

STONEMOR PARTNERS LP
Form 424B5
February 04, 2011
Table of Contents

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)5
Registration Number 333-170870

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated December 15, 2010)

4,874,366 Common Units

StoneMor Partners L.P.

Representing Limited Partner Interests

We are selling 3,025,000 common units representing limited partner interests in us and the selling unitholders named in this prospectus supplement are selling 1,849,366 common units pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common units by the selling unitholders.

Common units are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol STON. On February 3, 2011, the last reported sale price of common units on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$29.25 per common unit.

You should consider the risks which we have described in Risk Factors beginning on page S-14 of this prospectus supplement and on page 4 of the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before buying common units.

	Per Common Unit	Total
Public offering price	\$ 29.25	\$ 142,575,206
Underwriting discount	\$ 1.24	\$ 6,044,214
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$ 28.01	\$ 84,730,250
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling unitholders	\$ 28.01	\$ 51,800,742

Edgar Filing: STONEMOR PARTNERS LP - Form 424B5

The underwriters may purchase up to an additional 731,155 common units from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to cover overallocments, if any.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to which it relates is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the common units to purchasers on or about February 9, 2011.

Joint Book-Running Managers

RAYMOND JAMES

BARCLAYS CAPITAL

Co-Managers

BAIRD

JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT

The date of this prospectus supplement is February 3, 2011.

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Prospectus Supplement

	Page
<u>About This Prospectus Supplement</u>	S-ii
<u>Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements</u>	S-iii
<u>Summary</u>	S-1
<u>Risk Factors</u>	S-14
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	S-29
<u>Capitalization</u>	S-30
<u>Price Range of Our Common Units and Distributions</u>	S-31
<u>Selected Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data</u>	S-32
<u>Business</u>	S-36
<u>U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</u>	S-48
<u>Selling Unitholders</u>	S-50
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-51
<u>Legal Matters</u>	S-55
<u>Experts</u>	S-55
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	S-55

Prospectus

	Page
<u>Guide To Reading This Prospectus</u>	1
<u>Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements</u>	2
<u>StoneMor Partners L.P.</u>	3
<u>Risk Factors</u>	4
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	17
<u>Description of the Common Units</u>	18
<u>Cash Distribution Policy</u>	24
<u>Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences</u>	28
<u>Selling Unitholder</u>	43
<u>Plan of Distribution</u>	45
<u>Legal Matters</u>	47
<u>Experts</u>	47
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	47

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We are providing information to you about this offering of common units in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which provides the specific details regarding this offering. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides general information. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both documents combined, as well as to the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Some of the information in the accompanying prospectus may not apply to this offering. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on this prospectus supplement.

Any statement made in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated by reference into this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. The sections captioned **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements** in the accompanying base prospectus are superseded in their entirety by the similarly titled sections included in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We and the selling unitholders have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We and the selling unitholders are offering to sell common units and seeking offers to buy common units only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, as well as information we previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, and incorporated herein by reference, is accurate only as of their respective dates or other dates which are specified in those documents, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of the common units. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Table of Contents

INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including, but not limited to, information regarding the status and progress of our operating activities, the plans and objectives of our management, assumptions regarding our future performance and plans, and any financial guidance provided are forward-looking statements. The words believe, may, will, estimate, continue, anticipate, intend, expect, predict and similar expressions identify these forward-looking statements. Our actual results of operations could differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Important factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include those factors discussed in Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus, as well as the following:

uncertainties associated with future revenue and revenue growth;

the effect of the current economic downturn;

the impact of our significant leverage on our operating plans;

our ability to service our debt and pay distributions;

the decline in the fair value of certain equity and debt securities held in our trusts;

our ability to attract, train and retain an adequate number of sales people;

uncertainties associated with the volume and timing of pre-need sales of cemetery services and products;

increased use of cremation;

changes in the political or regulatory environments, including potential changes in tax accounting and trusting policies;

our ability to successfully implement a strategic plan relating to operating improvement, strong cash flows and further deleveraging;

uncertainties associated with the integration or the anticipated benefits of our recent acquisitions and any future acquisitions;

our ability to complete and fund additional acquisitions;

various other uncertainties associated with the death care industry and our operations in particular; and

Edgar Filing: STONEMOR PARTNERS LP - Form 424B5

other risks set forth in Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the SEC on March 16, 2010, or the 2009 Form 10-K, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010 filed with the SEC May 10, 2010, or the First Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2010 filed with the SEC September 13, 2010, or the Second Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q/A, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended

S-iii

Table of Contents

September 30, 2010 filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010, or the Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus present our views only as of the date of the applicable document containing forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements made by us, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

Table of Contents

SUMMARY

This summary highlights information about our business and about this offering contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before making an investment decision. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein in their entirety, including the risk factors and our financial statements and related notes, before making an investment decision. You should carefully consider the information set forth under Risk Factors beginning on page S-14 of this prospectus supplement and page 4 of the accompanying prospectus about important risks that you should consider before buying common units in this offering. Unless we indicate otherwise, the information we present in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional common units.

In this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to we, us or our are to StoneMor Partners L.P., its subsidiaries and its general partner, collectively.

StoneMor Partners L.P.

We are the second largest owner and operator of cemeteries in the United States. As of September 30, 2010, we operated 256 cemeteries. We own 237 of these cemeteries, and we manage or operate the remaining 19 under long-term agreements. As of September 30, 2010, we also owned and operated 57 funeral homes in 17 states and Puerto Rico. Thirty of these funeral homes are located on the grounds of the cemeteries we own.

We were formed as a Delaware limited partnership in April 2004. Unlike certain of our competitors that are not treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes, our primary business objective is to increase distributable cash flow over time for our unitholders. We aim to set unitholder distributions at a level that can be sustained over time, while maintaining resources sufficient for the ongoing stability and growth of our business.

We are the only one of the four publicly-traded U.S. deathcare companies that derives a majority of its revenue from cemetery operations rather than funeral home services. In the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our total revenues were approximately \$141.5 million.

The cemetery products and services that we sell include the following:

Interment Rights	Merchandise	Services
burial lots	burial vaults	installation of burial vaults
lawn crypts	caskets	installation of caskets
mausoleum crypts	grave markers and grave marker bases	installation of other cemetery merchandise
cremation niches	memorials	other service items
perpetual care rights		

Table of Contents

We sell these products and services both at the time of death, which we refer to as at-need, and prior to the time of death, which we refer to as pre-need. We market our products and services through an experienced staff of commissioned sales representatives. We had approximately 672 of these representatives on staff as of September 30, 2010. Our sales of real property, including burial lots (with and without installed vaults), lawn and mausoleum crypts and cremation niches, generate qualifying income sufficient for us to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

In 2009, we performed 37,782 burials and sold 25,842 interment rights (net of cancellations). Based upon the ratio of the number of interment rights sold to total spaces available, at December 31, 2009, our cemeteries had a weighted average estimated remaining sales life of 226 years. In the first nine months of 2010, we performed 29,852 burials and sold 20,756 interment rights (net of cancellations). We do not believe that there has been any material change to the weighted average estimated remaining sales life of our cemeteries since December 31, 2009.

As of September 30, 2010, our cemetery properties were located in Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. In 2009 and in the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our cemetery revenues accounted for approximately 87.1% and 87.2% of our total revenues, respectively.

Our primary funeral home products are caskets and related items. Our funeral home services include consultation, the removal and preparation of remains, and the use of funeral home facilities for visitation and prayer services.

As of September 30, 2010, our funeral homes were located in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. In 2009 and in the nine months ended September 30, 2010, our funeral home revenues accounted for approximately 12.9% and 12.8% of our total revenues, respectively. Our funeral home operations are conducted through various wholly owned subsidiaries that are treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Competitive Strengths

We believe that the following competitive strengths contribute to our position as a leading cemetery operator:

Long-lived and Geographically Diverse Cemeteries. We have a large portfolio of cemetery properties, which will enable us to offer cemetery products and services in the markets we serve for many years. Because we operate cemeteries in 25 states and Puerto Rico, we have not historically been materially affected by localized economic downturns or changes in laws regulating cemetery operations in any one state. Our portfolio consists of 256 cemetery properties with a total of more than 9,800 acres as of December 31, 2009. Our cemeteries have an aggregated weighted average remaining sales life of 226 years based upon interment spaces sold in 2009. In addition, we increase capacity in our cemeteries by building mausoleum crypts and lawn crypts as the number of unsold lots decreases.

Table of Contents

Highly Trained and Professional Sales Force. Our highly trained and professional sales force is the key to our success in executing our pre-need sales strategy. We had approximately 672 commissioned sales representatives as of September 30, 2010.

Ability to Successfully Execute and Integrate Acquisitions. Our acquisitions have been based on targeted guidelines that include projected cash flow and profitability, location, heritage and reputation, physical size, market value and volume of pre-need business. We believe our targeted approach, combined with our management team's industry contacts and experience will allow us to continue to maintain a competitive advantage in executing and integrating acquisitions. Since inception, we have successfully acquired and integrated an additional 133 cemeteries and 53 funeral homes into our operations. With the completion of this offering, and the execution of the concurrent credit agreement commitment, we will have the ability to fund additional acquisition opportunities should they arise. Our \$65 million acquisition facility will have a zero balance and be fully available. We expect to continue to see businesses become available for purchase that meet our acquisition criteria.

Diversified Product Mix. Our mix of pre-need cemetery merchandise and services and at-need cemetery and funeral home merchandise and services represents a diversified product mix and allows us to provide customers with a comprehensive product offering. These products and services provide us with a presence in the major segments of the death care industry.

Operating Efficiencies Attributable to Our Size. Due to our size, we are able to generate economies of scale and operating efficiencies. These include shared best practices in the area of pre-need marketing, lower purchasing costs for cemetery and funeral home merchandise through volume purchasing, lower operating expenses through centralized administrative functions, shared maintenance equipment and personnel and more effective strategic and financial planning. As a result, we are able to compete favorably in the areas we serve and to potentially improve the profitability of cemetery operations we acquire.

Oversight and Management of Trust Assets to Preserve Capital and Generate Income. While our business model calls for us to release funds from our merchandise trusts on an accelerated basis upon pre-need delivery and performance, at any point in time we will have a significant corpus of invested assets. We have employed an investment strategy that focuses on a balanced approach to preserving capital while generating returns in excess of current inflation rates. We invest the funds held in merchandise trusts and perpetual care trusts in investments in intermediate term, investment grade, fixed income securities, high-yield fixed income securities, real estate investment trusts, master limited partnerships and, to a lesser extent, other types of equity securities and cash. The funds that are held in trusts are managed by third-party professional investment managers within specified investment guidelines adopted by the Trust and Compliance Committee of the Board of Directors of our general partner and standards imposed by state law. Our merchandise trusts had an aggregate market value of approximately \$293.0 million as of September 30, 2010. Our perpetual care trusts had an aggregate market value of approximately \$241.9 million as of September 30, 2010.

Experienced Management Team. We believe that we have one of the most experienced management teams in the death care industry, led by Lawrence Miller, our President and Chief Executive Officer, and William R. Shane, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who have extensive senior-level experience in managing large death care companies. Our 11 senior officers have an average industry experience of over 29 years.

Table of Contents

Business Strategies

Our primary business objective is to increase distributable cash flow over time for our unitholders. We attempt to achieve this objective by employing the following core strategies:

Develop and Maintain a Diversified Revenue Stream. Our business model is constructed so that sales revenues are generated from pre-need sales of cemetery merchandise and services as well as at-need sales of cemetery merchandise and services and at-need or pre-need sales of funeral home merchandise and services. This diverse revenue stream should prove to be more stable over economic cycles than a more concentrated revenue stream.

Sales of pre-need merchandise and services allow us to focus on sales to new customers and sales of additional merchandise to existing customers in order to establish a loyal customer base. These sales tend to generate additional pre-need sales and at-need sales to close family members of our pre-need customers. We have developed a sales force and marketing platform dedicated to this revenue stream. This marketing platform is built around direct response marketing programs and relationship marketing. This has improved the quality of our company-generated sales leads which in turn has led to improved sales from these sources. We have also established an inside sales department to create an additional avenue for customers to purchase our products and services. The inside sales representatives work hand-in-hand with their counterparts in the field, and their joint efforts have helped to increase the amount of sales to each customer.

Sales of at-need cemetery merchandise and services and funeral home merchandise and services are a complement to our pre-need sales program. From a strategic standpoint, they also provide us with a revenue stream that is less sensitive to changes in economic cycles and do not require considerable upfront sales and marketing resources.

Consistently Review and Improve Operating Efficiencies. We have a dedicated senior executive team that actively monitors our operating costs and efficiently executes cost-containment and operational improvement strategies. We believe this team is quick to react to changes in the marketplace and implement both long- and short-term strategies that allow us to meet our primary objective on a continuing basis.

Purchase Products and Perform Services That Are Subject to Trusting Requirements in Advance of the Time of Need. We are required by various state laws to deposit a portion of funds that we receive from our pre-need sales of cemetery merchandise and services into merchandise trusts to ensure that we will have sufficient funds in the future to purchase these products and perform these services. In many cases, we are allowed to release these funds from the trust once we have delivered the product or performed the services. We have instituted a program wherein we deliver certain of these products or perform certain of these services in advance of the time of need, thereby allowing us to release the funds from trust and relieve ourselves of the obligation of trusting any additional funds. This in turn makes cash available to pay operating expenses, pursue investment opportunities, service debt and make distributions.

Acquire and Integrate Additional Cemeteries and Funeral Homes. One of our core strategies has been to grow our business through the acquisition of additional properties. We plan to continue to evaluate potential acquisitions and identify properties that we believe complement our existing portfolio.

Table of Contents

Recent Developments

During the fourth quarter of 2010, we purchased one cemetery and one funeral home in Kansas for approximately \$0.7 million, plus a bond of approximately \$0.3 million placed to fund permanent maintenance trust shortfalls, and incurred approximately \$0.6 million of liabilities in connection with the purchase.

During the first quarter of 2011, we purchased three cemeteries in North Carolina for approximately \$1.7 million and incurred approximately \$0.5 million of liabilities in connection with the purchase.

Use of Proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds to us from this offering and the related capital contribution by our general partner (i) to redeem in full the \$17.5 million of our outstanding Series B senior secured notes due 2012 and the \$17.5 million of our outstanding Series C senior secured notes due 2012, and pay an aggregate of \$3.8 million in a make-whole premium related thereto; (ii) to prepay the borrowings outstanding under our acquisition credit facility; (iii) to pay down the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility; and (iv) to fund capital improvements or for general partnership purposes. If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units in full, we will use the additional net proceeds and related capital contribution by our general partner to fund capital improvements or for general partnership purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common units by the selling unitholders. See Use of Proceeds.

Concurrent Transaction

Concurrently with the closing of this offering, we expect to amend our credit agreement. The amended credit agreement is expected to increase our borrowing capacity from \$100 million to \$120 million and to extend the maturity date from August 15, 2012 to January 29, 2016. The amended credit agreement is also expected to reduce the applicable margins for Eurodollar rate loans and base rate loans by 50 basis points, which will result in margins of 3.75% and 2.75%, respectively, upon the consummation of the amendment. In addition, we expect the amended credit agreement to use the same consolidated leverage ratio of 3.65 to 1.0 as is currently in effect for measurement periods ending after December 31, 2010 and to permit us to use the proceeds of this offering as contemplated herein. See Use of Proceeds. We will be required to pay certain fees to the lenders in connection with such amendment.

The closing of the offering of common units by us is contingent upon the execution of the amendment to our credit agreement. If this amendment is not executed on or prior to the closing of this offering, the offering of common units by us will not be consummated.

This offering of common units and the related capital contribution by our general partner, and the use of proceeds therefrom and the amendment of our credit agreement are collectively referred to in this prospectus supplement as the Transactions.

Table of Contents

Structure and Management

Our operations are conducted through, and our operating assets are owned by, our direct and indirect subsidiaries. We have one direct subsidiary, StoneMor Operating LLC, a limited liability company that owns equity interests in a number of our subsidiary operating companies.

Our general partner, StoneMor GP LLC, manages our operations and activities. Our general partner does not receive any management fee or other compensation in connection with its management of our business, but is reimbursed for expenses that it incurs on our behalf and holds incentive distribution rights in us. Members of our management hold direct and indirect interests in our general partner.

Our principal executive offices are located at 311 Veterans Highway, Suite B, Levittown, Pennsylvania 19056, and our phone number is (215) 826-2800. Our website is located at <http://www.stonemor.com>. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus.

Table of Contents

Organizational Structure

The following diagram depicts our organizational structure and ownership giving effect to the offering of common units contemplated by this prospectus supplement and our general partner's proportionate capital contribution:

S-7

Table of Contents

The Offering

Common units offered:

By StoneMor Partners L.P. 3,025,000 common units

By the selling unitholders 1,849,366 common units

Common units outstanding after this offering 18,604,035 common units, or 19,335,190 if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase an additional 731,155 common units.

Use of proceeds

We estimate that our net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$83.2 million after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses payable by us (\$103.7 million if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional common units), plus a related capital contribution of approximately \$1.8 million by our general partner to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest in us (\$2.2 million if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional common units). We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering of common units and the related contribution by our general partner:

- (i) to redeem in full the \$17.5 million of our outstanding Series B senior secured notes due 2012 and the \$17.5 million of our outstanding Series C senior secured notes due 2012, and pay an aggregate of \$3.8 million in a make-whole premium relating thereto;
- (ii) to prepay the borrowings outstanding under our acquisition credit facility;
- (iii) to pay down the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility; and
- (iv) to fund capital improvements or for general partnership purposes.

If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units, we will use the additional net proceeds and related capital contribution by our general partner to fund capital improvements or for general partnership purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common units by the selling unitholders.

An affiliate of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., or Raymond James, is a lender under our credit agreement and

Table of Contents

as such will receive a portion of the proceeds of this offering. See Use of Proceeds.

Cash distributions

Within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute our available cash from operations, after we have paid our expenses, funded merchandise and perpetual care trusts and established necessary cash reserves, to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. In general, we will pay any cash distributions we make each quarter in the following manner:

first, 98% to the common units and 2% to our general partner, until each common unit has received a minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.4625; and

second, 98% to all units, pro rata, and 2% to our general partner, until each unit has received a distribution of \$0.5125.

If cash distributions per unit exceed \$0.5125 in any quarter, our general partner will receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 50%, of the cash we distribute in excess of that amount. We refer to these distributions in excess of distributions on our 2% general partner interest as incentive distributions.

On January 20, 2011, we declared a cash distribution of \$0.5750 per common unit payable on February 14, 2011 to unitholders of record as of January 31, 2011. Purchasers of our common units in this offering will not be entitled to this quarterly cash distribution. For a discussion of our cash distribution policy, see Cash Distribution Policy in the accompanying prospectus.

Issuance of additional units

We may issue an unlimited number of limited partner interests of any type without the approval of the unitholders.

Limited voting rights

Our general partner manages and operates us. Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, you will have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business. You will have no right to elect our general partner or its directors on an annual or other continuing basis. Our general partner may not be removed except by a vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding units, including any units owned by our general partner and its affiliates, voting together as a single class. After giving effect to this offering, affiliates of our general partner will own approximately 4.1% of the common units. See Description of the Common Units Voting Rights in the accompanying prospectus.

Table of Contents

Limited call right	If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the outstanding common units, our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to purchase all of the remaining common units at a price not less than the then-current market price of the common units.
Estimated ratio of taxable income to distributions	We estimate that if you hold the common units that you purchase in this offering through December 31, 2013, you will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of taxable income for that period that will be less than 75% of the cash distributed to you with respect to that period. Thereafter, we anticipate that the ratio of allocable taxable income to cash distributions to the unitholders will increase. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations in this prospectus supplement.
Material U.S. federal income tax consequences	For a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States, see U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations in this prospectus supplement and Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences in the accompanying prospectus.
Risk factors	You should refer to the section entitled Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein to ensure you understand the risks associated with an investment in our common units.
NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol	STON

Table of Contents**Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data**

The following tables present our summary historical consolidated financial and operating data for the periods and as of the dates indicated. Our summary historical consolidated financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Our summary historical consolidated financial data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2010 are derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

In the opinion of our management, our unaudited historical consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as our audited historical consolidated financial statements and contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for the relevant periods.

The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the entire year or any future period. The following tables should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the audited and unaudited historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,			As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 (as restated)		2010
	2007	2008	2009			
	(dollars in thousands)					
Statement of Operations Data:						
Cemetery revenues:						
Merchandise	\$ 74,509	\$ 90,968	\$ 87,836	\$ 65,460		\$ 68,576
Services	28,547	36,894	36,947	28,959		29,562
Investment and other	31,476	31,623	33,055	25,156		25,241
Funeral home revenues:						
Merchandise	4,655	9,249	9,701	7,189		7,377
Services	6,127	14,714	13,665	10,223		10,781
Total revenues	145,314	183,448	181,203	136,987		141,537
Costs of goods sold (exclusive of depreciation shown separately below):						
Perpetual care	3,553	4,326	4,727	3,658		3,727
Merchandise	16,118	18,556	17,120	13,017		12,572
Cemetery expense	30,767	41,651	41,246	30,450		34,840
Selling expense	29,245	34,806	34,123	25,177		27,381
General and administrative expense	15,684	21,372	22,498	16,687		18,086
Corporate overhead (1)	24,991	21,293	22,370	16,303		16,062
Depreciation and amortization	3,891	5,029	6,390	4,718		5,918

Table of Contents

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,			As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 (as restated)	
	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010
	(dollars in thousands, except per unit data)				
Funeral home expense:					
Merchandise	1,575	3,684	3,716	2,750	2,833
Services	4,198	9,073	9,275	6,895	6,884
Other	2,649	6,308	6,014	4,284	4,381
Acquisition related costs			2,292	2,099	4,823
Total costs and expenses	132,671	166,098	169,772	126,038	137,508
Operating profit	12,643	17,350	11,431	10,949	4,029
Other income and expense:					
Expenses related to refinancing (2)	157		2,242		
Gain (loss) on sale of funeral homes			434	475	
Gain on acquisitions			5,419	5,334	29,968
Increase (decrease) in fair value of interest rate swap			(2,681)		4,637
Interest expense	9,075	12,714	14,409	10,269	15,991
Income (loss) before income taxes	3,411	4,636	(2,048)	6,489	22,643
Income taxes (benefit):					
State	398	304	808	396	33
Federal	227	(224)	(2,668)	(1,448)	(2,716)
Total income taxes (benefit)	625	80	(1,860)	(1,052)	(2,683)
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,786	\$ 4,556	\$ (188)	\$ 7,541	\$ 25,326
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit (basic and diluted)	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.62	\$ 1.36
Weighted average number of limited partner units (basic and diluted)	9,107	11,809	12,034	11,891	13,649
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,800	\$ 7,068	\$ 13,479	\$ 9,369	\$ 17,958
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	32,063	33,090	37,113	36,449	42,917
Long-term accounts receivable, net of allowance	40,081	42,309	48,015	45,177	56,667
Cemetery property	187,552	228,499	239,777	239,827	304,386
Property and equipment, net	53,929	49,615	48,736	48,965	82,577
Merchandise trusts, restricted, at fair value	228,615	161,605	203,829	193,159	293,008
Perpetual care trusts, restricted, at fair value	208,579	152,797	196,276	187,593	241,923
Total assets (3)	816,862	738,240	859,375	836,804	1,128,072
Total debt	146,164	160,934	183,199	184,761	207,298
Merchandise liability	79,574	75,977	65,883	76,868	105,387
Total partners' capital	136,746	119,389	116,136	106,486	168,264

Table of Contents

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,			As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2008	2009 (dollars in thousands)	2009 (as restated)	2010
Other Financial Data:					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 18,973	\$ 21,144	\$ 13,498	\$ 14,723	\$ 9,433
Net cash used in investing activities	(86,777)	(17,046)	(10,949)	(8,918)	(44,464)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	71,690	(10,830)	3,862	(3,504)	39,510
Depreciation and amortization	3,891	5,029	6,390	4,577	5,918
Additions to cemetery property	2,589	4,376	4,759	3,669	1,863
Cash distributions	18,724	25,658	27,253	20,440	23,340

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,			As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2008	2009	2009 (as restated)	2010
Operating Data:					
Interments performed	29,380	38,863	37,782	28,226	29,852
Interment rights sold (4):					
Lots	17,509	22,552	22,637	17,587	18,155
Mausoleum crypts (including pre-construction)	2,314	1,881	2,316	1,756	1,836
Niches	602	864	889	683	765
Total interment rights sold (4)	20,425	25,297	25,842	20,026	20,756
Number of contracts written	63,026	80,144	83,043	62,963	68,319
Aggregate contract amount, in thousands (excluding interest)	\$ 138,588	\$ 187,093	\$ 197,787	\$ 150,073	\$ 164,433
Average amount per contract (excluding interest)	\$ 2,199	\$ 2,334	\$ 2,382	\$ 2,384	\$ 2,407
Number of pre-need contracts written	29,546	35,599	39,043	29,679	33,440
Aggregate pre-need contract amount, in thousands (excluding interest)	\$ 89,486	\$ 115,024	\$ 124,997	\$ 95,100	\$ 106,309
Average amount per pre-need contract (excluding interest)	\$ 3,029	\$ 3,231	\$ 3,202	\$ 3,204	\$ 3,179
Number of at-need contracts written	33,480	44,545	44,000	33,284	34,879
Aggregate at-need contract amount, in thousands	\$ 49,102	\$ 72,068	\$ 72,790	\$ 54,973	\$ 58,124
Average amount per at-need contract	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,618	\$ 1,654	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,666

(1) Includes a write-off of \$571,000 in 2007 incurred in connection with a potential acquisition of a group of cemeteries in Michigan that we determined were unlikely to take place. Also includes bonuses of \$3.2 million in 2007, and unit-based compensation of \$4.7 million, \$2.3 million and \$1.6 million in the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, and \$1.1 million and \$543,000 in unit based compensation for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2010, respectively.

(2) Represents write-downs in previously capitalized debt issuance costs.

(3) Includes the fair value of assets held in the merchandise and perpetual care trusts.

(4) Net of cancellations. Sales of double-depth burial lots are counted as two sales.

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common units is subject to risks and uncertainties. You should carefully consider the risks described below and beginning on page 4 of the accompanying prospectus, as well as in the section titled Risk Factors included in the 2009 Form 10-K, the First Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, the Second Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q/A and the Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated herein by reference, before making an investment decision. Realization of these risks could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business operations. In such case, you may lose all or part of your original investment.

Risk Factors Related to Our Business

We may not have sufficient cash from operations to continue paying distributions at their current level, or at all, after we have paid our expenses, including the expenses of our general partner, funded merchandise and perpetual care trusts and established necessary cash reserves.

The amount of cash we can distribute on our units principally depends upon the amount of cash we generate from operations, which fluctuates from quarter to quarter based on, among other things:

the volume of our sales;

the prices at which we sell our products and services; and

the level of our operating and general and administrative costs.

In addition, the actual amount of cash we will have available for distribution will depend on other factors, such as working capital borrowings, capital expenditures and funding requirements for trusts and our ability to withdraw amounts from trusts.

If we do not generate sufficient cash to continue paying distributions at their current level, the market price of our common units may decline materially. We expect that we will need working capital borrowings of approximately \$22.5 million during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2011 in order to have sufficient operating surplus to pay distributions at their current level on all of our common units for that period, although the actual amount of working capital borrowings could be materially more or less. These working capital borrowings enable us to finance the build up in our accounts receivables, and to construct mausoleums and purchase products for our pre-need sales in advance of the time of need which, in turn, allows us to generate available cash for operating surplus over time by accessing the funds held in trust for the products purchased.

Our substantial level of indebtedness could materially adversely affect our ability to generate sufficient cash for distribution to our unitholders, to fulfill our debt obligations and to operate our business.

We have now, and after giving effect to the Transactions, will continue to have, a substantial amount of debt, which requires significant interest and principal payments. As of September 30, 2010 but taking into account the outstanding borrowings under our acquisition credit facility and our revolving credit facility as of February 3, 2011, after giving effect to the Transactions, we would have had approximately \$154.0 million of total debt outstanding and approximately \$26.5 million in cash and cash equivalents, and we would have had approximately \$65.0 million of available borrowing capacity under our acquisition credit facility and approximately \$55.0 million

Table of Contents

of available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility. Leverage makes us more vulnerable to economic downturns. Because we are obligated to dedicate a portion of our cash flow to service our debt obligations, our cash flow available for operations and for distribution to our unitholders will be reduced. The amount of indebtedness we have could limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in the markets in which we compete, limit our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes, and require us to dedicate more cash flow to service our debt than we desire. Our ability to satisfy our indebtedness as required by the terms of our debt will be dependent on, among other things, the successful execution of our long-term strategic plan. Subject to limitations in our debt obligations, we may incur additional debt in the future, for acquisitions or otherwise, and servicing this debt could further limit our cash flow available for operations and distribution to our unitholders.

Restrictions in our existing and future debt agreements could limit our ability to make distributions to you or capitalize on acquisition and other business opportunities.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in our senior notes and senior secured debt obligations and any future financing agreements could restrict our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to expand or pursue our business activities. For example, our senior notes and senior secured debt obligations contain covenants that restrict or limit our ability to:

enter into a new line of business;

enter into any agreement of merger or acquisition;

sell, transfer, assign or convey assets;

grant certain liens;

incur or guarantee additional indebtedness;

make certain loans, advances and investments;

declare and pay dividends and distributions;

enter into transactions with affiliates; and

make voluntary payments or modifications of indebtedness.

In addition, our secured debt obligations contain covenants requiring us to maintain certain financial ratios and tests. These restrictions may also limit our ability to obtain future financings. Our ability to comply with the covenants and restrictions contained in our senior notes and senior secured debt obligations may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions continue to deteriorate, our ability to comply with these covenants may be impaired. If we violate any of the restrictions, covenants, ratios or tests in our debt obligations, the lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of all borrowings thereunder and demand repayment of amounts outstanding, and our lenders' commitment to make further loans to us may terminate. We might not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. Any subsequent replacement of our obligations or any new indebtedness could have similar or greater restrictions.

Table of Contents

In addition, our debt obligations limit our ability to make distributions to our unitholders. Our senior notes and senior secured debt obligations prohibit us from making such distributions if we are in default, including with regard to our senior secured debt obligations as a result of our failure to maintain specified financial ratios. We cannot assure you that we will maintain these specified ratios and satisfy these tests for distributing available cash from operating surplus.

If we violate any of the restrictions, covenants, ratios or tests in our senior secured debt obligations or senior notes indenture, the applicable lenders will be able to accelerate the maturity of all borrowings thereunder and demand repayment of amounts outstanding, and our lenders commitment to make further loans to us may terminate. We might not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. Any subsequent replacement of our senior debt obligations or any new indebtedness could have similar or greater restrictions.

A material weakness was identified in our internal controls over financial reporting as of June 30, 2010.

Due to a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting were not effective as of June 30, 2010, based on the criteria in Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected. We identified the following material weaknesses in our assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting:

We did not design and implement adequate controls related to the implementation of a new accounting standard relating to a material class of transactions, specifically in this instance, accounting for final adjustments to provisional amounts recorded in a business combination. Such adjustments should be recognized in the period in which the business combination took place and provisional amounts were recorded. We originally recorded final adjustments in the period in which such final adjustments became known.

In September 2010, we restated previously issued financial statements to present the second quarter 2010 financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

To remediate the material weakness, we have implemented a series of controls designed to help ensure that all new accounting pronouncements are sufficiently researched and that our conclusions relative to the effect of such pronouncements on us are communicated to management, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of our general partner, or the Audit Committee, and our auditors. These controls include the following procedures:

Once it has been determined that a new accounting pronouncement that impacts us has been adopted, our Director of Financial Reporting will disseminate the relevant authoritative literature to our senior members of the accounting department, including the Vice President of Financial Reporting and Investor Relations and the Chief Financial Officer.

The pronouncement and its impact on the accounting policies and disclosure will be discussed amongst such senior members of the accounting department.

The Director of Financial reporting will prepare an analysis which will include a paragraph by paragraph assessment of the guidance and its potential impact on us and circulate this analysis to senior accounting management, the Audit Committee and our external auditor for discussion and review.

Table of Contents

Once consensus has been formed as to the appropriate accounting treatment, the new standard will be adopted and implemented. Management believes that the procedures described above will serve to remediate the material weakness identified, once implemented and operating effectively.

If we fail to maintain adequate internal controls over financial reporting, current unitholders and potential investors could lose confidence in our financial reporting, which would harm our business prospects and the trading price of our common units.

Any reduction in the principal or the earnings of the investments held in merchandise and perpetual care trusts could adversely affect our revenues and cash flow.

A substantial portion of our revenue is generated from investment returns that we realize from merchandise and perpetual care trusts. The 2008 and early 2009 decline in the prices of most corporate debt and equity securities significantly reduced the fair value of the assets held in these trusts. Future cash flows could be negatively impacted if we are forced to liquidate assets that are in impaired positions.

We invest primarily for current income. We rely on the interest and dividends paid by the assets in our trusts to provide both revenue and cash flow. Interest income from fixed-income securities is particularly susceptible to changes in interest rates and declines in credit worthiness while dividends from equity securities are susceptible to the issuer's ability to make such payments.

Any decline in the interest rate environment or the credit worthiness of our debt issuers or any suspension or reduction of dividends could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, any significant or sustained unrealized investment losses could result in merchandise trusts having insufficient funds to cover our cost of delivering products and services. In this scenario, we would be required to use our operating cash to deliver those products and perform those services, which could decrease our cash available for distribution.

Pre-need sales typically generate low or negative cash flow in the periods immediately following sales which could adversely affect our ability to make distributions to unitholders.

When we sell cemetery merchandise and services on a pre-need basis, we pay commissions on the sale to our salespeople and are required by state law to deposit a portion of the sales proceeds into a merchandise trust. In addition, most of our customers finance their pre-need purchases under installment contracts payable over a number of years. Depending on the trusting requirements of the states in which we operate, the applicable sales commission rates and the amount of the down payment, our cash flow from sales to customers through installment contracts is typically negative until we have paid the sale commission due on the sale or until we purchase the products or perform the services and are permitted to withdraw funds we have deposited in the merchandise trust. To the extent we increase pre-need sales, state trusting requirements are increased or we delay the purchase of the products or performance of the services we sell on a pre-need basis, our cash flow immediately following pre-need sales may be further reduced, and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders could be adversely affected.

Because fixed costs are inherent in our business, a decrease in our revenues can have a disproportionate effect on our cash flow and profits.

Our business requires us to incur many of the costs of operating and maintaining facilities, land and equipment regardless of the level of sales in any given period. For example, we must pay

Table of Contents

salaries, utilities, property taxes and maintenance costs on our cemetery properties and funeral homes regardless of the number of interments or funeral services we perform. If we cannot decrease these costs significantly or rapidly when we experience declines in sales, declines in sales can cause our margins, profits and cash flow to decline at a greater rate than the decline in our revenues.

Our failure to attract and retain qualified sales personnel and management could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

Our ability to attract and retain a qualified sales force and other personnel is an important factor in achieving future success. Buying cemetery and funeral home products and services, especially at-need products and services, is very emotional for most customers, so our sales force must be particularly sensitive to our customers' needs. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in our efforts to attract and retain a skilled sales force. If we are unable to maintain a qualified and productive sales force, our revenues may decline, and our cash available for distribution may decrease.

We are also dependent upon the continued services of our key officers. The loss of any of our key officers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may not be able to locate or employ on acceptable terms qualified replacements for senior management or key employees if their services were no longer available. We do not maintain key employee insurance on any of our executive officers.

We may not be able to identify, complete, fund or successfully integrate additional cemetery acquisitions which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

A primary component of our business strategy is to grow through acquisitions of cemeteries and, to a lesser extent, funeral homes. We cannot assure you that we will be able to identify and acquire cemeteries on terms favorable to us or at all. We may face competition from other death care companies in making acquisitions. Historically, we have funded a significant portion of our acquisitions through borrowing. Our ability to make acquisitions in the future may be limited by our inability to secure adequate financing, restrictions under our existing or future debt agreements, competition from third parties or a lack of suitable properties. As of September 30, 2010, after giving effect to the Transactions, we would have had approximately \$65.0 million of available borrowing capacity under our acquisition credit facility and approximately \$55.0 million of available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility.

In addition, if we complete acquisitions, we may encounter various associated risks, including the possible inability to integrate an acquired business into our operations, diversion of management's attention and unanticipated problems or liabilities, some or all of which could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial performance. Also, when we acquire cemeteries that do not have an existing pre-need sales program or a significant amount of pre-need products and services that have been sold but not yet purchased or performed, the operation of the cemetery and implementation of a pre-need sales program after acquisition may require significant amounts of working capital. This may make it more difficult for us to make acquisitions.

If the trend toward cremation in the United States continues, our revenues may decline which could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

We and other death care companies that focus on traditional methods of interment face competition from the increasing number of cremations in the United States. Industry studies indicate that the percentage of cremations has steadily increased and that cremations are expected

Table of Contents

to represent approximately 38% of the United States deathcare market by the year 2010. Because the products and services associated with a cremation, such as niches and urns, produce lower revenues than the products and services associated with a traditional interment, a continuing trend toward cremations may reduce our revenues.

Declines in the number of deaths in our markets can cause a decrease in revenues.

Declines in the number of deaths could cause at-need sales of cemetery and funeral home merchandise and services to decline and could cause a decline in the number of pre-need sales, both of which could decrease revenues. Changes in the number of deaths can vary among local markets and from quarter to quarter, and variations in the number of deaths in our markets or from quarter to quarter are not predictable. However, generally, the number of deaths fluctuates with the seasons with more deaths occurring during the winter months primarily resulting from pneumonia and influenza. These variations can cause revenues to fluctuate.

The financial condition of third-party insurance companies that fund our pre-need funeral contracts may impact our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Where permitted, customers may arrange their pre-need funeral contract by purchasing a life insurance or annuity policy from third-party insurance companies. The customer/policy holder assigns the policy benefits to our funeral home to pay for the pre-need funeral contract at the time of need. If the financial condition of the third-party insurance companies were to deteriorate materially because of market conditions or otherwise, there could be an adverse effect on our ability to collect all or part of the proceeds of the life insurance policy, including the annual increase in the death benefit. Failure to collect such proceeds could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Regulatory and Legal Risks

Our operations are subject to regulation, supervision and licensing under numerous federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, including extensive regulations concerning trusts/escrows, pre-need sales, cemetery ownership, funeral home ownership, marketing practices, crematories, environmental matters and various other aspects of our business.

If state laws or interpretations of existing state laws change or if new laws are enacted, we may be required to increase trust/escrow deposits or to alter the timing of withdrawals from trusts/escrows, which may have a negative impact on our revenues and cash flow.

We are required by most state laws to deposit specified percentages of the proceeds from our pre-need and at-need sales of interment rights into perpetual care trusts and generally proceeds from our pre-need sales of cemetery and funeral home products and services into merchandise trusts/escrows. These laws also determine when we are allowed to withdraw funds from those trusts/escrows. If those laws or the interpretations of those laws change or if new laws are enacted, we may be required to deposit more of the sales proceeds we receive from our sales into the trusts/escrows or to defer withdrawals from the trusts/escrows, thereby decreasing our cash flow until we are permitted to withdraw the deposited amounts. This could also reduce our cash available for distribution.

If state laws or their interpretations change, or new laws are enacted relating to the ownership of cemeteries and funeral homes, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

Some states require cemeteries to be organized in the nonprofit form but permit those nonprofit entities to contract with for-profit companies for management services. If state laws

Table of Contents

change or new laws are enacted that prohibit us from managing cemeteries in those states, then our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected. Some state laws restrict ownership of funeral homes to licensed funeral directors. If state laws change or new laws are enacted that prohibit us from managing funeral homes in those instances, then our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

We are subject to legal restrictions on our marketing practices that could reduce the volume of our sales which could have an adverse effect on our business, operations and financial condition.

The enactment or amendment of legislation or regulations relating to marketing activities may make it more difficult for us to sell our products and services. For example, the federal do not call legislation has adversely affected our ability to market our products and services using telephone solicitation by limiting who we may call and increasing our costs of compliance. As a result, we rely heavily on direct mail marketing and telephone follow-up with existing contacts. Additional laws or regulations limiting our ability to market through direct mail, over the telephone, through internet and e-mail advertising or door-to-door may make it difficult to identify potential customers, which could increase our costs of marketing. Both increases in marketing costs and restrictions on our ability to market effectively could reduce our revenues and could have an adverse effect on our business, operations and financial condition, as well as our ability to make cash distributions to you.

We are subject to environmental and health and safety laws and regulations that may adversely affect our operating results.

Our cemetery and funeral home operations are subject to numerous federal, state and local environmental and health and safety laws and regulations. We may become subject to liability for the removal of hazardous substances and solid waste under CERCLA and other federal and state laws. Under CERCLA and similar state laws, strict, joint and several liability may be imposed on various parties, regardless of fault or the legality of the original disposal activity. Our funeral home, cemetery and crematory operations include the use of some materials that may meet the definition of hazardous substances under CERCLA or state laws and thus may give rise to liability if released to the environment through a spill or release. We cannot assure you that we will not face liability under CERCLA for any conditions at our properties, and we cannot assure you that these liabilities will not be material. Our cemetery and funeral home operations are subject to regulation of underground and above ground storage tanks and laws managing the disposal of solid waste. If new requirements under local, state or federal laws were to be adopted, and were more stringent than existing requirements, new permits or capital expenditures may be required.

Our funeral home operations are generally subject to federal and state laws and regulations regarding the disposal of medical waste, and are also subject to regulation by federal, state or local authorities under the EPCRA. We are required by EPCRA to maintain, and report, if applicable thresholds are met, a list of any hazardous chemicals and extremely hazardous substances, which are stored or used at our facilities, we use to state, federal, and local agencies.

Our crematory operations may be subject to regulation under the federal Clean Air Act and any analogous state laws. If new regulations applicable to our crematory operations were to be adopted, they could require permits or capital expenditures that could increase our costs of operation and compliance.

Table of Contents

Risk Factors Related to an Investment in Us

Our general partner and its affiliates have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests to your detriment.

CFSI LLC owns all of the Class A units of our general partner. Conflicts of interest may arise between CFSI LLC and its affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of the unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

The board of directors of our general partner is elected by the owners of our general partner. Although our general partner has a fiduciary duty to manage us in good faith, the directors of our general partner also have a fiduciary duty to manage our general partner in a manner beneficial to the owners of our general partner. By purchasing common units, unitholders will be deemed to have consented to some actions and conflicts of interest that might otherwise constitute a breach of fiduciary or other duties under applicable law.

Our partnership agreement limits the liability of our general partner, reduces its fiduciary duties and restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions that might, without the limitations, constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures, borrowings, issuances of additional limited partner interests and reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to unitholders.

Our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf.

Our general partner controls the enforcement of obligations owed to us by our general partner and its affiliates.

In some instances, our general partner may cause us to borrow funds or sell assets outside of the ordinary course of business in order to permit the payment of distributions, even if the purpose or effect of the borrowing is to make distributions in respect of incentive distribution rights.

Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors, which could reduce the price at which the common units will trade.

Unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management's decisions regarding our business. Unitholders did not select our general partner or elect the board of directors of our general partner and will have no right to select our general partner or elect its board of directors in the future. We are not required to have a majority of independent directors on our board. The board of directors of our general partner, including the independent directors, are chosen entirely by the owners of our general partner and not our unitholders. As a result of these limitations, the price at which the common units will trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a takeover premium in the trading price.

Table of Contents

Our partnership agreement restricts the voting rights of unitholders owning 20% or more of our common units.

Unitholders' voting rights are further restricted by the partnership agreement provision providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than the general partner, its affiliates, their transferees and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner, cannot be voted on any matter. In addition, the partnership agreement contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

Our general partner can transfer its ownership interest in us without unitholder consent under certain circumstances, and the control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without unitholder consent.

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of the unitholders. Furthermore, there is no restriction in the partnership agreement on the ability of the owners of our general partner to transfer their ownership interest in the general partner to a third party. The new owner of our general partner would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of the general partner with its own choices and thereby influence the decisions taken by the board of directors and officers.

We may issue additional common units without your approval, which would dilute your existing ownership interests.

We may issue an unlimited number of limited partner interests of any type without the approval of the unitholders. You will not have the right to approve our issuance at any time of equity securities ranking junior to the common units.

The issuance of additional common units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

your proportionate ownership interest in us will decrease;

the amount of cash available for distribution on each unit may decrease;

the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished;

the market price of the common units may decline; and

the ratio of taxable income to distributions may increase.

Cost reimbursements due our general partner may be substantial and will reduce the cash available for distribution to you.

Prior to making any distribution on the common units, we will reimburse our general partner and its affiliates, including CFSI LLC and the officers and directors of our general partner, for all expenses they incur on our behalf. The reimbursement of expenses could adversely affect our ability to pay cash distributions to you. Our general partner determines the amount of these expenses. In addition, our general partner and its affiliates may provide us with other services for which we will be charged fees as determined by our general partner.

Table of Contents

In establishing cash reserves, our general partner may reduce the amount of available cash for distribution to you.

Subject to the limitations on restricted payments contained in the indenture governing the 10.25% Senior Notes due 2017 and other indebtedness, the master partnership distributes all of our available cash each quarter to its limited partners and general partner. Available cash is defined in the master partnership's partnership agreement, and it generally means, for each fiscal quarter, all cash and cash equivalents on hand on the date of determination for that quarter less the amount of cash reserves established at the discretion of the general partner to:

provide for the proper conduct of our business;

comply with applicable law, the terms of any of our debt instruments or other agreements; or

provide funds for distributions to its unitholders and general partner for any one or more of the next four calendar quarters. These reserves will affect the amount of cash available for distribution to you.

Our general partner has a limited call right that may require you to sell your common units at an undesirable time or price.

If, at any time, our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units, our general partner will have the right, but not the obligation, which it may assign to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the remaining common units held by unaffiliated persons at a price not less than their then-current market price. As a result, you may be required to sell your common units at an undesirable time or price and may not receive any return on your investment. You may also incur a tax liability upon the sale of your common units.

You may be required to repay distributions that you have received from us.

Under certain circumstances, unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to you if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that for a period of three years from the date of the impermissible distribution, limited partners who received the distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the limited partnership for the distribution amount. Assignees who become substituted limited partners are liable for the obligations of the assignor to make contributions to the partnership. However, assignees are not liable for obligations unknown to the assignee at the time the assignee became a limited partner if the liabilities could not be determined from the partnership agreement. Liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interest and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

Tax Risks

Audit adjustments to the taxable income of our corporate subsidiaries for prior taxable years may reduce the net operating loss carryforwards of such subsidiaries and thereby increase their tax liabilities for future taxable periods.

Our business was conducted by an affiliated group of corporations during periods prior to the completion of our initial public offering and, since the initial public offering, continues to be conducted in part by corporate subsidiaries. The amount of cash distributions we receive from our

Table of Contents

corporate subsidiaries over the next several years will depend in part upon the amount of net operating losses available to those subsidiaries to reduce the amount of income subject to federal income tax they would otherwise pay. These net operating losses will begin to expire in 2019. The amount of net operating losses available to reduce the income tax liability of our corporate subsidiaries in future taxable years could be reduced as a result of audit adjustments with respect to prior taxable years. Notwithstanding any limited indemnification rights we may have, any increase in the tax liabilities of our corporate subsidiaries because of a reduction in net operating losses will reduce our cash available for distribution.

Changes in the ownership of our units may result in annual limitations on our corporate subsidiaries' ability to use their net operating loss carryforwards, which could increase their tax liabilities and decrease cash available for distribution in future taxable periods.

Our corporate subsidiaries' ability to use their net operating loss carryforwards may be limited if changes in the ownership of our units causes our corporate subsidiaries to undergo an ownership change under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. In general, an ownership change will occur if the percentage of our units, based on the value of the units, owned by certain unitholders or groups of unitholders increases by more than fifty percentage points during a running three-year period. Recent changes in our ownership, along with additional changes that will result from this equity offering, may result in an ownership change. Even if no ownership change results from this equity offering, our corporate subsidiaries will be close to the threshold for an ownership change and may experience one in the future. A future ownership change may result from issuances of our units, sales or other dispositions of our units by certain significant unitholders, certain acquisitions of our units, and issuances, sales or other dispositions or acquisitions of interests in significant unitholders, and we will have little to no control over any such events. To the extent that an annual net operating loss limitation for any one year does restrict the ability of our corporate subsidiaries to use their net operating loss carryforwards, an increase in tax liabilities of our corporate subsidiaries could result, which would reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to you.

Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, as well as our not being subject to a material amount of additional entity-level taxation by individual states. If the IRS treats us as a corporation for federal tax purposes or we become subject to additional entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, it would reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to you.

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Despite the fact that we are a limited partnership under Delaware law, it is possible in certain circumstances for a partnership such as ours to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes. Although we do not believe based upon our current operations that we are so treated, if our view is incorrect or if there is a change in our business (or a change in current law) we could be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to taxation as an entity.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes for any taxable year for which the statute of limitations remains open or for any future taxable year, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income for such year(s) at the corporate tax rate, which is currently a maximum of 35% and would likely pay state income tax at varying rates. Distributions to you would generally be taxed again as corporate distributions, and no income, gains, losses or deductions would flow through to you. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, our cash available for distribution to you would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax

Table of Contents

return to the unitholders, likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units. Moreover, treatment of us as a corporation could materially and adversely affect our ability to make payment on our debt.

Current law may change so as to cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation. For example, members of Congress have recently considered substantive changes to the existing federal income tax laws that would affect the tax treatment of certain publicly traded partnerships. In addition, because of widespread state budget deficits and other reasons, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. If any of these states were to impose a tax on us, the cash available for distribution to you would be reduced. We are unable to predict whether any of these changes, or other proposals, will ultimately be enacted. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our units.

The partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, the minimum quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution amounts will be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

We have subsidiaries that will be treated as corporations for federal income tax purposes and subject to corporate-level income taxes.

Some of our operations are conducted through subsidiaries that are organized as C corporations. Accordingly, these corporate subsidiaries are subject to corporate-level tax, which reduces the cash available for distribution to our partnership and, in turn, to you. If the IRS were to successfully assert that these corporations have more tax liability than we anticipate or legislation was enacted that increased the corporate tax rate, the cash available for distribution could be further reduced.

If the IRS contests the federal income tax positions we take, the market for our common units may be adversely impacted, and the cost of any IRS contest will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

We have not requested a ruling from the IRS with respect to our treatment as a partnership for federal income tax purposes or any other matter affecting us. The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the positions we take. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of the positions we take. A court may not agree with some or all of the positions we take. Any contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which they trade. In addition, our costs of any contest with the IRS will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner because the costs will reduce our cash available for distribution.

You may be required to pay taxes on income from us even if you do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Because you will be treated as a partner to whom we will allocate taxable income that could be different in amount than the cash we distribute, you may be required to pay any federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes on your share of our taxable income even if you receive no cash distributions from us. You may not receive cash distributions from us equal to your share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability that results from that income.

Table of Contents

Tax gain or loss on disposition of our common units could be more or less than expected.

If you sell your common units, you will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between your amount realized and your tax basis in those common units. Because distributions in excess of your allocable share of our total net taxable income decrease your tax basis in your common units, the amount, if any, of such prior excess distributions with respect to the units you sell will, in effect, become taxable income to you if you sell such units at a price greater than your tax basis in those units, even if the price you receive is less than your original cost. Furthermore, a substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be taxed as ordinary income due to potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. In addition, because the amount realized includes a unitholder's share of our nonrecourse liabilities, if you sell your units, you may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash you receive from the sale.

Tax-exempt entities and non-U.S. persons face unique tax issues from owning common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.

Investment in common units by tax-exempt entities, such as employee benefit plans individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs) and non-U.S. persons raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to organizations that are exempt from federal income tax, including IRAs and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them. Distributions to non-U.S. persons will be reduced by withholding taxes at the highest applicable effective tax rate, and non-U.S. persons will be required to file United States federal tax returns and pay tax on their share of our taxable income. If you are a tax-exempt entity or a non-U.S. person, you should consult your tax advisor before investing in our common units.

We treat each purchaser of common units as having the same tax benefits without regard to the actual common units purchased. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.

Due to a number of factors, including our inability to match transferors and transferees of common units, we take depreciation and amortization positions that may not conform to all aspects of the existing Treasury Regulations. A successful IRS challenge to those positions could adversely affect the amount of tax benefits available to you. It also could affect the timing of these tax benefits or the amount of gain from the sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common units or result in audit adjustments to your tax returns.

We have adopted certain valuation methodologies that may result in a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and the unitholders. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could adversely affect the value of the common units.

When we issue additional units or engage in certain other transactions, we will determine the fair market value of our assets and allocate any unrealized gain or loss attributable to our assets to the capital accounts of our unitholders and our general partner. If the IRS challenges our methodology it may be viewed as understating the value of our assets. In that case, there may be a shift of income, gain, loss and deduction between certain unitholders and the general partner, which may be unfavorable to such unitholders. Moreover, under our valuation methods, subsequent purchasers of common units may have a greater portion of their Internal Revenue Code Section 743(b) adjustment allocated to our tangible assets and a lesser portion allocated to our intangible assets. The IRS may challenge our valuation methods, or our allocation of the Section 743(b) adjustment attributable to our tangible and intangible assets, and allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction between the general partner and certain of our unitholders.

Table of Contents

A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of gain from our unitholders' sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders' tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

The sale or exchange of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any twelve-month period will result in the termination of our partnership for federal income tax purposes.

We will be considered to have terminated our partnership for federal income tax purposes if there is a sale or exchange of 50% or more of the total interests in our capital and profits within a twelve-month period. For purposes of determining whether the 50% threshold has been met, multiple sales of the same interest will be counted only once. Our termination would, among other things, result in the closing of our taxable year for all unitholders which would result in our filing two tax returns for one fiscal year and could result in a deferral of depreciation deductions allowable in computing our taxable income. In the case of a unitholder reporting on a taxable year other than a calendar year, the closing of our taxable year may result in more than twelve months of our taxable income or loss being includable in his taxable income for the year of termination. Our termination currently would not affect our classification as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, but instead, we would be treated as a new partnership for tax purposes. If treated as a new partnership, we must make new tax elections and could be subject to penalties if we are unable to determine that a termination occurred. The IRS has recently announced a relief procedure whereby if a publicly traded partnership that has technically terminated requests and the IRS grants special relief, among other things, the partnership will be required to provide only a single Schedule K-1 to unitholders for the tax years in which the termination occurs.

You will likely be subject to state and local taxes and filing requirements in jurisdictions where you do not live as a result of an investment in units.

In addition to federal income taxes, you will likely be subject to other taxes, including state and local taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property, even if you do not live in any of those jurisdictions. You will likely be required to file state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these jurisdictions. Further, you may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. We own assets or conduct business in a majority of states and in Puerto Rico. Most of these various jurisdictions currently impose, or may in the future impose, an income tax on individuals, corporations and other entities. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may own assets or do business in additional states that impose a personal income tax. It is your responsibility to file all United States federal, state and local tax returns.

A unitholder whose units are loaned to a short seller to cover a short sale of units may be considered as having disposed of those units. If so, the unitholder would no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan and may recognize gain or loss from the disposition.

If you loan your units to a short seller to cover a short sale of units, you may be considered as having disposed of the loaned units, and you may no longer be treated for tax purposes as a partner with respect to those units during the period of the loan to the short seller and the unitholder may recognize gain or loss from such disposition. Moreover, during the period of the loan to the short seller, any of our income, gain, loss or deduction with respect to those units may

Table of Contents

not be reportable by the unitholder and any cash distributions received by the unitholder as to those units could be fully taxable as ordinary income. Unitholders desiring to assure their status as partners and avoid the risk of gain recognition from a loan to a short seller are urged to modify any applicable brokerage account agreements to prohibit their brokers from borrowing their units.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. Nonetheless, we allocate certain deductions for depreciation of capital additions based upon the date the underlying property is put in service. The use of this proration method may not be permitted under existing Treasury Regulations. Recently, however, the U.S. Treasury Department issued proposed Treasury Regulations that provide a safe harbor pursuant to which publicly traded partnerships may use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items among transferor and transferee unitholders. Nonetheless, the proposed regulations do not specifically authorize the use of the proration method we have adopted. If the IRS were to challenge our proration method, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders. Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. has not rendered an opinion with respect to whether our monthly convention for allocating taxable income and losses is permitted by existing Treasury Regulations.

The tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships or an investment in our common units could be subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative changes and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis.

The present federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, members of Congress have recently considered substantive changes to the existing federal income tax laws that would have affected certain publicly traded partnerships. Any modification to the federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively. Although the recently considered legislation would not have appeared to affect our federal income tax treatment as a partnership, we are unable to predict whether any of these changes, or other proposals, will be reconsidered or will ultimately be enacted. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units.

Table of Contents

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$83.2 million from this offering after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses (\$103.7 million if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional common units), plus a related capital contribution of approximately \$1.8 million by our general partner to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest in us (\$2.2 million if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional common units). We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering and the related contribution by our general partner:

- (1) to redeem in full the \$17.5 million of our outstanding Series B senior secured notes due 2012 and the \$17.5 million of our outstanding Series C senior secured notes due 2012, and pay an aggregate of \$3.8 million in a make-whole premium relating thereto;
- (2) to prepay the borrowings outstanding under our acquisition credit facility;
- (3) to pay down the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility; and
- (4) to fund capital improvements or for general partnership purposes.

If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units, we will use the additional net proceeds and related capital contribution by our general partner to fund capital improvements or for general partnership purposes.

Amounts to be repaid under our acquisition credit facility were incurred for acquisitions and amounts to be paid down under our revolving credit facility were incurred for general partnership purposes, including for working capital needs and to fund our capital expenditure program.

Our Series B senior secured notes and Series C senior secured notes both mature on August 15, 2012. The average interest rate paid on amounts outstanding under our Series B senior secured notes and Series C senior secured notes for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2010 was 12.5% and 12.5%, respectively.

Our existing acquisition credit facility and revolving credit facility will both mature on August 15, 2012, and the average interest rate paid on amounts outstanding under our acquisition credit facility and our revolving credit facility for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 was 6.5%, in each case. As of February 3, 2011, we had approximately \$16.7 million of borrowings outstanding under our acquisition credit facility and \$21.0 million of borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010 and our Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

An affiliate of Raymond James is a lender under our credit agreement and as such will receive a portion of the proceeds from this offering. See Underwriting.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common units by the selling unitholders.

Table of Contents**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of September 30, 2010:

on an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to reflect:

the offer and sale of common units by us in this offering and the related capital contribution by our general partner to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest in us;

the application of net proceeds of this offering and the related capital contribution by our general partner in the manner described under Use of Proceeds.

This table should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010 and our Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q and our historical audited and unaudited financial statements and the accompanying notes, each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This table does not reflect the issuance of up to an additional 731,155 common units that we may sell to the underwriters pursuant to their over-allotment option.

	As of September 30, 2010	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(in thousands) (unaudited)	
Cash and cash equivalents(1)	\$ 17,958	\$ 26,494
Long-term debt, including current portion:		
Acquisition credit facility (1)(2)	\$ 15,000	\$
Revolving credit facility (1)(3)	7,000	
Note Payable-Greenlawn acquisition	1,400	1,400
Note Payable-Nelms acquisition	926	926
10.25% Senior notes due 2017	150,000	150,000
Series B Senior secured notes due 2012	17,500	
Series C Senior secured notes due 2012	17,500	
Other debt	1,658	1,658
Total long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 210,984	\$ 153,984
Partners' capital:		
Common units	159,286	238,716
General partner incentive distribution rights	5,979	5,979
General partner interest	3,000	4,806
Total partners' capital	168,264	249,501
Total capitalization	\$ 379,248	\$ 403,485

Edgar Filing: STONEMOR PARTNERS LP - Form 424B5

- (1) Cash and cash equivalents, as adjusted, takes into account the outstanding borrowings under our acquisition facility as of February 3, 2011 and the prepayment thereof and the outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility as of February 3, 2011 and the payment thereof.
- (2) As of February 3, 2011, we had approximately \$16.7 million of outstanding borrowings under our acquisition credit facility. As of February 3, 2011, after giving effect to this offering of common units and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and the related capital contribution to us by our general partner as set forth in Use of Proceeds, we would have had no outstanding borrowings under our acquisition credit facility.
- (3) As of February 3, 2011, we had approximately \$21.0 million of outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility. As of February 3, 2011, after giving effect to this offering of common units and the application of the net proceeds therefrom and the related capital contribution to us by our general partner as set forth in Use of Proceeds, we would have had no outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

S-30

Table of Contents**PRICE RANGE OF OUR COMMON UNITS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

As of February 2, 2011, we had 15,579,035 common units outstanding, held by 74 holders of record. Our common units are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol STON.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for our common units based on the daily composite listing of common unit transactions for the NASDAQ Global Select Market and quarterly declared cash distributions per unit. The last reported sales price of our common units on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on February 3, 2011 was \$29.25 per common unit.

	Price Ranges		Cash
	High	Low	Distributions Per Common Unit (1)
Year ending December 31, 2011			
First Quarter (through February 3, 2011)	\$ 33.51	\$ 29.10	n/a
Year ended December 31, 2010			
Fourth Quarter	\$ 30.62	\$ 24.90	\$ 0.5750(2)
Third Quarter	26.95	19.75	0.5650
Second Quarter	21.20	18.22	0.5550
First Quarter	21.44	18.01	0.5550
Year ended December 31, 2009			
Fourth Quarter	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 0.5550
Third Quarter	18.00	14.50	0.5550
Second Quarter	17.15	11.15	0.5550
First Quarter	15.42	9.55	0.5550

(1) Distributions are declared and paid within 45 days of the close of each quarter.

(2) We declared this cash distribution on January 20, 2011, to be paid on February 14, 2011 to unitholders of record on the close of business on January 31, 2011. Purchasers of common units in this offering will not be entitled to this quarterly cash distribution.

Table of Contents**SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA**

The following tables present our selected historical consolidated financial and operating data for the periods and as of the dates indicated. Our selected historical consolidated financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Our selected historical consolidated financial data for each of the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 and as of December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements for such years, which have not been incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Our selected historical consolidated financial data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and 2010 are derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

In the opinion of our management, our unaudited historical consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as our audited historical consolidated financial statements and contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations for the relevant periods.

The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the entire year or any future period. The following tables should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the audited and unaudited historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes thereto included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 9, 2010 for the year ended December 31, 2009 and our Third Quarter 2010 Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,					As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009 (as restated)	2010
	(dollars in thousands)						
Statement of Operations Data:							
Cemetery revenues:							
Merchandise	\$ 54,421	\$ 58,219	\$ 74,509	\$ 90,968	\$ 87,836	\$ 65,460	\$ 68,576
Services	19,346	25,555	28,547	36,984	36,947	28,959	29,562
Investment and Other	24,095	25,221	31,476	31,623	33,055	25,156	25,241
Funeral home revenues:							
Merchandise	1,200	2,696	4,655	9,249	9,701	7,189	7,377
Services	1,598	3,422	6,127	14,714	13,665	10,223	10,781
Total revenues	100,660	115,113	145,314	183,448	181,203	136,987	141,537

Table of Contents

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,					As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	(as restated)	2010
(dollars in thousands, except per unit data)							
Cost of goods sold (exclusive of depreciation shown separately below):							
Perpetual care	2,575	3,109	3,553	4,326	4,727	3,658	3,727
Merchandise	11,323	11,583	16,118	18,556	17,120	13,017	12,572
Cemetery expense	20,942	24,344	30,767	41,651	41,246	30,450	34,840
Selling expense	20,072	23,186	29,245	34,806	34,123	25,177	27,381
General and administrative expense	10,553	12,801	15,684	21,372	22,498	16,687	18,086
Corporate overhead (1)	16,304	19,795	24,991	21,293	22,370	16,303	16,062
Depreciation and amortization	3,510	3,501	3,891	5,029	6,390	4,718	5,918
Funeral home expense:							
Merchandise	397	1,004	1,575	3,684	3,716	2,750	2,833
Services	1,082	2,285	4,198	9,073	9,275	6,895	6,884
Other	903	1,547	2,649	6,308	6,014	4,284	4,381
Acquisition related costs					2,292	2,099	4,823
Total costs and expenses	87,661	103,155	132,671	166,098	169,772	126,038	137,508
Operating profit	12,999	11,958	12,643	17,350	11,431	10,949	4,029
Other income and expense:							
Expenses related to refinancing (2)			157		2,242		
Gain (loss) on sale of funeral homes					434	475	
Gain on acquisitions					5,419	5,334	29,968
Increase (decrease) in fair value of interest rate swap					(2,681)		4,637
Interest expense	6,457	7,491	9,075	12,714	14,409	10,269	15,991
Income (loss) before income taxes	6,542	4,467	3,411	4,636	(2,048)	6,489	22,643
Income taxes (benefit):							
State	587	438	398	304	808	396	33
Federal	1,250	989	227	(224)	(2,668)	(1,448)	(2,716)
Total income taxes (benefit)	1,837	1,427	625	80	(1,860)	(1,052)	(2,683)
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,705	\$ 3,040	\$ 2,786	\$ 4,556	\$ (188)	\$ 7,541	\$ 25,326
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit (basic and diluted)	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.62	\$ 1.36
Weighted average number of limited partner units (basic and diluted)	8,526	8,831	9,107	11,809	12,034	11,891	13,649

Table of Contents

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31,					As of and for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	(as restated)	2010
	(dollars in thousands)						
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,925	\$ 9,914	\$ 13,800	\$ 7,068	\$ 13,479	\$ 9,369	\$ 17,958
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	29,991	22,968	32,063	33,090	37,113	36,449	42,917
Long-term accounts receivable, net of allowance	33,672	36,878					