 |
| Transition obligation amortization | 1 | 1 | | |
| Total | \$ 1,776 | 1,896 | 254 | 213 |

During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we made a \$10.0 million contribution to the Pension Plan. We do not expect to make additional contributions to the Pension Plan for the remainder of 2011.

Table of Contents**8. Stockholders Equity***Earnings per Share*

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

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|---|---|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands, except per share amounts) | |
| Net income | \$ 45,633 | 35,909 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 85,814 | 85,629 |
| Dilutive potential shares from stock options | 22 | 46 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 85,836 | 85,675 |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.53 | 0.42 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.53 | 0.42 |

Anti-dilutive Securities

Options to purchase 212 thousand shares of our common stock were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation for the three months ended March 31, 2010 because they were anti-dilutive.

Dividends

On February 23, 2011, the Board of Directors approved a dividend on our common stock in the amount of \$0.20 per share to stockholders of record as of April 4, 2011 to be paid on May 2, 2011. The total dividend to be paid is approximately \$17.1 million.

Common Stock Repurchases

The Board of Directors 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 175,357 shares and 427,544 shares repurchased in the open market or privately during the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively,

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which included 357 shares and 564 shares repurchased from employees who elected to tender shares to cover their minimum income tax withholdings with respect to vesting of stock awards during the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

In April 2011 the Company repurchased 338,941 shares from employees who elected to tender shares to cover their minimum income tax withholdings with respect to vesting of stock awards during the period.

Table of Contents**9. Share-Based Compensation**

A summary of stock option activity and related information for the three months ended March 31, 2011 is presented in the table below. All options outstanding expire prior to December 31, 2013.

| | Options | Weighted average exercise price | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Outstanding, December 31, 2010 | 298,295 | \$ 29.98 | |
| Granted | | | |
| Exercised | (145,858) | 31.10 | |
| Terminated/Cancelled | (74,998) | 29.14 | |
| Outstanding, March 31, 2011 | 77,439 | \$ 28.67 | |
| Exercisable, March 31, 2011 | 77,439 | \$ 28.67 | |

In the first quarter of 2011, we granted 30,547 shares of nonvested stock with a fair value of \$35.91 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 \$1.1 million, will be amortized to expense over a four year vesting period.

On April 2, 2011, we granted 1,107,589 shares of nonvested stock with a fair value of \$41.28 per share under the SI Plan. The value of those shares at the grant date, aggregating \$45.7 million, will be amortized to expense over a four year vesting period.

10. 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.

Michael E. Taylor, Kenneth B. Young, individuals, on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf of others similarly situated v. Waddell & Reed, Inc., a Delaware Corporation; Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc., a Delaware Corporation; Waddell & Reed Development, Inc., a Delaware Corporation; Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors, a fictitious business name; and DOES 1 through 10 inclusive; Case No. 09-CV-2909 DMS WVG; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

In this action filed December 28, 2009, the Company, along with various of its affiliates, were sued in an individual action, class action and Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") nationwide collective action by two former advisors asserting misclassification of financial advisors as independent contractors instead of employees. Plaintiffs assert claims under the FLSA for minimum wages and overtime wages, and under California Labor Code Statutes for timely pay wages, minimum wages, overtime compensation, meal periods, reimbursement of losses and

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business expenses and itemized wage statements and a claim for Unfair Business Practices under §17200 of the California Business & Professions Code. Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief and monetary damages. The Company intends to vigorously contest plaintiffs claims.

In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution and outcome of this matter is uncertain. At this stage of the litigation, the Company is unable to estimate the expense or exposure, if any, that it may represent. The ultimate resolution of this matter, or an adverse determination against the Company, could have a material adverse impact on the financial position and results of operations of the Company. However, this possible impact is unknown and not reasonably determinable; therefore, no liability has been recorded in the consolidated financial statements.

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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, plan, project, outlook, will, potential and similar 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, 2010, 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;*
- *The adverse ruling or resolution of any litigation, regulatory investigations and proceedings, or securities arbitrations by a federal or state court or regulatory body;*
- *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;*
- *The loss of existing distribution channels or inability to access new distribution channels;*

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- *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;*
- *A decrease in, or the elimination of, any future quarterly dividend paid to stockholders; 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, 2010 and as updated in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the year ending December 31, 2011. 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.

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Overview

We are one of the oldest mutual fund and asset management firms in the country, 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 primarily 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 accounts.

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

First Quarter Highlights

Our average assets under management of \$86.7 billion during the first quarter of 2011 were 22% higher than our average assets under management during the first quarter of 2010, resulting in a significant increase in revenues for the current year. Ending assets under management of \$90.1 billion as of March 31, 2011 increased 8% over our previous record high of \$83.7 billion at December 31, 2010.

Net income increased 27% compared to the first quarter of 2010 while our operating margin increased to 25.2% during 2011, an improvement of 190 basis points compared to the same quarter in the prior year. Leverage from higher asset levels combined with continued focus on cost controls led to this margin improvement.

In our Wholesale channel, our continuing efforts to diversify sales resulted in sales of products other than Asset Strategy accounting for 50% of total sales during the first quarter of 2011 as compared to 40% of total sales for fiscal 2010.

Our balance sheet remains strong, and we ended the quarter with cash and investments of over \$424.0 million. In January 2011, the Company drew down the proceeds from a \$190.0 million private placement of Senior Notes and used the proceeds to repay in full its existing senior notes.

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Assets under management increased to \$90.1 billion on March 31, 2011 compared to \$83.7 billion on December 31, 2010 due to market appreciation of \$4.5 billion and net flows of \$1.9 billion.

Change in Assets Under Management(1)

| | Advisors | First Quarter 2011 | | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| | | Wholesale | Institutional | |
| (in millions) | | | | |
| Beginning Assets | \$ 33,181 | 40,883 | 9,609 | 83,673 |
| Sales (net of commissions) | 1,064 | 4,719 | 776 | 6,559 |
| Redemptions | (990) | (3,162) | (530) | (4,682) |
| Net Sales | 74 | 1,557 | 246 | 1,877 |
| Net Exchanges | (62) | 62 | | |
| Reinvested Dividends & Capital | | | | |
| Gains | 54 | | 16 | 70 |
| Net Flows | 66 | 1,619 | 262 | 1,947 |
| Market Appreciation | 1,675 | 2,240 | 536 | 4,451 |
| Ending Assets | \$ 34,922 | 44,742 | 10,407 | 90,071 |

| | Advisors | First Quarter 2010 | | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| | | Wholesale | Institutional | |
| (in millions) | | | | |
| Beginning Assets | \$ 29,474 | 32,818 | 7,491 | 69,783 |
| Sales (net of commissions) | 886 | 4,430 | 819 | 6,135 |
| Redemptions | (762) | (2,106) | (517) | (3,385) |
| Net Sales | 124 | 2,324 | 302 | 2,750 |
| Net Exchanges | (35) | 34 | | (1) |
| Reinvested Dividends & Capital | | | | |
| Gains | 57 | (6) | 23 | 74 |
| Net Flows | 146 | 2,352 | 325 | 2,823 |
| Market Appreciation | 881 | 434 | 311 | 1,626 |
| Ending Assets | \$ 30,501 | 35,604 | 8,127 | 74,232 |

(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.

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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: | Advisors | First Quarter 2011 | | Total |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | Wholesale | Institutional | |
| | | (in millions) | | |
| Equity | \$ 25,591 | 39,226 | 9,317 | \$ 74,134 |
| Fixed Income | 7,249 | 3,081 | 769 | 11,099 |
| Money Market | 1,234 | 270 | | 1,504 |
| Total | \$ 34,074 | 42,577 | 10,086 | \$ 86,737 |

| Asset Class: | Advisors | First Quarter 2010 | | Total |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | Wholesale | Institutional | |
| | | (in millions) | | |
| Equity | \$ 22,236 | 31,671 | 6,925 | \$ 60,832 |
| Fixed Income | 6,037 | 1,815 | 710 | 8,562 |
| Money Market | 1,307 | 296 | | 1,603 |
| Total | \$ 29,580 | 33,782 | 7,635 | \$ 70,997 |

Results of Operations Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 as Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2010*Net Income*

| | Three months ended | | Variance |
|---------------------|--|--------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | |
| | March 31, | | |
| | (in thousands, except per share amounts and percentage data) | | |
| Net Income | \$ 45,633 | 35,909 | 27% |
| Earnings per share: | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.53 | 0.42 | 26% |
| Diluted | \$ 0.53 | 0.42 | 26% |
| Operating Margin | 25.2% | 23.3% | 8% |

We reported net income of \$45.6 million, or \$0.53 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$35.9 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2010.

Table of Contents*Total Revenues*

Total revenues increased 18% to \$296.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2010 due to a rise in average assets under management of 22% and an increase in gross sales of 7%.

| | Three months ended March 31, | | Variance |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | |
| | (in thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| Investment management fees | \$ 131,644 | 109,663 | 20% |
| Underwriting and distribution fees | 132,763 | 113,136 | 17% |
| Shareholder service fees | 32,167 | 28,815 | 12% |
| Total revenues | \$ 296,574 | 251,614 | 18% |

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 \$22.0 million, or 20%, from last year's first quarter.

Revenues from investment management services provided to our retail mutual funds, which are distributed through the Advisors, Wholesale and Institutional channels, were \$121.5 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. Revenues increased \$19.5 million, or 19%, compared to the first quarter of 2010, while the related retail average assets increased 21% to \$76.7 billion. Investment management fee revenues increased less than the related retail average assets due to the effect of recording management fee waivers, mostly for money market funds, as an offset to investment management fees beginning in the second half of 2010.

Institutional account revenues were \$10.1 million for the first quarter of 2011, representing an increase of \$2.5 million, or 33%, from last year's first quarter, due to an increase in average assets of 32% and an increase in the average management fee rate.

We ended the first quarter with \$90.1 billion in assets under management compared to the 2010 annual average of \$74.0 billion. This higher asset base, if combined with continued market improvement, would result in an increase to investment management fee revenues for the remainder of 2011.

Long-term redemption rates (which exclude money market fund redemptions) in the Advisors channel were 9.6% in this year's first quarter, compared to 8.2% in the first quarter of 2010. In the Wholesale channel, long-term redemption rates were 29.7% for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, compared to 24.6% in the first quarter of 2010. 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. Our overall redemption rate of 21.0% remains low compared to the industry average.

Long-term redemption rates for our Institutional channel were 21.3% and 27.4% for the first quarter of 2011 and 2010, respectively. Subadvisory and defined contribution business comprised over 60% of the Institutional channel's assets as of March 31, 2011 and unlike defined benefit pension accounts, the active daily flows in or out of these accounts resulted in an increase in contributions and withdrawals, impacting the channel's redemption rate.

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 Advisors or Wholesale channel:

| | Advisors | First Quarter 2011 Wholesale (in thousands) | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------|---|----------|
| Revenue | \$ 72,555 | 60,208 | 132,763 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Direct | 50,872 | 66,591 | 117,463 |
| Indirect | 22,791 | 11,750 | 34,541 |
| | 73,663 | 78,341 | 152,004 |
| Net Underwriting & Distribution | \$ (1,108) | (18,133) | (19,241) |

| | Advisors | First Quarter 2010 Wholesale (in thousands) | Total |
|---------------------------------|------------|---|----------|
| Revenue | \$ 60,537 | 52,599 | 113,136 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Direct | 42,540 | 57,141 | 99,681 |
| Indirect | 22,845 | 11,340 | 34,185 |
| | 65,385 | 68,481 | 133,866 |
| Net Underwriting & Distribution | \$ (4,848) | (15,882) | (20,730) |

Underwriting and distribution revenues earned in this year's first quarter increased \$19.6 million, or 17%, compared with the first quarter of 2010. A majority of the increase in revenues was due to higher Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution fee revenues of \$10.1 million as a result of an increase in average mutual fund assets under management. Revenues from fee-based asset allocation products increased \$7.7 million compared to the prior year. Variable annuity revenues increased \$3.3 million compared to 2010, but the increase was offset by a decrease in other front-load product sales revenue period over period.

Underwriting and distribution expenses increased by \$18.1 million, or 14%, compared to the first quarter of 2010. A significant portion of this increase was attributed to higher direct expenses in the Wholesale channel of \$9.5 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 and increased Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution expenses. Wholesaler commissions expense increased due to higher sales volumes. These increases were partially offset by lower amortization expense of deferred sales commissions. Direct expenses in the Advisors channel increased \$8.3 million, or 20%, compared to the first quarter of 2010 due to increased commissions related to the sale of fee-based asset allocation products of \$5.0 million and higher Rule 12b-1 asset-based service and distribution commissions of \$2.9 million. Indirect expenses increased \$400 thousand in aggregate quarter over quarter related to increased employee compensation and benefits expenses.

Shareholder Service Fees Revenue

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Shareholder service fees revenue primarily includes transfer agency fees, custodian fees from retirement plan accounts, and portfolio accounting and administration fees. Portfolio accounting and administration fees are asset-based revenues or account-based revenues while transfer agency fees and custodian fees from retirement plan accounts are based on the number of accounts. During the first quarter of 2011, shareholder service fees revenue increased \$3.4 million, or 12%, over the first quarter of 2010. Of this increase, \$2.1

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million is due to higher asset-based fees quarter over quarter in certain share classes and \$1.3 million is attributable to account-based revenues due to a 1% increase in the average number of accounts.

Total Operating Expenses

Operating expenses increased \$28.8 million, or 15%, in the first quarter of 2011 compared to the first quarter of 2010. Expenses increased primarily due to increased underwriting and distribution expenses and compensation and related costs. Underwriting and distribution expenses are discussed above.

| | Three Months Ended | | Variance |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | |
| | March 31, | | |
| | (in thousands, except percentage data) | | |
| Underwriting and distribution | \$ 152,004 | 133,866 | 14% |
| Compensation and related costs | 40,475 | 32,925 | 23% |
| General and administrative | 17,631 | 15,686 | 12% |
| Subadvisory fees | 8,080 | 7,072 | 14% |
| Depreciation | 3,604 | 3,445 | 5% |
| Total operating expenses | \$ 221,794 | 192,994 | 15% |

Compensation and Related Costs

Compensation and related costs increased \$7.6 million compared to the first quarter of 2010, due to higher incentive compensation expense of \$4.1 million and higher base salaries and payroll taxes of \$1.9 million due to increased headcount and annual salary increases. Share-based compensation increased \$1.0 million compared to the first quarter of 2010 primarily due to higher amortization expense associated with our April 2010 and December 2010 grants of nonvested stock compared to grants that became fully vested in 2010.

General and Administrative Costs

General and administrative expenses increased \$1.9 million to \$17.6 million for the first quarter of 2011 compared to the first quarter of 2010. The first quarter of 2010 includes a \$1.3 million charge due to a trade order execution error. Excluding this item, general and administrative expenses increased \$3.2 million compared to the prior year. This increase is due to higher dealer services costs of \$1.3 million, costs incurred for our national branding campaign that was launched in the first quarter of 2011, increased legal expenses compared to the prior year and higher computer services and software costs of \$400 thousand, partially offset by lower fund expenses of \$500 thousand.

Subadvisory Fees

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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 \$16.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to \$14.0 million for the first quarter of 2010 due to a 15% increase in average net assets. Subadvisory expenses followed this pattern compared to 2010.

Subadvised average assets under management were \$8.0 billion for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, compared to the annual average of \$6.8 billion for 2010. Since subadvisory expenses are a function of sales, redemptions and market action for subadvised assets, the higher asset base will likely result in an increase to both gross management fee revenues and subadvisory expenses for the remainder of 2011.

Other Income and Expenses

Investment and Other Income, Interest Expense and Taxes

Investment and other income totaled \$1.0 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, compared to \$900 thousand in the same period a year ago.

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Interest expense was \$2.9 million in the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$3.6 million for the first quarter of 2010. The first quarter of 2010 included costs associated with the repurchase of \$10.0 million of debt as well as higher costs for our \$125.0 million revolving credit facility.

Our effective income tax rate was 37.4% for the first quarter of 2011, as compared to 35.8% in the first quarter of 2010. Due to the sale of a subsidiary in 2009, the Company has deferred tax assets related to capital loss carryforwards that are available to offset current and future capital gains. In 2009, a valuation allowance was recorded on a portion of these capital losses due to the limited carryforward period permitted by law on losses of this character. The lower effective tax rate in 2010 as compared to 2011 was largely attributable to a greater release of the valuation allowance through tax expense in 2010. An increase in the fair value of our investment portfolios in the first quarters of 2011 and 2010 allowed for the release of the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets that are capital in nature of \$0.9 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. Of this decrease to the valuation allowance in 2011 and 2010, \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, were recorded as credits to tax expense and decreased our effective income tax rate. The first quarter 2011 and 2010 effective income tax rates, removing the effects of the valuation allowance, would have been 37.7% and 37.4%, respectively. The increase in the adjusted effective income tax rate is due to changes in state legislation in jurisdictions 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 decreases 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, including compliance-related technology.

Dividends

We paid quarterly dividends on our common stock that resulted in financing cash outflows of \$17.2 million for the first three months of 2011. The dividends paid on our common stock during the first three months of 2010 resulted in financing cash outflows of \$16.3 million.

Repurchases

We repurchased 175,357 shares and 427,544 shares of our common stock in the open market or privately during the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, resulting in cash outflows of \$6.7 million and \$13.7 million, respectively.

Operating Cash Flows

Cash from operations is our primary source of funds and increased \$15.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011 compared to the previous year. The increase is due to higher net income and higher non-cash share-based compensation expense, partially offset by increased purchases of trading securities.

The payable to investment companies for securities account can fluctuate significantly based on trading activity at the end of a reporting period, and from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010 there was a

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significant decrease in Fund shareholder investments received prior to the balance sheet date that were in the process of being invested in the Funds. On December 31, 2009, the Company changed the trustee of its 401(k) plan. Approximately \$100 million of the payable to investment companies for securities balance was due to the transfer of assets between trustees. As a result, on our consolidated balance sheet there was a decrease in both the payable to investment companies and a decrease in the cash and receivable accounts from December 31, 2009 to March 31, 2010. On the statement of cash flows, there were corresponding increases and decreases to cash from operations. There is little impact to the Company's liquidity and operations for the variations in these accounts.

During the three months ended March 31, 2011, we made a \$10.0 million contribution to our non-contributory retirement plan and do not expect to make an additional contribution for the remainder of 2011.

Investing Cash Flows

Investing cash flows consist primarily of the purchase of available-for-sale investment securities, as well as capital expenditures. We expect our 2011 capital expenditures to be in the range of \$15.0 to \$20.0 million.

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 2011 and 2010.

Additionally, during 2010 we repurchased \$10.0 million of our \$200.0 million aggregate principal amount 5.6% senior notes due January 2011 (the Notes). On August 31, 2010, the Company entered into an agreement to complete a \$190.0 million private placement of senior unsecured notes that were issued and sold in two tranches: \$95.0 million bearing interest at 5% and maturing January 13, 2018 (the Series A Notes) and \$95.0 million bearing interest of 5.75% and maturing January 13, 2021 (the Series B Notes) (collectively, the Senior Notes). The agreement contained a delayed funding provision that allowed the Company to draw down the proceeds in January 2011 when the Notes matured. The Company used the proceeds of the issuance and sale of the Senior Notes to repay in full the Notes. Interest is payable semi-annually in January and July of each year.

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.

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Expected long-term capital requirements include indebtedness, payment of upfront fund commissions for Class B shares, Class C shares and certain fee-based asset allocation products, operating leases, purchase obligations, and income tax payments. 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, seed money for new 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 2010 Form 10-K.

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| | First Quarter 2011 | First Quarter 2010 | Change |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Redemption rates - long term (annualized)</u> | | | |
| Advisors | 9.6% | 8.2% | |
| Wholesale | 29.7% | 24.6% | |
| Institutional | 21.3% | 27.4% | |
| Total | 21.0% | 18.2% | |
| Gross revenue per advisor (000 \$) | 39.2 | 27.1 | 44.6% |
| Number of financial advisors | 1,732 | 2,057 | -15.8% |
| Average number of financial advisors | 1,759 | 2,112 | -16.7% |
| Number of shareholder accounts (000 \$) | 3,988 | 3,962 | 0.7% |
| Number of shareholders | 802,653 | 930,320 | -13.7% |

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 2010 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.

Table of Contents**Part II. Other Information****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

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. Information required to be reported under this Part II., Item 1. has been previously disclosed in Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements in Part I. above and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The Company has had no material changes to its Risk Factors from those previously reported in the Company's 2010 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 2011.

| 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 | | \$ | | n/a(1) |
| February 1 - February 28 | 357 | 42.06 | 357 | n/a(1) |
| March 1 - March 31 | 175,000 | 38.34 | 175,000 | n/a(1) |
| Total | 175,357 | \$ 38.35 | 175,357 | |

(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 July 2004. During the first quarter of 2011, all stock repurchases were made pursuant to the repurchase program including 357 shares, reflected in the table above, that 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

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. Filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 333-43687, filed February 25, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.1 2011 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. 333-43687, filed February 25, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.2 Note Purchase Agreement, dated August 31, 2010, by and among Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. and the purchasers party thereto. Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 333-43687, filed January 19, 2011 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, 2011, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) related Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text.

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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 29th day of April 2011.

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)