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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 28, 2014
OR

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

For the transition period from _______ to _______
Commission File number 1-9273

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	75-1285071 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, CO (Address of principal executive offices)	80634-9038 (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (970) 506-8000
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ý No ¨
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ý No ¨
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer ý		Accelerated Filer	¨
Non-accelerated Filer	¨ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	¨

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ¨ No ý
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes ý No ¨
Number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock, $0.01 par value per share, as of October 29, 2014, was 259,029,033.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
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PILGRIM’S PRIDE CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 28, 2014	December 29, 2013
	(Unaudited)	
	(In thousands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	$868,597	$508,206
Investment in available-for-sale securities	—	96,902
Trade accounts and other receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts	413,402	376,678
Account receivable from JBS USA, LLC	240	2,388
Inventories	817,892	808,832
Income taxes receivable	—	64,868
Current deferred tax assets	2,227	2,227
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	77,393	61,848
Assets held for sale	1,419	7,033
Total current assets	2,181,170	1,928,982
Deferred tax assets	85,213	18,921
Other long-lived assets	30,766	40,163
Identified intangible assets, net	28,219	32,525
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,180,414	1,151,811
Total assets	$3,505,782	$3,172,402
Accounts payable	$383,779	$370,360
Account payable to JBS USA, LLC	1,969	3,934
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	307,153	283,355
Income taxes payable	176,153	—
Current deferred tax liabilities	15,070	15,515
Current maturities of long-term debt	260	410,234
Total current liabilities	884,384	1,083,398
Long-term debt, less current maturities	502,115	501,999
Deferred tax liabilities	—	13,944
Other long-term liabilities	88,490	80,459
Total liabilities	1,474,989	1,679,800
Common stock	2,590	2,590
Additional paid-in capital	1,656,623	1,653,119
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	424,305	(120,156)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(55,815)	(45,735)
Total Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation stockholders’ equity	2,027,703	1,489,818
Noncontrolling interest	3,090	2,784
Total stockholders’ equity	2,030,793	1,492,602
Total liabilities and stockholders’ equity	$3,505,782	$3,172,402

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

PILGRIM’S PRIDE CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net sales	$2,268,048	$ 2,142,815	$6,472,929	$ 6,363,863
Cost of sales	1,817,783	1,906,242	5,458,083	5,726,348
Gross profit	450,265	236,573	1,014,846	637,515
Selling, general and administrative expense	44,629	43,797	138,437	131,888
Administrative restructuring charges	135	3,658	2,286	4,622
Operating income	405,501	189,118	874,123	501,005
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	11,372	20,413	45,407	68,199
Interest income	(1,171)	(571)	(2,974)	(1,494)
Foreign currency transaction loss	6,414	2,682	4,932	4,771
Miscellaneous, net	(610)	(8)	(2,609)	(730)
Income before income taxes	389,496	166,602	829,367	430,259
Income tax expense	133,693	5,578	284,932	24,216
Net income	255,803	161,024	544,435	406,043
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(181)	107	(26)	(161)
Net income attributable to Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation	$255,984	$ 160,917	$544,461	$ 406,204
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding:				
Basic	258,999	258,826	258,966	258,825
Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents	523	560	482	341
Diluted	259,522	259,386	259,448	259,166
Net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per share of common stock outstanding:				
Basic	$0.99	$ 0.62	$2.10	$ 1.57
Diluted	$0.99	$ 0.62	$2.10	$ 1.57

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PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands)			
Net income	$255,803	$161,024	$544,435	$406,043
Other comprehensive income:				
Gain (loss) associated with available-for-sale securities, net of tax expense of $(10), $0, $(30) and $0, respectively	17	—	(12)	—
Gain (loss) associated with pension and other postretirement benefits, net of tax benefit of $396, $0, $6,105 and $0, respectively	(653)	313	(10,068)	36,114
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(636)	313	(10,080)	36,114
Comprehensive income	255,167	161,337	534,355	442,157
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(181)	107	(26)	(161)
Comprehensive income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	$255,348	$161,230	$534,381	$442,318

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PILGRIM’S PRIDE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited)

	Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation Stockholders						
	Common Stock						
	Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
	(In thousands)						
Balance at December 29, 2013	259,029	$2,590	$1,653,119	$ (120,156)	$ (45,735)	$ 2,784	$1,492,602
Net income	—	—	—	544,461	—	(26)	544,435
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(10,080)	—	(10,080)
Issuance of subsidiary common stock	—	—	—	—	—	332	332
Share-based compensation plans:							
Requisite service period recognition	—	—	3,504	—	—	—	3,504
Balance at September 28, 2014	259,029	$2,590	$1,656,623	$ 424,305	$ (55,815)	$ 3,090	$2,030,793
Balance at December 30, 2012	258,999	$2,590	$1,642,003	$ (669,711)	$ (68,511)	$ 2,626	$908,997
Net income	—	—	—	406,204	—	(161)	406,043
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					36,114		36,114
Share-based compensation plans:							
Common stock issued under compensation plans	30	—	—	—	—	—	—
Requisite service period recognition	—	—	2,415	—	—	—	2,415
Balance at September 29, 2013	259,029	2,590	$1,644,418	$ (263,507)	$ (32,397)	$ 2,465	$1,353,569

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PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	$544,435	$406,043
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	112,740	113,853
Foreign currency transaction loss	8,585	3,734
Accretion of bond discount	342	342
Asset impairment	—	3,457
Gain on property disposals	(1,112)	(509)
Gain on investment securities	(49)	—
Share-based compensation	3,504	2,415
Deferred income tax benefit	(79,619)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts and other receivables	(35,785)	(25,458)
Inventories	(10,339)	39,421
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(16,694)	(17,304)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	36,686	69,895
Income taxes	239,944	(1,818)
Deposits	—	1,898
Long-term pension and other postretirement obligations	(1,764)	(3,174)
Other operating assets and liabilities	1,534	3,921
Cash provided by operating activities	802,408	596,716
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(131,349)	(76,293)
Purchases of investment securities	(55,100)	—
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investment securities	152,050	—
Proceeds from property disposals	8,422	3,330
Cash used in investing activities	(25,977)	(72,963)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from revolving line of credit	—	505,600
Payments on revolving line of credit, long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	(410,199)	(758,283)
Sale of subsidiary common stock	332	—
Payment of capitalized loan costs	—	(5,006)
Cash used in financing activities	(409,867)	(257,689)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(6,173)	(3,928)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	360,391	262,136
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	508,206	68,180
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	$868,597	$330,316

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Business

Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation (referred to herein as “Pilgrim’s,” “PPC,” “the Company,” “we,” “us,” “our,” or similar terms) is o the largest chicken producers in the world, with operations in the United States (“U.S.”), Mexico and Puerto Rico. Pilgrim's products are sold to foodservice, retail and frozen entrée customers. The Company's primary distribution is through retailers, foodservice distributors and restaurants throughout the United States and Puerto Rico and in the northern and central regions of Mexico. Additionally, the Company exports chicken products to approximately 80 countries. Pilgrim's fresh chicken products consist of refrigerated (nonfrozen) whole chickens, whole cut-up chickens and selected chicken parts that are either marinated or non-marinated. The Company's prepared chicken products include fully cooked, ready-to-cook and individually frozen chicken parts, strips, nuggets and patties, some of which are either breaded or non-breaded and either marinated or non-marinated. As a vertically integrated company, we control every phase of the production of our products. We operate feed mills, hatcheries, processing plants and distribution centers in 12 U.S. states, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Pilgrim's has approximately 35,400 employees and has the capacity to process more than 34 million birds per week for a total of more than 10 billion pounds of live chicken annually. Approximately 3,750 contract growers supply poultry for the Company's operations. As of September 28, 2014, JBS USA Holdings, Inc. (“JBS USA”), an indirect subsidiary of Brazil-based JBS S.A., beneficially owned 75.5% of the Company's outstanding common stock.

Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (“U.S. GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring adjustments unless otherwise disclosed) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 28, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 28, 2014. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2013.

Pilgrim’s operates on a 52/53-week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday falling on or before December 31. The reader should assume any reference we make to a particular year (for example, 2014) in the notes to these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements applies to our fiscal year and not the calendar year.

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its majority-owned subsidiaries. We eliminate all significant affiliate accounts and transactions upon consolidation.

The Company measures the financial statements of its Mexico subsidiaries as if the U.S. dollar were the functional currency. Accordingly, we remeasure assets and liabilities, other than non-monetary assets, of the Mexico subsidiaries at current exchange rates. We remeasure non-monetary assets using the historical exchange rate in effect on the date of each asset’s acquisition. We remeasure income and expenses at average exchange rates in effect during the period. Currency exchange gains or losses are included in the line item Foreign currency transaction loss in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Reportable Segment

We operate in one reportable business segment, as a producer and seller of chicken products we either produce or purchase for resale.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when all of the following circumstances are satisfied: (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) price is fixed or determinable, (iii) collectability is reasonably assured and (iv) delivery has occurred. Delivery occurs in the period in which the customer takes title and assumes the risks and rewards of ownership of the products specified in the customer’s purchase order or sales agreement. Revenue is recorded net of estimated incentive offerings including special pricing agreements, promotions and other volume-based incentives. Revisions to these estimates are charged back to net sales in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known.

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Book Overdraft

The majority of the Company's disbursement bank accounts are zero balance accounts where cash needs are funded as checks are presented for payment by the holder. Checks issued pending clearance that result in overdraft balances for accounting purposes are classified as accounts payable and the change in the related balance is reflected in operating activities on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued new accounting guidance on revenue recognition, which provides for a single five-step model to be applied to all revenue contracts with customers. The new standard also requires additional financial statement disclosures that will enable users to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows relating to customer contracts. Companies have an option to use either a retrospective approach or cumulative effect adjustment approach to implement the standard. There is no option for early adoption. The provisions of the new guidance will be effective as of the beginning of our 2017 fiscal year. We are currently evaluating the impact of the new guidance on our financial statements and have not yet selected a transition approach to implement the standard.

2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value must be categorized into one of three different levels depending on the assumptions (i.e., inputs) used in the valuation:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
Level 2	Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability; or
Level 3	Unobservable inputs, such as discounted cash flow models or valuations.

The determination of where assets and liabilities fall within this hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

As of September 28, 2014 and December 29, 2013, the Company held certain items that were required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. These included derivative assets and liabilities and deferred compensation plan assets. Derivative assets and liabilities consist of long and short positions on exchange-traded commodity futures instruments. The Company maintains nonqualified deferred compensation plans for executives and other highly compensated employees. Investments are maintained within a trust and include money market funds, mutual funds and life insurance policies. The cash surrender value of the life insurance policies is invested primarily in mutual funds. The following items were measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	September 28, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(In thousands)			
Derivative assets - commodity futures instruments	$5,125	$—	$—	$5,125
Derivative assets - commodity options instruments	—	62	—	62
Derivative assets - foreign currency instruments	1,278	—	—	1,278
Deferred compensation plan assets	7,218	—	—	7,218
Derivative liabilities - commodity futures instruments	(5,350)	—	—	(5,350)
Derivative liabilities - commodity options instruments	—	(1,013)	—	(1,013)
Long-term debt and other borrowing arrangements:				
Public bonds and notes	525,335	—	—	525,335
Capitalized lease obligations	—	—	627	627

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	December 29, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(In thousands)			
Short-term investments in available-for-sale securities	$—	$96,902	$—	$96,902
Derivative assets - commodity futures instruments	1,494	—	—	1,494
Derivative assets - commodity options instruments	—	1,395	—	1,395
Derivative assets - foreign currency instruments	1,214	—	—	1,214
Deferred compensation plan assets	7,208	—	—	7,208
Derivative liabilities - commodity futures instruments	(1,728)	—	—	(1,728)
Long-term debt and other borrowing arrangements:				
Public bonds and notes	552,592	—	—	552,592
Term notes	—	—	424,650	424,650
Capitalized lease obligations	—	—	704	704

	Term Notes and Revolver		Capitalized Lease Obligations	
	Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended		Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013	September 28, 2014	September 29, 2013
Change in Value of Level 3 Liabilities:	(In thousands)			
Balance, beginning of period	$424,650	$686,435	$704	$880
Borrowings	—	509,500	—	—
Payments	(410,099)	(762,091)	(100)	(92)
Change in fair value inputs	(14,551)	(6,983)	23	—
Balance, end of period	$—	$426,861	$627	$788

The valuation of financial assets and liabilities classified in Level 1 is determined using a market approach, taking into account current interest rates, creditworthiness, and liquidity risks in relation to current market conditions, and is based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets. The valuation of financial assets and liabilities in Level 2 is determined using a market approach based upon quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or other inputs that are observable for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. The valuation of financial assets in Level 3 is determined using an income approach based on unobservable inputs such as discounted cash flow models or valuations.

In addition to the fair value disclosure requirements related to financial instruments carried at fair value, accounting standards require interim disclosures regarding the fair value of all of the Company’s financial instruments. The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments and any changes in methods or significant assumptions from prior periods are also required to be disclosed. The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of financial assets and liabilities recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets consisted of the following:

	September 28, 2014		December 29, 2013		
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Note Reference
		(In thousands)			
Short-term investments in available-for-sale securities	$—	$—	$96,902	$96,902	5
Derivative assets - commodity futures instruments	5,125	5,125	1,494	1,494	6
Derivative assets - commodity options instruments	62	62	1,395	1,395	6
Derivative assets - foreign currency instruments	1,278	1,278	1,214	1,214	6
Deferred compensation plan assets	7,218	7,218	7,208	7,208	

Derivative liabilities - commodity futures instruments	(5,350)	(5,350)	(1,728)	(1,728)	6
Derivative liabilities - commodity options instruments	(1,013)	(1,013)	—	—	6
Long-term debt and other borrowing arrangements	(502,376)	(525,962)	(912,233)	(977,946)	9

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Derivative assets were recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices and are included in the line item Prepaid expenses and other current assets on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. Deferred compensation plan assets were recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices and are included in the line item Other assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Derivative liabilities were recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices and are included in the line item Accrued expenses and other current liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The fair values of the Company's long-term debt and other borrowing arrangements were estimated by calculating the net present value of future payments for each debt obligation or borrowing by: (i) using a risk-free rate applicable for an instrument with a life similar to the remaining life of each debt obligation or borrowing plus the current estimated credit risk spread for the Company or (ii) using the quoted market price at September 28, 2014 or December 29, 2013, as applicable.

In addition to assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, the Company records certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Generally, assets are recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as a result of impairment charges when required by U.S. GAAP. There were no significant fair value measurement losses recognized for such assets and liabilities in the periods reported.

3. TRADE ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade accounts and other receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts, consisted of the following:

	September 28, 2014	December 29, 2013
	(In thousands)	
Trade accounts receivable	$405,520	$369,715
Account receivable from JBS USA, LLC	240	2,388
Employee receivables	—	14
Notes receivable - current	1,145	—
Other receivables	9,467	11,005
Receivables, gross	416,372	383,122
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,730)	(4,056)
Receivables, net	$413,642	$379,066

4. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following:

	September 28, 2014	December 29, 2013	
	(In thousands)		
Live chicken and hens	$384,120	$ 368,582	7,153,044

	Dividend Income	186,324	(17,851)(a)				168,473
	Interest Income	142,117	(3,043)(a)				139,074
	Interest Expense	(79,638)					(79,638)
	Total Investment Income (Loss)	**7,753,808**	**(272,595)**	**(100,260)**			**7,380,953**
Income (Loss) Before Taxes		**6,889,369**	**(269,267)**	**(361,038)**			**6,259,064**
Income Taxes		36,998		46,466(k)			83,464
Net Income (Loss)		**6,852,371**	**(269,267)**	**(407,504)**			**6,175,600**
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities		6,119,382	(42,158)(a)(b)		(882,138)(l)		5,195,086
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests held by KKR Holdings L.P.		(116,696)				857,276(m)	740,580
	Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR Group	**$ 849,685**	**$ (227,109)**	**$ (407,504)**	**$ 882,138**	**$ (857,276)**	**$ 239,934**

Holdings L.P.

Net Income Per Common Unit		
Basic	$	1.17(n)
Diluted	$	1.17(n)
Weighted Average Common Units		
Basic		204,902,226(n)
Diluted		204,902,226(n)

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Reorganization Adjustments

The Reorganization Adjustments give effect to the elimination of the controlling and economic interest in the general partners of the 1996 Fund and the elimination of the financial results of the following "Retained Interests:"

(i) economic interests that allocate to a former principal and such person's designees an aggregate of 1% of the carried interest received by the general partners of our private equity funds and 1% of our other profits (losses);

(ii) economic interests that allocate to certain of our former principals and their designees a portion of the carried interest received by the general partners of our private equity funds that was allocated to them with respect to private equity investments made during such former principals' previous tenure with us; and

(iii) economic interests that allocate to certain of our current and former principals all of the capital invested by or on behalf of the general partners of our private equity funds before the completion of the Transactions and any returns thereon.

(a) Reflects the elimination of the financial results of the general partners of the 1996 Fund, because the KKR Group Partnerships did not acquire an interest in those general partners in connection with the Reorganization Transactions. Those general partners are entitled to carried interests that allocate to them a percentage of the net profits generated on the fund's investments, subject to certain requirements. The funds also pay management fees to us in exchange for management and other services.

The elimination of the financial results of the general partners of the 1996 Fund resulted in (i) the recognition of $3,106 of fees from management fees paid by the 1996 Fund that had been eliminated in consolidation as an inter-company transaction, (ii) elimination of $222 of expenses, (iii) elimination of $251,701 of net gains (losses) from investment activities (iv) elimination of $17,851 of dividend income, (v) elimination of $3,043 of interest income and (vi) elimination of $202,105 of net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities, because those items are no longer reflected in our consolidated financial statements.

The following table illustrates the line items in the statement of operations affected by the exclusion of the 1996 Fund:

	For the Year ended December 31, 2009
Fees	$ 3,106
General, Administrative and Other	(222)
Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities	(251,701)
Dividend Income	(17,851)
Interest Income	(3,043)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities	(202,105)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Group Holdings	$ (67,162)

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Reorganization Adjustments (Continued)

(b)

Because capital investments made by or on behalf of the general partners of our private equity funds following the completion of the Reorganization Transactions are held by the KKR Group Partnerships, no pro forma adjustments have been made to the pro forma statements of operations to exclude the financial results of any capital investments made on or after January 1, 2009. The exclusion of such results related to investments made prior to January 1, 2009 and other adjustments for Retained Interests resulted in an increase to net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities of $159,947.

Other Adjustments

Equity-based Payments

In connection with the Transactions, our principals and certain operating consultants received interests in KKR Holdings, which owns KKR Group Partnership Units representing a 70% interest in our Combined Business. These interests are subject to minimum retained ownership requirements and transfer restrictions, and allow for the ability to exchange into units of KKR & Co. L.P. on a one-for-one basis.

Except for any interests in KKR Holdings that vested on the date of grant, interests in KKR Holdings that time vest will vest in installments over a five-year period from the grant date. Interests that are subject to performance based vesting criteria may be subject to additional time based vesting requirements that begin when performance criteria have been met. The transfer restriction period will last for a minimum of (i) one year with respect to one-half of the interests vesting on any vesting date and (ii) two years with respect to the other one-half of the interests vesting on such vesting date.

(c)

KKR Holdings Principal Units Interests in KKR Holdings received by principals give rise to periodic employee compensation charges in our statement of operations based on the grant-date fair value of $9.35 per unit. For interests that vested on the grant date, compensation expense is recognized on the date of grant based on the fair value of a unit (determined using the closing price of KKR Guernsey units) on the grant date multiplied by the number of vested interests.

Compensation expense recognized on unvested interests in KKR Holdings is calculated based on the fair value of a unit (determined using the closing price of KKR Guernsey units) on the grant date, discounted for the lack of participation rights in the expected distributions on unvested interests, which ranges from 1% to 32%, multiplied by the number of unvested interests on the grant date. Additionally, the calculation of compensation expense on unvested interests assumes a forfeiture rate of up to 3% annually based upon expected turnover by employee class.

The net pro forma adjustment to employee compensation and benefits relating to KKR Holdings principal units was $190,411, comprised of the inclusion of $465,206 of recurring periodic vesting charges and the exclusion of $274,795 of non-recurring grant date vesting charges.

(d)

KKR Holdings Operating Consultant Units Interests in KKR Holdings granted to operating consultants give rise to periodic general, administrative and other charges in our statement of operations. For interests that vested on the grant date, expense is recognized on the date of grant based on the fair value of a unit (determined using the closing price of KKR Guernsey units) on the grant date multiplied by the number of vested interests.

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Other Adjustments (Continued)

General, administrative and other expense recognized on unvested units is calculated based on the fair value of an interest in KKR Holdings (determined using the closing price of KKR Guernsey's units) on each reporting date and subsequently adjusted for the actual fair value of the award at each vesting date. Accordingly, the measured value of these interests will not be finalized until each vesting date. Additionally, the calculation of the compensation expense assumes a forfeiture rate of up to 3% annually based upon expected turnover by class of operating consultant.

The net pro forma adjustment to general, administrative and other expense relating to KKR Holdings Operating Consultant Units was $(2,994) comprised of the inclusion of $56,477 of recurring periodic vesting charges and the exclusion of $59,471 of non-recurring grant date vesting charges.

(e)

Profit Sharing Charges We have implemented profit sharing arrangements for our principals and certain operating consultants working in our businesses and across our different operations that are designed to appropriately align performance and compensation. Subsequent to the Transactions, with respect to our active and future funds and vehicles that provide for carried interest, we will allocate to our principals, and certain operating consultants a portion of the carried interest earned in relation to these funds as part of our carry pool. As it relates to the profit sharing arrangement with our employees, these amounts are accounted for as compensatory in conjunction with the related carried interest income and recorded as compensation expense. As it relates to the profit sharing arrangement with certain operating consultants, these amounts are accounted for in the same manner, but classified as general administrative and other expense.

The net pro forma adjustment related to the allocations to our carry pool was (i) $(25,088) to employee compensation and benefits expense comprised of the inclusion of $101,983 of recurring carry pool allocations and the exclusion of $127,071 of non-recurring charges associated with establishing the carry pool allocation on October 1, 2009; and (ii) $(627) to general, administrative and other expense comprised of the inclusion of $2,549 of recurring carry pool allocations and the exclusion of $3,176 of non-recurring charges associated with establishing the carry pool allocation on October 1, 2009.

In addition, we have historically allocated a percentage of carry to a profit sharing plan for our other employees and advisors. These charges have historically been borne by us and have been recorded in employee compensation and benefits for amounts due to employees and general administrative and other expense or fund expenses for amounts due to advisors. Subsequent to the Transactions, the costs associated with this plan will be borne pro-rata by the respective parties receiving the carried interest. As such, a non-recurring benefit related to the pro rata share of the liability not borne by us was recorded in the corresponding line items in the statement of financial condition and statement of operations.

The net pro forma adjustment related to this profit sharing plan was (i) a charge of $4,269 to employee compensation and benefits expense; (ii) a charge of $608 to general, administrative and other expense; and (iii) a charge of $1,154 to fund expense.

(f)

Discretionary compensation and discretionary allocations Certain principals who hold interests in KKR Holdings are expected to be allocated, on a discretionary basis, distributions received by KKR Holdings on KKR Group Partnership Units. These discretionary amounts are expected to be made annually and result in principals receiving amounts in excess of their vested equity interests.

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(All Dollars in Thousands)

Other Adjustments (Continued)

Even though these amounts are borne only by KKR Holdings, any amounts in excess of a principal's vested equity interests are reflected as employee compensation and benefits expense due to the fact that unvested interests do not carry distribution participation rights.

These compensation charges amounted to $56,480 for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(g)

Other compensation adjustments Historically, our employee compensation and benefits expense consisted of base salaries and bonuses paid to employees who were not our senior principals. Payments made to our senior principals included partner distributions which were accounted for as capital distributions. Following the completion of the Transactions, all of our senior principals and other employees receive a base salary that is paid by us and accounted for as employee compensation and benefits expense. Our employees are also eligible to receive discretionary cash bonuses based on performance criteria, our overall profitability and other matters.

The pro forma adjustment to reflect the exclusion of certain employee bonuses and the inclusion of senior principals' salaries amounted to $(12,750).

(h)

KKR Holdings Equity Plan In connection with the Transactions, 10,245,057 restricted equity units were granted by KKR Holdings to our employees and advisors. The vesting of these equity units is contingent on our common units becoming listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange or another U.S. exchange. As of December 31, 2009, this contingency had not occurred and accordingly, no compensation expense was recorded in our historical financial statements. On a pro forma basis, these awards were accounted for as equity awards assuming a share price equal to that of KKR Guernsey units on the grant date of $9.35.

The expense related to the vesting of equity awards granted to employees is reflected as employee compensation and benefits expense on a graded basis assuming a forfeiture rate of 3% per year and amounted to $45,427.

(i)

Reflects the inclusion of general, administrative and other expenses incurred by KKR Guernsey in the amount of $3,888.

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Other Adjustments (Continued)

The following table summarizes the effects of the other pro forma adjustments described in notes (c) (i) above on employee compensation and benefits expense, general, administrative and other expense, and fund expense in the statement of operations:

Employee Compensation and Benefits Adjustments		
(c) Net impact of vesting of employee units in KKR Holdings	$	190,411
(e) Net impact of allocation to carry pool		(25,088)
(e) Net impact of profit sharing adjustments		4,269
(f) Discretionary compensation and discretionary allocation of distributions on Group Partnership Units received by KKR Holdings		56,480
(g) Net impact of exclusion of certain employee bonuses and the inclusion of senior principals' salaries		(12,750)
(h) Non-cash charges related to vesting of restricted equity units		45,427
Total pro forma adjustment to employee compensation and benefits expense	$	258,749
General Administrative and Other Adjustments		
(d) Net impact of vesting of operating consultant units in KKR Holdings	$	(2,994)
(e) Net impact of allocation to carry pool		(627)
(e) Net impact of profit sharing adjustments		608
(i) Addition of KKR Guernsey expenses		3,888
Total pro forma adjustment to general administrative and other expense	$	875
Fund Expenses Adjustments		
(e) Net impact of profit sharing adjustments	$	1,154

(j)

Contingent Repayment Guarantees The instruments governing our private equity funds generally include a "clawback" provision that, if triggered, may give rise to a contingent obligation of the general partners to return or contribute amounts to the fund for distribution to the limited partners at the end of the life of the fund. Under a "clawback" provision, upon the liquidation of a fund, the general partner is required to return, on an after-tax basis, previously distributed carry to the extent that, due to the diminished performance of later investments, the aggregate amount of carry distributions received by the general partner during the term of the fund exceeds the amount to which the general partner was ultimately entitled. Changes in the underlying value of the KKR Funds impact the clawback amounts due.

Based on the terms of the Transaction, our principals remain responsible for a portion of the clawback obligation relating to carry distributions received prior to the Transactions up to a maximum of $223.6 million. As a result of this arrangement, we have recorded an adjustment of $(100,260) to offset the income associated with the decrease in the clawback liability as this liability is an obligation of our principals and not us.

(k)

We have historically operated as a group of partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, in the case of certain entities located outside the United States, corporate entities for foreign income tax purposes. Because most of the entities in our consolidated group are taxed as

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Other Adjustments (Continued)

partnerships, our income is generally allocated to, and the resulting tax liability is generally borne by, our partners and we generally are not taxed at the entity level.

Following the Transactions, the KKR Group Partnerships and their subsidiaries continue to operate as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, in the case of certain entities located outside the United States, corporate entities for foreign income tax purposes. Accordingly, those entities will continue to be subject to New York City unincorporated business taxes ("UBT") or foreign income taxes. Certain of the KKR Group Partnership Units owned by us, however, are held through an intermediate holding company that is taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and subject to additional entity level taxes. As a result of this holding structure, we will record an additional provision for corporate income taxes that will reflect our current and deferred tax liability relating to the taxable earnings allocated to such entity.

The amount of the adjustment reflects the difference between the actual tax provision for the historical organizational structure and the estimated tax provision that would have resulted had the Transactions been effected on January 1, 2009. This amounted to $(2,783) of foreign and unincorporated business taxes and $49,249 of state and federal taxes.

For a discussion of pending legislation that may preclude us from qualifying for treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, see "Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Congress in various forms that, if enacted, (i) could preclude us from qualifying as a partnership and/or (ii) could tax carried interest as ordinary income for U.S. federal income tax purposes and require us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If this or any similar legislation or regulation were to be enacted and apply to us, we would incur a material increase in our tax liability that could result in a reduction in the market price of our common units."

Adjustments for the Combination Transaction

(l)
Reflects the exclusion of noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities representing interests in the KPE Investment Partnership, which became wholly owned by the KKR Group Partnerships beginning on October 1, 2009. For the year ended December 31, 2009, on a pro forma basis, the exclusion of these non-controlling interests resulted in net benefits accounted for as noncontrolling interests in income (loss) of consolidated entities of $882,138.

Allocation to KKR Holdings

(m)
Reflects the inclusion of new noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities representing the KKR Group Partnership Units that are held by KKR Holdings subsequent to the completion of the Transactions on October 1, 2009. For the year ended December 31, 2009, on a pro forma basis, the inclusion of these noncontrolling interests resulted in net charges accounted for as noncontrolling interests held by KKR Holdings of $857,276.

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Determination of Earnings Per Common Unit

(n)

Pro forma basic and diluted net income per common unit were computed in the following manner.

	Year Ended December 31, 2009	
	Basic and Diluted	
Net income available to holders of common units	$	239,934
Total common units outstanding		204,902,226
Net income per common unit	$	1.17

We are party to an exchange agreement with KKR Holdings in connection with the Reorganization Transactions pursuant to which KKR Holdings or certain transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units may, up to four times each year, exchange KKR Group Partnership Units held by them (together with corresponding special voting units) for our common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications and compliance with applicable lock-up, vesting and transfer restrictions. If the Group Partnership Units held by KKR Holdings were to be exchanged for common units, fully diluted common units outstanding would be 683,007,420. In computing the dilutive effect, if any, that the exchange of KKR Group Partnership Units would have on earnings per unit, we consider that net income available to holders of common units would increase due to the elimination of the noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities associated with the KKR Group Partnership Units (including any tax impact).

For the year ended December 31, 2009, we have presented identical basic and fully diluted earnings per unit as the assumed exchange was anti-dilutive.

Pro Forma Segment Results

We operate through three reportable business segments. These segments are differentiated primarily by their investment focuses and strategies and consist of Private Markets, Public Markets, and

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Pro Forma Segment Results (Continued)

Capital Markets and Principal Activities. The following table presents the financial data for our reportable segments on a pro forma basis for the year ended December 31, 2009:

	Private Markets Segment	Public Markets Segment	Capital Markets and Principal Activities Segment	Total Reportable Segments
Fees				
Management and incentive fees:				
Management fees	$ 387,112	$ 50,604	$	$ 437,716
Incentive fees		4,472		4,472
Management and incentive fees	387,112	55,076		442,188
Monitoring and transaction fees:				
Monitoring fees	158,243			158,243
Transaction fees	57,699		34,129	91,828
Fee credits(1)	(73,901)			(73,901)
Net monitoring and transaction fees	142,041		34,129	176,170
Total fees	529,153	55,076	34,129	618,358
Expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	136,465	22,677	9,455	168,597
Other operating expenses	175,736	20,587	6,021	202,344
Total expenses	312,201	43,264	15,476	370,941
Fee Related Earnings	**216,952**	**11,812**	**18,653**	**247,417**
Investment income (loss)				
Gross carried interest	602,427			602,427
Less: allocation to our carry pool(2)	(153,827)			(153,827)
Less: management fee refunds(3)	(22,720)			(22,720)
Net carried interest	425,880			425,880
Other investment income (loss)	20,621	(5,259)	1,267,976	1,283,338
Total investment income	446,501	(5,259)	1,267,976	1,709,218
Income (Loss) before noncontrolling interests in Income of consolidated entities	663,453	6,553	1,286,629	1,956,635
Income (Loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests(4)	1,973	109	609	2,691

Economic Net Income (Loss)	**$ 661,480**	**$ 6,444**	**$ 1,286,020**	**$ 1,953,944**

(1) Our agreements with the limited partners of certain investment funds require us to share with such limited partners a portion of any monitoring and transaction fees received from portfolio companies and allocable to their funds ("Fee Credits"). Fee Credits exclude fees that are not attributable to a fund's interest in a portfolio company and generally amount to 80% of monitoring and transaction fees allocable to the fund after related expenses are recovered.

(2) With respect to our active and future investment funds and vehicles that provide for carried interest, we will allocate to our principals, other professionals and selected other individuals who

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Pro Forma Segment Results (Continued)

work in these operations a portion of the carried interest earned in relation to these funds as part of our carry pool.

(3)

Certain of our investment funds require that we refund up to 20% of any cash management fees earned from limited partners in the event that the funds recognize a carried interest. At such time as the fund recognizes a carried interest in an amount sufficient to cover 20% of the management fees earned or a portion thereof, carried interest is reduced, not to exceed 20% of management fees earned.

(4)

Represents economic interests that will (i) allocate to a former principal an aggregate of 1% of profits and losses of our management companies until a future date and (ii) allocate to a third party investor an aggregate of 2% of the equity in our capital markets business.

The reconciliation of pro forma economic net income (loss) to net income (loss) attributable to Group Holdings as reported in the unaudited pro forma statement of operations consists of the following:

	Year Ended December 31, 2009
Pro forma economic net income (loss)	$ 1,953,944
Income taxes	(83,464)
Amortization of intangibles	(3,788)
Costs relating to the Transactions(a)	(34,846)
Non-cash share based charges	(851,697)
Allocations to former principals	365
Allocation to noncontrolling interests held by KKR Holdings	(740,580)
Pro forma net income (loss) attributable to Group Holdings	$ 239,934

(a)

During the year ended December 31, 2009, other operating expenses in our Private Markets segment excluded $34.8 million incurred in connection with the Transactions. We have excluded this charge from our segment financial information as such amount will be not be considered when assessing the performance of, or allocating resources to, each of its business segments and is non-recurring in nature. In the statement of operations, this charge is included in general, administrative and other expenses.

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SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATA

The following tables set forth our selected historical consolidated and combined financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. We derived the selected historical consolidated and combined data as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the audited combined financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We derived the selected historical combined data as of December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 from our audited combined financial statements which are not included in this prospectus. You should read the following data together with the "Organizational Structure," "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated and combined financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2005	**2006**	**2007**	**2008**	**2009**
Statement of Operations Data:					
Fees	$ 232,945	$ 410,329	$ 862,265	$ 235,181	$ 331,271
Less: Total Expenses	168,291	267,466	440,910	418,388	1,195,710
Total Investment Income (Loss)	3,740,899	4,000,922	1,991,783	(12,865,239)	7,753,808
Income (Loss) Before Taxes	3,805,553	4,143,785	2,413,138	(13,048,446)	6,889,369
Income Taxes	2,900	4,163	12,064	6,786	36,998
Net Income (Loss)	3,802,653	4,139,622	2,401,074	(13,055,232)	6,852,371
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities	2,870,035	3,039,677	1,598,310	(11,850,761)	6,119,382
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests Held by KKR Holdings					(116,696)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Group Holdings(1)	$ 932,618	$ 1,099,945	$ 802,764	$ (1,204,471)	$ 849,685
Statement of Financial Condition Data (period end):					
Total assets	$ 13,369,412	$ 23,292,783	$ 32,842,796	$ 22,441,030	$ 30,221,111
Total liabilities	$ 418,778	$ 1,281,923	$ 2,575,636	$ 2,590,673	$ 2,859,630
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities	$ 11,518,013	$ 20,318,440	$ 28,749,814	$ 19,698,478	$ 23,275,272
Noncontrolling interests held by KKR Holdings	$	$	$	$	$ 3,072,360
Total Group Holdings partners' capital(2)	$ 1,432,621	$ 1,692,420	$ 1,517,346	$ 151,879	$ 1,013,849

(1) Subsequent to the Transactions, net income (loss) attributable to Group Holdings reflects only those amounts that are allocable to KKR Guernsey's 30% interest in our Combined Business. Net income (loss) that is allocable to our principals' 70% interest in our Combined Business is reflected in net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests held by KKR Holdings.

(2) Total Group Holdings partners' capital reflects only the portion of equity attributable to Group Holdings (reflecting KKR Guernsey's 30% interest in our Combined Business) and differs from partners' capital reported on a segment basis primarily as a result of the exclusion of the following items from our segment presentation: (i) the impact of income taxes; (ii) charges relating to the amortization of intangible assets; (iii) non-cash equity based charges; and (iv) allocations of equity to KKR Holdings. For a reconciliation to the $4,152.9 million of partners' capital reported on a segment basis, please see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Segment Partners' Capital." KKR Holdings' 70% interest in our Combined Business is reflected as noncontrolling interests held by KKR Holdings and is not included in total Group Holdings partners' capital.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated and combined financial statements of Group Holdings and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. The historical combined financial data discussed below reflects the historical results and financial position of KKR. While the historical combined financial statements of KKR are the historical financial statements of the Combined Business following the completion of the Transactions, the data does not give effect to the Transactions and is not necessarily representative of our results and financial condition. See "Organizational Structure" and "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information." In addition, this discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements and involves numerous risks and uncertainties, including those described under "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors." Actual results may differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Overview

Led by Henry Kravis and George Roberts, we are a global alternative asset manager with $52.2 billion in AUM as of December 31, 2009 and a 34-year history of leadership, innovation and investment excellence. When our founders started our firm in 1976, they established the principles that guide our business approach today, including a patient and disciplined investment process; the alignment of our interests with those of our investors, portfolio companies and other stakeholders; and a focus on attracting world-class talent.

Our business offers a broad range of asset management services to our investors and provides capital markets services to our firm, our portfolio companies and our clients. Throughout our history, we have consistently been a leader in the private equity industry, having completed more than 170 private equity investments with a total transaction value in excess of $425 billion. In recent years, we have grown our firm by expanding our geographical presence and building businesses in new areas, such as fixed income and capital markets. Our new efforts build on our core principles, leverage synergies in our business, and allow us to capitalize on a broader range of opportunities that we source. Additionally, we have increased our focus on servicing our existing investors and have invested meaningfully in developing relationships with new investors.

With over 600 people, we conduct our business through 14 offices on four continents, providing us with a pre-eminent global platform for sourcing transactions, raising capital and carrying out capital markets activities. We have grown our AUM significantly, from $15.1 billion as of December 31, 2004 to $52.2 billion as of December 31, 2009, representing a compounded annual growth rate of 28.1%. Our growth has been driven by value that we have created through our operationally focused investment approach, the expansion of our existing businesses, our entry into new lines of business, innovation in the products that we offer investors, an increased focus on providing tailored solutions to our clients and the integration of capital markets distribution activities.

As a global alternative asset manager, we earn management, monitoring, transaction and incentive fees for providing investment management, monitoring and other services to our funds, vehicles, managed accounts, specialty finance company and portfolio companies, and we generate transaction-specific income from capital markets transactions. We earn additional investment income from investing our own capital alongside our investors and from the carried interest we receive from funds and vehicles. A carried interest entitles the sponsor of a fund to a specified percentage of investment gains that are generated on third-party capital that is invested.

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Business Segments

Private Markets

Our Private Markets segment is comprised of our global private equity business, which manages and sponsors a group of investment funds and vehicles that invest capital for long-term appreciation, either through controlling ownership of a company or strategic minority positions. These funds and vehicles build on our sourcing advantage and the strong industry knowledge, operating expertise and regulatory and stakeholder management skills of our professionals, operating consultants and senior advisors to identify attractive investment opportunities and create and realize value for investors.

From our inception through December 31, 2009, we have raised 15 investment funds with approximately $59.7 billion of capital commitments and have sponsored a number of fee and carry paying co-investment structures that allow us to commit additional capital to transactions. As of December 31, 2009, the segment had $38.8 billion of AUM and its actively investing funds included geographically differentiated investment funds and vehicles with over $13.7 billion of uncalled commitments, providing a significant source of capital that may be deployed globally.

Public Markets

Our Public Markets segment is comprised primarily of our fixed income businesses which manage capital in liquid credit strategies, such as leveraged loans and high yield bonds, and less liquid credit products, such as mezzanine debt and capital solutions investments. Our capital solutions effort focuses on special situations investing, including rescue financing, distressed investing, debtor-in-possession financing and exit financing.

As of December 31, 2009, the segment had $13.4 billion of AUM, including $0.9 billion of assets managed in a publicly traded specialty finance company, $8.1 billion of assets managed in structured finance vehicles and $4.4 billion of assets managed in other types of investment vehicles and separately managed accounts. This AUM includes $0.8 billion of uncalled commitments to this segment.

Capital Markets and Principal Activities

Our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment combines the assets we acquired in the Combination Transaction with our global capital markets business. Our capital markets business supports our firm, our portfolio companies and our clients by providing tailored capital markets advice and developing and implementing both traditional and non-traditional capital solutions for investments and companies seeking financing. Our capital markets services include arranging debt and equity financing for transactions, placing and underwriting securities offerings, structuring new investment products and providing capital markets services.

The assets that we acquired in the Combination Transaction have provided us with a significant source of capital to further grow and expand our business, increase our participation in our existing portfolio of businesses and further align our interests with those of our investors and other stakeholders. We believe that the market experience and skills of our capital markets professionals and the investment expertise of professionals in our Private Markets and Public Markets segments will allow us to continue to grow and diversify this asset base over time.

Business Environment

As a global alternative asset manager, we are affected by financial and economic conditions in the United States, Europe, Asia and elsewhere in the world. Although the diversity of our operations and product lines has allowed us to generate attractive returns in different business climates, business conditions characterized by low or declining interest rates and strong equity markets generally provide a more positive environment for us to generate attractive returns on existing investments. We may benefit, however, from periods of market volatility and disruption which allow us to use our large capital base and experience with troubled companies to make investments at attractive prices and on favorable terms.

Beginning in the second half of 2007 and throughout 2008 and the first half of 2009, global financial markets experienced significant disruptions and the United States and many other economies experienced a prolonged economic downturn, resulting in heightened credit risk, reduced valuation of investments and decreased economic activity. Concerns over the availability and cost of credit, the mortgage market, a declining real estate market, inflation, energy costs and geopolitical issues contributed to increased volatility and diminished expectations for the economy and the financial markets.

Market conditions began to show initial signs of recovery in the last several months of 2009. Most global equity and debt markets moved higher in the second half of 2009 in anticipation of sustained economic recovery. Emerging markets experienced the greatest increase consistent with their generally more favorable economic growth prospects as compared with the United States and Europe. Credit markets experienced similar significant improvement, fueled by improving economic data and a significant increase in demand and liquidity, as credit spreads tightened and implied default rates declined. Recent U.S. economic data have been improving and stabilizing in part, as unemployment rates began to stabilize since October 2009 and the gross domestic product has returned to growth in the latter part of 2009.

While economic conditions have recently improved, that trend may not continue and the extent of the current economic improvement is unknown. Equity values still remain below the values achieved in 2007 and there currently is less debt and equity capital available in the market relative to the levels available in the past. Even if growth continues, it may be at a slow rate for an extended period of time and other economic conditions, such as the residential and commercial real estate environment and employment rates, may continue to be weak. In addition, some economists believe that steps taken by national governments to stabilize financial markets and improve economic conditions could lead to an inflationary environment. Furthermore, financial markets, while somewhat less volatile than in early 2009, may again experience significant disruption.

Market Conditions

Our ability to grow our revenue and net income depends on our ability to continue to attract capital and investors, secure investment opportunities, obtain financing for transactions, consummate investments and deliver attractive investment returns. These factors are impacted by a number of market conditions, including:

- The strength and competitive dynamics of the alternative asset management industry, including the amount of capital invested in, and withdrawn from, alternative investments. Our share of the capital that is allocated to alternative assets depends on the strength of our investment performance relative to the investment performance of our competitors. The amount of capital that we attract and our investment returns directly affect the level of our AUM, which in turn affects the fees, carried interest and other amounts that we earn in connection with our asset management activities.

- The strength and liquidity of debt markets. Our private equity funds use debt financing to fund portfolio company acquisitions, while our fixed income funds make significant investments in debt instruments and, in some cases, use varying degrees of leverage to enhance returns and fund working capital. As a result, our business generally benefits from strong and liquid debt markets that support our funds' investment activities, although periods of market volatility and disruption may create attractive investment opportunities, particularly for fixed income funds.

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As discussed above, significant deterioration in the debt markets that began in the third quarter of 2007 and continued through 2009 has had a negative impact on our business. Among other effects, these developments increased the cost and difficulty of financing leveraged buyout transactions thereby significantly reducing private equity activity and impacted valuations and returns of fixed income funds. Increases in rates and spreads along with restrictive covenants, could further impact returns by making debt financing less readily available and more expensive for private equity investments. However, during this period, our portfolio companies have also had opportunities to refinance and in several cases have refinanced certain tranches of their debt. We have also had opportunities to make attractive investments for our fixed income business.

The strength and liquidity of equity markets. Strong equity market conditions enable our private equity funds to increase the value and effect realizations of their portfolio company investments. Equity market conditions also affect the carried interest that we receive. After a prolonged period of positive performance and liquidity, equity markets experienced considerable declines and volatility in the United States and in other markets in the second half of 2007 and throughout 2008. The U.S., European and Asian economies experienced significant declines in employment, household wealth, and lending, which has further negatively impacted equity markets until recently. Negative market conditions make it more difficult for us to exit private equity investments profitably through offerings in the public markets. Equity markets, however, stabilized and showed signs of recovery in the latter half of 2009, allowing us to partially exit certain investments through the public markets, though it is uncertain whether such markets will remain accessible.

Market volatility within the debt and equity markets increases both the opportunities and risks within our segments and directly affects the performance of our funds. Similarly, fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, if not suitably hedged, may affect the performance of our funds. Historical trends in these markets are not necessarily indicative of our future performance. While conditions in the United States and global economies have begun to improve recently, continued volatility in the equity markets and uncertainty in the debt markets have made it more challenging to profit from investments. If these conditions continue, their negative impact on our business may become more pronounced.

For a more detailed description of the manner in which economic and financial market conditions may materially affect the results of operations and financial condition of the Combined Business, see "Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business."

The Combination Transaction and Reorganization Transactions

On October 1, 2009, we completed the acquisition of all of the assets and liabilities of KKR Guernsey and, in connection with such acquisition, completed a series of transactions pursuant to which the business of KKR was reorganized into a holding company structure. We refer to these transactions as the "Transactions." Following the Transactions, KKR Guernsey holds a 30% economic interest in our Combined Business through Group Holdings and our principals hold a 70% economic interest in our Combined Business through KKR Holdings. Our senior principals also control us through their control of our Managing Partner. The Combination Transaction did not involve the payment of any cash consideration or involve an offering of any newly issued securities to the public, and it did not change KKR Guernsey unitholders' holdings of KKR Guernsey units.

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Pro Forma Information

Due to the differences described above, our consolidated and combined financial statements and related historical data included in this prospectus are not necessarily representative of our future results of operations and financial condition. To provide additional information illustrating the impact that the changes described above have on our results of operations, we have presented elsewhere in this prospectus unaudited pro forma financial information for the year ended December 31, 2009. This data gives pro forma effect to the Transactions and certain other arrangements entered into in connection therewith as if such transactions and arrangements had been completed as of January 1, 2009. Such information has been included for informational purposes only and does not purport to reflect the results of operations that would have occurred had the transactions referred to above occurred on the dates indicated. See "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information."

Basis of Financial Presentation

In accordance with GAAP, a substantial number of our funds are consolidated notwithstanding the fact that we hold only a minority economic interest in those funds. Consolidated funds consist of those funds in which we hold a general partner or managing member interest that gives us substantive controlling rights over such funds. With respect to our consolidated funds, we generally have operational discretion and control over the funds and investors do not hold any substantive rights that would enable them to impact the funds' ongoing governance and operating activities.

When a fund is consolidated, we reflect the assets, liabilities, fees, expenses, investment income and cash flows of the consolidated fund on a gross basis. The majority of the economic interests in the consolidated fund, which are held by third party investors, are reflected as noncontrolling interests. While the consolidation of a consolidated fund does not have an effect on the amounts of net income attributable to Group Holdings' or Group Holdings' partners' capital that Group Holdings reports, the consolidation does significantly impact the financial statement presentation. This is due to the fact that the assets, liabilities, fees, expenses and investment income of the consolidated funds are reflected on a gross basis while the allocable share of those amounts that are attributable to noncontrolling interests are reflected as single line items. The single line items in which the assets, liabilities, fees, expenses and investment income attributable to noncontrolling interests are recorded are presented as noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities on the statements of financial condition and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities on the statements of operations.

Historically, the noncontrolling interests attributable to the ownership of the KPE Investment Partnership by KPE were included in our financial statements. These noncontrolling interests were removed from the financial statements on October 1, 2009, because these interests were contributed to the KKR Group Partnerships in the Transactions. Subsequent to the Transactions, the KKR Group Partnerships hold 100% of the economic and controlling interests in the KPE Investment Partnership. Therefore, we continue to consolidate the KPE Investment Partnership and its economic interests are no longer reflected as noncontrolling interests as of the date of the Transactions.

Key Financial Measures

Fees

Fees consist primarily of (i) monitoring and transaction fees from providing advisory and other services to our portfolio companies, (ii) management and incentive fees from providing investment management services to unconsolidated funds, a specialty finance company, structured finance vehicles, and separately managed accounts, and (iii) fees from capital markets activities. These fees are based on the contractual terms of the governing agreements. A substantial portion of monitoring and transaction fees earned in connection with managing portfolio companies are shared with fund investors.

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Reported fees do not include the management fees that we earn from consolidated funds, because those fees are eliminated in consolidation. However, because those management fees are earned from, and funded by, third-party investors who hold noncontrolling interests in the consolidated funds, net income attributable to Group Holdings is increased by the amount of the management fees that are eliminated in consolidation. Accordingly, while the consolidation of funds impacts the amount of fees that are recognized in our financial statements, it does not affect the ultimate amount of net income attributable to Group Holdings or Group Holdings' partners' capital.

Expenses

Employee Compensation and Benefits Expense

Employee compensation and benefits expense includes salaries, bonuses, equity-based compensation and profit sharing plans as described below.

Historically, our employee compensation and benefits expense has consisted of base salaries and bonuses paid to employees who were not our senior principals. Payments made to our senior principals included partner distributions that were paid to our senior principals and accounted for as capital distributions rather than employee compensation and benefits expense. Accordingly, we did not record any employee compensation and benefits charges for payments made to our senior principals for periods prior to the completion of the Transactions.

Following the completion of the Transactions, all of our senior principals and other employees receive a base salary that is paid by us and accounted for as employee compensation and benefits expense. Our employees are also eligible to receive discretionary cash bonuses based on performance criteria, our overall profitability and other matters. While cash bonuses paid to most employees are funded by us and result in customary employee compensation and benefits charges, cash bonuses that are paid to certain of our most senior employees are funded by KKR Holdings with distributions that it receives on its KKR Group Partnership Units. To the extent that distributions received by these individuals exceed the amounts that they are otherwise entitled to through their vested interests in KKR Holdings, this excess will be funded by KKR Holdings and reflected in compensation expense in the statement of operations. KKR Holdings has also funded all of the equity and equity-based awards that have been granted to our employees to date.

While we do not bear the economic costs associated with the equity and equity-based grants that KKR Holdings has made to our employees or the cash bonuses that it pays to any of our executives with distributions received on its KKR Group Partnership Units, we are required to recognize employee compensation and benefits expense with respect to a significant portion of these items. Because these amounts are funded by KKR Holdings and not by us, these expenses represent non-cash charges for us and do not impact our distributable earnings.

We recognize non-cash charges relating to equity and equity-based grants that are funded by KKR Holdings based on the grant-date fair value of the award. Awards that do not require the satisfaction of future service or performance criteria (vested awards) are expensed immediately. Awards that require the satisfaction of future service or performance criteria are expensed over the relevant service period, adjusted for the lack of distribution participation and estimated forfeitures of awards not expected to vest. Because a portion of the awards that were granted by KKR Holdings were vested upon issuance, we incurred a significant one-time, non-cash employee compensation and benefits charge in our financial statements during the fourth quarter of 2009 relating to initial equity grants. We expect to record additional non-cash charges in future periods as and when interests in KKR Holdings vest.

In addition, we are permitted to allocate to our principals, other professionals and selected other individuals a portion of the carried interest that we earn from our current and future funds that provide for carried interest payments. As and when investment income is recognized with respect to this carried interest, we record a corresponding amount of employee compensation and benefits

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expense. See "Organizational Structure Components of Our Business Owned by the KKR Group Partnerships."

General, Administrative and Other Expense

General, administrative and other expense consists primarily of professional fees paid to legal advisors, accountants, advisors and consultants, insurance costs, travel and related expenses, communications and information services, depreciation and amortization charges and other general and operating expenses.

In addition, interests in KKR Holdings were granted to our operating consultants in connection with the Transactions. The vesting of these interests gives rise to periodic general, administrative and other expense in the statements of operations. General, administrative and other expense recognized on unvested units is calculated based on the fair value of an interest in KKR Holdings (determined using the closing price of KKR Guernsey's units) on each reporting date and subsequently adjusted for the actual fair value of the award at each vesting date. Accordingly, the measured value of these interests will not be finalized until each vesting date. Additionally, the calculation of the compensation expense assumes a forfeiture rate of up to 3% annually based upon expected turnover. Because a portion of the awards that were granted by KKR Holdings were vested upon issuance, we incurred a one-time, non-cash charge in our financial statements during the fourth quarter of 2009. General, administrative and other expense is not borne by fund investors and is not offset by credits attributable to fund investors' noncontrolling interests in consolidated funds.

Fund Expenses

Fund expenses consist primarily of costs incurred in connection with pursuing potential investments that do not result in completed transactions (such as travel expenses, professional fees and research costs) and other costs associated with administering our private equity funds. A substantial portion of fund expenses are borne by fund investors.

Investment Income (Loss)

Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities

Net gains (losses) from investment activities consist primarily of the unrealized and realized gains and losses on investments. Unrealized gains or losses result from changes in the fair value of these investments during a period. Upon disposition of an investment, previously recognized unrealized gains or losses are reversed and an offsetting realized gain or loss is recognized in the current period.

Dividend Income

Dividend income consists primarily of distributions that private equity funds receive from portfolio companies in which they invest. Private equity funds recognize dividend income primarily in connection with (i) dispositions of operations by portfolio companies, (ii) distributions of excess cash generated from operations from portfolio companies and (iii) other significant refinancings undertaken by portfolio companies.

Interest Income

Interest income consists primarily of interest that is paid on our cash balances, principal assets and fixed income instruments in which consolidated funds invest.

Interest Expense

Interest expense is incurred from three primary sources: (i) credit facilities outstanding at the KPE Investment Partnership, (ii) credit facilities outstanding at the firm's management companies and

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capital markets companies for working capital purposes, and (iii) debt outstanding at our consolidated funds entered into with the objective of enhancing returns, which are not direct obligations of the general partners of our private equity funds or management companies. In addition to these interest costs, we capitalize debt financing costs incurred in connection with new debt arrangements. Such costs are amortized into interest expense using either the interest method or the straight-line method, as appropriate.

Income Taxes

Prior to the completion of the Transactions, we operated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and mainly as a corporate entity in non-U.S. jurisdictions. As a result, income was not subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. Historically, the tax liability related to income earned by us represented obligations of our principals and has not been reflected in the historical financial statements. Income taxes shown on the statements of operations prior to the Transactions are attributable to the New York City unincorporated business tax and other income taxes on certain entities located in non-U.S. jurisdictions.

Following the Transactions, the KKR Group Partnerships and certain of their subsidiaries will continue to operate in the United States as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and as corporate entities in non-U.S. jurisdictions. Accordingly, these entities, in some cases, will continue to be subject to New York City unincorporated business taxes, or non-U.S. income taxes. However, we hold our interest in one of the KKR Group Partnerships through KKR Management Holdings Corp., which is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and certain other wholly owned subsidiaries of the KKR Group Partnerships are treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, such wholly owned subsidiaries of Group Holdings, including KKR Management Holdings Corp., and the KKR Group Partnerships, are subject to federal, state and local corporate income taxes at the entity level and the related tax provision attributable to Group Holdings' share of this income is reflected in the financial statements.

Subsequent to the Transactions, we use the liability method to account for income taxes in accordance with GAAP. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis using currently enacted tax rates. The effect on deferred assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period when the change is enacted. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Tax laws are complex and subject to different interpretations by the taxpayer and respective governmental taxing authorities. Significant judgment is required in determining tax expense and in evaluating tax positions including evaluating uncertainties. We review our tax positions quarterly and adjust our tax balances as new information becomes available.

Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests represents the ownership interests that third parties hold in entities that are consolidated in the financial statements. The allocable share of income and expense attributable to those interests is accounted for as net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests. Historically, the amount of net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests has been substantial and has resulted in significant charges and credits in the statements of operations. For periods prior to the Transactions, noncontrolling interests consisted primarily of:

- noncontrolling interests that third party investors held in consolidated funds;
- noncontrolling interests attributable to the ownership of the KPE Investment Partnership by KPE's unitholders;

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a noncontrolling interest that allocated to a third party an aggregate of 2% of the equity in our capital markets business; and

noncontrolling interests that allocated 35% of the net income (loss) generated by the manager of our Public Markets segment to certain of its principals on an annual basis through May 30, 2008.

On May 30, 2008, we acquired all outstanding noncontrolling interests of the manager of our Public Markets segment and now own 100% of this business. In connection with the Transactions, we acquired all outstanding noncontrolling interests in the KPE Investment Partnership, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of our firm.

For periods subsequent to the completion of the Transactions, noncontrolling interests include:

noncontrolling interests that allocate to a former principal and such person's designees an aggregate of 1% of the carried interest received by general partners of our funds and 1% of our other profits until a future date;

noncontrolling interests that allocate to certain of our former principals and their designees a portion of the carried interest received by the general partners of the private equity funds with respect to private equity investments made during such former principals' tenure with us;

noncontrolling interests that allocate to certain of its current and former principals all of the capital invested by or on behalf of the general partners of the private equity funds before the completion of the Transactions and any returns thereon; and

noncontrolling interests representing the KKR Group Partnership Units that KKR Holdings holds in the KKR Group Partnerships, which interests allocate to KKR Holdings 70% of the equity in the combined business.

Assets Under Management ("AUM")

AUM represents the assets from which we are entitled to receive fees or a carried interest and general partner capital. The AUM reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds are excluded from our calculation of AUM. We calculate the amount of AUM as of any date as the sum of: (i) the fair value of the investments of our investment funds plus uncalled capital commitments from these funds; (ii) the fair value of investments in our co-investment vehicles; (iii) the net asset value of certain of our fixed income products; and (iv) the value of outstanding structured finance vehicles. You should note that our calculation of AUM may differ from the calculations of other asset managers and, as a result, our measurements of AUM may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other asset managers. Our definition of AUM is not based on any definition of AUM that is set forth in the agreements governing the investment funds, vehicles or accounts that we manage.

Fee Paying Assets Under Management ("FPAUM")

FPAUM represents only those assets under management from which we receive fees. FPAUM is the sum of all of the individual fee bases that are used to calculate our fees and differs from AUM in the following respects: (i) assets from which we do not receive a fee are excluded (i.e., assets with respect to which we receive only carried interest); and (ii) certain assets, primarily in our private equity funds, are reflected based on capital commitments or invested capital as opposed to fair value because fees are not impacted by changes in the fair value of underlying investments.

Segment Results

We present the results of our reportable business segments in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Section 280, *Segment Reporting*. This guidance is based on a management

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approach, which requires segment presentation based on internal organization and the internal financial reporting used by management to make operating decisions, assess performance and allocate resources. All inter-segment transactions are eliminated in the segment presentation.

Our management makes operating decisions, assesses performance and allocates resources based on financial and operating data and measures that are presented without giving effect to the consolidation of any of the funds that we manage. In addition, there are other components of our reportable segment results that differ from the equivalent GAAP results on a consolidated basis. These differences are described below. We believe such adjustments are meaningful because management makes operating decisions and assesses the performance of our business based on financial and operating metrics and data that are presented without the consolidation of any funds.

Segment Operating and Performance Measures

Fee Related Earnings

Fee related earnings ("FRE") is a profit measure that is reported by our three reportable business segments. FRE is comprised of segment operating revenues, less segment operating expenses. The components of FRE on a segment basis differ from the equivalent U.S. GAAP amounts on a combined basis as a result of: (i) the inclusion of management fees earned from consolidated funds that were eliminated in consolidation; (ii) the exclusion of expenses of consolidated funds; (iii) the exclusion of charges relating to the amortization of intangible assets; (iv) the exclusion of charges relating to carry pool allocations; (v) the exclusion of non-cash equity charges and other non-cash compensation charges; (vi) the exclusion of certain reimbursable expenses and (vii) the exclusion of certain non-recurring items.

Economic Net Income

Economic net income ("ENI") is a key performance measure used by management when making operating decisions, assessing operating performance and allocating resources. ENI is comprised of: (i) FRE; plus (ii) segment investment income, which is reduced for carry pool allocations and management fee refunds; less (iii) certain economic interests in our segments held by third parties. ENI differs from net income on a U.S. GAAP basis as a result of: (i) the exclusion of the items referred to in FRE above; (ii) the exclusion of investment income relating to noncontrolling interests; and (iii) the exclusion of income taxes.

Committed Dollars Invested

Committed dollars invested is the aggregate amount of capital commitments that have been invested by our investment funds and carry-yielding co-investment vehicles during a given period. Such amounts include: (i) capital invested by fund investors and co-investors with respect to which we are entitled to a carried interest and (ii) capital invested by us.

Uncalled Commitments

Uncalled commitments represent unfunded capital commitments by partners of our investment funds and carry-yielding co-investment vehicles to contribute capital to make investments in portfolio companies and other investment alternatives.

Consolidated and Combined Results of Operations

The following is a discussion of our consolidated and combined results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009. You should read this discussion in conjunction with the consolidated and combined financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this document.

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For a more detailed discussion of the factors that affected the results of operations of our three business segments in these periods, see " Segment Analysis."

The following tables set forth information regarding our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2008	2009
Revenues			
Fees	$ 862,265	$ 235,181	$ 331,271
Expenses			
Employee Compensation and Benefits	212,766	149,182	838,072
Occupancy and Related Charges	20,068	30,430	38,013
General, Administrative and Other	128,036	179,673	264,396
Fund Expenses	80,040	59,103	55,229
Total Expenses	440,910	418,388	1,195,710
Investment Income (Loss)			
Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities	1,111,572	(12,944,720)	7,505,005
Dividend Income	747,544	75,441	186,324
Interest Income	218,920	129,601	142,117
Interest Expense	(86,253)	(125,561)	(79,638)
Total Investment Income (Loss)	1,991,783	(12,865,239)	7,753,808
Income (Loss) Before Taxes	2,413,138	(13,048,446)	6,889,369
Income Taxes	12,064	6,786	36,998
Net Income (Loss)	2,401,074	(13,055,232)	6,852,371
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities	1,598,310	(11,850,761)	6,119,382
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests held by KKR Holdings			(116,696)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR Group	$ 802,764	$ (1,204,471)	$ 849,685
Assets under management (period end)	$ 53,215,700	$ 48,450,700	$ 52,204,200
Fee paying assets under management (period end)	$ 39,862,168	$ 43,411,800	$ 42,779,800
Uncalled Commitments (period end)	$ 11,530,417	$ 14,930,142	$ 14,544,427

Year ended December 31, 2009 compared to year ended December 31, 2008

Fees

Fees were $331.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $96.1 million, or 40.9%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase was primarily due to a $50.5 million increase in transaction fees reflecting an increase in transaction-fee generating private equity investments during the period. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we completed twelve transaction-fee generating transactions compared to four transaction-fee generating transactions in 2008. Monitoring fees increased $39.2 million reflecting the net impact of (i) an increase of $72.2 million relating to fees received for the termination of monitoring fee contracts in connection with public equity offerings of two of our portfolio companies, (ii) a decrease relating to the receipt in the prior period of a non-recurring $15.0 million advisory fee from one of our portfolio companies in connection with equity raised by that company, (iii) a net decrease of $11.2 million in fees received from certain portfolio companies, and (iv) a $6.8 million net decrease in reimbursable expenses. In addition, during 2009 fees were increased by an incentive fee of $4.5 million earned by KFN as a result of improved performance consistent with the broader credit markets. No such fee was earned in the prior period.

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Expenses

Expenses were $1,195.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $777.3 million, as compared to expenses of $418.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase was primarily due to non-cash charges associated with the issuance of interests in KKR Holdings to our principals and operating consultants. For the year ended December 31, 2009, non-cash employee compensation and benefits relating to principals amounted to $644.5 million, and non-cash charges recorded in general and administrative expenses relating to operating consultants amounted to $85.0 million. In addition, other employee compensation and benefits expenses increased $44.4 million due to (i) an increase in profit sharing costs in connection with an increase in the value of our private equity portfolio, (ii) an increase in salaries reflecting the hiring of additional personnel in connection with the expansion of our business, and (iii) an increase in incentive compensation in connection with higher bonuses in 2009. The remainder of the net increase in expenses is the result of the net impact of the following: (i) a $34.8 million non-recurring charge associated with the closing of the Transactions, (ii) an increase in occupancy costs of $7.6 million primarily reflecting the opening of new offices subsequent to December 31, 2008 as well as an increase in existing office space, (iii) a decrease in transaction related expenses of $13.3 million attributable to unconsummated transactions during the period, and (iv) decreases in other operating expenses of $25.7 million reflecting expense reductions across the majority of our businesses.

Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities

Net gains from investment activities were $7.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $20.4 billion compared to net losses from investment activities of $12.9 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase in net gains (losses) from investment activities from the prior period was primarily attributable to net unrealized gains of $7.8 billion resulting primarily from increases in the market value of our investment portfolio during 2009 compared to net unrealized losses of $13.2 billion during 2008. This change in net unrealized gains and losses resulted in a net favorable variance in unrealized investment activity from the prior period of $21.0 billion. Offsetting the increase in unrealized gains (losses) was realization activity that represented a net loss for 2009 of $0.3 billion compared with a net gain of $0.3 billion for 2008, which resulted in a net unfavorable variance in realization activity from the prior period of $0.6 billion. The majority of our net gains (losses) from investment activities are related to our private equity investments.

Dividend Income

Dividend income was $186.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $110.9 million compared to dividend income of $75.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. Our dividends are generally earned in connection with sales of significant operations, distributions of excess cash, or other refinancings undertaken by our portfolio companies resulting in available cash that is distributed to our private equity funds. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we received $179.2 million of dividends from two portfolio companies and an aggregate of $7.1 million of comparatively smaller dividends from other investments.

Interest Income

Interest income was $142.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $12.5 million, or 9.7%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase primarily reflects an increase of $38.1 million at one of our fixed income vehicles resulting from a higher average level of debt investments during the period. Offsetting this increase was (i) a decrease of $19.9 million at the KPE Investment Partnership due to a decrease in interest income-yielding investments, (ii) a $2.0 million decrease as a result of the exclusion of the general partners of the 1996 Fund in the fourth quarter of 2009, which interests were not contributed to the KKR Group Partnerships in connection

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with the Transactions, and (iii) a $3.7 million decrease at our management companies and private equity funds resulting from lower average cash balances.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was $79.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 a decrease of $45.9 million, or 36.6%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. Average outstanding borrowings remained unchanged from the year ended December 31, 2008, however the weighted average interest rate was lower during the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to the prior year period.

Income (Loss) Before Taxes

Due to the factors described above, income before taxes was $6.9 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $19.9 billion compared to loss before taxes of $13.0 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities

Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities was $6.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $18.0 billion compared to net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities of $11.9 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase primarily reflects higher income attributable to noncontrolling interests, which were driven by the overall changes in the components of net gains (losses) from investment activities described above.

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our assets under management from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

December 31, 2008 AUM	$	48,450,700
Exclusion of KPE(a)		(3,577,000)
New Capital Raised		2,099,600
Distributions		(3,443,300)
Change in Value		8,674,200
December 31, 2009 AUM	$	52,204,200

(a) The assets under management reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds are excluded from our calculation of assets under management.

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Fee Paying Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our fee paying assets under management from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

December 31, 2008 FPAUM	$	43,411,800
Exclusion of KPE(a)		(3,238,500)
New Capital Raised		2,009,000
European Fund III/E2 Investors		(571,600)
Distributions		(959,758)
Change in Value		2,128,858
December 31, 2009 FPAUM	$	42,779,800

(a) The fee paying assets under management reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE is excluded from our calculation of fee paying assets under management.

Uncalled Commitments

As of December 31, 2009, our investment funds had $14.5 billion of remaining uncalled commitments that could be called for investment in new transactions.

Year ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year ended December 31, 2007

Fees

Fees were $235.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $627.1 million, or 72.7%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily due to a $641.8 million decrease in transaction fees reflecting a decrease in transaction-fee generating private equity investments during the period. In addition, management and incentive fees relating to KFN decreased $27.9 million primarily as a result of adverse credit market conditions. Offsetting these decreases was a $41.8 million increase in monitoring fees reflecting an increase in the average monitoring fee received as well as the receipt of a non-recurring $15.0 million advisory fee from one of our portfolio companies.

Expenses

Expenses were $418.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $22.5 million, or 5.1%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily due to a $63.6 million decrease in employee compensation and benefits resulting from a decrease in incentive compensation in connection with less favorable financial performance when compared to the prior period, offset by increases relating to the hiring of additional personnel after December 31, 2007 in connection with the expansion of our business. Offsetting this decrease is the net impact of the following: (i) an increase in other operating expenses of $43.2 million primarily as a result of an increase in expenses in connection with the overall growth of our existing businesses; (ii) an increase in occupancy charges of $10.4 million reflecting the opening of new offices in Beijing, Sydney, Houston and Washington, D.C. subsequent to December 31, 2007 as well as an increase in existing office space, and (iii) a decrease in transaction related expenses of $12.5 million attributable to unconsummated transactions during the period reflecting a slowdown in the overall level of investment activity during the period.

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Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities

Net losses from investment activities were $12.9 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $14.1 billion compared to net gains from investment activities of $1.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007. The overall decrease in net gains (losses) from investment activities from the prior period was primarily attributable to a net decrease in changes in unrealized gains (losses) of $12.8 billion resulting primarily from decreases in the market value of our investment portfolio and to a lesser extent a decline in net realized gains of $1.3 billion resulting primarily from a lower level of realization activity during the period. Substantially all of our net gains (losses) from investment activities are related to our private equity investments.

Dividend Income

Dividend income was $75.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $672.1 million, or 89.9%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. Our dividends are generally earned in connection with sales of significant operations or other refinancings undertaken by our portfolio companies resulting in available cash that is distributed to our private equity funds. During the year ended December 31, 2008, we received $74.2 million of dividends from two portfolio companies and an aggregate of $1.2 million of comparatively smaller dividends from other investments. During the year ended December 31, 2007, we received $717.7 million of dividends from eight portfolio companies and an aggregate of $29.8 million of comparatively smaller dividends from four portfolio companies.

Interest Income

Interest income was $129.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $89.3 million, or 40.8%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease primarily reflects a $63.7 million decrease in interest income earned in our Public Markets segment that was attributable to the deconsolidation, during the second quarter of 2007, of one of the structured finance vehicles that we manage as well as a decrease of $66.6 million in interest income earned from cash management activities at the KPE Investment Partnership following the deployment of a greater percentage of its cash to investments. Cash management activities resulting in lower cash balances at our management companies resulted in a decrease in interest income of $7.3 million. Offsetting these decreases were increases in income earned from cash management activities at our private equity funds of $48.3 million.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was $125.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, an increase of $39.3 million, or 45.6%, from the year ended December 31, 2007 and average outstanding borrowings were $2.2 billion and $1.5 billion for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The increase was primarily attributable to increased borrowings at the KPE Investment Partnership and leveraged structures used by the KPE Investment Partnership and our private equity funds to enhance returns on certain assets which collectively resulted in the recognition of $61.2 million of additional interest expense. In addition, interest expense increased at our management company and capital markets business by $9.8 million. This increase was due primarily to an increase in borrowings at the management company resulting in an additional $5.1 million in interest expense as well as the amortization of deferred financing costs incurred in connection with credit agreements entered into in early 2008 of $4.7 million. These increases were offset by a decrease of $31.7 million in our Public Markets segment resulting primarily from the deconsolidation, during the second quarter of 2007, of one of the structured finance vehicles that we manage.

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Income (Loss) before Taxes

Due to the factors described above, loss before taxes was $13.0 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $15.5 billion compared to income before taxes of $2.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Net (Loss) Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests was $11.9 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $13.4 billion compared to income attributable to noncontrolling interests of $1.6 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease primarily reflects net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests, which were driven by the overall changes in the components of net gains (losses) from investment activities described above.

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our assets under management from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008:

December 31, 2007 AUM	$	53,215,700
New Capital Raised		11,075,000
Distributions		(605,531)
Change in Value		(15,234,469)
December 31, 2008 AUM	$	48,450,700

Fee Paying Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our fee paying assets under management from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008:

December 31, 2007 FPAUM	$	39,862,168
New Capital Raised		8,775,000
Distributions		(755,387)
Change in European Fund II Fee Base		(272,659)
Change in Value		(4,197,322)
December 31, 2008 FPAUM	$	43,411,800

Segment Analysis

The following is a discussion of the results of our three reportable business segments for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009. You should read this discussion in conjunction with the information included under " Basis of Financial Presentation Segment Results" and the consolidated and combined financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this document.

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Private Markets Segment

The following tables set forth information regarding the results of operations and certain key operating metrics for our Private Markets segment for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	**2008**	**2009**
Fees			
Management and Incentive Fees:			
Management Fees	$ 258,325	$ 396,394	$ 415,207
Incentive Fees			
Total Management and Incentive Fees	258,325	396,394	415,207
Net Monitoring and Transaction Fees:			
Monitoring Fees	70,370	97,256	158,243
Transaction Fees	683,100	41,307	72,255
Total Fee Credits	(230,640)	(12,698)	(73,900)
Net Transaction and Monitoring Fees	522,830	125,865	156,598
Total Fees	781,155	522,259	571,805
Expenses			
Employee Compensation and Benefits	177,957	142,298	155,546
Other Operating Expenses	186,811	218,512	173,342
Total Expenses	364,768	360,810	328,888
Fee Related Earnings	416,387	161,449	242,917
Investment Income			
Gross Carried interest	305,656	(1,197,387)	826,193
Less: Allocation to KKR carry pool	(18,176)	8,156	(57,971)
Less: Management fee refunds	(26,798)	29,611	(22,720)
Net carried interest	260,682	(1,159,620)	745,502
Other investment income (loss)	97,945	(234,182)	125,284
Total Investment Income (Loss)	358,627	(1,393,802)	870,786

Income (Loss) before Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	775,014	(1,232,353)	1,113,703
Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests		(37)	565
Economic Net Income	$ 775,014	$ (1,232,316)	$ 1,113,138
Assets Under Management (period end)	$ 42,234,800	$ 35,283,700	$ 38,842,900
Fee Paying Assets Under Management (period end)	$ 35,881,268	$ 39,244,800	$ 36,484,400
Committed Dollars Invested	$ 14,854,200	$ 3,168,800	$ 2,107,700
Uncalled Commitments (period end)	$ 11,530,417	$ 14,930,142	$ 13,728,100

Year ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year ended December 31, 2008

Fees

Fees in our Private Markets segment were $571.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $49.5 million, or 9.5%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. The increase was primarily due to a $30.7 million increase in net transaction and monitoring fees. The increase in net transaction and monitoring fees was primarily the result of (i) an increase in gross transaction fees of $30.9 million reflecting an increase in transaction-fee generating private equity investments during the period (we completed twelve transaction-fee generating transactions in 2009 compared to four transaction-fee generating transactions in 2008); (ii) an increase in gross monitoring fees of $61.0 million reflecting the net impact of an increase of $72.2 million relating to fees received for the termination of monitoring fee contracts in connection with public equity offerings of two of our portfolio companies and a net $11.2 million decrease in fees received from certain portfolio companies; and (iii) an increase in credits earned by limited partners under fee sharing arrangements in our private equity funds of $61.2 million due to the increase in transaction and monitoring fees. In addition there was an $18.8 million increase in management fees which was primarily the result of a full year of fees associated with the European III fund which began earning fees in the second quarter of 2008.

Expenses

Expenses were $328.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, a decrease of $31.9 million, or 8.8%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease was primarily due to the net impact of the following: (i) a decrease in transaction related expenses of $13.3 million attributable to unconsummated transactions during the period; (ii) decreases in other operating expenses of $38.7 million (excluding the non-recurring charge described below) reflecting expense reductions; (iii) an increase in occupancy costs of $6.9 million reflecting the opening of new offices subsequent to December 31, 2008 as well as an increase in existing office space; and (iv) an increase in employee compensation and benefits expense of $13.2 million resulting from an increase in salaries reflecting the hiring of additional personnel in connection with the expansion of our business as well as an increase in incentive compensation in connection with higher bonuses in 2009 when compared to the prior period. Our Private Markets expenses exclude a $34.8 million charge incurred in connection with the Transactions. Management has excluded this charge from our segment financial information as such amount will be not be considered when assessing the performance of or allocating resources to, each of our business segments, and is non-recurring in nature. On a consolidated basis, this charge is included in general, administrative and other expenses.

Fee Related Earnings

Due primarily to the increase in fees described above, fee related earnings in our Private Markets segment were $242.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $81.5 million, or 50.5%, from the year ended December 31, 2008.

Investment Income (Loss)

Investment income was $870.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $2.3 billion compared to investment losses of $1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2009, investment income (loss) was comprised of (i) net carried interest of $745.5 million, which includes gross carried interest of $826.2 million, allocations to our carry pool of ($58.0) million and management fee refunds of ($22.7) million and (ii) other investment income (loss) of $125.3 million, which includes net gains from investment activities of $106.4 million, dividends of $23.8 million and net interest expense of $4.9 million. The increase in investment income of $2.3 billion from the year ended December 31, 2008 is primarily due to an increase in net unrealized

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gains of $2.4 billion resulting primarily from increases in the market value of our private equity portfolio. Offsetting this increase was realization activity that represented a net loss during the year ended December 31, 2009 of $39.1 million and a net gain during the year ended December 31, 2008 of $72.8 million which resulted in a net unfavorable variance in realization activity from the prior period of $111.9 million.

Economic Net Income (Loss)

Economic net income in our Private Markets segment was $1.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $2.3 billion compared to economic net loss of $1.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008. The increased investment income described above was the main contributor to the period over period increase in economic net income.

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Private Markets assets under management from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

December 31, 2008 AUM	$ 35,283,700
Exclusion of KPE(a)	(3,514,400)
New Capital Raised	683,300
Distributions	(808,600)
Change in Value	7,198,900
December 31, 2009 AUM	$ 38,842,900

(a) The assets under management reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds are excluded from our calculation of assets under management.

Fee Paying Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Private Markets fee paying assets under management from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

December 31, 2008 FPAUM	$ 39,244,800
Exclusion of KPE(a)	(3,175,900)
New Capital Raised	609,000
European Fund III/E2 Investors	(571,600)
Distributions	(325,058)
Change in Value	703,158
December 31, 2009 FPAUM	$ 36,484,400

(a) The fee paying assets under management reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE is excluded from our calculation of fee paying assets under management.

Committed Dollars Invested

Committed dollars invested were $2.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009, a decrease of $1.1 billion, or 33.5%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease was due primarily to a decrease in both the size and transaction volume of private equity investments closed during 2009 as compared with 2008.

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Uncalled Commitments

As of December 31, 2009, our private equity funds had $13.7 billion of remaining uncalled capital commitments that could be called to make investments.

Year ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year ended December 31, 2007

Fees

Fees in our Private Markets segment were $522.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $258.9 million, or 33.1%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in gross transaction fees earned in our Private Markets segment of $641.8 million reflecting a decrease in transaction-fee generating private equity investments during the period. Offsetting this decrease was an increase in management fees relating to our private equity funds of $138.1 million. The increase was primarily due to an increase of $100.6 million relating to the formation of the European III fund which began earning fees in the second quarter of 2008 as well as a full year of fees in 2008 relating to the Asian Fund formed in mid-2007. Gross monitoring fees increased $26.9 million in our Private Markets segment reflecting an increase in the average monitoring fee received. In addition, a $217.9 increase was related to a decrease in fee credits earned by limited partners under fee sharing arrangements in our private equity funds.

Expenses

Expenses in our Private Markets segment were $360.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $4.0 million, or 1.1%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease was primarily due to a $35.7 million decrease in employee compensation and benefits resulting from a decrease in incentive compensation in connection with less favorable financial performance when compared to the prior period, offset by increases relating to the hiring of additional personnel after December 31, 2007 in connection with the expansion of our business. Offsetting this decrease is the net impact of the following: (i) an increase in other operating expenses of $34.1 million primarily as a result of an increase in expenses in connection with the overall growth of our existing businesses; (ii) an increase in occupancy charges of $10.0 million reflecting the opening of new offices in Beijing, Sydney, Houston and Washington, D.C. subsequent to December 31, 2007 as well as an increase in existing office space and (iii) a decrease in transaction related expenses of $12.5 million attributable to unconsummated transactions during the period reflecting a slowdown in the overall level of investment activity during the period.

Fee Related Earnings

Fee related earnings in our Private Markets segment were $161.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $254.9 million, or 61.2%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The significant decrease in fees, as described above, was the main contributor to the year over year decrease in fee related earnings.

Investment Income (Loss)

Investment losses were $1.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $1.8 billion compared to investment income of $358.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Investment income was comprised of net losses from investment activities of $1.4 billion, dividends of $18.7 million and net interest expense of $1.8 million. The overall decrease in net gains from investment activities compared to the prior period was primarily attributable to a net decrease in changes in unrealized gains (losses) of $1.4 billion resulting primarily from net decreases in the market value of our investment portfolio and to a lesser extent a decline in net realized gains of $279.1 million resulting primarily from a lower level of sales activity during the period. Dividends decreased $144.0 million as a result of fewer dividends as well as a lower average dividend received during 2008 while net interest expense increased $16.3 million primarily as a result of increased borrowings as well as the amortization of deferred financing costs incurred in connection with credit agreements entered into in early 2008 at our management company and capital markets business. Carried interest represented $(1.2) billion of total investment losses for the year ended December 31, 2008 and $0.3 billion of total investment income for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Economic Net Income (Loss)

Economic net loss in our Private Markets segment was $1.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $2.0 billion compared to economic net income of $0.8 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007. The investment losses described above were the main contributors to the period over period decrease in economic net income.

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Private Markets assets under management from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008:

December 31, 2007 AUM	$	42,234,800
New Capital Raised		6,441,000
Distributions		(605,531)
Change in Value		(12,786,569)
December 31, 2008 AUM	$	35,283,700

Fee Paying Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Private Markets fee paying assets under management from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008:

December 31, 2007 FPAUM	$	35,881,268
New Capital Raised		6,141,000
Distributions		(755,387)
Change in European Fund II Fee Base		(272,659)
Change in Value		(1,749,422)
December 31, 2008 FPAUM	$	39,244,800

Committed Dollars Invested

Committed dollars invested were $3.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $11.7 billion, or 78.7%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease was due primarily to a decrease in the number of private equity transactions closed during the year ended December 31, 2008.

Uncalled Commitments

As of December 31, 2008, our private equity funds had $14.9 billion of remaining unused capital commitments that could be called for investment in new private equity transactions.

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Public Markets Segment

The following tables set forth information regarding the results of operations and certain key operating metrics for our Public Markets segment for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	**2008**	**2009**
Fees			
Management and Incentive Fees:			
Management Fees	$ 53,183	$ 59,342	$ 50,754
Incentive Fees	23,335		4,472
Total Management and Incentive Fees	76,518	59,342	55,226
Expenses			
Employee Compensation and Benefits	23,518	20,566	24,086
Other Operating Expenses	4,928	6,200	20,586
Total Expenses	28,446	26,766	44,672
Fee Related Earnings	48,072	32,576	10,554
Investment Income	15,006	10,687	(5,260)
Income (Loss) before Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	63,078	43,263	5,294
Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	23,264	6,421	15
Economic Net Income	$ 39,814	$ 36,842	$ 5,279
Assets Under Management (period end)	$ 10,980,900	$ 13,167,000	$ 13,361,300
Fee paying assets under management (period end)	$ 3,980,900	$ 4,167,000	$ 6,295,400
Uncalled Commitments (period end)	$	$	$ 816,327

Year ended December 31, 2009 Compared to Year ended December 31, 2008

Fees

Our Public Markets segment earned fees of $55.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, a decrease of $4.1 million, or 6.9%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease is primarily the result of a $15.2 million decrease in management fees received from the Strategic Capital Funds due to a reduction in the base management fees charged to all investors and a lower average net asset value during the year ended December 31, 2009. In addition, there was a $10.2 million decrease in fees received from KFN due primarily to a lower average equity value during the year ended December 31, 2009, offset by an incentive fee received in 2009. These decreases were offset by increases primarily resulting from an increase of $7.3 million in management fees resulting from an increase in capital managed on behalf of third party investors as well as management fees from structured finance vehicles totaling $14.0 million. The increase in fees from our structured finance vehicles was offset by a waiver of our right to receive expense reimbursements from these vehicles.

Expenses

Expenses in our Public Markets segment were $44.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, an increase of $17.9 million, or 66.9%, from the year ended December 31, 2008. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase relating to a waiver of our right to receive expense reimbursements from certain of our structured finance vehicles for the year ended December 31, 2009, and an increase in employee compensation and benefits of $3.5 million primarily due to increased

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headcount. The waiver of our right to receive expense reimbursements from these vehicles is offset by an increase in management fees from these vehicles.

Fee Related Earnings

Due primarily to the increase in expenses described above, fee related earnings in our Public Markets segment were $10.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, a decrease of $22.0 million compared to fee related earnings of $32.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Economic Net Income

Economic net income in our Public Markets segment was $5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, a decrease of $31.6 million compared to economic net income of $36.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008. The decrease in fee related earnings described above was the main contributor to the period over period decrease in economic net income.

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Public Markets assets under management from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

December 31, 2008 AUM	$	13,167,000
Exclusion of KPE(a)		(62,600)
New Capital Raised		1,416,300
Distributions		(2,634,700)
Change in Value		1,475,300
December 31, 2009 AUM	$	13,361,300

(a) The assets under management reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE and its commitments to our investment funds are excluded from our calculation of assets under management.

Fee Paying Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Public Markets fee paying assets under management from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

December 31, 2008 FPAUM	$	4,167,000
Exclusion of KPE(a)		(62,600)
New Capital Raised		1,400,000
Distributions		(634,700)
Change in Value		1,425,700
December 31, 2009 FPAUM	$	6,295,400

(a) The fee paying assets under management reported prior to the Transactions reflected the NAV of KPE. Subsequent to the Transactions, the NAV of KPE is excluded from our calculation of fee paying assets under management.

Uncalled Commitments

As of December 31, 2009, our Public Markets segment had $816.3 million of remaining uncalled capital commitments that could be called to make investments.

Year ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year ended December 31, 2007

Fees

Our Public Markets segment earned fees of $59.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $17.2 million, or 22.4%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. This decrease was primarily due to the absence of incentive fees from KFN and the Strategic Capital Funds in 2008 due to unfavorable financial performance. This decrease was partially offset by an increase of $4.5 million in management fees from incremental capital managed on behalf of third party investors.

Expenses

Expenses in our Public Markets segment were $26.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $1.7 million, or 5.9%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. This decrease was driven by a decrease in employee compensation and benefits expense of $3.0 million as a result of lower incentive compensation driven by less favorable performance when compared to the prior period.

Fee Related Earnings

Fee related earnings in our Public Markets segment were $32.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $15.5 million, or 32.2%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in fees, as described above, was the main contributor to the year over year decrease in fee related earnings.

Noncontrolling Interests in Income of Consolidated Entities

Noncontrolling interests in income of consolidated entities were $6.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $16.8 million, or 72.4%, from the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease reflects a lower level of fee related earnings in the current period as well as the purchase of the noncontrolling interests in the manager of our Public Markets segment on May 30, 2008.

Economic Net Income

Due primarily to the reduction in fees described above, offset by the purchase of noncontrolling interests in the manager of our Public Markets segment on May 30, 2008, economic net income for our Public Markets segment was $36.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, a decrease of $3.0 million, or 7.5%, from the year ended December 31, 2007.

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Public Markets assets under management from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008:

December 31, 2007 AUM	$	10,980,900
New Capital Raised		4,634,000
Distributions		
Change in Value		(2,447,900)
December 31, 2008 AUM	$	13,167,000

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Fee Paying Assets Under Management

The following table reflects the changes in our Public Markets fee paying assets under management from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008:

December 31, 2007 FPAUM	$	3,980,900
New Capital Raised		2,634,000
Distributions		
Change in Value		(2,447,900)
December 31, 2008 FPAUM	$	4,167,000

Capital Markets and Principal Activities Segment

The following table sets forth information regarding the results of operations and certain key operating metrics for our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment was formed upon completion of the Transactions by combining our capital markets business with the assets and liabilities of KPE. Accordingly, the financial information presented for the Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment only reflects performance for the period subsequent to the Combination Transaction on October 1, 2009.

		Year Ended December 31, 2009
Fees	$	19,573
Expenses		
Employee Compensation and Benefits		1,710
Other Operating Expenses		2,036
Total Expenses		3,746
Fee Related Earnings		15,827
Investment Income		352,923
Income (Loss) before Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests		368,750
Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests		513
Economic Net Income	$	368,237

Fees

Fees in our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment were $19.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 which was comprised of transaction fees earned by our capital markets business in connection with underwriting, syndication and other services provided during the period.

Expenses

Expenses were $3.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009 which was comprised of $1.7 million of cash compensation and benefits expense and $2.0 million of other operating expenses.

Fee Related Earnings

Fee related earnings in our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment were $15.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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Investment Income (Loss)

Investment income was $352.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was comprised of $24.5 million of net realized gains, $333.6 million of net unrealized gains, $0.5 million of dividend income and $5.7 million of net interest expense. Amounts primarily reflect income earned on our principal assets acquired from KPE.

Economic Net Income (Loss)

Economic net income in our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment was $368.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. The investment income described above was the main contributor to economic net income.

Segment Partners' Capital

The following table presents our segment statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2009:

	As of December 31, 2009			
	Private Markets Segment	Public Markets Segment	Capital Markets and Principal Activities Segment	Total Reportable Segments
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 51,015	$ 9,089	$ 496,554	$ 556,658
Investments			4,108,359	4,108,359
Unrealized Carry	156,149			156,149
Other Assets	154,964	53,319	55,219	263,502
Total Assets	$ 362,128	$ 62,408	$ 4,660,132	$ 5,084,668
Debt Obligations	$	$	$ 733,697	$ 733,697
Other Liabilities	84,936	12,300	85,802	183,038
Total Liabilities	$ 84,936	$ 12,300	$ 819,499	$ 916,735
Noncontrolling interests	$ 130	$ 527	$ 14,392	$ 15,049
Partners' Capital	$ 277,062	$ 49,581	$ 3,826,241	$ 4,152,884

The following table reconciles Total Reportable Segments Partners' Capital to total Group Holdings Partners' Capital:

	As of December 31, 2009
Total Reportable Segments Partners' Capital	4,152,884
Current and Deferred Income Taxes	(60,566)
Accumulated Amortization of Intangible Assets	(5,999)
Allocations to former principals	(110)
Total Consolidated Partners' Capital	4,086,209
Current and Deferred Income Taxes Allocable to Group Holdings	64,756
Non-cash equity based compensation allocable to KKR Holdings	(562,373)
Distributions to KKR Holdings	6,760
Total KKR Group Partnership Partners' Capital	3,595,352
KKR Guernsey's Interest in Our Combined Business	30%

Subtotal		1,078,605
Current and Deferred Income Taxes Allocable to Group Holdings		(64,756)
Total Group Holdings Partners' Capital	$	1,013,849

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Liquidity

We have managed our historical liquidity and capital requirements by focusing on our cash flows before the consolidation of our funds and the effect of normal changes in short term assets and liabilities, which we anticipate will be settled for cash within one year. Our primary cash flow activities on an unconsolidated basis involve: (i) generating cash flow from operations; (ii) generating income from investment activities; (iii) funding capital commitments that we have made to our funds; (iv) funding our growth initiatives; (v) distributing cash flow to our owners; and (vi) borrowings and repayments under credit agreements.

Sources of Cash

Our principal source of cash consists of cash and cash equivalents contributed to the KKR Group Partnerships as part of the Transactions. We will also receive cash from time to time from: (i) our operating activities, including the fees earned from our funds, managed accounts, portfolio companies, capital markets transactions and other investment products; (ii) realizations on carried interest from our investment funds; (iii) realizations from principal investments; and (iv) borrowings under our credit facilities described below.

We have access to funding under various credit facilities that we have entered into with major financial institutions. The following is a summary of the principal terms of these facilities:

In February 2008, the management company for our private equity funds entered into a credit agreement with a major financial institution providing for revolving borrowings of up to $1.0 billion with a $50.0 million sublimit for swingline notes and a $25.0 million sublimit for letters of credit. This facility has a term of three years that expires in February 2011, which may be extended through February 2013 at our option. As of December 31, 2009, $25.0 million was outstanding under this facility and the interest rate on such borrowings was approximately 0.7% as of December 31, 2009. Subsequent to December 31, 2009, the outstanding principal and accrued interest as of December 31, 2009 were repaid.

In February 2008, the holding company for our capital markets business entered into a credit agreement with a major financial institution. The credit agreement provides for revolving borrowings of up to $500.0 million. This facility has a term of five years that expires in February 2013. As of December 31, 2009, there were no borrowings outstanding under this agreement. Borrowings under this facility may only be used for our capital markets business.

In June 2007, the KPE Investment Partnership entered into a five-year revolving credit agreement with a syndicate of lenders. The credit agreement provides for up to $925.0 million of senior secured credit, subject to availability under a borrowing base determined by the value of certain investments pledged as collateral security for obligations under the agreement. The borrowing base is subject to certain investment concentration limitations and the value of the investments constituting the borrowing base is subject to certain advance rates based on type of investment. As of December 31, 2009, the interest rates on borrowings under the credit agreement ranged from 1.0% to 1.5%. As of December 31, 2009, we had $708.7 million of borrowings outstanding. Subsequent to December 31, 2009, $404.1 million of revolving borrowings were repaid.

From time to time, we may borrow amounts to satisfy general short-term needs of our business by opening short-term lines of credit with established financial institutions. These amounts are generally repaid within 30 days, at which time such short-term lines of credit would close. There were no such borrowings as of December 31, 2009.

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Liquidity Needs

We expect that our primary liquidity needs will consist of cash required to: (i) continue to grow our business, including funding our capital commitments made to existing and future funds and any net capital requirements of our capital markets companies; (ii) service debt obligations, including any contingent liabilities that give rise to future cash payments; (iii) fund cash operating expenses; (iv) pay amounts that may become due under our tax receivable agreement with KKR Holdings; and (v) make cash distributions in accordance with our distribution policy. See "Distribution Policy." We may also require cash to fund contingent obligations under clawback and net-loss sharing arrangements. See " Liquidity Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies on an Unconsolidated Basis." We believe that the sources of liquidity described below will be sufficient to fund our working capital requirements for the next 12 months.

As described under "Business," the agreements governing our active investment funds generally require the general partners of the funds to make minimum capital commitments to the funds, which usually range from 2% to 4% of a fund's total capital commitments at final closing. In addition, as a result of the Transactions, we are now responsible for the uncalled commitments once attributable to the KPE Investment Partnership as a partner in our private equity funds. The following table presents our uncalled commitments to our active investment funds as of December 31, 2009:

	Uncalled Commitments		
	General Partner	Acquired from KPE	Total
Private Markets			
2006 Fund	$ 89,508	$ 371,243	$ 460,751
Asian Fund	59,659	170,023	229,682
European III Fund	259,076	270,184	529,260
E2 Investors (Annex Fund)	20,399	15,875	36,274
Total Private Markets Commitments	428,642	827,325	1,255,967
Public Markets			
Capital Solutions	16,327		16,327
Total Uncalled Commitments	$ 444,969	$ 827,325	$ 1,272,294

Historically, we have funded commitments with cash from operations that otherwise would be distributed to our owners. We expect to fund future commitments with available cash, proceeds from realizations of principal assets and other sources of liquidity available to us.

We intend to make quarterly cash distributions in amounts that in the aggregate are expected to constitute substantially all of the cash earnings of our asset management business in excess of amounts determined by our Managing Partner to be necessary or appropriate to provide for the conduct of our business, to make appropriate investments in our business and our investment funds and to comply with applicable law and any of our debt instruments or other agreements. We do not intend to distribute gains on principal assets, other than potentially certain tax distributions to the extent that distributions for the relevant tax year were otherwise insufficient to cover tax liabilities of our partners, as calculated by us. See "Distribution Policy."

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Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies on an Unconsolidated Basis

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into contractual arrangements that may require future cash payments. The following table sets forth information relating to anticipated future cash payments as of December 31, 2009 on an unconsolidated basis.

	Payments due by Period				
Types of Contractual Obligations	**<1 Year**	**1-3 Years**	**3-5 Years**	**>5 Years**	**Total**
			($ in millions)		
Uncalled commitments to investment funds(1)	$ 1,272.3	$	$	$	$ 1,272.3
Debt payment obligations(2)	350.0	733.7			1,083.7
Interest obligations on debt(3)	53.6	11.6			65.2
Lease obligations	30.4	52.6	47.9	93.9	224.8
Total	$ 1,706.3	$ 797.9	$ 47.9	$ 93.9	$ 2,646.0

(1) These uncalled commitments represent dollars committed by us to fund a portion of the purchase price paid for each investment made by our investment funds. Because capital contributions are due on demand, the above commitments have been presented as falling due within one year. However, given the size of such commitments and the rates at which our investment funds make investments, we expect that the capital commitments presented above will be called over a period of several years. See " Liquidity Liquidity Needs."

(2) Subsequent to December 31, 2009, the $350.0 million of obligations due within 1 year were repaid in connection with the settlement of an investment underlying these obligations and $429.1 million of other obligations were repaid.

(3) These interest obligations on debt represent estimated interest to be paid over the maturity of the related debt obligation, which has been calculated assuming no prepayments are made and the related debt is held until its final maturity date. Future interest rates have been calculated using rates in effect as of December 31, 2009, including both variable and fixed rates provided for by the relevant debt agreements. The amounts presented above include accrued interest on outstanding indebtedness.

In the normal course of business, we also enter into contractual arrangements that contain a variety of representations and warranties and that include general indemnification obligations. The amended and restated purchase and sale agreement that we have entered into with KPE includes additional representations and warranties as well as certain indemnification obligations as described under "Organizational Structure." Our maximum exposure under the foregoing arrangements is unknown due to the fact that the exposure would relate to claims that may be made against us in the future. Accordingly, no amounts have been included in our consolidated and combined financial statements as of December 31, 2009 relating to indemnification obligations.

The partnership documents governing our traditional private equity funds generally include a "clawback" or, in certain instances, a "net loss sharing" provision that, if triggered, may give rise to a contingent obligation that may require the general partner to return or contribute amounts to the fund for distribution to investors at the end of the life of the fund. The terms of the Transactions require that our principals remain responsible for any clawback obligation relating to carry distributions received prior to the Transactions up to a maximum of $223.6 million. Carry distributions arising subsequent to the Transactions may give rise to clawback obligations that will be allocated generally to carry pool participants and the Combined Business in accordance with the terms of the instruments governing the KKR Group Partnerships. Unlike the "clawback" provisions, the Combined Business will be responsible for amounts due under net loss sharing arrangements and will indemnify our principals for personal guarantees that they have provided with respect to such amounts. See "Certain

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Relationships and Related Party Transactions Guarantee of Contingent Obligations to Fund Partners; Indemnification."

Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies on a Consolidated Basis

In the ordinary course of business, we and our consolidated funds enter into contractual arrangements that may require future cash payments. The following table sets forth information relating to anticipated future cash payments as of December 31, 2009. This table differs from the earlier table setting forth contractual commitments on an unconsolidated basis principally because this table includes the obligations of our consolidated funds.

	Payments due by Period				
Types of Contractual Obligations	**<1 Year**	**1-3 Years**	**3-5 Years**	**>5 Years**	**Total**
			($ in millions)		
Uncalled commitment to investment funds(1)	$ 14,544.4	$	$	$	$ 14,544.4
Debt payment obligations(2)	350.0	905.1	180.1	625.0	2,060.2
Interest obligations on debt(3)	135.2	39.0	19.7	72.0	265.9
Lease obligations	30.4	52.6	47.9	93.9	224.8
Total	$ 15,060.0	$ 996.7	$ 247.7	$ 790.9	$ 17,095.3

(1) These uncalled commitments represent dollars committed by us and our fund investors to fund a portion of the purchase price paid for each investment made by our investment funds. Because capital contributions are due on demand, the above commitments have been presented as falling due within one year. However, given the size of such commitments and the rates at which our investment funds make investments, we expect that the capital commitments presented above will be called over a period of several years. See " Liquidity Liquidity Needs."

(2) Certain of our consolidated funds have entered into financing arrangements in connection with specific investments with the objective of enhancing returns. Such financing arrangements include $796.4 million of financing provided through total return swaps and $180.1 million of financing provided through a term loan and revolving credit facility. These financing arrangements have been entered into with the objective of enhancing returns and are not direct obligations of the general partners of our private equity funds or our management companies.

Subsequent to December 31, 2009, the $350.0 million of obligations due within 1 year were repaid in connection with the settlement of an investment underlying these obligations. Also subsequent to December 31, 2009, $429.1 million of other obligations were repaid.

(3) These interest obligations on debt represent estimated interest to be paid over the maturity of the related debt obligation, which has been calculated assuming no prepayments are made and the related debt is held until its final maturity date. Future interest rates have been calculated using rates in effect as of December 31, 2009, including both variable and fixed rates provided for by the relevant debt agreements. The amounts presented above include accrued interest on outstanding indebtedness.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

Other than contractual commitments and other legal contingencies incurred in the normal course of our business, we do not have any off-balance sheet financings or liabilities.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

The accompanying combined statements of cash flows include the cash flows of our consolidated funds despite the fact that we have only a minority economic interest in those funds. The assets of consolidated funds, on a gross basis, are substantially larger than the assets of our business and,

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accordingly, have a substantial effect on the cash flows reflected in our combined statements of cash flows. The primary cash flow activities of our consolidated funds involve: (i) raising capital from fund investors; (ii) using the capital of fund investors to make investments; (iii) financing certain investments with indebtedness; (iv) generating cash flows through the realization of investments; and (v) distributing cash flows from the realization of investments to fund investors. Because our consolidated funds are treated as investment companies for accounting purposes, these cash flow amounts are included in our cash flows from operations.

Net Cash Used in Operating Activities

Our net cash used in operating activities was $0.3 billion, $2.4 billion and $8.5 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These amounts primarily included: (i) purchases of investments by our funds, net of proceeds from sales of investments, of $1.2 billion, $1.9 billion and $11.8 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively; (ii) net realized gains (losses) on investments of the consolidated funds of $(0.3) billion, $0.3 billion and $1.6 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively; (iii) change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments of $7.8 billion, $(13.2) billion and $(0.4) billion for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively; and (iv) income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests of $6.0 billion, $(11.9) billion and $1.6 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These amounts are reflected as operating activities in accordance with investment company accounting.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

Our net cash used in investing activities was $43.0 million, $61.7 million and $112.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Our investing activities included the purchases of furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements of $21.1 million, $13.1 million and $17.1 million, as well as an increase in restricted cash and cash equivalents to fund collateral requirements of $21.9 million, $4.5 million and $95.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2008, $44.2 million was used to purchase the noncontrolling interest in our Public Markets segment.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities

Our net cash provided by financing activities was $0.7 billion, $2.4 billion and $8.8 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Our financing activities primarily included: (i) contributions, net of distributions made to noncontrolling interests, of $0.8 billion, $2.8 billion and $7.1 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively; (ii) repayment of debt obligations net of proceeds received of $(0.3) billion, $(0.2) billion and $2.6 billion for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively; and (iii) distributions to, net of contributions by, our equity holders of $0.2 billion, $0.1 billion and $0.9 billion during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our consolidated and combined financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires our management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported amounts of revenues, income and expense. Our management bases these estimates and judgments on available information, historical experience and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. However, these estimates, judgments and assumptions are often subjective and may be impacted negatively based on changing circumstances or changes in our analyses. If actual amounts are ultimately different from those estimated, judged or assumed, revisions are included in the consolidated and combined financial statements in the period in which the actual amounts become known. We believe the following critical

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accounting policies could potentially produce materially different results if we were to change underlying estimates, judgments or assumptions. Please see the notes to the consolidated and combined financial statements included elsewhere in this document for further detail regarding our critical accounting policies.

Principles of Consolidation

Our policy is to consolidate (i) those entities in which we hold a majority voting interest or have majority ownership and control over significant operating, financial and investing decisions of the entity including those KKR Funds in which the general partner is presumed to have control or (ii) entities determined to be variable interest entities ("VIEs") for which we are considered the primary beneficiary and absorb a majority of the expected losses or a majority of the expected residual returns, or both.

The majority of the entities consolidated by us are comprised of: (i) those entities in which we have majority ownership and have control over significant operating, financial and investing decisions and (ii) the consolidated KKR Funds, which are those entities in which we hold substantive, controlling general partner or managing member interests. With respect to the consolidated KKR Funds, we generally have operational discretion and control, and limited partners have no substantive rights to impact ongoing governance and operating activities of the fund.

The consolidated KKR funds do not consolidate their majority-owned and controlled investments in portfolio companies. Rather, those investments are accounted for as investments and carried at fair value as described below.

The KKR funds are consolidated notwithstanding the fact that we have only a minority economic interest in those funds. The consolidated and combined financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, investment income and cash flows of the consolidated KKR Funds on a gross basis, and the majority of the economic interests in those funds, which are held by third-party investors, are attributed to noncontrolling interests in the accompanying consolidated and combined financial statements. Substantially all of the management fees and certain other amounts earned by us from those funds are eliminated in consolidation. However, because the eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, noncontrolling interests, our attributable share of the net income from those funds is increased by the amounts eliminated. Accordingly, the elimination in consolidation of such amounts has no effect on net income (loss) attributable to the Group Holdings or Group Holdings' partners' capital.

Noncontrolling interests represent the ownership interests held by entities or persons other than Group Holdings.

Fair Value of Investments

Our consolidated funds are treated as investment companies under investment company accounting guidance for the purposes of GAAP and, as a result, reflect their investments on the consolidated and combined statement of financial condition at fair value, with unrealized gains or losses resulting from changes in fair value reflected as a component of investment income in the consolidated and combined statements of operations. We have retained the specialized accounting of the consolidated funds.

We measure and report our investments in accordance with fair value accounting guidance, which establishes a hierarchical disclosure framework that prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments at fair value. Market price observability is affected by a number of factors, including the type of investment and the characteristics specific to the investment. Investments with readily available actively quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value.

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Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level I Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date. The type of investments included in Level I include publicly listed equities and publicly listed derivatives. In addition, securities sold, but not yet purchased and call options are included in Level I. We do not adjust the quoted price for these investments, even in situations where we hold a large position and a sale could reasonably affect the quoted price. We classified 22.6% of total investments measured and reported at fair value as Level I at December 31, 2009.

Level II Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Investments which are generally included in this category include corporate bonds and loans, convertible debt indexed to publicly listed securities and certain over-the-counter derivatives. We classified 10.4% of total investments measured and reported at fair value as Level II at December 31, 2009.

Level III Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. Investments that are included in this category generally include private portfolio companies held through our private equity funds. We classified 67.0% of total investments measured and reported at fair value as Level III at December 31, 2009. The valuation of our Level III investments at December 31, 2009 represents management's best estimate of the amounts that we would anticipate realizing on the sale of these investments at such date.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and we consider factors specific to the investment.

When determining fair values of investments, we use the last reported market price as of the statement of financial condition date for investments that have readily observable market prices. If no sales occurred on such day, we use the "bid" price at the close of business on that date and, if sold short, the "asked" price at the close of business on that date day. Forward contracts are valued based on market rates or prices obtained from recognized financial data service providers.

The majority of our private equity investments are valued utilizing unobservable pricing inputs. Management's determination of fair value is based upon the best information available for a given circumstance and may incorporate assumptions that are management's best estimates after consideration of a variety of internal and external factors. We generally employ two valuation methodologies when determining the fair value of a private equity investment. The first methodology is typically a market multiples approach that considers a specified financial measure (such as EBITDA) and recent public market and private transactions and other available measures for valuing comparable companies. Other factors such as the applicability of a control premium or illiquidity discount, the presence of significant unconsolidated assets and liabilities and any favorable or unfavorable tax attributes are also considered in arriving at a market multiples valuation. The second methodology utilized is typically a discounted cash flow approach. In this approach, we will incorporate significant assumptions and judgments in determining the most likely buyer, or market participant for a hypothetical sale, which might include an initial public offering, private equity investor, strategic buyer or a transaction consummated through a combination of any of the above. Estimates of assumed growth rates, terminal values, discount rates, capital structure and other factors are employed in this approach. The ultimate fair value recorded for a particular investment will generally be within the range suggested by the two methodologies, adjusted for issues related to achieving liquidity including

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size, registration process, corporate governance structure, timing, an initial public offering discount and other factors, if applicable. As discussed above, we utilize several unobservable pricing inputs and assumptions in determining the fair value of our private equity investments. These unobservable pricing inputs and assumptions may differ by investment and in the application of our valuation methodologies. Our reported fair value estimates could vary materially if we had chosen to incorporate different unobservable pricing inputs and other assumptions.

Approximately 22.6%, or $6.6 billion, and 9.9%, or $2.1 billion, of the value of our investments were valued using quoted market prices, which have not been adjusted, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Approximately 77.4%, or $22.4 billion, and 90.1%, or $18.8 billion, of the value of our investments were valued in the absence of readily observable market prices as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The majority of these investments were valued using internal models with significant unobservable market parameters and our determinations of the fair values of these investments may differ materially from the values that would have resulted if readily observable market prices had existed. Additional external factors may cause those values, and the values of investments for which readily observable market prices exist, to increase or decrease over time, which may create volatility in our earnings and the amounts of assets and partners' capital that we report from time to time.

Our calculations of the fair values of private company investments were reviewed by an independent valuation firm, who provided third-party valuation assistance to us, which consisted of certain limited procedures that we identified and requested it to perform. Upon completion of such limited procedures, the independent valuation firm concluded that the fair value, as determined by us, of those investments subjected to their limited procedures did not appear to be unreasonable. The limited procedures did not involve an audit, review, compilation or any other form of examination or attestation under generally accepted auditing standards. The general partners of our funds are responsible for determining the fair value of investments in good faith, and the limited procedures performed by the independent valuation firm are supplementary to the inquiries and procedures that the general partner of each fund is required to undertake to determine the fair value of the investments.

Changes in the fair value of the investments of our consolidated private equity funds may impact the net gains (losses) from investment activities of our private equity funds as described under " Key Financial Measures Investment Income Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities." Based on the investments of our private equity funds as of December 31, 2009, we estimate that an immediate 10% decrease in the fair value of the funds' investments generally would result in a 10% immediate change in net gains (losses) from the funds' investment activities (including carried interest when applicable), regardless of whether the investment was valued using observable market prices or management estimates with significant unobservable pricing inputs. However, we estimate the impact that the consequential decrease in investment income would have on net income attributable to Group Holdings would be significantly less than the amount described above, given that a majority of the change in fair value would be attributable to noncontrolling interests.

Substantially all of the value of the investments in our consolidated fixed income funds were valued using observable market parameters, which may include quoted market prices, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. Quoted market prices, when used, are not adjusted.

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Revenue Recognition

Fees consist primarily of (i) monitoring and transaction fees that we receive from our portfolio companies and capital markets activities and (ii) management and incentive fees that we receive directly from our unconsolidated funds. These fees are based upon the contractual terms of the management and other agreements that we enter into with the applicable funds, portfolio companies and third parties. We recognize fees in the period during which the related services are performed and the amounts have been contractually earned in accordance with the relevant management or other agreements. Incentive fees are accrued either annually or quarterly after all contingencies have been removed.

Our consolidated private equity funds require the management company to refund up to 20% of any cash management fees earned from limited partners in the event that the funds recognize a carried interest. At such time as the fund recognizes a carried interest in an amount sufficient to cover 20% of the management fees earned or a portion thereof, a liability to the fund's limited partners is recorded and revenue is reduced for the amount of the carried interest recognized, not to exceed 20% of the management fees paid. As of December 31, 2009, the amount subject to refund for which no liability has been recorded totaled $148.9 million as a result of certain funds not yet recognizing sufficient carried interests. The refunds to the limited partners are paid, and the liabilities relieved, at such time that the underlying investments are sold and the associated carried interests are realized. In the event that a fund's carried interest is not sufficient to cover all or a portion of the amount that represents 20% of the earned management fees, these fees will not be refunded to the funds' limited partners, in accordance with the respective agreements.

Recognition of Investment Income

Investment income consists primarily of the unrealized and realized gains (losses) on investments (including the impacts of foreign currency on non-dollar denominated investments), dividend and interest income received from investments and interest expense incurred in connection with investment activities. Unrealized gains or losses result from changes in the fair value of our funds' investments during a period as well as the reversal of unrealized gains or losses in connection with realization events. Upon disposition of an investment, previously recognized unrealized gains or losses are reversed and a corresponding realized gain or loss is recognized in the current period. While this reversal generally does not significantly impact the net amounts of gains (losses) that we recognize from investment activities, it affects the manner in which we classify our gains and losses for reporting purposes.

Due to the consolidation of the majority of our funds, the share of our funds' investment income that is allocable to our carried interests and capital investments is not shown in the consolidated and combined financial statements. Instead, the investment income that Group Holdings retains in its net income, after allocating amounts to noncontrolling interests, represents the portion of its investment income that is allocable to us. Because the substantial majority of our funds are consolidated and because we hold only a minority economic interest in our funds' investments, our share of the investment income generated by our funds' investment activities is significantly less than the total amount of investment income presented in its consolidated and combined financial statements.

We recognize investment income with respect to our carried interests in investments of our private equity funds and co-investment vehicles, the capital invested by or on behalf of the general partners of our private equity funds and the noncontrolling interests that third-party fund investors hold in our consolidated funds.

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Recognition of Carried Interests in Statement of Operations

Carried interests entitle the general partner of a fund to a greater allocable share of the fund's earnings from investments relative to the capital contributed by the general partner and correspondingly reduce noncontrolling interests' attributable share of those earnings. Amounts earned pursuant to carried interests in the KKR Funds are included as investment income in Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities and are earned by the general partner of those funds to the extent that cumulative investment returns are positive. If these investment returns decrease or turn negative in subsequent periods, recognized carried interest will be reduced and reflected as investment losses. Carried interest is recognized based on the contractual formula set forth in the instruments governing the fund as if the fund was terminated at the reporting date with the then estimated fair values of the investments realized. Due to the extended durations of our private equity funds, management believes that this approach results in income recognition that best reflects our periodic performance in the management of those funds.

The instruments governing our private equity funds generally include a "clawback" or, in certain instances, a "net loss sharing" provision that, if triggered, may give rise to a contingent obligation that may require the general partner to return or contribute amounts to the fund for distribution to investors at the end of the life of the fund.

Clawback Provision

Under a "clawback" provision, upon the liquidation of a private equity fund, the general partner is required to return, on an after-tax basis, previously distributed carry to the extent that, due to the diminished performance of later investments, the aggregate amount of carry distributions received by the general partner during the term of the fund exceed the amount to which the general partner was ultimately entitled.

Prior to the Transactions, certain KKR principals who received carried interest distributions with respect to the private equity funds had personally guaranteed, on a several basis and subject to a cap, the contingent obligations of the general partners of the private equity funds to repay amounts to fund limited partners pursuant to the general partners' clawback obligations. The terms of the Transactions require that KKR principals remain responsible for clawback obligations relating to carry distributions received prior to the Transactions up to a maximum of $223.6 million.

Carry distributions arising subsequent to the Transactions will be allocated generally to carry pool participants and the Combined Business in accordance with the terms of the instruments governing the KKR Group Partnerships.

Net Loss Sharing Provision

The instruments governing certain of our private equity funds may also include a "net loss sharing provision," that, if triggered, may give rise to a contingent obligation that may require the general partners to contribute capital to the fund, to fund 20% of the net losses on investments. In connection with the "net loss sharing provisions," certain of our private equity funds allocate a greater share of their investment losses to us relative to the amounts contributed by us to those vehicles. In these vehicles, such losses would be required to be paid by our to the limited partners in those vehicles in the event of a liquidation of the fund regardless of whether any carried interest had previously been distributed. Unlike the "clawback" provisions, we will be responsible for amounts due under net loss sharing arrangements and will indemnify our principals for personal guarantees that they have provided with respect to such amounts.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Effective January 2009, we adopted guidance on the accounting and financial statement presentation of noncontrolling (minority) interests. The guidance requires reporting entities to present non-redeemable noncontrolling interests as equity (as opposed to a liability or mezzanine equity) and provides guidance on the accounting for transactions between an entity and noncontrolling interest holders. As a result, (i) with respect to the statements of financial condition, noncontrolling interests have been reclassified as a component of Equity, (ii) with respect to the statements of operations, Net Income (Loss) is presented before noncontrolling interests and the statements of operations net to Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Group Holdings, and (iii) with respect to the statements of changes in equity, a roll forward column has been included for noncontrolling interests. The presentation and disclosure requirements have been applied retrospectively for all periods presented in accordance with the issued guidance. The guidance also clarifies the scope of accounting and reporting for decreases in ownership of a subsidiary to include groups of assets that constitute a business. The scope clarification did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Effective January 1, 2009, we adopted guidance issued by the FASB regarding disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities. The purpose of the guidance is to improve financial reporting of derivative instruments and hedging activities. The guidance requires enhanced disclosures to enable investors to better understand how those instruments and activities are accounted for, how and why they are used and their effects on an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. The adoption resulted in additional required disclosures relating to derivative instruments, which have been reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Effective January 1, 2009, we adopted guidance on the determination of the useful life of intangible assets. The guidance amends the factors an entity should consider in developing renewal or extension assumptions used in determining the useful life of recognized intangible assets. The new guidance applies prospectively to (a) intangible assets that are acquired individually or with a group of other assets and (b) both intangible assets acquired in business combinations and asset acquisitions. We did not acquire any intangible assets during the year ended December 31, 2009.

In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") updated Accounting Standards Codification Section 820 ("ASC 820") in order to help constituents estimate fair value when the volume and level of activity have significantly decreased for an asset or liability recorded at fair value, as well as including guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. The updated accounting guidance was effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009, and shall be applied prospectively. Early adoption is permitted for periods ending after March 15, 2009. The adoption of this ASC 820 update did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB updated Accounting Standards Codification Section 320 ("ASC 320") to provide new guidance on the recognition of other-than-temporary impairments of investments in debt securities and provide new presentation and disclosure requirements for other-than-temporary impairments of investments in debt and equity securities. The updated accounting guidance is effective for financial statements issued for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of this ASC 320 update did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In April 2009, the FASB updated Accounting Standards Codification Section 825 ("ASC 825") to require disclosures about fair value of financial instruments in interim reporting periods. Such disclosures were previously required only in annual financial statements. The updated disclosure guidance was effective for financial statements issued for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2009. The adoption of this ASC 825 update did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

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In June 2009, the FASB issued Statement No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R),* and the FASB subsequently codified it as ASU 2009-17, updating ASC Section 810 *Consolidations*. The objective of ASU 2009-17 is to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with variable interest entities. The FASB undertook this project to address (1) the effects on certain provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 46, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities an Interpretation of ARB No. 51, as revised* ("FIN 46(R)"), as a result of the elimination of the qualifying special-purpose entity concept in ASU 2009-16, and (2) constituent concerns about the application of certain key provisions of FIN 46(R), including those in which the accounting and disclosures under the interpretation do not always provide timely and useful information about an enterprise's involvement in a variable interest entity. ASU 2009-17 shall be effective as of the beginning of each reporting entity's first annual reporting period that begins after November 15, 2009, for interim periods within that first annual reporting period, and for interim and annual reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is prohibited. During February 2010, the scope of the ASU was modified to indefinitely exclude certain entities from the requirement to be assessed for consolidation. We are currently evaluating the potential impacts of the adoption of ASU 2009-17 on our statements of operations and financial condition.

In July 2009, the FASB issued *The FASB Accounting Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*, as defined in Accounting Standards Codification Section 105 ("Codification"). Codification will become the source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the SEC under authority of U.S. federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative GAAP for SEC registrants. On the effective date of this Statement, the Codification will supersede all then-existing non-SEC accounting and reporting standards. All other non-SEC accounting literature not included in the Codification will become nonauthoritative. The Codification is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. We adopted the guidance effective with the issuance of its December 31, 2009 financial statements. As the guidance is limited to disclosure in the financial statements and the manner in which we refer to GAAP authoritative literature, there was no material impact on our financial statements.

In September 2009, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2009-06, *Income Taxes (Topic 740) Implementation Guidance on Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes and Disclosure Amendments for Nonpublic Entities* ("ASU 2009-06") which amended Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 740-10, *Income Taxes Overall*. The updated guidance considers an entity's assertion that it is a tax-exempt not for profit or a pass through entity as a tax position that requires evaluation under Subtopic 740-10. In addition, ASU 2009-06 provided implementation guidance on the attribution of income taxes to entities and owners. The revised guidance is effective for periods ending after September 15, 2009. The adoption of ASU 2009-06 did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

In September 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-12, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820) *Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share* (or Its Equivalent) ("ASU 2009-12") which amended Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Overall*. The guidance permits, as a practical expedient, an entity holding investments in certain entities that calculate net asset value per share or its equivalent for which the fair value is not readily determinable, to measure the fair value of such investments on the basis of that net asset value per share or its equivalent without adjustment. The guidance also requires disclosure of the attributes of investments within the scope of the guidance by major category of investment. Such disclosures include the nature of any restrictions on an investor's ability to redeem its investments at the measurement date, any unfunded commitments and the investment strategies of the investee. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2009 with early adoption permitted. The adoption of ASU 2009-12 did not have a material impact on the fair value determination of applicable investments; however, it will result in additional required disclosures.

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures About Fair Value Measurements* which amended ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. The updated guidance requires an entity to present detailed disclosures about transfers to and from Level 1 and 2 of the Valuation Hierarchy effective January 1, 2010 and requires an entity to present purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a "gross" basis within the Level 3 (of the Valuation Hierarchy) reconciliation effective January 1, 2011. We will adopt the guidance during 2010 and 2011, as required, and the adoption will have no material impact on our financial position or results of operations; however, it will result in additional required disclosures.

In February 2010, the FASB updated Accounting Standards Codification Section 855 ("ASC 855"), *Subsequent Events*, which addresses certain implementation issues related to an entity's requirement to perform and disclose subsequent event procedures. The updated guidance requires SEC filers and conduit debt obligors for conduit debt securities that are traded in a public market to evaluate subsequent events through the date the financials are issued. All other entities are required to "evaluate subsequent events through the date the financial statements are available to be issued." This guidance also exempts SEC filers from disclosing the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated. The guidance is effective immediately. We have taken into consideration this guidance when evaluating subsequent events and have included in the financial statements the required disclosures.

Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our exposure to market risks primarily relates to its role as general partner or manager of our funds and sensitivities to movements in the fair value of their investments, including the effect that those movements have on the management fees and carried interests that we receive. We have an increased exposure to market risks as a result of the principal assets. The fair value of investments may fluctuate in response to changes in the value of securities, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

Market Risk

Our funds hold investments that are reported at fair value. Net changes in the fair value of investments impact the net gains from investments in our combined statements of operations. Based on the investments of our funds as of December 31, 2009, we estimate that a 10% decrease in the fair value of our funds' investments would result in a corresponding reduction in investment income. However, we estimate the impact that the consequential decrease in investment income would have on our reported income attributable to Group Holdings would be significantly less than the amount presented above, given that a substantial majority of the change in fair value would be attributable to noncontrolling interests.

Our base management fees in our private equity funds are calculated based on the amount of capital committed or invested by a fund, as described under "Business Our Segments Private Markets." In the case of our Public Markets business, management fees are often calculated based on the average NAV of the fund, vehicle, or specialty finance company, for that particular period. To the extent that base management fees are calculated based on the NAV of the fund's investments, the amount of fees that we may charge will be increased or decreased in direct proportion to the effect of changes in the fair value of the fund's investments. The proportion of our management and other amounts that are based on NAV depends on the number and type of funds in existence. Currently, a majority of our private equity funds are based on a percentage of committed or invested capital.

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Securities Market Risk

Our investment funds make certain investments in portfolio companies whose securities are publicly traded. The market prices of securities may be volatile and are likely to fluctuate due to a number of factors beyond our control. These factors include actual or anticipated fluctuations in the quarterly and annual results of such companies or of other companies in the industries in which they operate, market perceptions concerning the availability of additional securities for sale, general economic, social or political developments, industry conditions, changes in government regulation, shortfalls in operating results from levels forecasted by securities analysts, the general state of the securities markets and other material events, such as significant management changes, re-financings, acquisitions and dispositions. In addition, although our private equity funds primarily hold investments in portfolio companies whose securities are not publicly traded, the value of these investments may also fluctuate due to similar factors beyond our control.

Exchange Rate Risk

Our private equity funds make investments from time to time in currencies other than those in which their capital commitments are denominated. Those investments expose us and our fund investors to the risk that the value of the investments will be affected by changes in exchange rates between the currency in which the capital commitments are denominated and the currency in which the investments are made. Our policy is to minimize these risks by employing hedging techniques, including using foreign exchange contracts to reduce exposure to future changes in exchange rates when our funds have invested a meaningful amount of capital in currencies other than the currencies in which their capital commitments are denominated.

Because most of the capital commitments to our funds are denominated in U.S. dollars, our primary exposure to exchange rate risk relates to movements in the value of exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and other currencies in which our investments are denominated (primarily euro, British pound and Australian dollars). We estimate that a simultaneous parallel movement by 10% in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and all of the major foreign currencies in which our funds' investments were denominated as of December 31, 2009 would result in net gains or losses from investment activities of our funds of $391.1 million. However, we estimate that the effect on its income before taxes and its net income from such a change would be significantly less than the amount presented above, because a substantial majority of the gain or loss would be attributable to noncontrolling interests in our funds.

Credit Risk

We are party to agreements providing for various financial services and transactions that contain an element of risk in the event that the counterparties are unable to meet the terms of such agreements. In these agreements, we depend on these counterparties to make payment or otherwise perform. We generally endeavor to minimize our risk of exposure by limiting the counterparties with which we enter into financial transactions to reputable financial institutions. In addition, availability of financing from financial institutions may be uncertain due to market events, and we may not be able to access these financing markets.

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BUSINESS

Overview

Led by Henry Kravis and George Roberts, we are a global alternative asset manager with $52.2 billion in AUM as of December 31, 2009 and a 34-year history of leadership, innovation and investment excellence. When our founders started our firm in 1976, they established the principles that guide our business approach today, including a patient and disciplined investment process; the alignment of our interests with those of our investors, portfolio companies and other stakeholders; and a focus on attracting world-class talent.

Our business offers a broad range of asset management services to our investors and provides capital markets services to our firm, our portfolio companies and our clients. Throughout our history, we have consistently been a leader in the private equity industry, having completed more than 170 private equity investments with a total transaction value in excess of $425 billion. In recent years, we have grown our firm by expanding our geographical presence and building businesses in new areas, such as fixed income and capital markets. Our new efforts build on our core principles, leverage synergies in our business, and allow us to capitalize on a broader range of opportunities that we source. Additionally, we have increased our focus on servicing our existing investors and have invested meaningfully in developing relationships with new investors.

With over 600 people, we conduct our business through 14 offices on four continents, providing us with a pre-eminent global platform for sourcing transactions, raising capital and carrying out capital markets activities. We have grown our AUM significantly, from $15.1 billion as of December 31, 2004 to $52.2 billion as of December 31, 2009, representing a compounded annual growth rate of 28.1%. Our growth has been driven by value that we have created through our operationally focused investment approach, the expansion of our existing businesses, our entry into new lines of business, innovation in the products that we offer investors, an increased focus on providing tailored solutions to our clients and the integration of capital markets distribution activities.

As a global alternative asset manager, we earn management, monitoring, transaction and incentive fees for providing investment management, monitoring and other services to our funds, vehicles, managed accounts and portfolio companies, and we generate transaction-specific income from capital markets transactions. We earn additional investment income from investing our own capital alongside our investors and from the carried interest we receive from funds and vehicles. A carried interest entitles the sponsor of a fund to a specified percentage of investment gains that are generated on third-party capital that is invested.

We seek to consistently generate attractive investment returns by employing world-class people, following a patient and disciplined investment approach and driving growth and value creation in our portfolio. Our investment teams have deep industry knowledge and are supported by a substantial and diversified capital base, an integrated global investment platform, the expertise of operating consultants and senior advisors and a worldwide network of business relationships that provide a significant source of investment opportunities, specialized knowledge during due diligence and substantial resources for creating and realizing value for stakeholders. We believe that these aspects of our business will help us continue to expand and grow our business and deliver strong investment performance in a variety of economic and financial conditions.

Strengths

Over our history, we have developed a business approach that centers around three key principles: (i) adhere to a patient and disciplined investment process; (ii) align our interests with those of our investors and other stakeholders; and (iii) attract world-class talent for our firm and portfolio companies. Based on these principles, we have developed a number of strengths that we believe differentiate us as an alternative asset manager and provide additional competitive advantages that can be leveraged to grow our business and create value. These include:

Firm Culture and People

When our founders started our firm in 1976, leveraged buyouts were a novel form of corporate finance. With no financial services firm to use as a model and with little interest in copying an existing formula, our founders sought to build a firm based on principles and values that would provide a proper institutional foundation for years to come. We believe that our success and industry leadership has been largely attributable to the culture of our firm and the values that we live by. We believe that our experienced and talented people, who represent our culture and values, have been the key to our success and growth. These values and our "one firm" culture will not change as a result of the U.S. Listing.

Leading Brand Name

The "KKR" name is associated with: experience and success in private equity transactions worldwide; a focus on operational value creation in portfolio companies; a strong investor base; a global network of leading business relationships; a reputation for integrity and fair dealing; creativity and innovation; and superior investment performance. The strength of this brand helps us attract world-class talent, raise capital and obtain access to investment opportunities. It has also provided the firm with a foundation to expand and diversify into new business lines. We intend to leverage the strength of our brand as we continue to grow our businesses.

Global Presence and Integrated One Firm Approach

We are a global firm. Although our operations span multiple continents and business lines, we have a common culture and are focused on sharing knowledge, resources and best practices throughout our offices and across asset classes. With offices in 14 major cities on four continents, we have created an integrated global platform for sourcing and making investments in multiple asset classes and throughout the capital structure. Our global and diversified operations are supported by extensive local market knowledge, which allows us to deploy capital across a number of geographical markets and raise capital from a broad base of investors globally.

Our investment processes are overseen by investment committees that operate globally and a portfolio management committee monitors our private equity investments. Where appropriate, investment professionals across our various businesses work together and with our capital markets team to source and execute investment opportunities. We believe that operating as an integrated firm enhances the growth and stability of our business and helps optimize the decisions we make across asset classes and geographies.

Sourcing Advantage

We believe that we have a competitive advantage for sourcing new investment opportunities as a result of our internal deal generation strategies, industry expertise and global network. Across our businesses, our investment professionals are organized into industry groups and work closely with our operating consultants and senior advisors to identify attractive businesses. These teams conduct their own primary research, develop views on industry themes and trends, and identify companies in which we may want to invest.

We also maintain relationships with leading executives from major companies, commercial and investment banks and other investment and advisory institutions. Through our industry focus and global network, we often are able to obtain exclusive or limited access to investments that we identify. Our reputation as a patient and long-term investor also makes us an attractive source of capital for

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companies and, through our relationships with major financial institutions, we generate additional transaction opportunities.

Distinguished Track Record Across Economic Cycles

We have successfully employed our patient and disciplined investment process through all types of economic and financial conditions, developing a track record that distinguishes the firm. From our inception through December 31, 2009, our private equity funds with at least 36 months of investment activity generated a cumulative gross IRR of 25.8%, compared to the 11.5% gross IRR achieved by the S&P 500 Index over the same period. Additionally, we established our fixed income business in 2004 and, despite difficult market conditions, the returns in each of our core strategies since inception have outperformed relevant benchmarks.

Sizeable Long-Term Capital Base

As of December 31, 2009, we had $52.2 billion of AUM, making us one of the largest independent alternative asset managers in the world. Our private equity funds and certain of our co-investment vehicles receive capital commitments from investors that may be called for during an investment period that typically lasts for six years and may remain invested for up to approximately 12 years. In addition, our specialty finance company as well as our structured finance vehicles include capital that has either long-dated or no maturities. As of December 31, 2009, approximately 93%, or $48.6 billion, of our AUM had a contractual life at inception of at least 10 years, which has provided a stable source of long-term capital for our business.

Long-Standing Investor Relationships

We have established strong relationships with our investors, which has allowed us to raise significant amounts of capital for investment across a broad range of asset classes. We have a diversified group of investors, including some of the largest public and private pension plans, global financial institutions, university endowments and other institutional and public market investors. Many of these investors have invested with us for decades in various products that we have sponsored. We continue to develop relationships with new significant investors worldwide, providing an additional source of capital for our investment vehicles. We believe that the strength, breadth, duration and diversity of our investor relationships provides us with a significant advantage for raising capital from existing and new sources and will help us continue to grow our business.

Alignment of Interests

Since our inception, one of our fundamental philosophies has been to align the interests of the firm and our people with the interests of our investors, portfolio companies and other stakeholders. We achieve this by putting our own capital behind our ideas. We and our principals have over $6.5 billion invested in or committed to our own funds and portfolio companies, including $4.2 billion funded through our balance sheet, $1.3 billion of additional commitments to investment funds and $1.0 billion in personal investments.

Creativity and Innovation

We pioneered the development of the leveraged buyout and have worked throughout our history to create new and innovative structures for both raising capital and making investments. Our history of innovation includes establishing permanent capital vehicles for our Public Markets and Private Markets segments and developing new capital markets and distribution capabilities in North America, Europe and Asia.

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Growth Strategy

We intend to grow our business and create value for our common unitholders by:

- generating superior returns on assets that we manage and our principal assets;
- growing our assets under management;
- entering new businesses and creating new products that leverage our core competencies;
- continuing our expansion into new geographies with respect to both investing and raising capital;
- expanding our capital markets business; and
- using our principal assets to grow and invest in our business.

Our Firm

Global Operations

With offices in New York, Menlo Park, San Francisco, Houston, Washington, D.C., London, Paris, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Beijing, Seoul, Mumbai, Dubai and Sydney, we have established ourselves as a leading global alternative asset manager. Our expansion outside of the United States began in 1995 when we made our first investment in Canada. Since that time, we have taken a long-term strategic approach to investing globally and have multilingual and multicultural investment teams that have local market knowledge and significant business, investment and operational experience in the countries in which we invest. We believe that our global capabilities have assisted us in raising capital and capturing a greater number of investment opportunities, while enabling us to diversify our operations.

While our operations span multiple continents and asset classes, our investment professionals are supported by an integrated infrastructure and operate under a common set of principles and business practices that are monitored by global committees. The firm operates with a single culture that rewards investment discipline, creativity, determination and patience and the sharing of information, resources, expertise and best practices across offices and asset classes. When appropriate, we staff transactions across multiple offices and businesses in order to take advantage of the industry-specific expertise of our investment professionals, and we hold regular meetings in which investment professionals throughout our offices share their knowledge and experiences. We believe that the ability to draw on the local cultural fluency of our investment professionals while maintaining a centralized and integrated global infrastructure distinguishes us from other alternative asset managers and has been a substantial contributing factor to our ability to raise funds, invest internationally and expand our businesses.

Global Committees

Our investment processes are overseen by investment and portfolio management committees that operate globally. Our investment committees are responsible for reviewing and approving all investments made by their business segments monitoring due diligence practices and providing advice in connection with the structuring, negotiation, execution and pricing of investments. Our portfolio management function is responsible for working with our investment professionals from the date on which a private equity or fixed income investment is made until the time the investment is exited in order to ensure that strategic and operational objectives are accomplished and that the performance of the investment is closely monitored.

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Our Segments

Private Markets

Through our Private Markets segment, we manage and sponsor a group of investment funds and co-investment vehicles that invest capital for long-term appreciation, either through controlling ownership of a company or strategic minority positions. These investment funds and co-investment vehicles are managed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., a registered investment advisor, and currently consist of a number of private equity funds that have a finite life and investment period, which are referred to as traditional private equity funds. As of December 31, 2009, the segment had $38.8 billion of AUM and our actively investing funds included geographically differentiated investment funds and vehicles with over $13.7 billion of unused capital commitments, providing a significant source of capital that may be deployed globally.

Private Markets Assets Under Management(1)
($ in billions)

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(1) Assets under management are presented pro forma for the Combination Transaction and, therefore, exclude the net asset value of KKR Guernsey and its commitments to our investment funds.

Throughout our history, we have consistently been a leader in the private equity industry. We consistently look for opportunities to leverage our private equity experience to enter complementary businesses. We recognize the important role that infrastructure plays in the growth of both developed and developing economies, and believe that the global infrastructure market provides an opportunity for the firm's combination of private investment, operational improvement, and regulatory stakeholder management skills. We began building out our infrastructure operations as a complementary business in 2008 in order to capitalize on the growing demand for global infrastructure investment and provide investors with an opportunity to invest in infrastructure assets as a distinct asset class.

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Experience

We are a world leader in private equity, having raised 15 traditional private equity funds with approximately $59.7 billion of capital commitments through December 31, 2009. We invest in industry-leading franchises and attract world-class management teams. Our investment approach leverages our capital base, sourcing advantage, global network, industry knowledge, and unique access to operating consultants and senior advisors, which we believe sets us apart from other private equity firms.

Portfolio

The following charts present information concerning the amount of capital invested by traditional private equity funds by geography and industry through December 31, 2009. We believe that this data illustrates the benefits of our business approach and our ability to source and invest in deals in multiple industries and geographies.

Dollars Invested by Geography
(European Fund and Subsequent Funds as of December 31, 2009)

Dollars Invested by Industry
(European Fund and Subsequent Funds as of December 31, 2009)

Our current private equity portfolio held among our European Fund and subsequent funds consists of approximately 50 companies with more than $200 billion of annual revenues and more than 900,000 employees worldwide. These companies are headquartered in 13 countries and operate in 14 general industries which take advantage of our broad and deep industry and operating expertise. Many of these companies are leading franchises with global operations, strong management teams and attractive growth prospects, which we believe will provide benefits through a broad range of business conditions, including the current economic cycle.

The following table presents information concerning the portfolio companies in our private equity portfolio as of December 31, 2009.

Company Name	Year of Investment	Industry	Country
TASC, Inc.	2009	Technology	United States
Far Eastern Leasing Co., Ltd.	2009	Financial Services	China
Eastman Kodak Company	2009	Technology	United States
BMG Rights Management GmbH	2009	Media	Germany
Oriental Brewery	2009	Consumer Products	South Korea
East Resources, Inc.	2009	Energy	United States
Ma Anshan Modern Farming	2008	Consumer Products	China
KKR Debt Investors S.à r.l.	2008	Financial Services	United States
Legg Mason, Inc.	2008	Financial Services	United States
Unisteel	2008	Technology	Singapore

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Company Name	Year of Investment	Industry	Country
Northgate Information Solutions Limited	2008	Technology	United Kingdom
Bharti Infratel Limited	2008	Telecom	India
Harman International Industries, Inc.	2007	Consumer Products	United States
Laureate Education, Inc.	2007	Education	United States
Energy Future Holdings Corp.	2007	Energy	United States
First Data Corporation	2007	Financial Services	United States
Alliance Boots GmbH	2007	Health Care	United Kingdom
Biomet, Inc.	2007	Health Care	United States
Tarkett S.A.	2007	Manufacturing	France
Tianrui Group Cement Co., Ltd.	2007	Manufacturing	China
ProSiebenSat.1 Media AG	2007	Media	Germany
Dollar General Corporation	2007	Retail	United States
U.S. Foodservice, Inc.	2007	Retail	United States
MMI Holdings Limited	2007	Technology	Singapore
Yageo Corporation	2007	Technology	Taiwan
U.N. Ro-Ro Isletmeleri A.S.	2007	Transportation	Turkey
Capmark Financial Group Inc.	2006	Financial Services	United States
HCA Inc.	2006	Health Care	United States
BIS Cleanaway	2006	Recycling	Australia
KION Group GmbH	2006	Manufacturing	Germany
The Nielsen Company B.V.	2006	Media	United States
PagesJaunes Groupe S.A.	2006	Media	France
Seven Media Group	2006	Media	Australia
AVR Bedrijven N.V.	2006	Recycling	The Netherlands
Aricent Inc.	2006	Technology	India
NXP B.V.	2006	Technology	The Netherlands
TDC A/S	2006	Telecom	Denmark
Accellent Inc.	2005	Health Care	United States
Duales System Deutschland AG	2005	Recycling	Germany
Toys 'R' Us, Inc.	2005	Retail	United States
Avago Technologies Limited	2005	Technology	Singapore
SunGard Data Systems, Inc.	2005	Technology	United States
Sealy Corporation	2004	Consumer Products	United States
Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2004	Health Care	United States
Visant Corporation	2004	Media	United States
A.T.U. Auto-Teile-Unger Holding GmbH	2004	Retail	Germany
Maxeda B.V.	2004	Retail	The Netherlands
Rockwood Holdings, Inc.	2004	Chemicals	United States
KSL Holdings Hotel del Coronado	2003	Hotel Leisure	United States
Legrand Holdings S.A.	2002	Manufacturing	France

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The table below presents information as of December 31, 2009 relating to our traditional private equity funds. This data does not reflect acquisitions or disposals of investments, changes in investment values or distributions occurring after December 31, 2009.

	As of December 31, 2009									
	Investment Period					Amount				
	Commence-ment Date(1)	End Date(1)	Commit-ment(2)	Uncalled Commit-ments	Percentage Committed by General Partner	Invested	Realized	Remaining Cost(3)	Fair Value(4)
	(Amounts in millions, except percentages)								
Private Markets									
E2 Investors (Annex Fund)	8/2009	11/2011	$ 555.1	$ 499.7	4.1%	$ 55.4	$	$ 55.4	$ 59.3
European Fund III	3/2008	3/2014	6,215.2	5,948.3	4.4%	266.9		266.9	194.9
Asian Fund	7/2007	7/2013	4,000.0	2,399.1	2.5%	1,600.9		1,600.9	1,713.2
2006 Fund	9/2006	9/2012	17,642.2	4,618.5	2.1%	13,023.6	215.1	12,813.4	12,252.3
European Fund II	11/2005	10/2008	5,750.8		2.1%	5,750.8	606.1	5,491.3	3,418.7
Millennium Fund	12/2002	12/2008	6,000.0		2.5%	6,000.0	5,141.7	4,766.5	5,261.9
European Fund	12/1999	12/2005	3,085.4		3.2%	3,085.4	5,913.6	705.0	1,936.1
Co-Investment Vehicles	Various	Various	1,662.8	262.5	0.2%	1,400.3	71.2	1,378.3	1,706.3
Total			44,911.5	13,728.1		31,183.3	11,947.7	27,077.7	26,542.7

(1) The commencement date represents the date on which the general partner of the applicable fund commenced investment of the fund's capital. The end date represents the earlier of the date on which the general partner of the applicable fund was or will be required by the fund's governing agreement to cease making investments on behalf of the fund, unless extended by a vote of the fund investors, or the date on which the last investment was made.

(2) The amount committed represents the aggregate capital commitments to the fund, including capital commitments by third-party fund investors and the general partner. Foreign currency commitments have been converted into U.S. dollars based on (i) the foreign exchange rate at the date of purchase for each investment and (ii) the exchange rate that prevailed on December 31, 2009, in the case of unfunded commitments.

(3) The remaining cost represents investors' initial investment adjusted for any return of capital in assets still held by the fund.

(4) Fair value refers to the value determined by us in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Performance

We take a long-term approach to private equity investments and measure the success of our investments over a period of years rather than months. Given the duration of our private equity investments, the firm focuses on realized multiples of invested capital and IRRs when deploying capital in private equity transactions. Since our inception, we have completed more than 170 private equity investments involving an aggregate transaction value of more than $425 billion. We have nearly doubled the value of capital that we have invested in private equity, turning $46.3 billion of capital into $86.5 billion of value.

Amount Invested and Total Value
Private Equity Investments
As of December 31, 2009

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From our inception in 1976 through December 31, 2009, our investment funds with at least 36 months of investment activity generated a cumulative gross IRR of 25.8%, compared to the 11.5% gross IRR achieved by the S&P 500 Index over the same period, despite the cyclical and sometimes challenging environments in which we have operated. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index and our returns assume reinvestment of distributions and do not reflect any fees or expenses.

The table below presents information as of December 31, 2009 relating to the historical performance of each of our traditional private equity funds since inception, which we believe illustrates the benefits of our private equity approach. This data does not reflect additional capital raised since December 31, 2009 or acquisitions or disposals of investments, changes in investment values or distributions occurring after that date. You are encouraged to review the cautionary note below for a description of reasons why the future results of our private equity funds may differ from the historical results of our private equity funds.

	Amount		Fair Value of Investments					
Private Equity Funds	**Commitment**	**Invested**	**Realized**	**Unrealized**	**Total**	**Gross IRR***	**Net IRR***	**Multiple of Invested Capital****
			($ in millions)					
Legacy Funds(1)								
1976 Fund	$ 31	$ 31	$ 537	$	$ 537	39.5%	35.5%	17.1
1980 Fund	$ 357	$ 357	$ 1,828	$	$ 1,828	29.0%	25.8%	5.1
1982 Fund	$ 328	$ 328	$ 1,291	$	$ 1,291	48.1%	39.2%	3.9
1984 Fund	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ 5,963	$	$ 5,963	34.5%	28.9%	6.0
1986 Fund	$ 672	$ 672	$ 9,081	$	$ 9,081	34.4%	28.9%	13.5
1987 Fund	$ 6,130	$ 6,130	$ 14,787	$ 61	$ 14,848	12.1%	8.9%	2.4
1993 Fund	$ 1,946	$ 1,946	$ 4,129	$ 8	$ 4,137	23.6%	16.8%	2.1
1996 Fund	$ 6,012	$ 6,012	$ 11,402	$ 703	$ 12,105	17.9%	13.1%	2.0
Included Funds								
European Fund (1999)(2)	$ 3,085	$ 3,085	$ 5,914	$ 1,936	$ 7,850	26.8%	19.9%	2.5
Millennium Fund (2002)	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ 5,142	$ 5,262	$ 10,404	25.0%	17.7%	1.7
European Fund II (2005)(2)	$ 5,751	$ 5,751	$ 606	$ 3,419	$ 4,025	(13.0)%	(13.4)%	0.7
2006 Fund	$ 17,642	$ 13,024	$ 215	$ 12,252	$ 12,467	(2.0)%	(2.8)%	1.0
Asian Fund (2007)(3)	$ 4,000	$ 1,601	$	$ 1,713	$ 1,713	*	*	1.1
European Fund III (2008)(2)(3)	$ 6,215	$ 267	$	$ 195	$ 195	*	*	0.7
Annex Fund (2009)(3)	$ 555	$ 55	$	$ 59	$ 59	*	*	1.1
All Funds	$ 59,724	$ 46,259	$ 60,895	$ 25,608	$ 86,503	25.8%	19.2%	1.9

(1) The last investment for each of the 1976 Fund, 1980 Fund, the 1982 Fund, the 1984 Fund and the 1986 Fund was liquidated on May 14, 2003, July 11, 2003, December 11, 1997, July 17, 1998 and December 29, 2004, respectively. The 1987 Fund and the 1993 Fund currently hold two investments, and it is not known when those investments will be liquidated. In the case of the 1976 Fund and the 1980 Fund, the last distributions made to fund investors occurred on May 17, 2002 and December 14, 1999, respectively.

(2) The capital commitments of the European Fund, the European Fund II, the European Fund III and the Annex Fund include euro-denominated commitments of €196.5 million, €2,597.2 million, €2,788.8 million and €165.5 million, respectively. Such amounts have been converted into U.S. dollars based on (i) the foreign exchange rate at the date of purchase for each investment and (ii) the exchange rate prevailing on December 31, 2009 in the case of unfunded commitments.

(3) The gross IRR, net IRR and multiple of invested capital are calculated based on our first twelve traditional private equity funds, which represent all of our private equity funds that have invested for at least 36 months prior to December 31, 2009. None of the Asian Fund, the European Fund III and the Annex Fund had invested for at least 36 months as of December 31, 2009. We

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therefore have not calculated gross IRRs, net IRRs and multiples of invested capital with respect to those funds.

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IRRs measure the aggregate annual compounded returns generated by a fund's investments over a holding period. Net IRRs are calculated after giving effect to the allocation of realized and unrealized carried interest and the payment of any applicable management fees. Gross IRRs are calculated before giving effect to the allocation of carried interest and the payment of any applicable management fees. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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The multiples of invested capital measure the aggregate returns generated by a fund's investments in absolute terms. Each multiple of invested capital is calculated by adding together the total realized and unrealized values of a fund's investments and dividing by the total amount of capital invested by the fund. Such amounts do not give effect to the allocation of any realized and unrealized returns on a fund's investments to the fund's general partner pursuant to a carried interest or the payment of any applicable management fees. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Cautionary Note Regarding Historical Fund Performance

The historical results for our funds described in this prospectus may not be indicative of the future results that you should expect from us, which could negatively impact the fees and incentive amounts received by us from such funds. In particular, our funds' future results may differ significantly from their historical results for the following reasons:

- the rates of returns of our funds reflect unrealized gains as of the applicable valuation date that may never be realized, which may adversely affect the ultimate value realized from those funds' investments;

- you will not benefit from any value that was created in our funds prior to the Transactions to the extent such value has been realized and we may be required to repay excess amounts previously received in respect of carried interest in our funds if, upon liquidation of the fund, we have received carried interest distributions in excess of the amount to which we were entitled;

- future performance of our funds will be affected by macroeconomic factors, including negative factors arising from recent disruptions in the global financial markets that were not prevalent in the periods relevant to certain return data described in this prospectus;

- in recent historical periods, the rates of returns of some of our funds have been positively influenced by a number of investments that experienced a substantial decrease in the average holding period of such investments and rapid and substantial increases in value following the dates on which those investments were made; those trends and rates of return may not be repeated in the future, especially given that recent disruptions in the global financial markets have increased the difficulty of successfully exiting private equity investments;

- our funds' returns have benefited from investment opportunities and general market conditions that may not repeat themselves, including favorable borrowing conditions in the debt markets that have since deteriorated, thereby increasing both the cost and difficulty of financing transactions, and there can be no assurance that our current or future funds will be able to avail themselves of comparable investment opportunities or market conditions or that such market conditions will continue;

- the rates of return reflect our historical cost structure, which may vary in the future due to various factors described elsewhere in this prospectus and other factors beyond our control, including changes in laws; and we may create new funds and investment products in the future that reflect a different asset mix in terms of allocations among funds, investment strategies, and geographic and industry exposure.

Investment Approach

Our approach to making private equity investments focuses on achieving multiples of invested capital and attractive risk-adjusted IRRs by selecting high-quality investments that may be made at attractive prices, applying rigorous standards of due diligence when making investment decisions, implementing strategic and operational changes that drive value creation in acquired businesses, carefully monitoring investments and making informed decisions when developing investment exit strategies.

We believe that we have achieved a leading position in the private equity industry by applying a disciplined investment approach and by building strong partnerships with highly motivated management teams who put their own capital at risk. When making private equity investments, we seek out strong business franchises, attractive growth prospects, leading market positions and the ability to generate attractive returns. We do not participate in "hostile" transactions that are not supported by a target company's board of directors.

Sourcing and Selecting Investments

We have access to significant opportunities for making private equity investments as a result of our sizeable capital base, global platform and relationships with leading executives from major companies, commercial and investment banks and other investment and advisory institutions. Members of our global network frequently contact us with new investment opportunities, including a substantial number of exclusive investment opportunities and opportunities that are made available to only a very limited number of other firms. We also proactively pursue business development strategies that are designed to generate deals internally based on the depth of our industry knowledge and our reputation as a leading financial sponsor.

To enhance our ability to identify and consummate private equity investments, we have organized our investment professionals in industry-specific teams. Our industry teams work closely with our operating consultants and senior advisors to identify businesses that can be grown and improved. These teams conduct their own primary research, develop a list of industry themes and trends, identify companies and assets in need of operational improvement and seek out businesses and assets that will benefit from our involvement. They possess a detailed understanding of the economic drivers, opportunities for value creation and strategies that can be designed and implemented to improve companies across the industries in which we invest.

Due Diligence and the Investment Decision

When an investment team determines that an investment proposal is worth consideration, the proposal is formally presented to the private equity investment committee and the due diligence process commences. The objective of the due diligence process is to identify attractive investment opportunities based on the facts and circumstances surrounding an investment and to prepare a framework that may be used from the date of an acquisition to drive operational improvement and value creation. When conducting due diligence, investment teams evaluate a number of important business, financial, tax, accounting, environmental and legal issues in order to determine whether an investment is suitable. In connection with the due diligence process, investment professionals spend significant amounts of time meeting with a company's management and operating personnel, visiting plants and facilities and where appropriate speaking with customers and suppliers in order to understand the opportunities and risks associated with the proposed investment. Our investment

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professionals also use the services of outside accountants, consultants, lawyers, investment banks and industry experts as appropriate to assist them in this process. The private equity investment committee monitors all due diligence practices and must approve an investment before it may be made.

Building Successful and Competitive Businesses

When investing in a portfolio company, we partner with world-class management teams to execute on our investment thesis, and we rigorously track performance through regular reporting and detailed operational and financial metrics. We have developed a global network of experienced managers and operating executives who assist the portfolio companies in making operational improvements and achieving growth. We augment these resources with operational guidance from our operating consultants at KKR Capstone, senior advisors and investment teams and with "100-Day Plans" that focus the firm's efforts and drive our strategies. We emphasize efficient capital management, top-line growth, R&D spending, geographical expansion, cost optimization and investment for the long-term.

Realizing Investments

We have developed substantial expertise for realizing private equity investments. From our inception through December 31, 2009, the firm has generated approximately $60.9 billion of cash proceeds from the sale of our portfolio companies in initial public offerings and secondary offerings, recapitalizations, and sales to strategic buyers. When exiting investments, our objective is to structure the exit in a manner that optimizes returns for investors and, in the case of publicly traded companies, minimizes the impact that the exit has on the trading price of the company's securities. We believe that our ability to successfully realize investments is attributable in part to the strength and discipline of our portfolio management committee and capital markets business, as well as the firm's longstanding relationships with corporate buyers and members of the investment banking and investing communities.

Traditional Fund Structures

Most of the private equity funds that we sponsor and manage have finite lives and investment periods. Each fund is organized as a single partnership or a combination of separate domestic and overseas partnerships and each partnership is controlled by a general partner. Fund investors are limited partners who agree to contribute a specified amount of capital to the fund from time to time for use in qualifying investments during the investment period, which generally lasts up to six years depending on how quickly capital is deployed. Each fund's general partner is generally entitled to a carried interest that allocates to it 20% of the net profits realized by the limited partners from the fund's investments.

We enter into management agreements with our traditional private equity funds pursuant to which we receive management fees in exchange for providing the funds with management and other services. These management fees are calculated based on the amount of capital committed to a fund during the investment period and thereafter on the cost basis of the fund's investments, which causes the fees to be reduced over time as investments are liquidated. These management fees are paid by fund investors, who generally contribute capital to the fund in order to allow the fund to pay the fees to us. Our funds generally allocate management fees across individual investments and, as and when an investment generates returns, 20% of the allocated management fee is required to be returned to investors before a carried interest may be paid.

We also enter into monitoring agreements with our portfolio companies pursuant to which we receive periodic monitoring fees in exchange for providing them with management, consulting and other services, and we typically receive transaction fees from portfolio companies for providing them with financial advisory and other services in connection with specific transactions. In some cases, we may be entitled to other potential fees that are paid by an investment target when a potential investment is not consummated. Our traditional private equity fund agreements typically require us to share 80% of any advisory and other potential fees that are allocable to a fund (after reduction for expenses incurred allocable to a fund from unconsummated transactions) with fund investors in the form of a management fee reduction.

In addition, the agreements governing our traditional private equity funds enable investors in those funds to reduce their capital commitments available for further investments, on an investor-by-investor basis, in the event certain "key persons" (for example, both of Messrs. Kravis and Roberts, and, in the case of certain geographically or product focused funds, one or more of the executives focused on such funds) cease to be actively involved in the management of the fund. While these provisions do not allow investors to withdraw capital that has been invested or cause a fund to terminate, the occurrence of a "key man" event could cause disruption in our business, reduce the amount of capital that we have available for future investments and make it more challenging to raise additional capital in the future.

To the extent investors in our private equity funds suffer losses resulting from fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or other similar misconduct, investors may have remedies against us, our private equity funds, our principals or our affiliates under the federal securities laws and state laws. While the general partners and investment advisors to our private equity funds, including their directors, officers, other employees and affiliates, are generally indemnified by the private equity funds to the fullest extent permitted by law with respect to their conduct in connection with the management of the business and affairs of our private equity funds, such indemnity does not extend to actions determined to have involved fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or other similar misconduct.

Because fund investors typically are unwilling to invest their capital in a fund unless the fund's manager also invests its own capital in the fund's investments, our private equity fund documents generally require the general partners of the funds to make minimum capital commitments to the funds. The amounts of these commitments, which are negotiated by fund investors, generally range from 2% to 4% of a fund's total capital commitments at final closing. When investments are made, the general partner contributes capital to the fund based on its fund commitment percentage and acquires a capital interest in the investment that is not subject to a carried interest or management fees. Historically, these capital contributions have been funded with cash from operations that otherwise would be distributed to our principals. Subsequent to the Transactions, these general partner commitments are expected to be made through our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment.

Other Private Equity Fund Vehicles

E2 Investors (Annex Fund). We have established the Annex Fund through which investors in the European Fund II and the Millennium Fund make additional investments in portfolio companies of the European Fund II, which was then fully invested. This fund has several features that distinguish it from our other traditional private equity funds, including: (i) it will not pay a management fee to us; (ii) its general partner will only be entitled to a carried interest after netting any losses, costs and expenses relating to European Fund II and certain Millennium Fund investments from the profits of the Annex Fund investments; and (iii) we have agreed not to charge transaction or incremental monitoring fees in connection with investments in which the Annex Fund participates. In addition, certain investors transferred a portion of their European Fund III commitments to the Annex Fund, which proportionately reduced the commitments available to the European Fund III and the overall amount of management fees payable by the European Fund III to us.

Other Private Equity Products. The amount of equity used to finance leveraged buyouts has increased significantly in recent years, creating significant opportunities to offer co-investment opportunities to both fund investors and other third parties. We have capitalized on this opportunity by building out our capital markets and distribution capabilities and creating new investment structures and products that allow us to syndicate a portion of the equity needed to finance acquisitions. These structures include co-investment vehicles and a principal protected private equity product, many of which entitle the firm to receive management fees and/or carry. As of December 31, 2009, we had $2.0 billion of AUM in fee and/or carry-paying products of this type.

Legacy Private Equity Funds. The investment period for each of the 1996 Fund and all prior funds has ended. Because the general partners of these funds are not expected to receive meaningful proceeds from further realizations, interests in the general partners were not contributed to the Combined Business in connection with the Transactions. KKR will, however, continue to provide the legacy funds with management and other services until their liquidation. While we do not expect to receive meaningful fees for providing these services, we do not believe that the ongoing administration of the funds will materially interfere with the firm's operations or generate any material costs for the firm.

Public Markets

Through our Public Markets segment, we manage a specialty finance company and a number of investment funds, structured finance vehicles and separately managed accounts that invest capital in liquid credit strategies, such as leveraged loans and high yield bonds, and less liquid credit products such as mezzanine debt and capital solutions investments. These funds, vehicles and accounts are managed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (Fixed Income) LLC, an SEC registered investment advisor. We intend to continue to grow this business by leveraging our global investment platform, experienced investment professionals and ability to adapt our investment strategies to different market conditions to capitalize on investment opportunities that may arise at every level of the capital structure. As an example, we believe that mezzanine financing, a hybrid of debt and equity financing, is an attractive form of investing, and interest in mezzanine products relates to the favorable position of mezzanine in the capital structure and its historically attractive risk-reward characteristics. We believe that expanding into mezzanine products will allow us to take advantage of synergies with our existing fixed income and private equity businesses. As of December 31, 2009, this segment had $13.4 billion of AUM, including $0.9 billion in KKR Financial Holdings LLC, $8.1 billion in structured finance vehicles and $4.4 billion in separately managed accounts and fixed income funds.

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The following chart presents the growth in the AUM of our Public Markets segment from the commencement of operations in August 2004 through December 31, 2009.

Public Markets Assets Under Management(1)

($ in billions)

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(1) Assets under management are presented pro forma for the Combination Transaction and, therefore, exclude the net asset value of KKR Guernsey and its commitments to our investment funds.

Experience

We launched our Public Markets business in August 2004. In connection with the formation of this business, we hired additional investment professionals with significant experience in evaluating and managing debt investments, including investments in corporate loans and debt securities, structured products and other fixed income instruments, and built out an investment platform for identifying, assessing, executing, monitoring and realizing investments.

Portfolio

The following charts present information concerning the amount of capital currently invested by our Public Markets segment across all of the vehicles that it manages as of December 31, 2009. The current investment portfolio primarily consists of high yield corporate debt, including leveraged loans

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and high yield bonds. We expect mezzanine securities and capital solutions related investments to represent a larger percentage of investments in the future.

Investment Composition **Seniority**

Performance

We generally review our performance in the Public Markets segment by investment strategy as opposed to by investor vehicle. The following chart presents information on the returns of our key strategies from inception to December 31, 2009.

Inception-to-Date Annualized Gross Performance vs. Benchmark(1) by Strategy

(1)

The Benchmarks referred to herein include the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index (the "S&P/LSTA Loan Index") and the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Index (the "ML HY Master II Index" and, together with the S&P/LSTA Loan Index, the "Indices"). The S&P/LSTA Loan Index is an index that comprises all loans that meet the inclusion criteria and that have marks from the LSTA/LPC mark-to-market service. The inclusion criteria consist of the following: (i) syndicated term loan instruments consisting of term loans (both amortizing and institutional), acquisition loans (after they are drawn down) and bridge loans; (ii) secured; (iii) U.S. dollar denominated; (iv) minimum term of one year at inception; and (v) minimum initial spread of LIBOR plus

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1.25%. The ML HY Master II Index is a market-value weighted index of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. "Yankee" bonds (debt of foreign issuers issued in the U.S. domestic market) are included in the ML HY Master II Index provided that the issuer is domiciled in a country having investment grade foreign currency long-term debt rating. Qualifying bonds must have maturities of one year or more, a fixed coupon schedule and minimum outstanding of US$100 million. In addition, issues having a credit rating lower than BBB3, but not in default, are also included. The indices do not reflect the reinvestment of income or dividends and the indices are not subject to management fees, incentive allocations or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in unmanaged indices.

(2) The Secured Credit Levered composite inception data is as of September 1, 2004 annualized performance calculation treats 2004 as a full year of investing. Performance information labeled "Secured Credit" herein represents a combination of performance of KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite calculated on an unlevered basis and KKR's Secured Credit composite. KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite has an investment objective that allows it to invest in assets other than senior secured term loans and high yield securities, which includes asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, preferred stock, public equity, private equity and certain freestanding derivatives. In addition, KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite has employed leverage in its respective portfolios as part of its investment strategy. Gains realized with borrowed funds may cause returns to increase at a faster rate than would be the case without borrowings. If, however, investment results fail to cover the principal, interest and other costs of borrowings, returns could also decrease faster than if there had been no borrowings. Accordingly, the unlevered returns contained herein do not reflect the actual returns, and are not intended to be indicative of the future results of KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite. It is not expected that KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite will achieve comparable results. In designing this product, a blended composite was created against which to evaluate performance and is based on an approximate asset mix similar to that of the Secured Credit strategy. The Benchmark used for purposes of comparison for the Secured Credit strategy presented herein is based on 90% S&P/LSTA Loan Index and 10% ML HY Master II Index. There are differences, in some cases, significant differences, between KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite investments and the investments included in the Indices. For instance, KKR's Secured Credit Levered composite may invest in securities that have a greater degree of risk and volatility, as well as liquidity risk, than those securities contained in the Indices.

(3) In designing this product, a blended composite was created against which to evaluate performance and is based on an approximate asset mix similar to that of the Bank Loan Plus High Yield strategy. The Benchmark used for purposes of comparison for the Bank Loan Plus High Yield strategy presented herein is based on 65% S&P/LSTA Loan Index and 35% ML HY Master II Index.

(4) In designing this product, a blended composite was created against which to evaluate performance and is based on an approximate asset mix similar to that of the Flexible Credit strategy. The Benchmark used for purposes of comparison for the Flexible Credit strategy presented herein is based on 50% S&P/LSTA Loan Index and 50% ML HY Master II Index.

Investment Approach

Our approach to making debt investments focuses on creating investment portfolios that generate attractive risk-adjusted returns on invested capital by allocating capital across multiple asset classes, selecting high-quality investments that may be made at attractive prices, applying rigorous standards of due diligence when making investment decisions, subjecting investments to regular monitoring and oversight and making buy and sell decisions based on price targets and relative value parameters. The firm employs both "top-down" and "bottom-up" analyses when making these types of investments. Our top-down analysis involves a macro analysis of relative asset valuations, long-term industry trends,

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business cycles, interest rate expectations, credit fundamentals and technical factors to target specific industry sectors and asset classes in which to invest. Our bottom-up analysis includes a rigorous analysis of the credit fundamentals and capital structure of each credit considered for investment and a thorough review of the impact of credit and industry trends and dynamics and dislocation events on such potential investment.

Sourcing and Selecting Investments

We source debt investment opportunities through a variety of channels, including internal deal generation strategies and the firm's global network of contacts at major companies, corporate executives, commercial and investment banks, financial intermediaries, other private equity sponsors and other investment and advisory institutions. We are also regularly provided with opportunities to invest where appropriate in debt that our portfolio companies incur in connection with our private equity investments. These opportunities may be significant. As of December 31, 2009, these vehicles and accounts held investments with a face value of $4.7 billion in senior and subordinated corporate loans, bridge loans and debt securities of our portfolio companies.

Due Diligence and the Investment Decision

Once a potential investment has been identified, our investment professionals screen the opportunity and make a preliminary determination concerning whether we should proceed with a due diligence investigation. When evaluating the suitability of a debt investment, we employ a relative value framework and subject the investment to a rigorous credit analysis. This review considers, among other things, pricing terms, expected returns, credit structure, credit ratings, historical and projected financial data, the issuer's competitive position, the quality and track record of the issuer's management team, margin stability and industry and company trends. Investment professionals use the services of outside advisors and industry experts as appropriate to assist them in the due diligence process and, when relevant and permitted, leverage the knowledge and experience of our private equity professionals. A dedicated debt investment committee monitors all due diligence practices and must approve an investment before it may be made.

Monitoring Investments

We monitor our portfolios of debt investments using daily, quarterly and annual analyses. Daily analyses include morning market meetings, industry and company pricing runs, industry and company reports and discussions with the firm's private equity investment professionals on an as-needed basis. Quarterly analyses include the preparation of quarterly operating results, reconciliations of actual results to projections and updates to financial models (baseline and stress cases). Annual analyses involve preparing annual credit memoranda, conducting internal audits and testing compliance with monitoring and documentation requirements.

Public Markets Vehicles

Separately Managed Accounts and Fixed Income Funds

Beginning in 2008, we created a managed account platform that enables the firm to tailor an investment program to meet the specific risk, return and investment objectives of individual institutional investors. As of December 31, 2009, the AUM of this platform totaled $4.4 billion, consisting of committed capital and the net asset value of invested capital. We actively seek to raise additional capital from both new and existing investors, including investors in our private equity and fixed income funds. For managing these accounts, we are entitled to receive either fees or a combination of fees and carried interest, depending on the nature of the investment program. We also manage certain fixed income funds that make investments primarily in corporate debt and marketable and non-marketable equity securities. The amount of fees earned in connection with the management of these funds is not material to our operations.

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KFN

KKR Financial Holdings LLC (NYSE: KFN), or KFN, is a New York Stock Exchange-listed specialty finance company that commenced operations in July 2004. Its majority owned subsidiaries finance and invest in a broad range of debt investments, including residential mortgage-backed securities, syndicated corporate debt as well as special situations opportunities, which range from private debt instruments to mezzanine and distressed opportunities. We serve as the external manager of KFN under a management agreement and are entitled to receive a monthly base management fee equal to an annual rate of 1.75% of KFN's equity as defined in the agreement and a quarterly incentive fee that is generally equal to the amount by which KFN's net income (before incentive fees and share-based compensation expenses) per weighted average share outstanding for the quarter exceeds a specified hurdle rate. The management agreement may be terminated only in limited circumstances and, except for a termination arising from certain events of cause, upon the payment of a termination fee to KKR.

Structured Finance Vehicles

Beginning in 2005, we began managing structured finance vehicles in the form of collateralized loan obligation transactions ("CLOs"). CLOs are typically structured as bankruptcy-remote, special purpose investment vehicles which acquire, monitor and, to varying degrees, manage a pool of fixed-income assets. KFN conducts its business primarily through its holdings of a majority of the voting securities of, and certain other interests in, such CLOs. The CLOs serve as long term financing for fixed income investments and as a way to minimize refinancing risk, minimize maturity risk and secure a fixed cost of funds over an underlying market interest rate for KFN and the private fixed income funds. As of December 31, 2009, KKR had $8.1 billion of AUM in structured finance vehicles.

Capital Markets and Principal Activities

Our Capital Markets and Principal Activities segment combines the assets we acquired in the Combination Transaction with our global capital markets business. Our capital markets business supports our firm, our portfolio companies and our clients by providing tailored capital markets advice and developing and implementing both traditional and non-traditional capital solutions for investments and companies seeking financing. Our capital markets services include arranging debt and equity financing for transactions, placing and underwriting securities offerings, structuring new investment products and providing capital markets services. To allow us to carry out these activities, we are registered or authorized to carry out certain broker-dealer activities in various countries in North America, Europe and Asia.

The assets that we acquired in the Combination Transaction have provided us with a significant source of capital to further grow and expand our business, increase our participation in our existing portfolio of businesses and further align our interests with those of our investors and other stakeholders. We believe that the market experience and skills of professionals in our capital markets business and the investment expertise of professionals in our Private Markets and Public Markets segments will allow us to continue to grow and diversify this asset base over time.

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As of December 31, 2009, the segment had over $4.1 billion of investments at fair value. The following charts present information concerning our principal assets by type, geography and industry as of December 31, 2009.

Investments By Type

Investments By Geography

Investments By Industry

Client & Partner Group

We have developed our Client & Partner Group over the past several years to better service our existing investors and to source new investor relationships. The group is responsible for raising capital for us globally across all products, expanding our client relationships across asset classes and across types of investors, developing products to meet our clients' needs, and servicing existing investors and products.

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The following charts detail our investor base by type and geography as of December 31, 2009.

Investor Base By Type(1) **Investor Base By Geography(1)**

(1) Based on third party dollars committed to private equity funds (European Fund and onward), private equity co-investment vehicles and Public Markets' separately managed accounts.

Competition

We compete with other asset managers for both investors and investment opportunities. The firm's competitors consist primarily of sponsors of public and private investment funds, business development companies, investment banks, commercial finance companies and operating companies acting as strategic buyers. We believe that competition for investors is based primarily on investment performance; business reputation; the duration of relationships with investors; the quality of services provided to investors; pricing; and the relative attractiveness of the types of investments that have been or are to be made. We believe that competition for investment opportunities is based primarily on the pricing, terms and structure of a proposed investment and certainty of execution.

Some of the entities that we compete with as an alternative asset manager have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources and more personnel than us and, in the case of some asset classes, longer operating histories, more established relationships or greater experience. Several of our competitors also have recently raised, or are expected to raise, significant amounts of capital and have investment objectives that are similar to the investment objectives of our funds, which may create additional competition for investment opportunities. Some of these competitors may also have lower costs of capital and access to funding sources that are not available to us, which may create competitive advantages for them. In addition, some of these competitors may have higher risk tolerances, different risk assessments or lower return thresholds, which could allow them to consider a wider range of investments and to bid more aggressively than us for investments. Strategic buyers may also be able to achieve synergistic cost savings or revenue enhancements with respect to a targeted portfolio company, which may provide them with a competitive advantage in bidding for such investments.

We expect to compete as a capital markets business primarily with investment banks and independent broker-dealers in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East and intend to focus our capital markets activities initially on the firm, our portfolio companies and investors. While we generally target customers with whom we have existing relationships, those customers also have similar relationships with the firm's competitors, many of whom will have access to competing securities transactions, greater financial, technical or marketing resources or more established reputations than us. The limited operating history of our capital markets business could make it difficult for us to compete with established broker-dealers, participate in capital markets transactions of issuers or successfully grow the firm's capital markets business over time.

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Employees

As of December 31, 2009, we employed approximately 600 people worldwide:

Investment Professionals	158
Other Professionals	204
Support Staff	220
Total Employees	**582**
KKR Capstone	58
Senior Advisors	28
Total Employees and Advisors	**668**

Investment Professionals

Our 158 investment professionals come from diverse backgrounds in private equity, fixed income and infrastructure and include executives with operations, strategic consulting, risk management, liability management and finance experience. As a group, these professionals provide us with a powerful global team for identifying attractive investment opportunities, creating value and generating superior returns.

Other Professionals

Our 204 other professionals come from diverse backgrounds in capital markets, capital raising, client servicing, public affairs, finance, tax, legal, human resources, and information technology. As a group, these professionals provide us with a strong team for performing capital markets activities, servicing our existing investors and creating relationships with new investors globally. Additionally, a majority of these other professionals are responsible for supporting the global infrastructure of KKR.

KKR Capstone

We have developed an institutionalized process for creating value in investments. As part of our effort, we utilize a team of 58 operating consultants at KKR Capstone and work exclusively with our investment professionals and portfolio company management teams. With executives in New York, Menlo Park, London and Hong Kong, KKR Capstone provides additional expertise for assessing investment opportunities and assisting managers of portfolio companies in defining strategic priorities and implementing operational changes. During the initial phases of an investment, KKR Capstone's work seeks to implement our thesis for value creation. Our operating consultants may assist portfolio companies in addressing top-line growth, cost optimization and efficient capital allocation and in developing operating and financial metrics. Over time, this work shifts to identifying challenges and taking advantage of business opportunities that arise during the life of an investment.

Senior Advisors

To complement the expertise of our investment professionals, we have retained a team of 28 senior advisors to provide us with additional operational and strategic insights. The responsibilities of senior advisors include serving on the boards of our portfolio companies, helping us evaluate individual investment opportunities and assisting portfolio companies with operational matters. These individuals include former chief executive officers, chief financial officers and chairmen of Fortune 500 companies, as well as other individuals who have held leading positions in major corporations and public agencies worldwide. Four of the senior advisors also participate on our portfolio management committee, which monitors the performance of our private equity investments.

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Regulation

Our operations are subject to regulation and supervision in a number of jurisdictions. The level of regulation and supervision to which we are subject varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and is based on the type of business activity involved. We, in conjunction with our outside advisors and counsel, seek to manage our business and operations in compliance with such regulation and supervision. The regulatory and legal requirements that apply to our activities are subject to change from time to time and may become more restrictive, which may make compliance with applicable requirements more difficult or expensive or otherwise restrict our ability to conduct our business activities in the manner in which they are now conducted. Changes in applicable regulatory and legal requirements, including changes in their enforcement, could materially and adversely affect our business and our financial condition and results of operations. As a matter of public policy, the regulatory bodies that regulate our business activities are responsible for safeguarding the integrity of the securities and financial markets and protecting investors who participate in those markets rather than protecting the interests of our unitholders.

United States

Regulation as an Investment Advisor

As an investment advisor, we are subject to the anti-fraud provisions of the Investment Advisers Act and to fiduciary duties derived from these provisions which apply to our relationships with our advisory clients, including funds that we manage. These provisions and duties impose restrictions and obligations on us with respect to our dealings with our investors and our investments, including for example restrictions on agency cross and principal transactions. We have not registered as an investment advisor, although Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and its wholly owned subsidiary Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (Fixed Income) LLC are registered as investment advisors under the Investment Advisers Act. As registered investment advisors, they are subject to periodic SEC examinations and other requirements under the Investment Advisers Act and related regulations primarily intended to benefit advisory clients. These additional requirements relate, among other things, to maintaining an effective and comprehensive compliance program, recordkeeping and reporting requirements and disclosure requirements. The Investment Advisers Act generally grants the SEC broad administrative powers, including the power to limit or restrict an investment advisor from conducting advisory activities in the event it fails to comply with federal securities laws. Additional sanctions that may be imposed for failure to comply with applicable requirements include the prohibition of individuals from associating with an investment advisor, the revocation of registrations and other censures and fines.

Regulation as a Broker-Dealer

KKR Capital Markets LLC, one of our subsidiaries, is registered as a broker-dealer with the SEC under the Exchange Act and with the New York Securities Commission under New York state securities laws, and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA. A broker-dealer is subject to legal requirements covering all aspects of its securities business, including sales and trading practices, public and private securities offerings, use and safekeeping of customers' funds and securities, capital structure, record-keeping and retention and the conduct and qualifications of directors, officers, employees and other associated persons. These requirements include the SEC's "uniform net capital rule," which specifies the minimum level of net capital that a broker-dealer must maintain, requires a significant part of the broker-dealer's assets to be kept in relatively liquid form, imposes certain requirements that may have the effect of prohibiting a broker-dealer from distributing or withdrawing its capital and subjects any distributions or withdrawals of capital by a broker-dealer to notice requirements. These and other requirements also include rules that limit a broker-dealer's ratio of subordinated debt to equity in its regulatory capital composition, constrain a broker-dealer's ability to expand its business under certain circumstances and impose additional requirements when the broker-dealer participates in securities offerings of affiliated entities. Violations of these requirements may result in censures, fines, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders, revocation of licenses or registrations, the suspension or expulsion from the securities industry of the broker-dealer or its officers or employees or other similar consequences by regulatory bodies.

United Kingdom

KKR Capital Markets Limited, one of our subsidiaries, is authorized in the United Kingdom under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, or FSMA, and has permission to engage in a number of activities regulated under FSMA, including dealing as principal or agent and arranging deals in relation to certain types of specified investments and arranging the safeguarding and administration of assets. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. Limited, another one of our subsidiaries, is authorized in the United Kingdom under FSMA and has permission to engage in a number of regulated activities including advising on and arranging deals relating to corporate finance business in relation to certain types of specified investments. FSMA and related rules govern most aspects of investment business, including sales, research and trading practices, provision of investment advice, corporate finance, use and safekeeping of client funds and securities, regulatory capital, record keeping, margin practices and procedures, approval standards for individuals, anti-money laundering, periodic reporting and settlement procedures. The Financial Services Authority is responsible for administering these requirements and our compliance with them. Violations of these requirements may result in censures, fines, imposition of additional requirements, injunctions, restitution orders, revocation or modification of permissions or registrations, the suspension or expulsion from certain "controlled functions" within the financial services industry of officers or employees performing such functions or other similar consequences.

KKR Capital Markets Limited and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. Limited have passports under the single market directives to offer services cross border into all countries in the European Economic Area and Gibraltar.

Other Jurisdictions

KKR Capital Markets LLC is registered as an international dealer under the Securities Act (Ontario). This registration permits us to trade in non-Canadian equity and debt securities with certain types of investors located in Ontario, Canada. KKR Capital Markets Japan Limited, a joint-stock corporation, is a certified Class 2 broker-dealer registered under the Japanese Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of 2007.

KKR MENA Limited, a Dubai International Financial Centre company, is licensed to arrange credit or deals in investments, advise on financial products or credit, and manage assets, and is regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority.

KKR Australia Pty Limited is Australian financial services licensed and is authorized to provide advice on and deal in financial products for wholesale clients, and is regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

KKR Capital Markets Asia Limited is licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong to carry on dealing in securities and advising on securities regulated activities.

KKR Holdings Mauritius, Ltd. and KKR Account Adviser (Mauritius), Ltd. are unrestricted investment advisors authorized to manage portfolios of securities and give advice on securities transactions, and are regulated by the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius.

KKR Account Adviser (Mauritius), Ltd. is registered as a foreign institutional investor with the Securities and Exchange Board of India, or SEBI, under the SEBI (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995, pursuant to which its activities are regulated by SEBI and it is permitted to make and/or manage investments into listed and/or unlisted securities of Indian issuers.

KKR Mauritius Direct Investments I, Ltd. is an investment holding company in Mauritius regulated by the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius.

Multiflow Financial Services Private Limited, a private limited company incorporated in India, is registered with the Reserve Bank of India as a non-deposit taking non-banking financial company, and is authorized to undertake lending and financing activities.

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Afocelio Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Cyprus, is registered with and regulated by the SEBI as a sub-account pursuant to which it can make investments into listed and/or unlisted securities of Indian issuers.

One of our fixed income funds is regulated as a mutual fund by the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority.

KKR Guernsey is authorized to do business in Guernsey and is subject to the ongoing supervision of the Guernsey Financial Services Commission and the Authority for the Financial Markets in the Netherlands.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are involved in various legal proceedings, lawsuits and claims incidental to the conduct of our business. Our business is also subject to extensive regulation, which may result in regulatory proceedings against us. See "Risk Factors".

In August 1999, we and certain of our current and former personnel were named as defendants in an action alleging breach of fiduciary duty and conspiracy in connection with the acquisition of Bruno's Inc. ("Bruno's"), one of our former portfolio companies, in 1995. In April 2000, the complaint in this action was amended to further allege that we and others violated state law by fraudulently misrepresenting the financial condition of Bruno's in an August 1995 subordinated notes offering relating to the acquisition and in Bruno's subsequent periodic financial disclosures. In August 2009, the action was consolidated with a similar action brought against the underwriters of the August 1995 subordinated notes offering. In September 2009, we and the other named defendants moved to dismiss the action, which motion remains pending.

In 2005, we and certain of our current and former personnel were named as defendants in now-consolidated shareholder derivative actions relating to Primedia Inc. ("Primedia"), one of our portfolio companies. These actions claim that the board of directors of Primedia breached its fiduciary duty of loyalty in connection with the redemption of certain shares of preferred stock in 2004 and 2005. The plaintiffs further allege that we benefited from these redemptions of preferred stock at the expense of Primedia and that we usurped a corporate opportunity of Primedia in 2002 by purchasing shares of its preferred stock at a discount on the open market while causing Primedia to refrain from doing the same. In February 2008, the special litigation committee formed by the board of directors of Primedia, following a review of plaintiffs' claims, filed a motion to dismiss the actions. Briefing in connection with the special litigation committee motion to dismiss the actions was completed in January 2010. In November 2009, plaintiffs filed a motion to amend the complaint. These motions remain pending.

In December 2007, we, along with 15 other private equity firms and investment banks, were named as defendants in a purported class action complaint by shareholders in certain public companies acquired by private equity firms since 2003. In August 2008, we, along with 16 other private equity firms and investment banks, were named as defendants in a purported consolidated amended class action complaint. The suit alleges that from mid-2003 defendants have violated antitrust laws by allegedly conspiring to rig bids, restrict the supply of private equity financing, fix the prices for target companies at artificially low levels, and divide up an alleged market for private equity services for leveraged buyouts. The complaint seeks injunctive relief on behalf of all persons who sold securities to any of the defendants in leveraged buyout transactions and specifically challenges nine transactions. The amended complaint also includes five purported sub-classes of plaintiffs seeking damages and/or restitution with respect to five of the nine challenged transactions.

On August 7, 2008, KFN, the members of the KFN's board of directors and certain of its current and former executive officers, including certain of KKR's current and former personnel, were named in a putative class action complaint filed by the Charter Township of Clinton Police and Fire Retirement

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System in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Charter Litigation"). On March 13, 2009, the lead plaintiff filed an amended complaint, which deleted as defendants the members of KFN's board of directors and named as individual defendants only KFN's former chief executive officer, KFN's former chief operating officer, and KFN's current chief financial officer (the "KFN Individual Defendants," and, together with KFN, "KFN Defendants"). The amended complaint alleges that KFN's April 2, 2007 registration statement and prospectus and the financial statements incorporated therein contained material omissions in violation of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), regarding the risks and potential losses associated with KFN's real estate-related assets, KFN's ability to finance its real estate-related assets, and the adequacy of KFN's loss reserves for its real estate-related assets (the "alleged Section 11 violation"). The amended complaint further alleges that, pursuant to Section 15 of the Securities Act, the KFN Individual Defendants have legal responsibility for the alleged Section 11 violation. On April 27, 2009, the KFN Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint for failure to state a claim under the Securities Act. This motion remains pending.

On August 15, 2008, the members of KFN's board of directors and its executive officers (the "Kostecka Individual Defendants") were named in a shareholder derivative action brought by Raymond W. Kostecka, a purported shareholder, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco (the "California Derivative Action"). KFN was named as a nominal defendant. The complaint in the California Derivative Action asserts claims against the Kostecka Individual Defendants for breaches of fiduciary duty, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets, and unjust enrichment in connection with the conduct at issue in the Charter Litigation, including the filing of the April 2, 2007 Registration Statement with alleged material misstatements and omissions. By order dated January 8, 2009, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to stay the proceedings in the California Derivative Action until the Charter Litigation is dismissed on the pleadings or KFN files an answer to the Charter Litigation.

On March 23, 2009, the members of KFN's board of directors and certain of its executive officers (the "Haley Individual Defendants") were named in a shareholder derivative action brought by Paul B. Haley, a purported shareholder, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "New York Derivative Action"). KFN was named as a nominal defendant. The complaint in the New York Derivative Action asserts claims against the Haley Individual Defendants for breaches of fiduciary duty, breaches of the duty of full disclosure, and for contribution in connection with the conduct at issue in the Charter Litigation, including the filing of the April 2, 2007 registration statement with alleged material misstatements and omissions. By order dated June 18, 2009, the Court approved the parties' stipulation to stay the proceedings in the New York Derivative Action until the Charter Litigation is dismissed on the pleadings or KFN files an answer to the Charter Litigation.

We believe that each of these actions is without merit and intend to defend them vigorously.

In September 2006 and March 2009, we received requests for certain documents and other information from the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") in connection with the DOJ's investigation of private equity firms to determine whether they have engaged in conduct prohibited by United States antitrust laws. We are fully cooperating with the DOJ's investigation.

In addition, in December 2009, our subsidiary Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (Fixed Income) LLC received a request from the SEC for information in connection with its examination of certain investment advisors in order to review trading procedures and valuation practices in the collateral pools of structured credit products. We are fully cooperating with the SEC's examination.

Moreover, in the ordinary course of business, we are and can be both the defendant and the plaintiff in numerous actions with respect to bankruptcy, insolvency and other types of proceedings. Such lawsuits may involve claims that adversely affect the value of certain investments owned by our funds.

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MANAGEMENT

Our Managing Partner

As is commonly the case with limited partnerships, our limited partnership agreement provides for the management of our business and affairs by a general partner rather than a board of directors. Our Managing Partner serves as our sole general partner and the ultimate general partner of the KKR Group Partnerships. Our Managing Partner has a board of directors that is co-chaired by our founders Henry Kravis and George Roberts, who also serve as our Co-Chief Executive Officers and, in such positions, are authorized to appoint our other officers. Prior to the U.S. Listing, we expect that three independent directors will be appointed to the board of directors of our Managing Partner so that a majority of the board of directors will consist of independent directors. Our Managing Partner does not have any economic interest in our partnership.

Directors and Executive Officers

The following table presents certain information concerning the board of directors and executive officers of our Managing Partner.

Name	Age	Position with Managing Partner
Henry R. Kravis	66	Co-Chief Executive Officer and Co-Chairman
George R. Roberts	66	Co-Chief Executive Officer and Co-Chairman
William J. Janetschek	47	Chief Financial Officer
David J. Sorkin	50	General Counsel

Henry R. Kravis co-founded our firm in 1976 and is Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of our Managing Partner. He is actively involved in managing the firm and serves on the Private Equity Investment and Portfolio Management Committees. Mr. Kravis currently serves on the board of First Data Corporation. Mr. Kravis also serves as a director, chairman emeritus or trustee of several cultural and educational institutions, including Mount Sinai Hospital, Columbia Graduate School of Business, Rockefeller University, and Claremont McKenna College. He earned a B.A. in Economics from Claremont McKenna College in 1967 and an M.B.A. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business in 1969.

George R. Roberts co-founded our firm in 1976 and is Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of our Managing Partner. He is actively involved in managing the firm and serves on the Private Equity Investment and Portfolio Management Committees. Mr. Roberts currently serves as a director or trustee of several cultural and educational institutions, including the San Francisco Symphony and Claremont McKenna College. He is also founder and Chairman of the board of directors of REDF, a San Francisco non-profit organization. He earned a B.A. from Claremont McKenna College in 1966, and a J.D. from the University of California (Hastings) Law School in 1969.

William J. Janetschek joined the firm in 1997 and serves as Chief Financial Officer of our Managing Partner. Prior to joining us, he was a Tax Partner with the New York office of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mr. Janetschek was with Deloitte & Touche for 13 years. He holds a B.S. from St. John's University and an M.S., Taxation, from Pace University, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

David J. Sorkin joined the firm in 2007 and serves as General Counsel of our Managing Partner. Prior to joining us, he was a partner with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where he was a member of that law firm's executive committee. Mr. Sorkin was with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP for 22 years. He holds a B.A. from Williams College and a J.D. from Harvard University.

Managing Partner Board Structure and Practices

Matters relating to the structure and practices of our Managing Partner's board of directors are governed by provisions of our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement and the

Delaware Limited Liability Company Act. The following description is a summary of those provisions and does not contain all of the information that you may find useful. For additional information, you should read the copy of our Managing Partner's amended and restated limited liability company agreement that has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Independence and Composition of the Board of Directors

On or prior to the U.S. Listing, we expect our Managing Partner's board of directors will consist of five directors. While we are exempt from NYSE Rules relating to board independence, our Managing Partner intends to maintain a board of directors that consists of at least a majority of directors who are independent under NYSE Rules relating to corporate governance matters.

Election and Removal of Directors

The directors of our Managing Partner may be elected and removed from office only by the vote of a majority of the Class A shares of our Managing Partner that are then outstanding. Each person elected as a director will hold office until a successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his or her death, resignation or removal from office, if earlier. Class A members are not required to hold meetings for the election of directors with any regular frequency and may remove directors, with or without cause, at any time.

All of our Managing Partner's outstanding Class A shares are held by our senior principals. Under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement, each Class A share is non-transferable without the consent of the holders of a majority of the Class A shares that are then outstanding and each Class A share will automatically be redeemed and cancelled upon the holder's death, disability or withdrawal as a member of our Managing Partner. Henry Kravis and George Roberts, our Managing Partner's Co-Chairmen and Co-Chief Executive Officers, collectively hold Class A shares representing a majority of the total voting power of the outstanding Class A shares. In addition, notwithstanding the number of Class A shares held by Messrs. Kravis and Roberts, under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement, Messrs. Kravis and Roberts are deemed to represent a majority of the Class A shares then outstanding for purposes of voting on matters upon which holders of Class A shares are entitled to vote. Messrs. Kravis and Roberts may, in their discretion, designate one or more holders of Class A shares to hold such voting power and exercise all of the rights and duties of Messrs. Kravis and Roberts under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement. While neither of them acting alone will be able to direct the election or removal of directors, they will be able to control the composition of the board if they act together. While Messrs. Kravis and Roberts historically have acted with unanimity when managing our business, they have not entered into any agreement relating to the voting of their Class A shares. See "Security Ownership."

Limited Matters Requiring a Class B Member Vote

Through our subsidiaries, we hold voting interests in the general partners of a number of funds that were formed outside of the United States. Under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement, our Managing Partner's board of directors will be required to inform the holders of our Managing Partner's Class B shares of any matter requiring the approval of the holders of voting interests held directly or indirectly by us in the general partner of a non-U.S. fund and to cause such voting interests to be voted in accordance with directions received from the holders of a majority of the Class B shares. Holders of Class B shares will have no right to participate in the management of our Managing Partner or us and will not have any other rights under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement other than as described above. Our principals, including Messrs. Kravis and Roberts, collectively hold 100% of our Managing Partner's outstanding Class B shares. See "Security Ownership."

Action by the Board of Directors

Our Managing Partner's board of directors may take action in a duly convened meeting in which a quorum is present or by a written resolution signed by all directors then holding office. When action is to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at any meeting is required for any action to be taken. Upon a U.S. Listing, when action is to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then holding office is required for any action to be taken.

Certain specified actions approved by our Managing Partner's board of directors require the additional approval of a majority of the Class A shares of our Managing Partner. These actions consist of the following:

- the entry into a debt financing arrangement by us in an amount in excess of 10% of our existing long-term indebtedness (other than the entry into certain intercompany debt financing arrangements);
- the issuance by us or our subsidiaries of any securities that would (i) represent, after such issuance, or upon conversion, exchange or exercise, as the case may be, at least 5% on a fully diluted, as converted, exchanged or exercised basis, of any class of our or their equity securities or (ii) have designations, preferences, rights, priorities or powers that are more favorable than those of KKR Group Partnership Units;
- the adoption by us of a shareholder rights plan;
- the amendment of our limited partnership agreement or the limited partnership agreements of the KKR Group Partnerships;
- the exchange or disposition of all or substantially all of our assets or the assets of any KKR Group Partnership;
- the merger, sale or other combination of us or any KKR Group Partnership with or into any other person;
- the transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecation or grant of a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the KKR Group Partnerships;
- the appointment or removal of a Chief Executive Officer or a Co-Chief Executive Officer of our Managing Partner or us;
- the termination of the employment of any of our officers or that of any of our subsidiaries or the termination of the association of a partner with any of our subsidiaries, in each case, without cause;
- the liquidation or dissolution of our partnership, our Managing Partner or any KKR Group Partnership; and
- the withdrawal, removal or substitution of our Managing Partner as the general partner or any person as the general partner of a KKR Group Partnership, or the transfer of beneficial ownership of all or any part of a general partner interest in our partnership or a KKR Group Partnership to any person other than one of our wholly owned subsidiaries.

Board Committees

In connection with the U.S. Listing, our Managing Partner's board of directors will establish an audit committee, a conflicts committee, a nominating and corporate governance committee and an executive committee that will operate pursuant to written charters as described below. Because we are a limited partnership, our Managing Partner's board is not required by NYSE Rules to establish a compensation committee or a nominating and corporate governance committee or to meet other

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substantive NYSE corporate governance requirements. While the board will establish a nominating and governance committee, we intend to rely on available exemptions concerning the committee's composition and mandate.

Audit Committee

Our Managing Partner's board of directors will establish an audit committee that will be responsible for assisting the board of directors in overseeing and monitoring: (i) the quality and integrity of our financial statements; (ii) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (iii) our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence; and (iv) the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm. The members of the audit committee will be required to meet the independence standards for service on an audit committee of a board of directors pursuant to Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and NYSE Rules relating to corporate governance matters, and the charter for the audit committee will comply with those requirements.

Conflicts Committee

Our Managing Partner's board of directors will establish a conflicts committee that will be responsible for reviewing specific matters that the board of directors believes may involve a conflict of interest and for enforcing our rights under any of the exchange agreement, the tax receivable agreement, the limited partnership agreement of any KKR Group Partnership or our limited partnership agreement, which we refer collectively to as the covered agreements, against KKR Holdings and certain of its subsidiaries and designees, a general partner or limited partner of KKR Holdings, or a person who holds a partnership or equity interest in the foregoing entities. The conflicts committee will also be authorized to take any action pursuant to any authority or rights granted to such committee under any covered agreement or with respect to any amendment, supplement, modification or waiver to any such agreement that would purport to modify such authority or rights. In addition, the conflicts committee shall approve any amendment to any of the covered agreements that in the reasonable judgment of our Managing Partner's board of directors is or will result in a conflict of interest. The conflicts committee will determine if the resolution of any conflict of interest submitted to it is fair and reasonable to our partnership. Any matters approved by the conflicts committee will be conclusively deemed to be fair and reasonable to our partnership and not a breach of any duties that may be owed to our unitholders. In addition, the conflicts committee may review and approve any related person transactions, other than those that are approved pursuant to our related person policy, as described under "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Statement of Policy Regarding Transactions with Related Persons," and may establish guidelines or rules to cover specific categories of transactions. The members of the conflicts committee will be required to meet the independence standards for service on an audit committee of a board of directors pursuant to Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and NYSE Rules relating to corporate governance matters.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Managing Partner's board of directors will establish a nominating and corporate governance committee that will be responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for appointment to the board of directors and for assisting and advising the board of directors with respect to matters relating to the general operation of the board and corporate governance matters. At least one member of the nominating and corporate governance committee will be required to meet the independence standards for service on an audit committee of a board of directors pursuant to Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and NYSE Rules relating to corporate governance matters. We expect that Messrs. Kravis and Roberts will also serve on the nominating and corporate governance committee.

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Executive Committee

Our Managing Partner's board of directors will establish an executive committee that will act, when necessary, in place of our Managing Partner's full board of directors during periods in which the board is not in session. The executive committee will be authorized and empowered to act as if it were the full board of directors in overseeing our business and affairs, except that it will not be authorized or empowered to take actions that have been specifically delegated to other board committees or to take actions with respect to: (i) the declaration of distributions on our units; (ii) a merger or consolidation of our partnership with or into another entity; (iii) a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of our assets; (iv) a liquidation or dissolution of our partnership; (v) any action that must be submitted to a vote of our Managing Partner's members or our unitholders; or (vi) any action that may not be delegated to a board committee under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement or the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act. We expect that the executive committee will consist of Messrs. Kravis and Roberts.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Because we are a limited partnership, our Managing Partner's board of directors is not required by NYSE Rules to establish a compensation committee. Our founders, Messrs. Kravis and Roberts, will serve as Co-Chairmen of the board of directors of our Managing Partner. For a description of certain transactions between us and our founders, see "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions."

Executive Compensation

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

A primary objective of many companies when designing executive compensation arrangements has been to align the interests of top executives with the interests of shareholders. As a private firm, one of our fundamental philosophies has been to align the interests of our people with the interests of our fund investors. We have sought to achieve such an alignment in the past through the investment of a significant amount of our own capital and the capital of our principals in and alongside of the funds that we manage and the ownership by our principals of interests in the general partners of our funds that entitle them to a portion of the carried interest that we receive with respect to fund investments.

Prior to October 1, 2009, our senior principals were not paid any salaries or bonuses and instead received only cash distributions in respect of their ownership interests in the general partners and management companies of our funds and investments that they have made in or alongside our funds. Following the Transactions, our Managing Partner's Co-Chief Executive Officers, our Chief Financial Officer and our General Counsel are each paid an annual salary of $300,000 for 2010. Our Managing Partner's Co-Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel and our other senior principals also receive distributions and cash bonuses that are funded by KKR Holdings.

While certain individuals who are not senior principals receive salaries and bonuses, the compensation that they have been paid has been significantly based on the performance of our funds' investments and our fee generating businesses and those individuals generally have derived a substantial amount of their financial benefits through their ownership interests in the general partners of our funds and investments that they have made in or alongside our funds.

We believe that our philosophy of aligning the interests of our principals with the interests of our fund investors through equity ownership has been an important contributor to the growth and successful performance of our firm. Because we believe that such an approach will further our goal of creating long-term value for our unitholders, we intend to continue to adhere to this philosophy when designing compensation arrangements as a public company. Our principals will either hold interests in our business through KKR Holdings or through equity awards under our Equity Incentive Plan. Their interests in KKR Holdings will represent participation in the value of KKR Group Partnership Units held by KKR Holdings. KKR Holdings will bear the economic costs of any equity based awards, distributions and executive bonuses that it funds, and we will not bear the expense or dilution associated with such amounts.

We intend to review our compensation policies periodically. While we do not have any plans to modify the compensation philosophy or arrangements described above, we may make changes to the compensation policies and decisions relating to one or more individuals based on the outcome of such a review.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table presents summary information concerning compensation that we paid or accrued for services rendered by our executive officers, consisting of our two Co-Chief Executive Officers, our Chief Financial Officer and our General Counsel, in all capacities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. We refer to these individuals in other parts of this prospectus as our "named executive officers." As discussed above under " Compensation Discussion and Analysis," our Managing Partner's Co-Chief Executive Officers historically have not received salary or bonus and, instead, have received financial benefits only through their ownership interests in the general partners and management companies of our funds and investments that they have made in or alongside our funds. Cash distributions to our named executive officers in respect of our fiscal and tax year ended December 31, 2009 were: .

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
Henry R. Kravis Co-Chief Executive Officer								
George R. Roberts Co-Chief Executive Officer								
William J. Janetschek Principal Financial Officer								
David J. Sorkin General Counsel								

Director Compensation

Our Managing Partner was formed on June 25, 2007 and has not paid any compensation to its directors for their board service. Following the completion of the U.S. Listing, we intend to limit the individuals who receive compensation for their board service to our Managing Partner's independent directors. We expect to establish customary compensation practices for our Managing Partner's independent directors.

Confidentiality and Restrictive Covenant Agreements

KKR Holdings has entered into confidentiality and restrictive covenant agreements with our principals that, among other things, include prohibitions on the principals competing with KKR or soliciting certain investors or senior level employees of our firm during a restricted period following their departure from the firm. These agreements also require personnel to protect and use the firm's confidential information only in accordance with confidentiality restrictions set forth in the agreement.

Messrs. Kravis, Roberts, Janetschek and Sorkin are each a party to such an agreement. See "Certain Related Party Transactions Confidentiality and Restrictive Covenant Agreements".

KKR Holdings

Messrs. Kravis, Roberts, Janetschek and Sorkin, with our principals, hold interests in our business through KKR Holdings, which owns all of the outstanding KKR Group Partnership Units that are not held by us. These individuals receive financial benefits from our business in the form of distributions and payments received from KKR Holdings and through their participation in the value of KKR Group Partnership Units held by KKR Holdings, and KKR Holdings bears the economic costs of any executive bonuses paid to certain principals. Our principals' interests in KKR Group Partnership Units that are held by KKR Holdings are be subject to transfer restrictions and, except for certain interests that were vested upon their grant, are subject to vesting requirements and forfeitable if the principal ceases to be involved in our business prior to vesting. See "Organizational Structure KKR Holdings."

KKR & Co. L.P. Equity Incentive Plan

The board of directors of our Managing Partner intends to adopt the KKR & Co. L.P. Equity Incentive Plan, which is referred to as the Equity Incentive Plan, prior to the U.S. Listing.

The following description of the Equity Incentive Plan is not complete and is qualified by reference to the full text of the Equity Incentive Plan, which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The Equity Incentive Plan will be a source of new equity-based awards permitting us to grant to our employees and other personnel, the directors of our Managing Partner and our consultants and senior advisors non-qualified unit options, unit appreciation rights, restricted common units, deferred restricted common units, phantom restricted common units and other awards based on our common units.

Administration

The board of directors of our Managing Partner administers the Equity Incentive Plan. However, the board of directors of our Managing Partner may delegate such authority, including to a committee or subcommittee of the board of directors. Under the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan, the board of directors of our Managing Partner, or the committee or subcommittee thereof to whom authority to administer the Equity Incentive Plan has been delegated, as the case may be, is referred to as the Administrator. The Administrator determines who will receive awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, as well as the form of the awards, the number of units underlying the awards and the terms and conditions of the awards, consistent with the terms of the Equity Incentive Plan. The Administrator has full authority to interpret and administer the Equity Incentive Plan and its determinations will be final and binding on all parties concerned.

Common Units Subject to the Equity Incentive Plan

The total number of our common units which may be issued under the Equity Incentive Plan as of the effective date of the plan is equivalent to 15% of the number of fully diluted common units outstanding as of such date; provided that beginning with the first fiscal year after the Equity Incentive Plan becomes effective and continuing with each subsequent fiscal year occurring thereafter, the aggregate number of common units covered by the plan will be increased, on the first day of each fiscal year of KKR & Co. L.P. occurring during the term of the plan, by a number of common units equal to the positive difference, if any, of (x) 15% of the aggregate number of common units outstanding on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the plan sponsor minus (y) the aggregate number of common units available for issuance under the plan as of the last day of such year, unless the

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Administrator should decide to increase the number of common units covered by the plan by a lesser amount on any such date.

Options and Unit Appreciation Rights

The Administrator may award non-qualified unit options and unit appreciation rights under the Equity Incentive Plan. Options and unit appreciation rights granted under the Equity Incentive Plan will become vested and exercisable at such times and upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Administrator at the time of grant, but no option or unit appreciation right will be exercisable for a period of more than 10 years after it is granted. The exercise price per common unit will be determined by the Administrator, provided that options and unit appreciation rights granted to participants who are U.S. taxpayers (i) will not be granted with an exercise price less than 100% of the fair market value per underlying common unit on the date of grant and (ii) will not be granted unless the common unit on which it is granted constitutes equity of the participant's "service recipient" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. To the extent permitted by the Administrator, the exercise price of an option may be paid in cash or its equivalent, in common units having a fair market value equal to the aggregate exercise price and satisfying such other requirements as may be imposed by the Administrator, partly in cash and partly in common units or through net settlement in common units. As determined by the Administrator, unit appreciation rights may be settled in common units, cash or any combination thereof.

Other Equity-Based Awards

The Administrator, in its sole discretion, may grant or sell common units, restricted common units, deferred restricted common units, phantom restricted common units, and any other awards that are valued in whole or in part by reference to, or are otherwise based on the fair market value of, the common units. Any of these other equity-based awards may be in such form, and dependent on such conditions, as the Administrator determines, including without limitation the right to receive, or vest with respect to, one or more common units (or the equivalent cash value of such units) upon the completion of a specified period of service, the occurrence of an event and/or the attainment of performance objectives. The Administrator may, in its discretion, determine whether other equity-based awards will be payable in cash, common units or other assets or a combination of cash, common units and other assets.

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP

Our Common Units

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of our common units and KKR Group Partnership Units that are exchangeable for our common units after giving effect to the U.S. Listing and In-Kind Distribution by:

- each person known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of any class of the outstanding voting securities of our partnership;

- each of the directors, director nominees and named executive officers of our Managing Partner; and

- the directors, director nominees and executive officers of our Managing Partner as a group.

The numbers of common units and KKR Group Partnership Units outstanding and the percentage of beneficial ownership are based on 204,902,226 common units to be issued and outstanding and 478,105,194 KKR Group Partnership Units that are exchangeable for our common units. Beneficial ownership is in each case determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC.

	Common Units Beneficially Owned		KKR Group Partnership Units and Special Voting Units Beneficially Owned		Percentage of Combined Voting Power
Name(1)	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	
KKR Holdings(2)			478,105,194	70%	70%
Henry R. Kravis(2)					
George R. Roberts(2)					
William J. Janetschek					
David J. Sorkin					
Directors, director nominees and executive officers as a group (persons)					

*
Less than 1%.

KKR Group Partnership Units held by KKR Holdings are exchangeable (together with the corresponding special voting units) for our common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications and compliance with lock-up, vesting and transfer restrictions as described under "Organizational Structure KKR Holdings." See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Exchange Agreement." Beneficial ownership of KKR Group Partnership Units reflected in this table has not also been reflected as beneficial ownership of our common units for which such KKR Group Partnership Units may be exchanged.

On any matters that may be submitted to a vote of our unitholders, the special voting units will provide their holders with a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of KKR Group Partnership Units that such holders then hold and will entitle such holders to participate in the vote on the same basis as our unitholders. See "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement Meetings; Voting."

(1)
The address of each beneficial owner is c/o KKR Management LLC, 9 West 57th Street, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019.

(2)

KKR Holdings owns, beneficially or of record, an aggregate of 478,105,194 exchangeable KKR Group Partnership Units (or 100% of the total number of exchangeable KKR Group Partnership

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Units). Our principals hold interests in KKR Holdings that will entitle them to participate in the value of the KKR Group Partnership Units held by KKR Holdings. KKR Holdings is a limited partnership that is controlled by KKR Holdings GP Limited, its sole general partner, which has investment control over all KKR Group Partnership Units and voting control over all special voting units held by KKR Holdings. Each of Messrs. Kravis and Roberts disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by him, except to the extent of his own pecuniary interest therein.

Our Managing Partner

Our Managing Partner's outstanding limited liability company interests consist of Class A shares, which are entitled to vote on the election and removal of directors and all other matters that have not been delegated to the board of directors or reserved for the vote of Class B members, and Class B shares, which are entitled to vote only with respect to any matter requiring the approval of holders of voting interests held directly or indirectly by us in the general partners of our non-U.S. funds. Notwithstanding the number of Class A shares held by the Class A members, under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement, Messrs. Kravis and Roberts are deemed to represent a majority of the Class A shares outstanding for purposes of voting on matters upon which holders of Class A shares are entitled to vote. Messrs. Kravis and Roberts may, in their discretion, designate one or more holders of Class A shares to hold such voting power and exercise all of the rights and duties of Messrs. Kravis and Roberts under our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement. While Messrs. Kravis and Roberts historically have acted with unanimity when managing our business, they have not entered into any agreement relating to the voting of their Class A shares. All of our Managing Partner's other Class A shares are held by our other senior principals. Our Managing Partner's Class B shares are divided equally among twelve principals, each of whom holds less than 10% of the voting power of the Class B shares. None of the shares in our Managing Partner provide these holders with economic interests in our business.

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CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following is a description of the material terms of the agreements described below, and is qualified by reference to the provisions of those agreements.

The Combination Transaction and Reorganization Transactions

On October 1, 2009, we completed the acquisition of all of the assets and liabilities of KKR Guernsey and, in connection with such acquisition, completed a series of transactions pursuant to which the business of KKR was reorganized into a holding company structure. We refer to these transactions collectively as the "Transactions." The Transactions did not involve the payment of any cash consideration or involve any offering of newly issued securities to the public, and our principals did not sell any interests in our business in connection with the Transactions. Following the Transactions, KKR Guernsey holds a 30% economic interest in our Combined Business and our principals hold a 70% economic interest in our Combined Business. Our principals collectively hold their interests in our Combined Business through KKR Holdings.

In accordance with our purchase and sale agreement with KPE, prior to the completion of the Transactions, we made cash and in-kind distributions of $206.5 million to certain of our principals relating to amounts for periods prior to October 1, 2009. Such distributions consisted of substantially all available cash-on-hand, certain accrued receivables of its management companies and capital markets subsidiaries and certain personal property (consisting of non-operating assets). These distributions were made in respect of periods prior to the Transactions. These amounts did not include, however, any accrued monitoring or transaction fees to be credited against any management fees that are payable in respect of future periods, the after-tax amount of any management fees that may be required to be returned to investors before a carried interest may be paid and any other amounts that were necessary to provide the Combined Business with sufficient working capital to conduct its business in the ordinary course.

The Investment Agreement

On August 4, 2009, we entered into an investment agreement by and among us, certain of our affiliates, KKR Guernsey and certain of its affiliates, as a condition to the Combination Transaction.

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The investment agreement provides that we and KKR Guernsey each had the right to require that the other use its reasonable best efforts to cause KKR Guernsey to contribute its units representing limited partner interests in Group Holdings to us in exchange for an equivalent number of our common units and, in connection therewith, our common units received by KKR Guernsey to be listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange by delivering an election notice to the other party. On February 24, 2010, we delivered an election notice to KKR Guernsey pursuant to the investment agreement.

Registration Statement and Efforts

Following the delivery of the election notice, we are required to prepare a registration statement (of which this prospectus constitutes a part) for our common units to be issued to, and distributed by, KKR Guernsey pursuant to the investment agreement and to have the registration statement declared effective by the SEC as promptly as practicable. The investment agreement also contains a covenant that requires us and KKR Guernsey to use our respective reasonable best efforts to complete the U.S. Listing and the actions ancillary thereto in the manner contemplated by the investment agreement, provided that neither party is required to take any action if the taking of such action would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our business.

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Dissolution Transactions

As of, or as promptly as practicable after, the U.S. Listing, KKR Guernsey will take, and we will cause the directors of KKR Guernsey's board of directors who are not its independent directors to authorize all actions necessary or advisable to, among other things, (i) distribute our common units to the holders of KKR Guernsey units, (ii) cause the KKR Guernsey units to be delisted from, and to cease to be traded on, Euronext Amsterdam and (iii) cause KKR Guernsey to be dissolved and liquidated by its general partner acting as liquidator, in accordance with KKR Guernsey's limited partnership agreement and the Limited Partnerships (Guernsey) Law, 1995.

Conditions to Closing the U.S. Listing

Each party's obligation to consummate the U.S. Listing is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of each of the following conditions:

- the common units to be issued to KKR Guernsey and distributed in the In-Kind Distribution shall have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange subject to official notice of issuance;

- the registration statement relating to the common units to be issued to KKR Guernsey and distributed in the In-Kind Distribution shall have become effective under the Securities Act and/or Exchange Act, provided (i) there is not any requirement that we or any of our affiliates become subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act and (ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement has been issued and no proceedings for a similar purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the SEC;

- no order, injunction, judgment, award or decree issued by any governmental entity or other legal restraint or prohibition preventing the consummation of the U.S. Listing and/or the In-Kind Distribution to the KKR Guernsey unitholders shall be in effect;

- KKR Guernsey shall have contributed its interests in the Combined Business to us in exchange for our common units; and

- KKR Guernsey shall have received a customary comfort letter and negative assurance letter relating to information contained in the registration statement relating to the common units to be issued to KKR Guernsey and distributed in the In-Kind Distribution.

Treatment of KKR Guernsey Unit Appreciation Rights

Upon the closing of the U.S. Listing, except as otherwise agreed in writing between us and a holder of a unit appreciation right issued under KKR Guernsey's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, (i) each outstanding unit appreciation right for which the exercise price per KKR Guernsey unit of such unit appreciation right equals or exceeds the closing price per KKR Guernsey unit on Euronext Amsterdam on the final trading day of KKR Guernsey units will be cancelled without the payment of any consideration in respect thereof and (ii) each other outstanding unit appreciation right will be converted into a fully vested unit appreciation right, on the same terms and conditions that were applicable under such unit appreciation right, with respect to a number of our common units equal to the number of KKR Guernsey units subject to such unit appreciation right immediately prior to the closing of the U.S. Listing with an exercise price per common unit equal to the per unit exercise price for such unit appreciation right and any such converted unit appreciation right and all obligations with respect thereto will be assumed by us.

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Indemnification and Insurance

The investment agreement provides that, for a period of six years after the closing of the U.S. Listing, the KKR Group Partnerships will indemnify each present and former director and officer of the general partner of KKR Guernsey and certain other persons serving in a similar role against all losses, liabilities, damages, judgments and fines incurred in connection with any suit, claim, action, proceeding, arbitration or investigation arising out of or related to actions taken by them in their capacity as directors or officers of the general partner of KKR Guernsey or taken by them at the request of KKR Guernsey or the general partner of KKR Guernsey. In addition, the investment agreement also provides that the KKR Group Partnerships will indemnify us, KKR Guernsey, each present and former director and officer of the general partner of KKR Guernsey and certain other persons serving a similar role against all losses, liabilities, damages, judgments and fines to which any of them may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or other applicable law, statute, rule or regulation insofar as such losses, liabilities, damages, judgments and fines arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the registration statement relating to our common units to be issued to, and distributed by KKR Guernsey or any other document issued by us, KKR Guernsey or any of their respective affiliates in connection with, or otherwise relating to, the U.S. Listing, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

The investment agreement also provides that we will, subject to an agreed upon premium cap, obtain directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of the directors and officers (and former directors and officers) of the general partner of KKR Guernsey which will (i) be effective for a period from the date of the dissolution of KKR Guernsey through and including the date that is six years after such date, (ii) cover claims arising out of or relating to any action, statement or omission of such directors and officers whether on or before the date of such dissolution (including the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement and the decision making process by the directors of the general partner of KKR Guernsey in connection therewith) to the same extent as the directors and officers of our Managing Partner acting in their capacities as the directors and officers of the general partner of KKR Guernsey are insured with respect thereto, and (iii) contain a coverage limit of $100 million and coverage terms and conditions, including exclusions, substantially comparable to the directors' and officers' liability insurance in effect on the date of the amended and restated purchase and sale agreement.

Exchange Agreement

We have entered into an exchange agreement with KKR Holdings, the entity through which certain of our principals, including Messrs. Kravis, Roberts, Janetschek and Sorkin, will hold their KKR Group Partnership Units, pursuant to which KKR Holdings or certain transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units may, up to four times each year (subject to the terms of the exchange agreement), exchange KKR Group Partnership Units held by them (together with corresponding special voting units) for our common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications. At the election of the KKR Group Partnerships, the KKR Group Partnerships may settle exchanges of KKR Group Partnership Units with cash in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common units that would otherwise be deliverable in such exchanges. To the extent that KKR Group Partnership Units held by KKR Holdings or its transferees are exchanged for our common units, our interests in the KKR Group Partnerships will be correspondingly increased. Any common units received upon such exchange will be subject to any restrictions that were applicable to the exchanged KKR Group Partnership Units, including any applicable transfer restrictions.

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Interests in KKR Holdings that are held by our principals are subject to significant transfer restrictions and vesting requirements that, unless waived, modified or amended will limit the ability of our principals to cause KKR Group Partnership Units to be exchanged under the exchange agreement so long as applicable vesting and transfer restrictions apply. See "Organizational Structure KKR Holdings." The general partner of KKR Holdings, which is controlled by our founders, will have sole authority for waiving any applicable vesting or transfer restrictions.

Registration Rights Agreement

Prior to the completion of the U.S. Listing, we will enter into a registration rights agreement with KKR Holdings pursuant to which we will grant KKR Holdings, its affiliates and transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units the right, under certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, to require us to register under the Securities Act our common units (and other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common units) held or acquired by them. Under the registration rights agreement, holders of registration rights will have the right to request us to register the sale of their common units and also have the right to require us to make available shelf registration statements permitting sales of common units into the market from time to time over an extended period. In addition, holders of registration rights will have the ability to exercise certain piggyback registration rights in connection with registered offerings requested by other holders of registration rights or initiated by us.

Tax Receivable Agreement

We and our intermediate holding company, a taxable corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, may be required to acquire KKR Group Partnership Units from time to time pursuant to our exchange agreement with KKR Holdings. KKR Management Holdings L.P. intends to make an election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code in effect for each taxable year in which an exchange of KKR Group Partnership Units for common units occurs, which may result in an increase in our intermediate holding company's share of the tax basis of the assets of the KKR Group Partnerships at the time of an exchange of KKR Group Partnership Units. These exchanges are expected to result in an increase in our intermediate holding company's share of the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of the KKR Group Partnerships, primarily attributable to a portion of the goodwill inherent in our business, that would not otherwise have been available. This increase in tax basis may increase depreciation and amortization deductions for tax purposes and therefore reduce the amount of income tax our intermediate holding company would otherwise be required to pay in the future. This increase in tax basis may also decrease gain (or increase loss) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets.

We have entered into a tax receivable agreement with KKR Holdings requiring our intermediate holding company to pay to KKR Holdings or transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units 85% of the amount of cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state and local income tax that the intermediate holding company actually realizes as a result of this increase in tax basis, as well as 85% of the amount of any such savings the intermediate holding company actually realizes as a result of increases in tax basis that arise due to future payments under the agreement. A termination of the agreement or a change of control could give rise to similar payments based on tax savings that we would be deemed to realize in connection with such events. This payment obligation is an obligation of our intermediate holding company and not of either KKR Group Partnership. As such, the cash distributions to common unitholders may vary from holders of KKR Group Partnership Units (held by KKR Holdings and others) to the extent payments are made under the tax receivable agreements to selling holders of KKR Group Partnership Units. As the payments reflect actual tax savings received by KKR entities, there may be a timing difference between the tax savings received by KKR entities and the cash payments to selling holders of KKR Group Partnership Units. We expect our intermediate holding

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company to benefit from the remaining 15% of cash savings, if any, in income tax that it realizes. In the event that other of our current or future subsidiaries become taxable as corporations and acquire KKR Group Partnership Units in the future, or if we become taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we expect that each will become subject to a tax receivable agreement with substantially similar terms.

For purposes of the tax receivable agreement, cash savings in income tax will be computed by comparing the actual income tax liability of our subsidiary to the amount of such taxes that the intermediate holding company would have been required to pay had there been no increase to the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of the KKR Group Partnerships as a result of the exchanges of KKR Group Partnership Units and had the intermediate holding company not entered into the tax receivable agreement. The term of the tax receivable agreement continues until all such tax benefits have been utilized or expired, unless the intermediate holding company exercises its right to terminate the tax receivable agreement for an amount based on the agreed payments remaining to be made under the agreement.

Estimating the amount of payments that may be made under the tax receivable agreement is by its nature imprecise, insofar as the calculation of amounts payable depends on a variety of factors. The actual increase in tax basis, as well as the amount and timing of any payments under the tax receivable agreement, will vary depending upon a number of factors, including:

- the timing of exchanges for instance, the increase in any tax deductions will vary depending on the fair market value, which may fluctuate over time, of the KKR Group Partnership Units, which will depend on the fair market value of the depreciable or amortizable assets of the KKR Group Partnerships at the time of the transaction;

- the price of our common units at the time of the exchange the increase in any tax deductions, as well as the tax basis increase in other assets, of the KKR Group Partnerships, is directly proportional to the price of our common units at the time of the exchange;

- the extent to which such exchanges are taxable if an exchange is not taxable for any reason (for instance, in the case of a charitable contribution), increased deductions will not be available; and

- the amount of tax, if any, our intermediate holding company is required to pay aside from any tax benefit from the exchanges, and the timing of any such payment. If our intermediate holding company does not have taxable income aside from any tax benefit from the exchanges, it will not be required to make payments under the tax receivable agreement for that taxable year because no tax savings will have been actually realized.

We expect that as a result of the amount of the increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of the KKR Group Partnerships, assuming no material changes in the relevant tax law and that we earn sufficient taxable income to realize the full tax benefit of the increased amortization of our assets, future payments under the tax receivable agreement will be substantial. The payments under the tax receivable agreement are not conditioned upon our principals' continued ownership of us.

The intermediate holding company may terminate the tax receivable agreement at any time by making an early termination payment to KKR Holdings or its transferees, based upon the net present value (based upon certain assumptions in the tax receivable agreement) of all tax benefits that would be required to be paid by the intermediate holding company to KKR Holdings or its transferees. In addition, the tax receivable agreement provides that upon certain mergers, asset sales, other forms of combination transactions or other changes of control, the minimum obligations of our intermediate holding company or its successor with respect to exchanged or acquired KKR Group Partnership Units (whether exchanged or acquired before or after such transaction) would be based on certain assumptions, including that our intermediate holding company would have sufficient taxable income to fully utilize the increased tax deductions and increased tax basis and other benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement. In these situations, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement could have a substantial negative impact on our liquidity.

Decisions made by our senior principals in the course of running our business, such as with respect to mergers, asset sales, other forms of business combinations or other changes of control, may influence the timing and amount of payments that are received by an exchanging or selling holder of partner interests in the KKR Group Partnerships under the tax receivable agreement. For example, the earlier disposition of assets following an exchange or acquisition transaction will generally accelerate payments under the tax receivable agreement and increase the present value of such payments, and the disposition of assets before an exchange or acquisition transaction will increase a principals' tax liability without giving rise to any rights of a principal to receive payments under the tax receivable agreement.

Payments under the tax receivable agreement will be based upon the tax reporting positions that our Managing Partner will determine. We are not aware of any issue that would cause the IRS to challenge a tax basis increase. However, neither KKR Holdings nor its transferees will reimburse us for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement if such tax basis increase, or the tax benefits we claim arising from such increase, is successfully challenged by the IRS. As a result, in certain circumstances payments to KKR Holdings or its transferees under the tax receivable agreement could be in excess of the intermediate holding company's cash tax savings. The intermediate holding company's ability to achieve benefits from any tax basis increase, and the payments to be made under this agreement, will depend upon a number of factors, as discussed above, including the timing and amount of our future income.

KKR Group Partnership Agreements

We, directly or indirectly, control the general partners of the KKR Group Partnerships and, through the KKR Group Partnerships and their subsidiaries, the KKR business. Because our Managing Partner operates and controls us, our Managing Partner's board of directors and our officers are ultimately responsible for all material decisions of the KKR Group Partnerships and the KKR Group Partnerships' businesses.

Pursuant to the partnership agreements of the KKR Group Partnerships, our partnership, as the controlling general partner of KKR Fund Holdings L.P. and KKR Management Holdings L.P., have the right to determine when distributions will be made to the holders of KKR Group Partnership Units and the amount of any such distributions. See "Distribution Policy."

The partnership agreements of the KKR Group Partnerships provide for tax distributions to the holders of KKR Group Partnership Units if the general partners of the KKR Group Partnerships determine that distributions from the KKR Group Partnerships would otherwise be insufficient to cover the tax liabilities of a holder of a KKR Group Partnership Unit. Generally, these tax distributions will be computed based on our estimate of the net taxable income of the relevant partnership allocable to a holder of a KKR Group Partnership Unit multiplied by an assumed tax rate equal to the highest effective marginal combined U.S. federal, state and local income tax rate prescribed for an individual or corporate resident in New York, New York (taking into account the nondeductibility of certain expenses and the character of our income).

The partnership agreements of the KKR Group Partnerships authorize the general partners of the KKR Group Partnerships to issue an unlimited number of additional securities of the KKR Group Partnerships with such designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties that are different from, and may be senior to, those applicable to the KKR Group Partnerships units, and which may be exchangeable for KKR Group Partnership Units.

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Firm Use of Private Aircraft

Certain of our senior principals, including Messrs. Kravis and Roberts, own aircraft that we use for business purposes in the ordinary course of our operations. These senior principals paid for the purchase of these aircraft with their personal funds and bear all operating, personnel and maintenance costs associated with their operation. The hourly rates that we pay for the use of these aircraft are based on current market rates for chartering private aircraft of the same type. We paid $6.9 million for the use of these aircraft during the year ended December 31, 2009, of which $5.5 million was paid to entities collectively controlled by Messrs. Kravis and Roberts.

Side-By-Side and Other Investments

As described under "Business," because fund investors typically are unwilling to invest their capital in a fund unless the fund's manager also invests its own capital in the fund's investments, our private equity fund documents generally require the general partners of our traditional private equity funds to make minimum capital commitments to the funds. The amount of these commitments, which are negotiated by fund investors, generally range from 2% to 4% of a fund's total capital commitments at final closing. When investments are made, the general partner contributes capital to the fund based on its fund commitment percentage and acquires a capital interest in the investment that is not subject to a carried interest. Historically, these capital contributions have been funded with cash from operations that otherwise would be distributed to our principals and by our principals.

In connection with the Reorganization Transactions, we did not acquire capital interests in investments that were funded by our principals or others involved in our business prior to the Transactions. Rather, those capital interests were allocated to our principals or others involved in our business and are reflected in our financial statements as noncontrolling interests in consolidated entities to the extent that we hold the general partner interest in the fund. Any capital contributions that our private equity fund general partners are required to make to a fund will be funded by us and we will be entitled to receive our allocable share of the returns thereon.

In addition, our principals and certain other qualifying employees are permitted to invest and have invested their own capital in side-by-side investments with our private equity funds. Side-by-side investments are investments made on the same terms and conditions as those available to the applicable fund, except that these side-by-side investments are not subject to management fees or a carried interest. The cash invested by our executive officers and their investment vehicles aggregated to $ million for the year ended December 31, 2009, of which $ million, $ million, $ million and $ million was invested by Messrs. Kravis, Roberts, Janetschek and Sorkin, respectively. These investments are not included in the accompanying consolidated and combined financial statements.

Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Others

Under our partnership agreement, in most circumstances we will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts: our Managing Partner; any departing Managing Partner; any person who is or was an affiliate of our Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner; any person who is or was a member, partner, tax matters partner, officer, director, employee, agent, fiduciary or trustee of our partnership or our subsidiaries, the general partner or any departing general partner or any affiliate of us or our subsidiaries, our Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner; any person who is or was serving at the request of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner or any affiliate of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent, fiduciary or trustee of another person; or any person designated by our Managing

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Partner. We have agreed to provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We have also agreed to provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings. Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, our Managing Partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to us to enable us to effectuate, indemnification. The indemnification of the persons described above shall be secondary to any indemnification such person is entitled from another person or the relevant KKR fund to the extent applicable. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons in connection with our activities, regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under our partnership agreement. See "Conflicts of Interest and Fiduciary Responsibilities Fiduciary Duties."

Guarantee of Contingent Obligations to Fund Partners; Indemnification

The partnership documents governing our traditional private equity funds generally include a "clawback" or, in certain instances, a "net loss sharing" provision that, if triggered, may give rise to a contingent obligation that may require the general partner to return or contribute amounts to the fund for distribution to investors at the end of the life of the fund. Under a "clawback" provision, upon the liquidation of a fund, the general partner is required to return, on an after-tax basis, previously distributed carry to the extent that, due to the diminished performance of later investments, the aggregate amount of carry distributions received by the general partner during the term of the fund exceed the amount to which the general partner was ultimately entitled. Excluding carried interest received by the general partners of our 1996 Fund (which was not contributed to us in the Transactions), as of December 31, 2009, the amount of carried interest we have received that is subject to this clawback obligation was $84.9 million, assuming that all applicable private equity funds were liquidated at their December 31, 2009 fair values. Had the investments in such funds been liquidated at zero value, the clawback obligation would have been $716.2 million. Under a "net loss sharing provision," upon the liquidation of a fund, the general partner is required to contribute capital to the fund, to fund 20% of the net losses on investments. In these vehicles, such losses would be required to be paid by us to the limited partners in those vehicles in the event of a liquidation of the fund regardless of whether any carried interest had previously been distributed. Based on the fair market values as of December 31, 2009, our obligation in connection with the net loss sharing provision would have been approximately $93.6 million. If the vehicles were liquidated at zero value, the contingent repayment obligation in connection with the net loss sharing provision as of December 31, 2009 would have been approximately $1,182.7 million.

Prior to the Transactions, certain of our principals who received carried interest distributions with respect to the private equity funds had personally guaranteed, on a several basis and subject to a cap, the contingent obligations of the general partners of the private equity funds to repay amounts to fund limited partners pursuant to the general partners' clawback obligations. The terms of the Transactions require that our principals remain responsible for clawback obligations relating to carry distributions received prior to the Transactions up to a maximum of $223.6 million.

Carry distributions arising subsequent to the Transactions may give rise to clawback obligations that may be allocated generally to carry pool participants and the Combined Business in accordance with the terms of the instruments governing the KKR Group Partnerships. Unlike the "clawback" provisions, the Combined Business will be responsible for any amounts due under net loss sharing arrangements and will indemnify our principals for any personal guarantees that they have provided with respect to such amounts.

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Facilities

Certain of our senior principals are partners in a real-estate based partnership that maintains an ownership interest in our Menlo Park location. Payments made from us to this partnership aggregated $5.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Confidentiality and Restrictive Covenant Agreements

The confidentiality and restrictive covenant agreements with our principals include prohibitions on our principals competing with us or soliciting certain investors or senior-level employees of our firm and specified subsidiaries and affiliates during a restricted period following their departure from the firm. These agreements also require personnel to protect and use the firm's confidential information only in accordance with confidentiality restrictions set forth in the agreement. Messrs. Kravis, Roberts, Janetschek and Sorkin are each a party to such an agreement. The restricted periods for our founders expire on the later of (i) 4 years from October 1, 2009 and (ii) 2 years from departure from the firm. The restricted periods for our other senior principals expire on the later of (i) 2 years from October 1, 2009 and (ii) 18 months from departure from the firm. These restricted periods vary based on position with the firm and are subject to reduction for any "garden leave" or "notice period" that an employee serves prior to termination of employment and are also reduced if employment is terminated without cause. Other principals that are subject to confidentiality and restrictive covenant agreements have restricted periods ranging from 3 months to 1 year. Because KKR Holdings is the party to these agreements and not us, we may not be able to enforce them, and these agreements might be waived, modified or amended at any time without our consent.

Statement of Policy Regarding Transactions with Related Persons

Prior to the completion of the U.S. Listing, the board of directors of our Managing Partner will adopt a written statement of policy for our partnership regarding transactions with related persons, which we refer to as our related person policy. Our related person policy requires that a "related person" (as defined as in Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K) must promptly disclose to our Chief Financial Officer or other designated person any "related person transaction" (defined as any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, including, without limitation, any loan, guarantee of indebtedness, transfer or lease of real estate, or use of company property) that is reportable by us under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K in which we were or are to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds $120,000 and in which any related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest) and all material facts with respect thereto. Those individuals will then communicate that information to the board of directors of our Managing Partner. No related person transaction will be executed without the approval or ratification of the board of directors, the conflicts committee or any committee of the board consisting exclusively of at least three disinterested directors. It is our policy that directors interested in a related person transaction will recuse themselves from any vote on a related person transaction in which they have an interest.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest exist and may arise in the future as a result of the relationships between our Managing Partner and its affiliates, including each party's respective owners, on the one hand, and our partnership and our limited partners, on the other hand. Whenever a potential conflict arises between our Managing Partner or its affiliates, on the one hand, and us or any limited partner, on the other hand, our Managing Partner will resolve that conflict. Our limited partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce and eliminate our Managing Partner's duties, including fiduciary duties, to our unitholders. Our limited partnership agreement also restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken that without those limitations might constitute breaches of duty, including fiduciary duties.

Under our limited partnership agreement, our Managing Partner will not be in breach of its obligations under the limited partnership agreement or its duties to us or our unitholders if the resolution of the conflict is:

- approved by the conflicts committee, although our Managing Partner is not obligated to seek such approval;
- approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding any common units owned by our Managing Partner or any of its affiliates, although our Managing Partner is not obligated to seek such approval;
- on terms which are, in the aggregate, no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or
- fair and reasonable to us, taking into account the totality of the relationships among the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us.

Our Managing Partner may, but is not required to, seek the approval of such resolution from the conflicts committee or our unitholders. If our Managing Partner does not seek approval from the conflicts committee or our unitholders and its board of directors determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the third and fourth bullet points above, then it will be presumed that in making its decision the board of directors acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or us or any other person bound by our limited partnership agreement, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. Unless the resolution of a conflict is specifically provided for in our limited partnership agreement, our Managing Partner or the conflicts committee may consider any factors it determines in its sole discretion to consider when resolving a conflict. Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner will be conclusively presumed to be acting in good faith if our Managing Partner subjectively believes that the determination made or not made is in the best interests of the partnership.

Covered Agreements

The conflicts committee will be responsible for enforcing our rights under any of the exchange agreement, the tax receivable agreement, the limited partnership agreement of any KKR Group Partnership, or our limited partnership agreement, which we refer collectively to as the covered agreements, against KKR Holdings and certain of its subsidiaries and designees, a general partner or limited partner of KKR Holdings, or a person who holds a partnership or equity interest in the foregoing entities. The conflicts committee will also be authorized to take any action pursuant to any authority or rights granted to such committee under any covered agreement or with respect to any amendment, supplement, modification or waiver to any such agreement that would purport to modify

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such authority or rights. In addition, the conflicts committee shall approve any amendment to any of the covered agreements that in the reasonable judgment of our Managing Partner's board of directors creates or will result in a conflict of interest.

Potential Conflicts

Conflicts of interest could arise in the situations described below, among others.

Actions taken by our Managing Partner may affect the amount of cash flow from operations to our unitholders.

The amount of cash flow from operations that is available for distribution to our unitholders is affected by decisions of our Managing Partner regarding such matters as:

- the amount and timing of cash expenditures, including those relating to compensation;
- the amount and timing of investments and dispositions;
- levels of indebtedness;
- tax matters;
- levels of reserves; and
- issuances of additional partnership securities.

In addition, borrowings by our limited partnership and our affiliates do not constitute a breach of any duty owed by our Managing Partner to our unitholders. Our partnership agreement provides that we and our subsidiaries may borrow funds from our Managing Partner and its affiliates on terms that are fair and reasonable to us. Under our limited partnership agreement, those borrowings will be deemed to be fair and reasonable if: (i) they are approved in accordance with the terms of the limited partnership agreement; (ii) the terms are no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or (iii) the terms are fair and reasonable to us, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be or have been particularly favorable or advantageous to us.

We will reimburse our Managing Partner and its affiliates for expenses.

We will reimburse our Managing Partner and its affiliates for costs incurred in managing and operating our partnership and our business. For example, we do not elect, appoint or employ any directors, officers or other employees. All of those persons are elected, appointed or employed by our Managing Partner on our behalf. Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner will determine the expenses that are allocable to us.

Our Managing Partner intends to limit its liability regarding our obligations.

Our Managing Partner intends to limit its liability under contractual arrangements so that the other party has recourse only to our assets, and not against our Managing Partner, its assets or its owners. Our limited partnership agreement provides that any action taken by our Managing Partner to limit its liability or our liability is not a breach of our Managing Partner's fiduciary duties, even if we could have obtained more favorable terms without the limitation on liability.

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Our unitholders will have no right to enforce obligations of our Managing Partner and its affiliates under agreements with us.

Any agreements between us on the one hand, and our Managing Partner and its affiliates on the other, will not grant our unitholders, separate and apart from us, the right to enforce the obligations of our Managing Partner and its affiliates in our favor.

Contracts between us, on the one hand, and our Managing Partner and its affiliates, on the other, will not be the result of arm's-length negotiations.

Our limited partnership agreement allows our Managing Partner to determine in its sole discretion any amounts to pay itself or its affiliates for any services rendered to us. Our Managing Partner may also enter into additional contractual arrangements with any of its affiliates on our behalf. Neither our limited partnership agreement nor any of the other agreements, contracts and arrangements between us on the one hand, and our Managing Partner and its affiliates on the other, are or will be the result of arm's-length negotiations. Our Managing Partner will determine the terms of any of these transactions entered into after the completion of the Transactions on terms that it considers are fair and reasonable to us. Our Managing Partner and its affiliates will have no obligation to permit us to use any facilities or assets of our Managing Partner and its affiliates, except as may be provided in contracts entered into specifically dealing with such use. There will not be any obligation of our Managing Partner and its affiliates to enter into any contracts of this kind.

Our common units are subject to our Managing Partner's limited call right.

Our Managing Partner may exercise its right to call and purchase common units as provided in our limited partnership agreement or assign this right to one of its affiliates or to us. Our Managing Partner may use its own discretion, free of fiduciary duty restrictions, in determining whether to exercise this right. As a result, a unitholder may have his common units purchased from him at an undesirable time or price. See "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement Limited Call Right."

We may choose not to retain separate counsel for ourselves or for the holders of common units.

Attorneys, independent accountants and others who will perform services for us are selected by our Managing Partner or the conflicts committee, and may perform services for our Managing Partner and its affiliates. We may retain separate counsel for ourselves or our unitholders in the event of a conflict of interest between our Managing Partner and its affiliates on the one hand, and us or our unitholders on the other, depending on the nature of the conflict, but are not required to do so.

Our Managing Partner's affiliates may compete with us.

Our partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner will be restricted from engaging in any business activities other than activities incidental to its ownership of interests in us. Except as provided in the non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality agreements to which our principals will be subject, affiliates of our Managing Partner, including its owners, are not prohibited from engaging in other businesses or activities, including those that might compete directly with us.

Certain of our subsidiaries have obligations to investors in our investment funds and may have obligations to other third parties that may conflict with your interests.

Our subsidiaries that serve as the general partners of our investment funds have fiduciary and contractual obligations to the investors in those funds and some of our subsidiaries may have contractual duties to other third parties. As a result, we expect to regularly take actions with respect to the allocation of investments among our investment funds (including funds that have different fee

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structures), the purchase or sale of investments in our investment funds, the structuring of investment transactions for those funds, the advice we provide or otherwise that comply with these fiduciary and contractual obligations. In addition, our principals have made personal investments in a variety of our investment funds, which may result in conflicts of interest among investors in our funds or our unitholders regarding investment decisions for these funds. Some of these actions might at the same time adversely affect our near-term results of operations or cash flow.

U.S. federal income tax considerations of our principals may conflict with your interests.

Because our principals will hold their KKR Group Partnership Units directly or through entities that are not subject to corporate income taxation and we hold our units in one of the KKR Group Partnerships through a subsidiary that is subject to taxation as a corporation in the United States, conflicts may arise between our principals and our partnership relating to the selection and structuring of investments. Our unitholders will be deemed to expressly acknowledge that our Managing Partner is under no obligation to consider the separate interests of such holders, including among other things the tax consequences to our unitholders, in deciding whether to cause us to take or decline to take any actions.

Fiduciary Duties

Our Managing Partner is accountable to us and our unitholders as a fiduciary. Fiduciary duties owed to our unitholders by our Managing Partner are prescribed by law and our limited partnership agreement. The Delaware Limited Partnership Act provides that Delaware limited partnerships may in their partnership agreements expand, restrict or eliminate the duties, including fiduciary duties, otherwise owed by a general partner to limited partners and the partnership.

Our partnership agreement contains various provisions modifying, restricting and eliminating the duties, including fiduciary duties, that might otherwise be owed by our Managing Partner. We have adopted these restrictions to allow our Managing Partner or its affiliates to engage in transactions with us that would otherwise be prohibited by state-law fiduciary duty standards and to take into account the interests of other parties in addition to our interests when resolving conflicts of interest. Without these modifications, our Managing Partner's ability to make decisions involving conflicts of interest would be restricted. These modifications are detrimental to our unitholders because they restrict the remedies available to our unitholders for actions that without those limitations might constitute breaches of duty, including a fiduciary duty, as described below, and they permit our Managing Partner to take into account the interests of third parties in addition to our interests when resolving conflicts of interest.

The following is a summary of the material restrictions on the fiduciary duties owed by our Managing Partner to our unitholders:

State Law Fiduciary Duty Standards	Fiduciary duties are generally considered to include an obligation to act in good faith and with due care and loyalty. In the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, the duty of care would generally require a general partner to act for the partnership in the same manner as a prudent person would act on his own behalf. In the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, the duty of loyalty would generally prohibit a general partner of a Delaware limited partnership from taking any action or engaging in any transaction that is not in the best interests of the partnership where a conflict of interest is present.

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Partnership Agreement Modified Standards

General

Our limited partnership agreement contains provisions that waive duties of or consent to conduct by our Managing Partner and its affiliates that might otherwise raise issues about compliance with fiduciary duties or applicable law. For example, our limited partnership agreement provides that when our Managing Partner, in its capacity as our Managing Partner, is permitted to or required to make a decision in its "sole discretion" or "discretion" or that it deems "necessary or appropriate" or "necessary or advisable" then our Managing Partner will be entitled to consider only such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and will have no duty or obligation (fiduciary or otherwise) to give any consideration to any factors affecting us or any limited partners, including our unitholders, and will not be subject to any different standards imposed by the limited partnership agreement, the Delaware Limited Partnership Act or under any other law, rule or regulation or in equity. In addition, when our Managing Partner is acting in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our Managing Partner, it may act without any fiduciary obligation to us or the unitholders whatsoever. These standards reduce the obligations to which our Managing Partner would otherwise be held.

In addition to the other more specific provisions limiting the obligations of our Managing Partner, our limited partnership agreement further provides that our Managing Partner and its officers and directors will not be liable to us, our limited partners, including our unitholders, or assignees for errors of judgment or for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that our Managing Partner or its officers and directors acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct.

Special Provisions Regarding Affiliated Transactions

Our limited partnership agreement generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not involving a vote of unitholders and that are not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our Managing Partner or by our unitholders must be:

- on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or
- "fair and reasonable" to us, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us).

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	If our Managing Partner does not seek approval from the conflicts committee or our unitholders and the board of directors of our Managing Partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the bullet points above, then it will be presumed that in making its decision, the board of directors acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner, including our unitholders, or our partnership or any other person bound by our limited partnership agreement, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. These standards reduce the obligations to which our Managing Partner would otherwise be held.
Rights and Remedies of Unitholders	The Delaware Limited Partnership Act generally provides that a limited partner may institute legal action on behalf of the partnership to recover damages from a third-party where a general partner has refused to institute the action or where an effort to cause a general partner to do so is not likely to succeed. In addition, the statutory or case law of some jurisdictions may permit a limited partner to institute legal action on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated limited partners to recover damages from a general partner for violations of its fiduciary duties to the limited partners.

By holding our common units, each unitholder will automatically agree to be bound by the provisions in our partnership agreement, including the provisions described above. This is in accordance with the policy of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act favoring the principle of freedom of contract and the enforceability of partnership agreements. The failure of a unitholder to sign our limited partnership agreement does not render our partnership agreement unenforceable against that person.

We have agreed to indemnify our Managing Partner and any of its affiliates and any member, partner, tax matters partner, officer, director, employee, agent, fiduciary or trustee of our partnership, our Managing Partner or any of our affiliates and certain other specified persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts incurred by our Managing Partner or these other persons. We have agreed to provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We have also agreed to provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings. Thus, our Managing Partner could be indemnified for its negligent acts if it met the requirements set forth above. To the extent these provisions purport to include indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act, in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is contrary to public policy and therefore unenforceable. See "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement Indemnification."

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COMPARATIVE RIGHTS OF OUR UNITHOLDERS AND KKR GUERNSEY UNITHOLDERS

The rights of our unitholders will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, including the Delaware Limited Partnership Act, and our partnership agreement. The rights of KKR Guernsey unitholders are currently governed by the laws of Guernsey, including The Limited Partnerships (Guernsey) Law, 1995, as amended, which we refer to as the Guernsey Limited Partnerships Law, and KKR Guernsey's limited partnership agreement, which we refer to as the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement. Upon the U.S. Listing, KKR Guernsey unitholders would receive our common units, and their rights as unitholders would accordingly be governed by Delaware law and our partnership agreement. In addition, the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the NYSE that will apply to our common units differ from Dutch securities laws and the rules and regulations of Euronext Amsterdam, which currently apply to the KKR Guernsey units.

This section of the prospectus describes certain differences between the rights of our unitholders and the rights of KKR Guernsey unitholders. It does not purport to be a complete statement of the rights of our unitholders under applicable Delaware law and our partnership agreement, or the rights KKR Guernsey unitholders under applicable Guernsey law and the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement.

We encourage you to read carefully the relevant provisions of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act and the Guernsey Limited Partnerships Law, as well as our partnership agreement and the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement. Our limited partnership agreement has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. We furthermore encourage you to read the more fulsome description of our limited partnership agreement included under "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement" herein.

Issuance of Additional Securities

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner may issue additional securities and related options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights at any time. Our Managing Partner may determine the designation, preferences, rights, powers and duties of any class or series of securities at its sole discretion.	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement provides that with the special approval of a majority of the independent members of the board of directors of KKR Guernsey's general partner, which we refer to as the KKR Guernsey Board, KKR Guernsey's general partner may issue additional securities and related options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights at any time. KKR Guernsey's general partner may determine the designation, preferences, rights, powers and duties of any class or series of securities, subject to such special approval.

Voting Rights of Unitholders

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
Our unitholders will have only limited voting and consent rights as described herein and will have no right to elect or remove our Managing Partner or its directors.	KKR Guernsey unitholders are not entitled to vote on matters relating to KKR Guernsey, although they are entitled to consent rights with respect to certain matters described below.

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Management and Control

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
Our Managing Partner will manage all of our operations and activities. Our Managing Partner will be wholly owned by our principals and controlled by our founders.	KKR Guernsey's general partner manages all of its operations and activities. KKR Guernsey's general partner is wholly owned and controlled by our principals.
Our limited partnership agreement and the Delaware Limited Partnership Act prohibit limited partners from participating in the operation, management or control of our business.	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement and the Guernsey Limited Partnerships Law both prohibit limited partners from participating in the conduct or management of KKR Guernsey's business.

Board Structure

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
The limited liability company agreement of our Managing Partner requires our Managing Partner to maintain a board of directors, not less than a majority of whom are independent pursuant to NYSE Rules relating to corporate governance matters. Our Managing Partner's board of directors is required to maintain an audit committee and a conflicts committee, each of which consists of a majority of independent directors, and an executive committee, which initially will consist solely of our founders.	The articles of association of KKR Guernsey's general partner requires KKR Guernsey's general partner to maintain the KKR Guernsey Board, not less than a majority of whom must be independent pursuant to NYSE Rules relating to corporate governance matters. The KKR Guernsey Board is required to maintain an audit committee that consists entirely of independent directors and a nominating and corporate governance committee that consists of a majority of non-independent directors.
A majority of the Class A shares of our Managing Partner, all of which are held by our senior principals, will have the power, in their sole discretion, to (i) determine the number of directors and their term of office, (ii) appoint directors and (iii) remove and replace directors at any time, with or without cause and for any reason or no reason. Independent directors of our Managing Partner's board of directors need not be approved by our Managing Partner's nominating and corporate governance committee. Our Managing Partner's limited liability company agreement does not provide for the classification of directors.	Each member of the KKR Guernsey Board is appointed annually at a general meeting of the shareholders of KKR Guernsey's general partner, and holds office until the next annual general meeting of the KKR Guernsey general partner's shareholders, or his earlier death, resignation or removal. Vacancies may be filled and additional directors may be added by an ordinary resolution of shareholders or a vote of the directors then in office, subject to size, eligibility and advance notice requirements. No person may be appointed to the office of independent director unless he or she has been approved by a majority of the independent directors then in office and has been

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We expect that our Managing Partner's board of directors initially will consist of five directors, two of whom are our founders and the remainder of whom are independent under NYSE rules.	recommended by the KKR Guernsey Board's nominating and corporate governance committee (a majority of whose members are our affiliates). A director may be removed from office for any reason by a written resolutions requesting resignation signed by all other directors then holding office or by an ordinary resolution of the KKR Guernsey general partner's shareholders. At no time may a majority of directors be resident in the United Kingdom nor citizens or residents of the United States.
	The KKR Guernsey Board currently consists of five directors, three of whom are independent. Our founders are members of the KKR Guernsey Board.

Withdrawal or Removal of our Managing Partner; Transfer of Managing Partner's General Partner Interest

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner may not be removed or expelled, with or without cause, by unitholders.	KKR Guernsey unitholders do not have the right to force KKR Guernsey's general partner to withdraw from KKR Guernsey.
Except for the transfer by our Managing Partner of all, but not less than all, of its general partner interests in our partnership to an affiliate of our Managing Partner, or to another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of our Managing Partner with or into another entity or the transfer by our Managing Partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another entity, our Managing Partner may not transfer all or any part of its general partner interest in us to another person prior to December 31, 2020 without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of our outstanding voting units, excluding voting units held by our Managing Partner and its affiliates.	KKR Guernsey's general partner may withdraw from KKR Guernsey only with the prior written consent of holders representing a majority of KKR Guernsey units, except that KKR Guernsey's general partner may transfer all or any part of its general partner interest, or merge, consolidate, convert or amalgamate with or into any other person, if such transfer is to KKR or an affiliate of KKR or such merger, consolidation, conversion or amalgamation is with or into KKR or an affiliate of KKR.
On or after December 31, 2020, our Managing Partner may transfer all or any part of its general partner interest without first obtaining approval of any unitholder.	

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Our Managing Partner may withdraw as the Managing Partner (i) prior to December 31, 2020 upon 90 days' advance notice, provided that holders of a majority of the voting power of our voting units (excluding voting units held by our Managing Partner and its affiliates) approves such withdrawal and our Managing Partner delivers opinions of counsel with respect to certain legal and tax matters, (ii) on or after December 31, 2020 upon 90 days' advance notice, or (iii) in accordance with the transfer provisions described above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, our Managing Partner may withdraw at any time without unitholder approval upon 90 days' advance notice to the limited partners if at least 50% of the outstanding common units are beneficially owned or owned of record or controlled by one person and its affiliates other than our Managing Partner and its affiliates.

Upon the withdrawal of our Managing Partner under any circumstances, the holders of a majority of the voting power of our outstanding voting units may select a successor to that withdrawing Managing Partner.

Unitholder Meetings

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
We are not required to, and do not expect to, hold regular meetings of our unitholders. Our limited partnership agreement provides that meetings of our unitholders may be called by our Managing Partner or by limited partners owning at least 50% of the voting power of the outstanding limited partner interests of the class for which a meeting has been called.	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement requires KKR Guernsey to hold an annual meeting at which KKR Guernsey's general partner will present a report on KKR Guernsey's investment activities. KKR Guernsey unitholders are not permitted to take any action at any such annual meeting. KKR Guernsey's general partner may call special meetings of partners for any purpose, but KKR Guernsey unitholders have no right to call or request meetings.

Dividends

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner may determine the amount and timing of any distributions to our unitholders in its sole discretion.	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement provides that KKR Guernsey's general partner may determine the amount and timing of distributions to the KKR Guernsey unitholders in its sole discretion.

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Amendment to Partnership Agreement

KKR	*KKR Guernsey*
Amendments to our limited partnership agreement may be proposed only by our Managing Partner.	Amendments to the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement may be proposed only by KKR Guernsey's general partner.
No amendment may be made that would (i) enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, except that any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any class of partner interests in relation to other classes of partner interests may be approved by at least a majority of the type or class of partner interests so affected; or (ii) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by us to our Managing Partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of our Managing Partner, which may be given or withheld in its sole discretion. The provision in our limited partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in clauses (i) or (ii) above may be amended with the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding voting units.	KKR Guernsey's general partner may amend the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement for reasons similar to those discussed under "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement Amendment of the Partnership Agreement General No Limited Partner Approval." KKR Guernsey's general partner may make any other amendment to the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement, without the consent of the KKR Guernsey unitholders, that is not material and adverse to KKR Guernsey unitholders, provided that such amendment receives the approval of a majority of the independent directors of the KKR Guernsey Board. Any other amendment will be effective upon its approval by KKR Guernsey's general partner and holders representing a majority of KKR Guernsey's outstanding securities.
Our Managing Partner may amend our limited partnership agreement without the consent of our unitholders for certain legal, tax, regulatory and other reasons described under "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement Amendment of the Partnership Agreement General No Limited Partner Approval."	
Other amendments to our limited partnership agreement will become effective with the consent of our Managing Partner and the holders of at least a majority of our outstanding voting units, provided that our Managing Partner has obtained an opinion of counsel that such amendments will not result in a loss of limited liability to our unitholders. In the absence of such an opinion of counsel, any amendment, other than an amendment pursuant to a merger, consolidation or other business combination, will require the approval of the holders of at least 90% of our outstanding voting units.	

Mergers and Other Combination Transactions

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We may not engage in any merger, consolidation or other business combination without the prior consent of our Managing Partner. Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner will submit any merger, consolidation or other business combination to a vote of our unitholders. Such merger, consolidation or other business combination will be approved upon receiving the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding voting units. Notwithstanding the foregoing, our Managing Partner is permitted, without unitholder approval, to convert, merge or convey all of our assets to a newly formed limited liability entity with no assets, liabilities or operations if the purpose is to effect a mere change in legal form and if the unitholders and our Managing Partner retain substantially the same rights and obligations provided in our limited partnership agreement.	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement provides that KKR Guernsey may merge, consolidate, convert or amalgamate with or into one or more entities under the laws of such jurisdiction as KKR Guernsey's general partner may in its sole discretion determine, provided that a majority of KKR Guernsey Board's independent directors approve.

Indemnification of Directors and Officers

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Under our limited partnership agreement, we will indemnify (i) our Managing Partner, (ii) any departing Managing Partner, (iii) any person who is or was an affiliate of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner, (iv) any person who is or was a member, partner, tax matters partner, officer, director, employee, agent, fiduciary or trustee of us or our subsidiaries, the Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner or any affiliate of us or our subsidiaries, the Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner, (v) any person who is or was serving at the request of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner or any affiliate of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent, fiduciary or trustee of another person, or (vi) any person designated by our Managing Partner to the fullest extent permitted by law from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement provides that KKR Guernsey is required to indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law KKR Guernsey's general partner, KKR Guernsey's service provider and any of their respective affiliates, any person who serves on a governing body of the Acquired KKR Guernsey Partnership or its subsidiaries or any other holding vehicle established by KKR Guernsey and any other person designated by KKR Guernsey's general partner as an indemnified person, in each case, against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, incurred by an indemnified party in connection with our business, investments and activities or by reason of their holding such positions, except to the extent that the claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction (in a final and non-appealable judgment) to have resulted

amounts. We have agreed to provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We have also agreed to provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings. Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of our assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, our Managing Partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to us to enable us to effectuate, indemnification. The indemnification of the persons described above shall be secondary to any indemnification such person is entitled from another person or the relevant KKR fund to the extent applicable. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons in connection with our activities, regardless of whether we would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under our limited partnership agreement.

from the indemnified party's bad faith, fraud or willful misconduct, or in the case of a criminal matter, action that the indemnified party knew to have been unlawful. The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement requires KKR Guernsey to advance funds to pay the expenses of an indemnified party in connection with a matter in which indemnification may be sought until it is determined that the indemnified party is not entitled to indemnification.

Limitations on Liability of Directors and Officers

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Our limited partnership agreement provides that our Managing Partner and its affiliates are not liable to us or our unitholders for any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising as a result of any act or omission of an indemnitee, or for any breach of contract or any breach of duties (including breach of fiduciary duties) whether arising at law, in equity or otherwise, unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter in question, the indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct.

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The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement provides that (i) the liability of an indemnified party has been limited to the fullest extent permitted by law, except to the extent that its conduct involves bad faith, fraud or willful misconduct, or in the case of a criminal matter, action that the indemnified party knew to have been unlawful and (ii) any matter that is approved by the independent directors will not constitute a breach of any duties stated or implied by law or equity, including fiduciary duties.

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Unitholder Suits

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The Delaware Limited Partnership Act generally provides that a limited partner may institute legal action on behalf of the partnership to recover damages from a third-party where a general partner has refused to institute the action or where an effort to cause a general partner to do so is not likely to succeed. In addition, the statutory or case law of some jurisdictions may permit a limited partner to institute legal action on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated limited partners to recover damages from a general partner for violations of its fiduciary duties to the limited partners.	The Guernsey Limited Partnerships Law provides that a limited partner may, with the leave of the Royal Court of Guernsey, institute proceedings on behalf of a limited partnership if (a) the general partners have, without good cause, failed to do so, and (b) the failure or refusal is oppressive to the limited partner or is prejudicial to its interests as a limited partner.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction

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Our limited partnership agreement is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws. Our limited partnership agreement does not provide that our unitholders submit to the jurisdiction of particular courts in connection with disputes arising out of or relating our limited partnership agreement.	The KKR Guernsey partnership agreement is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the Island of Guernsey. KKR Guernsey unitholders generally will submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any state or federal court of the State of Delaware or any court in the Island of Guernsey in any dispute, suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement.

Transfer Restrictions

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Our limited partnership agreement does not have similar restrictions.	Under the KKR Guernsey partnership agreement, a "U.S. person" may not acquire or hold KKR Guernsey units if not a "qualified purchaser" under U.S. Securities laws. In addition, KKR Guernsey units may not be acquired or held by "plan assets" under the Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) or similar laws.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON UNITS

Common Units

Our common units represent limited partner interests in our partnership. Our unitholders are entitled to participate in our distributions and exercise the rights or privileges available to limited partners under our limited partnership agreement. We will be dependent upon the KKR Group Partnerships to fund any distributions we may make to our unitholders, as described under "Distribution Policy." For a description of the relative rights and preferences of holders of our unitholders in and to our distributions, see "Distribution Policy." For a description of the rights and privileges of limited partners under our limited partnership agreement, including voting rights, see "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement."

Unless our Managing Partner determines otherwise, we will issue all our common units in uncertificated form.

Further Issuances

Our limited partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions established by our Managing Partner in its sole discretion without the approval of our unitholders. In accordance with the Delaware Limited Partnership Act and the provisions of our limited partnership agreement, we may also issue additional partner interests that have designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties that are different from, and may be senior to, those applicable to our common units.

Transfer of Common Units

By acceptance of the transfer of our common units in accordance with our limited partnership agreement, each transferee of our common units will be admitted as a unitholder with respect to the common units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in our books and records. Additionally, each transferee of our common units:

- will represent that the transferee has the capacity, power and authority to enter into our limited partnership agreement;
- will become bound by the terms of, and will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by, our limited partnership agreement; and
- will give the consents, approvals, acknowledgements and waivers set forth in our partnership agreement.

A transferee will become a substituted limited partner of our partnership for the transferred common units automatically upon the recording of the transfer on our books and records. Our Managing Partner may cause any transfers to be recorded on our books and records no less frequently than quarterly.

Common units are securities and are transferable according to the laws governing transfers of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to become a substituted limited partner in our partnership for the transferred common units.

Until a common unit has been transferred on our books, we and the transfer agent, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, may treat the record holder of the common unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations. A beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the record holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the record holder.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

will serve as registrar and transfer agent for our common units.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The following is a description of the material terms of our amended and restated limited partnership agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to all of the provisions of our amended and restated limited partnership agreement, which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Because this description is only a summary of the terms of our amended and restated limited partnership agreement, it does not contain all of the information that you may find important. For additional information, you should read "Our Common Units", "Risk Factors Risks Related to the U.S. Listing" and "Material U.S. Federal Tax Considerations."

Our Managing Partner

Our Managing Partner manages all of our operations and activities. Our Managing Partner is authorized in general to perform all acts that it determines to be necessary or appropriate to carry out our purposes and to conduct our business. Our Managing Partner is wholly owned by our principals and controlled by our founders. Common unitholders have only limited voting rights relating to certain matters and, therefore, will have limited or no ability to influence management's decisions regarding our business.

Purpose

Under our limited partnership agreement we are permitted to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that is approved by our Managing Partner and that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized under Delaware law.

Power of Attorney

Each limited partner, and each person who acquires a limited partner interest in accordance with the limited partnership agreement, grants to our Managing Partner and, if appointed, a liquidator, a power of attorney to, among other things, execute and file documents required for our qualification, continuance, dissolution or termination. The power of attorney also grants our Managing Partner the authority to amend, and to make consents and waivers under, the limited partnership agreement and certificate of limited partnership, in each case in accordance with the limited partnership agreement.

Capital Contributions

Our unitholders are not obligated to make additional capital contributions, except as described below under " Limited Liability." Our Managing Partner is not obliged to make any capital contributions.

Limited Liability

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of our business within the meaning of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act and that he otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of the limited partnership agreement, his liability under the Delaware Limited Partnership Act would be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital he is obligated to contribute to us for his common units plus his share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined however that the right, or exercise of the right, by the limited partners as a group:

- to approve some amendments to the limited partnership agreement; or
- to take other action under the limited partnership agreement,

constituted "participation in the control" of our business for the purposes of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act, then our limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the laws of Delaware to the same extent as our Managing Partner. This liability would extend to persons

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who transact business with us who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner. Neither the partnership agreement nor the Delaware Limited Partnership Act specifically will provide for legal recourse against our Managing Partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of our Managing Partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, we know of no precedent for this type of a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware Limited Partnership Act, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partner interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware Limited Partnership Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited will be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the non-recourse liability. The Delaware Limited Partnership Act provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act would be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware Limited Partnership Act, a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of his assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except that such person is not obligated for liabilities unknown to him at the time he became a limited partner and that could not be ascertained from the limited partnership agreement.

Moreover, if it were determined that we were conducting business in any state without compliance with the applicable limited partnership statute, or that the right or exercise of the right by the limited partners as a group to approve some amendments to the limited partnership agreement or to take other action under the limited partnership agreement constituted "participation in the control" of our business for purposes of the statutes of any relevant jurisdiction, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for our obligations under the law of that jurisdiction to the same extent as our Managing Partner. We intend to operate in a manner that our Managing Partner considers reasonable and necessary or appropriate to preserve the limited liability of the limited partners.

Issuance of Additional Securities

The limited partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions established by our Managing Partner in its sole discretion without the approval of any limited partners.

In accordance with the Delaware Limited Partnership Act and the provisions of the limited partnership agreement, we could also issue additional partner interests that have designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties that are different from, and may be senior to, those applicable to common units.

Distributions

Distributions will be made to the partners pro rata according to the percentages of their respective partner interests. See "Distribution Policy."

Amendment of the Limited Partnership Agreement

General

Amendments to the partnership agreement may be proposed only by our Managing Partner. To adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments that do not require limited partner approval discussed below, our Managing Partner must seek approval of the holders of a majority of the

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outstanding voting units (as defined below) in order to approve the amendment or call a meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. On any matter that may be submitted for a vote of unitholders, the holders of KKR Group Partnership Units hold special voting units in our partnership that provide them with a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of KKR Group Partnership Units that they then hold and entitle them to participate in the vote on the same basis as unitholders of our partnership. See " Meetings; Voting." The KKR Group Partnership Units, other than the KKR Group Partnership Units held by us, will initially be owned by KKR Holdings, which is owned by our principals and controlled by our founders.

Prohibited Amendments

No amendment may be made that would:

(1) enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, except that any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any class of partner interests in relation to other classes of partner interests may be approved by the holders of at least a majority of the type or class of partner interests so affected; or

(2) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by us to our Managing Partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of our Managing Partner, which may be given or withheld in its sole discretion.

The provision of the limited partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in clauses (1) or (2) above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding voting units.

No Limited Partner Approval

Our Managing Partner may generally make amendments to the limited partnership agreement or certificate of limited partnership without the approval of any limited partner to reflect:

(1) a change in the name of the partnership, the location of the partnership's principal place of business, the partnership's registered agent or its registered office;

(2) the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with the limited partnership agreement;

(3) a change that our Managing Partner determines is necessary or appropriate for the partnership to qualify or to continue our qualification as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or other jurisdiction or to ensure that the partnership will not be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(4) an amendment that our Managing Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to address certain changes in U.S. federal, state and local income tax regulations, legislation or interpretation;

(5) an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to prevent the partnership or our Managing Partner or its directors, officers, employees, agents or trustees, from having a material risk of being in any manner subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act, the Investment Advisers Act or "plan asset" regulations adopted under ERISA, whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor;

(6) a change in our fiscal year or taxable year and related changes;

(7) an amendment that our Managing Partner determines in its sole discretion to be necessary or appropriate for the creation, authorization or issuance of any class or series of partnership securities or options, rights, warrants or appreciation rights relating to partnership securities;

(8) any amendment expressly permitted in the limited partnership agreement to be made by our Managing Partner acting alone;

(9) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by an agreement of merger, consolidation or other business combination agreement that has been approved under the terms of the limited partnership agreement;

(10) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by an amendment to the partnership agreement of a KKR Group Partnership that requires unitholders of the KKR Group Partnership to provide a statement, certification or other proof of evidence regarding whether such unitholder is subject to U.S. federal income taxation on the income generated by the KKR Group Partnership;

(11) any amendment that in the sole discretion of our Managing Partner is necessary or appropriate to reflect and account for the formation by the partnership of, or its investment in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, as otherwise permitted by the partnership agreement;

(12) a merger, conversion or conveyance to another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the merger, conversion or conveyance other than those it receives by way of the merger, conversion or conveyance;

(13) any amendment that our Managing Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency; or

(14) any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described in (1) through (13) above.

In addition, our Managing Partner could make amendments to the limited partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner if those amendments, in the discretion of our Managing Partner:

(1) do not adversely affect our limited partners considered as a whole (or adversely affect any particular class of partner interests as compared to another class of partner interests) in any material respect;

(2) are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal, state, local or non-U.S. agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal, state, local or non-U.S. statute (including the Delaware Limited Partnership Act);

(3) are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading;

(4) are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by our Managing Partner relating to splits or combinations of units under the provisions of the limited partnership agreement; or

(5) are required to effect the intent expressed in the registration statement filed in connection with the U.S. Listing or the intent of the provisions of the limited partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by the limited partnership agreement.

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Opinion of Counsel and Limited Partner Approval

Our Managing Partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners if one of the amendments described above under " No Limited Partner Approval" should occur. No other amendments to the limited partnership agreement (other than an amendment pursuant to a merger, sale or other disposition of assets effected in accordance with the provisions described under " Merger, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets" or an amendment described in the following paragraphs) will become effective without the approval of holders of at least 90% of the outstanding voting units, unless we obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under the Delaware Limited Partnership Act of any of the limited partners.

In addition to the above restrictions, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of partner interests in relation to other classes of partner interests will also require the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding partner interests of the class so affected.

In addition, any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action must be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners whose aggregate outstanding voting units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

Merger, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets

The limited partnership agreement would provide that our Managing Partner may, with the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding voting units, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, including by way of merger, consolidation or other combination, or approve the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of our subsidiaries. Our Managing Partner in its sole discretion may mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of our assets (including for the benefit of persons other than us or our subsidiaries) without the prior approval of the holders of our outstanding voting units. Our Managing Partner could also sell all or substantially all of our assets under any forced sale of any or all of our assets pursuant to the foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without the prior approval of the holders of our outstanding voting units.

If conditions specified in the limited partnership agreement are satisfied, our Managing Partner may in its sole discretion convert or merge our partnership or any of its subsidiaries into, or convey some or all of its assets to, a newly formed entity if the sole purpose of that merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in its legal form into another limited liability entity. The unitholders will not be entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under the partnership agreement or the Delaware Limited Partnership Act in the event of a merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of our assets or any other similar transaction or event.

Election to be Treated as a Corporation

If our Managing Partner, in its sole discretion, determines that it is no longer in our interests to continue as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, our Managing Partner may elect to treat our partnership as an association or as a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal (and applicable state) income tax purposes or may chose to effect such change by merger, conversion or otherwise.

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Dissolution

The partnership will dissolve upon:

(1) the election of our Managing Partner to dissolve our partnership, if approved by the holders of a majority of the voting power of the partnership's outstanding voting units;

(2) there being no limited partners, unless our partnership is continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Limited Partnership Act;

(3) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of our partnership pursuant to the Delaware Limited Partnership Act; or

(4) the withdrawal of our Managing Partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be our Managing Partner other than by reason of a transfer of general partner interests or withdrawal of our Managing Partner following approval and admission of a successor, in each case in accordance with the limited partnership agreement.

Upon a dissolution under clause (4), the holders of a majority of the voting power of our outstanding voting units could also elect, within specific time limitations, to continue the partnership's business without dissolution on the same terms and conditions described in the limited partnership agreement by appointing as a successor Managing Partner an individual or entity approved by the holders of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding voting units, subject to the partnership's receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that (i) the action would not result in the loss of limited liability of any limited partner and (ii) neither we nor any of our subsidiaries (excluding those formed or existing as corporations) would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue.

Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds

Upon our dissolution, our Managing Partner shall act, or select one or more persons to act, as liquidator. Unless we are continued as a limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up our affairs will, acting with all of the powers of our Managing Partner that the liquidator deems necessary or appropriate in its judgment, liquidate our assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation first, to discharge our liabilities as provided in the limited partnership agreement and by law, and thereafter, to the limited partners pro rata according to the percentages of their respective partner interests as of a record date selected by the liquidator. The liquidator may defer liquidation of our assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to partners in kind if it determines that an immediate sale or distribution of all or some of our assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the partners.

Withdrawal of our Managing Partner

Except as described below, our Managing Partner will agree not to withdraw voluntarily as our Managing Partner prior to December 31, 2020 without obtaining the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding voting units, excluding voting units held by our Managing Partner and its affiliates, and furnishing an opinion of counsel regarding tax and limited liability matters. On or after December 31, 2020, our Managing Partner may withdraw as Managing Partner without first obtaining approval of any common unitholder by giving 90 days' advance notice, and that withdrawal will not constitute a violation of the limited partnership agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, our Managing Partner could withdraw at any time without unitholder approval upon 90 days' advance notice to the limited partners if at least 50% of the outstanding common units are beneficially owned, owned of record or otherwise controlled by one person and its affiliates other than our Managing Partner and its affiliates.

Upon the withdrawal of our Managing Partner under any circumstances, the holders of a majority of the voting power of the partnership's outstanding voting units may elect a successor to that withdrawing Managing Partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, the partnership will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within specific time limitations after that withdrawal, the holders of a majority of the voting power of the partnership's outstanding voting units agree in writing to continue our business and to appoint a successor Managing Partner. See " Dissolution" above.

Our Managing Partner may not be removed or expelled, with or without cause, by unitholders.

In the event of withdrawal of a Managing Partner, the departing Managing Partner will have the option to require the successor Managing Partner to purchase the general partner interest of the departing Managing Partner for a cash payment equal to its fair market value. This fair market value will be determined by agreement between the departing Managing Partner and the successor Managing Partner. If no agreement is reached within 30 days of our Managing Partner's departure, an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert, which, in turn, may rely on other experts, selected by the departing Managing Partner and the successor Managing Partner will determine the fair market value. If the departing Managing Partner and the successor Managing Partner cannot agree upon an expert within 45 days of our Managing Partner's departure, then an expert chosen by agreement of the experts selected by each of them will determine the fair market value.

If the option described above is not exercised by either the departing Managing Partner or the successor Managing Partner, the departing Managing Partner's general partner interest will automatically convert into common units pursuant to a valuation of those interests as determined by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected in the manner described in the preceding paragraph.

In addition, we will be required to reimburse the departing Managing Partner for all amounts due the departing Managing Partner, including without limitation all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing Managing Partner or its affiliates for the partnership's benefit.

Transfer of General Partner Interests

Except for transfer by our Managing Partner of all, but not less than all, of its general partner interests in the partnership to an affiliate of our Managing Partner, or to another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of our Managing Partner with or into another entity or the transfer by our Managing Partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another entity, our Managing Partner may not transfer all or any part of its general partner interest in the partnership to another person prior to December 31, 2020 without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the partnership's outstanding voting units, excluding voting units held by our Managing Partner and its affiliates. On or after December 31, 2020, our Managing Partner may transfer all or any part of its general partner interest without first obtaining approval of any unitholder. As a condition of this transfer, the transferee must assume the rights and duties of our Managing Partner to whose interest that transferee has succeeded, agree to be bound by the provisions of the limited partnership agreement and furnish an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability matters. At any time, the members of our Managing Partner may sell or transfer all or part of their limited liability company interests in our Managing Partner without the approval of the unitholders.

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Limited Call Right

If at any time:

(i) less than 10% of the then issued and outstanding limited partner interests of any class (other than special voting units), including our limited partnership units, are held by persons other than our Managing Partner and its affiliates; or

(ii) the partnership is subjected to registration under the provisions of the Investment Company Act, our Managing Partner will have the right, which it may assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates or to us, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the remaining limited partner interests of the class held by unaffiliated persons as of a record date to be selected by our Managing Partner, on at least ten but not more than 60 days notice. The purchase price in the event of this purchase is the greater of:

(1) the current market price as of the date three days before the date the notice is mailed; and

(2) the highest cash price paid by our Managing Partner or any of its affiliates acting in concert with us for any limited partner interests of the class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date on which our Managing Partner first mails notice of its election to purchase those limited partner interests.

As a result of our Managing Partner's right to purchase outstanding limited partner interests, a holder of limited partner interests may have his limited partner interests purchased at an undesirable time or price. The U.S. tax consequences to a unitholder of the exercise of this call right are the same as a sale by that unitholder of his limited partnership units in the market. See "Material U.S. Federal Tax Considerations."

Sinking Fund; Preemptive Rights

We will not establish a sinking fund and will not grant any preemptive rights with respect to the partnership's limited partner interests.

Meetings; Voting

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of our limited partnership units then outstanding, record holders of limited partnership units or of the special voting units to be issued to holders of KKR Group Partnership Units on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, meetings of our limited partners and to act upon matters as to which holders of limited partner interests have the right to vote or to act.

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of our limited partnership units then outstanding, each record holder of a common unit will be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of limited partnership units held. In addition, we will issue special voting units to each holder of KKR Group Partnership Units that provide them with a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of KKR Group Partnership Units that they then hold and entitle them to participate in the vote on the same basis as unitholders. We refer to our common units and special voting units as "voting units." If the ratio at which KKR Group Partnership Units are exchangeable for our common units changes from one-for-one, the number of votes to which the holders of the special voting units are entitled will be adjusted accordingly. Additional limited partner interests having special voting rights could also be issued. See " Issuance of Additional Securities" above.

In the case of common units held by our Managing Partner on behalf of non-citizen assignees, our Managing Partner will distribute the votes on those units in the same ratios as the votes of partners in respect of other limited partner interests are cast. Our Managing Partner does not anticipate that any

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meeting of unitholders will be called in the foreseeable future. Any action that is required or permitted to be taken by the limited partners may be taken either at a meeting of the limited partners or without a meeting, without a vote and without prior notice if consents in writing describing the action so taken are signed by limited partners owning not less than the minimum percentage of the voting power of the outstanding limited partner interests that would be necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting. Meetings of the limited partners may be called by our Managing Partner or by limited partners owning at least 50% or more of the voting power of the outstanding limited partner interests of the class for which a meeting is proposed. Unitholders may vote either in person or by proxy at meetings. The holders of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding limited partner interests of the class for which a meeting has been called, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum unless any action by the limited partners requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of such limited partner interests, in which case the quorum will be the greater percentage.

However, if at any time any person or group (other than our Managing Partner and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of our Managing Partner or its affiliates) acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of our units then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its units and the units may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes. Our units held in nominee or street name account will be voted by the broker or other nominee in accordance with the instruction of the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between the beneficial owner and his nominee provides otherwise.

Status as Limited Partner

By transfer of our units in accordance with the partnership agreement, each transferee of units will be admitted as a limited partner with respect to the units transferred when such transfer and admission is reflected in the limited partnership's books and records. Except as described under " Limited Liability" above, in the partnership agreement or pursuant to Section 17-804 of the Delaware Limited Partnership Act (which relates to the liability of a limited partner who receives a distribution of assets upon the winding up of a limited partnership and who knew at the time of such distribution that it was in violation of this provision) the units will be fully paid and non-assessable.

Non-Citizen Assignees; Redemption

If the partnership is or becomes subject to federal, state or local laws or regulations that in the determination of our Managing Partner create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property in which the partnership has an interest because of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of any limited partner, we may redeem the common units held by that limited partner at their current market price. To avoid any cancellation or forfeiture, our Managing Partner may require each limited partner to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or related status. If a limited partner fails to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or other related status within 30 days after a request for the information or our Managing Partner determines, with the advice of counsel, after receipt of the information that the limited partner is not an eligible citizen, the limited partner may be treated as a non-citizen assignee. A non-citizen assignee does not have the right to direct the voting of his limited partnership units and may not receive distributions in kind upon our partnership's liquidation.

Indemnification

Under the limited partnership agreement, in most circumstances we would indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts:

- our Managing Partner;
- any departing Managing Partner;
- any person who is or was an affiliate of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner;
- any person who is or was a member, partner, tax matters partner, officer, director, employee, agent, fiduciary or trustee of partnership or its subsidiaries, our Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner or any affiliate of partnership or its subsidiaries, our Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner;
- any person who is or was serving at the request of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner or any affiliate of a Managing Partner or any departing Managing Partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent, fiduciary or trustee of another person; or
- any person designated by our Managing Partner.

We would agree to provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We will also agree to provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings. Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of the partnership's assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, our Managing Partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to the partnership to enable the partnership to effectuate indemnification. The indemnification of the persons described above shall be secondary to any indemnification such person is entitled from another person or the relevant KKR fund to the extent applicable. We may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for our activities, regardless of whether the partnership would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under the limited partnership agreement.

Books and Reports

Our Managing Partner is required to keep appropriate books of the partnership's business at its principal offices or any other place designated by our Managing Partner. The books would be maintained for both tax and financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. For tax and financial reporting purposes, our year ends on December 31.

As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each fiscal year, we will furnish to each partner tax information (including a Schedule K-1), which describes on a U.S. dollar basis such partner's share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for the preceding taxable year. It may require longer than 90 days after the end of the fiscal year to obtain the requisite information from all lower-tier entities so that Schedule K-1s may be prepared for our partnership. Consequently, holders of common units who are U.S. taxpayers should anticipate the need to file annually with the IRS (and certain states) a request for an extension past April 15 or the otherwise applicable due date of their income tax return for the taxable year. In addition, each partner will be required to report for all tax purposes consistently with the information provided by us.

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Right to Inspect Our Books and Records

The limited partnership agreement will provide that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a limited partner, upon reasonable written demand and at his own expense, have furnished to him:

- promptly after becoming available, a copy of our U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns; and

- copies of the limited partnership agreement, the certificate of limited partnership of the partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which they have been executed.

Our Managing Partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners trade secrets or other information the disclosure of which our Managing Partner believes is not in the partnership's best interests or which the partnership is required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

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COMMON UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

General

Prior to the U.S. Listing, there will not have been a U.S. public market for our common units. We cannot predict the effect, if any, future sales of common units, or the availability for future sale of common units, will have on the market price of our common units prevailing from time to time. The sale of substantial amounts of our common units in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could harm the prevailing market price of our common units.

Following the U.S. Listing, we expect to have 204,902,226 common units outstanding, excluding common units beneficially owned by KKR Holdings discussed below and common units available for future issuance under the Equity Incentive Plan. All of the common units distributed to KKR Guernsey unitholders in the In-Kind Distribution will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act by persons other than our "affiliates."

KKR Holdings owns 478,105,194 KKR Group Partnership Units that may be exchanged, up to four times each year, for our common units on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications. Except for interests held by its founders and certain interests held by other executives that were vested upon grant, interests in KKR Holdings that are held by our principals are subject to time based vesting over a 5-year period or performance based vesting and, following such vesting, additional restrictions on exchange for a period of one or two years. The common units issued upon such exchanges would be "restricted securities," as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act, unless we register such issuances. However, we will enter into a registration rights agreement with KKR Holdings that will require us to register under the Securities Act our issuance of these common units. See " Registration Rights."

Under our Equity Incentive Plan we may grant to our employees awards representing our common units. The issuance of common units pursuant to awards under the Equity Incentive Plan would dilute common unitholders and KKR Holdings pro rata in accordance with their respective percentage interests in the KKR Group Partnerships. The total number of our common units that may initially be issued under our Equity Incentive Plans is equivalent to 15% of the number of fully diluted common units outstanding. We intend to file one or more registration statements on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register common units issued or covered by our Equity Incentive Plan. Any such Form S-8 registration statements will automatically become effective upon filing. Accordingly, common units registered under such registration statements will be available for sale in the open market.

Our limited partnership agreement authorizes us to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions established by our Managing Partner in its sole discretion without the approval of any limited partners. See "Description of Our Limited Partnership Agreement Issuance of Additional Securities."

Registration Rights

We will enter into a registration rights agreement with KKR Holdings pursuant to which we will grant it, its affiliates and transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units the right, under certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, to require us to register under the Securities Act our common units (and other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common units) held or acquired by them. Securities registered pursuant to such registration rights under any such registration statement will be available for sale in the open market unless restrictions apply. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions Registration Rights Agreement."

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Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, a person, including an affiliate of ours, who has beneficially owned common units for at least six months, is entitled to sell in any three-month period a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the number of common units then outstanding, as shown by the most recent report or statement by us, which percentage will represent 2,049,023 common units based on the number of KKR Guernsey units outstanding of 204,902,226; and

- the average weekly trading volume of our common units on the NYSE during the four calendar weeks preceding (a) the date on which notice of sale is filed on Form 144 with respect to such sale or (b) if no notice of sale is required, the date of the receipt of the order or the date of execution, as applicable.

Sales under Rule 144 are also subject to manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us.

In addition, a person who is not deemed to have been an affiliate of ours at any time during the three months preceding a sale and who has beneficially owned the common units proposed to be sold for at least six months would be entitled to sell an unlimited number of common units under Rule 144 provided current public information about us is available and, after one year, an unlimited number of common units without restriction.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

U.S. Taxes

This summary discusses the material U.S. federal income tax considerations related to the U.S. Listing and the ownership and disposition of our common units as of the date hereof. This summary is based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, on the regulations promulgated thereunder and on published administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all of which are subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion is necessarily general and may not apply to all categories of investors, some of which, such as banks, thrifts, insurance companies, persons liable for the alternative minimum tax, dealers, investors who were deemed to own 10% or more of any foreign corporation owned by us (taking into account the investor's interest in such foreign corporation as a result of their ownership interest in us or otherwise), and other investors that do not own their common units as capital assets, may be subject to special rules. Tax-exempt organizations and mutual funds are discussed separately below. The actual tax consequences of the U.S. Listing and the ownership of our common units will vary depending on your circumstances. This summary is based in part on facts described in this prospectus and on various other factual assumptions, representations and determinations, including representations contained in certificates provided to us. Any alteration or incorrectness of such facts, assumptions, representations or determinations could adversely impact the accuracy of this summary.

For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Holder" is for U.S. federal income tax purposes: (i) an individual citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust which either (A) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (B) has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person. A "Non-U.S. Holder" is a holder that is not a U.S. Holder.

If a partnership holds KKR Guernsey units prior to the U.S. Listing or holds our common units following the U.S. Listing, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership that holds KKR Guernsey units prior to the U.S. Listing or holds our common units following the U.S. Listing, you should consult your tax advisors. This discussion does not constitute tax advice and is not intended to be a substitute for tax planning.

Common unitholders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal, state and local income tax and estate tax consequences in their particular situations of the U.S. Listing and the ownership and disposition of common units, as well as any consequences under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction. This discussion only addresses the material U.S. federal tax considerations of the U.S. Listing and the ownership and disposition of common units and does not address the tax considerations under the laws of any tax jurisdiction other than the United States. Non-U.S. Holders, therefore, should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of the U.S. Listing and ownership and disposition of common units under the laws of their own taxing jurisdiction.

Consequences to KKR Guernsey Unitholders of the U.S. Listing

We will be treated as a continuation of KKR Guernsey for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, the distribution of our common units in redemption of your KKR Guernsey units in connection with the U.S. Listing should not result in the recognition of any gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of the U.S. Listing under the laws of their own taxing jurisdiction.

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Taxation of Our Partnership

An entity that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes generally is not a taxable entity and incurs no U.S. federal income tax liabilities. Each partner of a partnership is required to take into account its allocable share of items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the partnership in computing its U.S. federal income tax liability, regardless of the extent to which, or whether, it receives cash distributions from the partnership, and thus may incur income tax liabilities unrelated to (and in excess of) any distributions from the partnership. Distributions of cash by a partnership to a partner are generally not taxable unless the amount of cash distributed to a partner is in excess of the partner's adjusted basis in its partnership interest.

An entity that would otherwise be classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes may nonetheless be taxable as a corporation if it is a "publicly traded partnership," unless an exception applies. An entity that would otherwise be classified as a partnership is a publicly traded partnership if (i) interests in the partnership are traded on an established securities market or (ii) interests in the partnership are readily tradable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof. We are a publicly traded partnership.

However, an exception to taxation as a corporation, referred to as the "Qualifying Income Exception," exists if at least 90% of the partnership's gross income for every taxable year consists of "qualifying income" and the partnership is not required to register under the Investment Company Act. Qualifying income includes certain interest income, dividends, real property rents, gains from the sale or other disposition of real property, and any gain from the sale or disposition of a capital asset or other property held for the production of income that otherwise constitutes qualifying income.

Our Managing Partner has adopted a set of investment policies and procedures that will govern the types of investments we can make (and income we can earn), including structuring certain investments through entities, such as our intermediate holding company, classified as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes (as discussed further below), to ensure that we will meet the Qualifying Income Exception in each taxable year. If we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, other than a failure that is determined by the IRS to be inadvertent and that is cured within a reasonable time after discovery, or if we are required to register under the Investment Company Act, we will be treated as if we had transferred all of our assets, subject to liabilities, to a newly formed corporation, on the first day of the year in which we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, in return for stock in that corporation, and then distributed the stock to the common unitholders in liquidation of their interests in us. This contribution and liquidation should generally be tax-free to common unitholders so long as we do not have liabilities in excess of the tax basis of our assets. Thereafter, we would be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If we were treated as a corporation in any taxable year, either as a result of a failure to meet the Qualifying Income Exception or otherwise, our items of income, gain, loss and deduction would be reflected only on our tax return rather than being passed through to our common unitholders, and we would be subject to U.S. corporate income tax on our taxable income. Distributions made to our common unitholders would be treated as either taxable dividend income, which may be eligible for reduced rates of taxation, to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, or in the absence of earnings and profits, as a nontaxable return of capital, to the extent of the holder's tax basis in the common units, or as taxable capital gain, after the holder's basis is reduced to zero. In addition, in the case of Non-U.S. Holders, distributions treated as dividends would be subject to withholding tax. Accordingly, treatment as a corporation would materially reduce a holder's after-tax return and thus could result in a reduction of the value of the common units.

If at the end of any taxable year we fail to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, we may still qualify as a partnership if we are entitled to relief under the Internal Revenue Code for an inadvertent termination of partnership status. This relief will be available if: (i) the failure is cured within a reasonable time after discovery; (ii) the failure is determined by the IRS to be inadvertent; and (iii) we agree to make such adjustments (including adjustments with respect to our partners) or to pay such amounts as are required by the IRS. It is not possible to state whether we would be entitled to this relief in any or all circumstances. If this relief provision is inapplicable to a particular set of circumstances involving us, we will not qualify as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Even if this relief provision applies and we retain our partnership status, we or our unitholders (during the failure period) will be required to pay such amounts as are determined by the IRS.

The KKR Group Partnerships will continue to be treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes following the U.S. Listing.

Proposed Legislation

Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Congress that would, if enacted, preclude us from qualifying for treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes under the publicly traded partnership rules. In 2007, Congress considered legislation that would tax as corporations publicly traded partnerships that directly or indirectly derive income from investment advisor or asset management services. In 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that would generally (i) treat carried interest as non-qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Exception, which could preclude us from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (ii) tax carried interest as ordinary income for U.S. federal income taxes, rather than in accordance with the character of income derived by the underlying fund. In December 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives passed substantially similar legislation. Such legislation would tax carried interest as ordinary income starting with our current taxable year. In addition, the Obama administration proposed in its published revenue proposals for both 2010 and 2011 that the current law regarding the treatment of carried interest be changed to subject such income to ordinary income tax. Certain versions of the proposed legislation (including the legislation passed in December 2009) contain a transition rule that may delay the applicability of certain aspects of the legislation for a partnership that is a publicly traded partnership on the date of enactment of the legislation.

If the changes suggested by the administration or any of the proposed legislation or similar legislation were adopted, income attributable to carried interest may not meet the Qualifying Income Exception requirements discussed above and, therefore, we could be precluded from qualifying as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax or be required to hold interests in entities earning such income through a taxable U.S. corporation. If we were taxed as a corporation, our effective tax rate would increase significantly. The federal statutory rate for corporations is currently 35%. In addition, we would likely be subject to increased state and local taxes. Therefore, if any such legislation or similar legislation were to be enacted and apply to us, it would materially increase our tax liability, which could well result in a reduction in the market price of our common units.

The remainder of this discussion assumes that we and the KKR Group Partnerships will be treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Taxation of our Intermediate Holding Company

The income derived by us from KKR's fund management services likely will not be qualifying income for purposes of the Qualifying Income Exception. Therefore, in order to meet the Qualifying Income Exception, we hold our interests in the KKR Group Partnership that holds such fund management companies indirectly through our intermediate holding company, KKR Management Holdings Corp., which is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

As the holder of KKR Management Holdings Corp. common stock, we are not taxed directly on the earnings of KKR Management Holdings Corp. or the earnings of entities held through KKR Management Holdings Corp. Rather, as a partner of KKR Management Holdings L.P., KKR Management Holdings Corp. incurs U.S. federal income taxes on its proportionate share of any net

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taxable income of KKR Management Holdings L.P. KKR Management Holdings Corp.'s liability for U.S. federal income taxes and applicable state, local and other taxes could be increased if the IRS were to successfully reallocate income or deductions of the related entities conducting KKR's business.

Distributions of cash or other property that we receive from KKR Management Holdings Corp. will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from KKR Management Holdings Corp.'s current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). If the amount of a distribution by KKR Management Holdings Corp. exceeds its current and accumulated earnings and profits, such excess will be treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of our tax basis in the KKR Management Holdings Corp. common stock, and thereafter will be treated as a capital gain.

If we form, for other purposes, a U.S. corporation or other entity treated as a U.S. corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that corporation would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its income.

Personal Holding Companies

KKR Management Holdings Corp. could be subject to additional U.S. federal income tax on a portion of its income if it is determined to be a personal holding company, or PHC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. corporation generally will be classified as a PHC for U.S. federal income tax purposes in a given taxable year if (i) at any time during the last half of such taxable year, five or fewer individuals (without regard to their citizenship or residency and including as individuals for this purpose certain entities such as certain tax-exempt organizations and pension funds) own or are deemed to own (pursuant to certain constructive ownership rules) more than 50% of the stock of the corporation by value and (ii) at least 60% of the corporation's adjusted ordinary gross income, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, for such taxable year consists of PHC income (which includes, among other things, dividends, interest, royalties, annuities and, under certain circumstances, rents).

Due to applicable attribution rules, it is likely that five or fewer individuals or tax-exempt organizations will be treated as owning actually or constructively more than 50% of the value of KKR Management Holdings Corp. common stock. Consequently, KKR Management Holdings Corp. could be or become a PHC, depending on whether it fails the PHC gross income test. If, as a factual matter, the income of KKR Management Holdings Corp. fails the PHC gross income test, it will be a PHC. Certain aspects of the gross income test cannot be predicted with certainty. Thus, no assurance can be given that KKR Management Holdings Corp. will not become a PHC following this offering or in the future.

If KKR Management Holdings Corp. is or were to become a PHC in a given taxable year, it would be subject to an additional 15% PHC tax on its undistributed PHC income, which generally includes the company's taxable income, subject to certain adjustments. For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010, the PHC tax rate on undistributed PHC income will be equal to the highest marginal rate on ordinary income applicable to individuals. If KKR Management Holdings Corp. were to become a PHC and had significant amounts of undistributed PHC income, the amount of PHC tax could be material. However, distributions of such income reduce the PHC income subject to tax.

Certain State, Local and Non-U.S. Tax Matters

We and our subsidiaries may be subject to state, local or non-U.S. taxation in various jurisdictions, including those in which we or they transact business, own property or reside. For example, we and our subsidiaries may be subject to New York City unincorporated business tax. We may be required to file tax returns in some or all of those jurisdictions. The state, local or non-U.S. tax treatment of us and our common unitholders may not conform to the U.S. federal income tax treatment discussed herein. We will pay non-U.S. taxes, and dispositions of foreign property or operations involving, or investments in, foreign property may give rise to non-U.S. income or other tax liability in amounts that could be substantial. Any non-U.S. taxes incurred by us may not pass through to common unitholders as a credit against their U.S. federal income tax liability.

Consequences to U.S. Holders of Common Units

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to you as a U.S. Holder of our common units.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, your allocable share of our items of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit will be governed by the limited partnership agreement for our partnership if such allocations have "substantial economic effect" or are determined to be in accordance with your interest in our partnership. We believe that for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such allocations will have substantial economic effect or be in accordance with your interest in our partnership, and our Managing Partner intends to prepare tax returns based on such allocations. If the IRS successfully challenges the allocations made pursuant to the limited partnership agreements, the resulting allocations for U.S. federal income tax purposes might be less favorable than the allocations set forth in the limited partnership agreements.

The characterization of an item of our income, gain, loss, deduction or credit generally will be determined at our (rather than at your) level. Similarly, the characterization of an item of KKR Fund Holdings L.P.'s income, gain, loss deduction or credit generally will be determined at the level of KKR Fund Holdings L.P. or the level of any subsidiary partnership in which KKR Fund Holdings L.P. owns an interest rather than at our level. Distributions we receive from KKR Management Holdings Corp. will be taxable as dividend income to the extent of KKR Management Holdings Corp.'s current and accumulated earnings and profits and, to the extent allocable to individual holders of common units, they will be eligible for a reduced rate of tax of 15% through 2010, provided that certain holding period requirements are satisfied. Also, a U.S. Holder that is a corporation, subject to limitations, may be entitled to a dividends received deduction with respect to its shares of dividends paid to us by KKR Management Holdings Corp.

We may derive taxable income from an investment that is not matched by a corresponding distribution of cash. In addition, special provisions of the Internal Revenue Code may be applicable to certain of our investments, and may affect the timing of our income, requiring us (and, consequently, you) to recognize taxable income before we (or you) receive cash attributable to such income. Accordingly, it is possible that your allocable share of our income for a particular taxable year could exceed any cash distribution you receive for the year, thus giving rise to an out-of-pocket tax liability for you.

Basis, Holding Period

You will have an initial tax basis in your common units equal to your adjusted basis in your KKR Guernsey units that are redeemed by us in exchange for common units. Your basis will be increased by your share of our income and by increases in your share of our liabilities, if any. Your basis will be decreased, but not below zero, by distributions from us, by your share of our losses and by any decrease in your share of our liabilities.

If you acquire common units in separate transactions you must combine the basis of those units and maintain a single adjusted tax basis for all those units. Upon a sale or other disposition of less than all of the common units, a portion of that tax basis must be allocated to the common units sold.

Your holding period in our common units should generally include your prior holding period in your KKR Guernsey units.

Limits on Deductions for Losses and Expenses

Your deduction of your share of our losses will be limited to your tax basis in your common units and, if you are an individual or a corporate holder that is subject to the "at risk" rules, to the amount for which you are considered to be "at risk" with respect to our activities, if that is less than your tax basis. In general, you will be at risk to the extent of your tax basis in your common units, reduced by (1) the portion of that basis attributable to your share of our liabilities for which you will not be personally liable and (2) any amount of money you borrow to acquire or hold your common units, if the lender of those borrowed funds owns an interest in us, is related to you or can look only to the common units for repayment. Your at risk amount will generally increase by your allocable share of our income and gain and decrease by cash distributions to you and your allocable share of losses and deductions. You must recapture losses deducted in previous years to the extent that distributions cause your at risk amount to be less than zero at the end of any taxable year. Losses disallowed or recaptured as a result of these limitations will carry forward and will be allowable to the extent that your tax basis or at risk amount, whichever is the limiting factor, subsequently increases. Any excess loss above that gain previously suspended by the at risk or basis limitations may no longer be used.

We do not generally expect to generate income or losses from "passive activities" for purposes of Section 469 of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, income allocated to you by us may not be offset by your Section 469 passive losses and losses allocated to you generally may not be used to offset your Section 469 passive income. In addition, other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code may limit or disallow any deduction for losses by you or deductions associated with certain assets of the partnership in certain cases. You should consult with your tax advisors regarding the limitations on the deductibility of losses that you may be subject to under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Limitations on Deductibility of Organizational Expenses and Syndication Fees

In general, neither we nor any U.S. Holder may deduct organizational or syndication expenses. Syndication fees (which would include any sales or placement fees or commissions or underwriting discount payable to third parties) must be capitalized and cannot be amortized or otherwise deducted.

Limitations on Interest Deductions

Your share of our interest expense is likely to be treated as "investment interest" expense. If you are a non-corporate U.S. Holder, the deductibility of "investment interest" expense is generally limited to the amount of your "net investment income." Your share of our dividend and interest income will be treated as investment income, although "qualified dividend income" subject to reduced rates of tax in the hands of an individual will only be treated as investment income if you elect to treat such dividend as ordinary income not subject to reduced rates of tax. In addition, state and local tax laws may disallow deductions for your share of our interest expense.

The computation of your investment interest expense will take into account interest on any margin account borrowing or other loan incurred to purchase a common unit. Net investment income includes gross income from property held for investment and amounts treated as portfolio income under the passive loss rules less deductible expenses, other than interest, directly connected with the production of investment income, but generally does not include gains attributable to the disposition of property held for investment. For this purpose, any long-term capital gain or qualifying dividend income that is taxable at long-term capital gain rates is excluded from net investment income, unless the U.S. Holder elects to pay tax on such gain or dividend income at ordinary income rates.

Deductibility of Partnership Investment Expenditures by Individual Partners and by Trusts and Estates

Subject to certain exceptions, all miscellaneous itemized deductions of an individual taxpayer, and certain of such deductions of an estate or trust, are deductible only to the extent that such deductions exceed 2% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Moreover, the otherwise allowable itemized deductions of individuals whose gross income exceeds an applicable threshold amount are subject to reduction by an amount equal to the lesser of (1) 3% of the excess of the individual's adjusted gross income over the threshold amount, or (2) 80% of the amount of the itemized deductions.

The operating expenses of KKR Fund Holdings L.P., including any management fees paid, may be treated as miscellaneous itemized deductions subject to the foregoing rule. Accordingly, if you are a non-corporate U.S. Holder, you should consult your tax advisors with respect to the application of these limitations.

Treatment of Distributions

Distributions of cash by us generally will not be taxable to you to the extent of your adjusted tax basis (described above) in your common units. Any cash distributions in excess of your adjusted tax basis generally will be considered to be gain from the sale or exchange of your common units (described below). Under current laws, such gain would generally be treated as capital gain and would be long-term capital gain if your holding period for your common units exceeds one year. A reduction in your allocable share of our liabilities, and certain distributions of marketable securities by us, are treated similar to cash distributions for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Sale or Exchange of Common Units

You will recognize gain or loss on a sale of common units equal to the difference, if any, between the amount realized and your adjusted tax basis in the common units sold. Your amount realized will be measured by the sum of the cash or the fair market value of other property received plus your share of our liabilities, if any.

Gain or loss recognized by you on the sale or exchange of a common unit will generally be taxable as capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if your holding period in your common units (as discussed above under " Basis, Holding Period") is greater than one year on the date of such sale or exchange. If we have not made a qualifying electing fund election, or QEF election, to treat our interest in a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, as a qualified electing fund, or QEF, gain attributable to such an interest would be taxable as ordinary income and would be subject to an interest charge. In addition, certain gain attributable to our investment in a controlled foreign corporation, or CFC, may be ordinary income and certain gain attributable to "unrealized receivables" or "inventory items" would be characterized as ordinary income rather than capital gain. For example, if we hold debt acquired at a market discount, accrued market discount on such debt would be treated as "unrealized receivables." The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Holders who acquire units at different times and intend to sell all or a portion of the units within a year of their most recent purchase are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of certain "split holding period" rules to them and the treatment of any gain or loss as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss.

Foreign Tax Credit Limitations

You will generally be entitled to a foreign tax credit with respect to your allocable share of creditable foreign taxes paid on our income and gains (other than the income and gains of our intermediate holding company). Complex rules may, depending on your particular circumstances, limit the availability or use of foreign tax credits. Gains from the sale of our foreign investments may be treated as U.S. source gains. Consequently, you may not be able to use the foreign tax credit arising from any foreign taxes imposed on such gains unless such credit can be applied (subject to applicable limitations) against tax due on other income treated as derived from foreign sources. Certain losses that we incur may be treated as foreign source losses, which could reduce the amount of foreign tax credits otherwise available.

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Section 754 Election

Because we will be a continuation of KKR Guernsey, KKR Guernsey's election pursuant to Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code will apply to us. The election is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS, and will generally require us to adjust the tax basis in our assets, or "inside basis," attributable to a transferee of common units under Section 743(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to reflect the purchase price of the common units paid by the transferee. In addition, KKR Management Holdings L.P. will make a Section 754 election. Therefore, similar adjustments will be made upon the transfer of interests in KKR Management Holdings L.P.

Even though we will have a Section 754 election in effect, because there is no Section 754 election in effect for KKR Fund Holdings L.P., and we will not make an election for it, it is unlikely that our Section 754 election will provide any substantial benefit or detriment to a transferee of our common units.

The calculations involved in the Section 754 election are complex. We will make them on the basis of assumptions as to the value of our assets and other matters.

Uniformity of Common Units, Transferor/Transferee Allocations

Because we cannot match transferors and transferees of our common units, we will adopt depreciation, amortization and other tax accounting positions that may not conform with all aspects of 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 on the sale of our common units and could have a negative impact on the value of our common units or result in audits of and adjustments to our common unitholders' tax returns.

In addition, generally our taxable income and losses will be determined and apportioned among investors using conventions we regard as consistent with applicable law. As a result, if you transfer your common units, you may be allocated income, gain, loss and deduction realized by us after the date of transfer.

Although Section 706 of the Internal Revenue Code generally provides guidelines for allocations of items of partnership income and deductions between transferors and transferees of partner interests, it is not clear that our allocation method complies with its requirements. If our convention were not permitted, the IRS might contend that our taxable income or losses must be reallocated among the investors. If such a contention were sustained, your respective tax liabilities would be adjusted to your possible detriment. Our Managing Partner is authorized to revise our method of allocation between transferors and transferees (as well as among investors whose interests otherwise vary during a taxable period).

Foreign Currency Gain or Loss

Our functional currency will be the U.S. dollar, and our income or loss will be calculated in U.S. dollars. It is likely that we will recognize "foreign currency" gain or loss with respect to transactions involving non-U.S. dollar currencies. In general, foreign currency gain or loss is treated as ordinary income or loss. You should consult your tax advisor with respect to the tax treatment of foreign currency gain or loss.

Passive Foreign Investment Companies

We may own directly or indirectly interests in foreign entities that are treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. You may be subject to special rules as a result of your indirect investments in such foreign corporations, including the rules applicable to an investment in a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC. KKR Management Holdings Corp. will be subject to similar rules as those described below with respect to any PFICs owned directly or indirectly by it.

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A PFIC is defined as any foreign corporation with respect to which either (1) 75% or more of the gross income for a taxable year is "passive income" or (2) 50% or more of its assets in any taxable year (generally based on the quarterly average of the value of its assets) produce "passive income." There are no minimum stock ownership requirements for shareholders in PFICs. Once a corporation qualifies as a PFIC it is, subject to certain exceptions, always treated as a PFIC, regardless of whether it satisfies either of the qualification tests in subsequent years. Any gain on disposition of stock of a PFIC, as well as income realized on certain "excess distributions" by the PFIC, is treated as though realized ratably over the shorter of your holding period in our common units or our holding period in the PFIC. Such gain or income is taxable as ordinary income and dividends paid by a PFIC to an individual will not be eligible for the reduced rates of taxation that are available for certain qualifying dividends. In addition, an interest charge would be imposed on you based on the tax deferred from prior years.

Although it may not always be possible, we expect to make a QEF election where possible with respect to each entity treated as a PFIC to treat such non-U.S. entity as a QEF in the first year we hold shares in such entity. A QEF election is effective for our taxable year for which the election is made and all subsequent taxable years and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. If we make a QEF election under the Internal Revenue Code with respect to our interest in a PFIC, in lieu of the foregoing treatment, we would be required to include in income each year a portion of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the QEF called "QEF Inclusions," even if not distributed to us. Thus, holders may be required to report taxable income as a result of QEF Inclusions without corresponding receipts of cash. However, a holder may elect to defer, until the occurrence of certain events, payment of the U.S. federal income tax attributable to QEF Inclusions for which no current distributions are received, but will be required to pay interest on the deferred tax computed by using the statutory rate of interest applicable to an extension of time for payment of tax. Our tax basis in the shares of such non-U.S. entities, and a holder's basis in our common units, will be increased to reflect QEF Inclusions. No portion of the QEF Inclusion attributable to ordinary income will be eligible for reduced rates of taxation. Amounts included as QEF Inclusions with respect to direct and indirect investments generally will not be taxed again when actually distributed. You should consult your tax advisors as to the manner in which QEF Inclusions affect your allocable share of our income and your basis in your common units.

Alternatively, in the case of a PFIC that is a publicly traded foreign company, we may make an election to "mark to market" the stock of such foreign company on an annual basis. Pursuant to such an election, you would include in each year as ordinary income the excess, if any, of the fair market value of such stock over its adjusted basis at the end of the taxable year. You may treat as ordinary loss any excess of the adjusted basis of the stock over its fair market value at the end of the year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the election in prior years.

We may make certain investments, including for instance investments in specialized investment funds or investments in funds of funds through non-U.S. corporate subsidiaries of the KKR Group Partnerships or through other non-U.S. corporations. Such entities may be PFICs for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, certain of our investments could be in PFICs. Thus, we can make no assurance that some of our investments will not be treated as held through a PFIC or as interests in PFICs or that such PFICs will be eligible for the "mark to market" election, or that as to any such PFICs we will be able to make QEF elections.

If we do not make a QEF election with respect to a PFIC, Section 1291 of the Internal Revenue Code will treat all gain on a disposition by us of shares of such entity, gain on the disposition of common units by a holder at a time when we own shares of such entity, as well as certain other defined "excess distributions," as if the gain or excess distribution were ordinary income earned ratably over the shorter of the period during which the holder held its common units or the period during which we held our shares in such entity. For gain and excess distributions allocated to prior years, (i) the tax rate will be the highest in effect for that taxable year and (ii) the tax will be payable generally without regard to offsets from deductions, losses and expenses. Holders will also be subject to an interest

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charge for any deferred tax. No portion of this ordinary income will be eligible for the favorable tax rate applicable to "qualified dividend income" for individual U.S. persons.

Controlled Foreign Corporations

A non-U.S. entity will be treated as a controlled foreign corporation, or CFC, if it is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and if more than 50% of (i) the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the non-U.S. entity entitled to vote or (ii) the total value of the stock of the non-U.S. entity is owned by U.S. Shareholders on any day during the taxable year of such non-U.S. entity. For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Shareholder" with respect to a non-U.S. entity means a U.S. person (including a U.S. partnership like us) that owns 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the non-U.S. entity entitled to vote.

When making investment or other decisions, we will consider whether an investment will be a CFC and the consequences related thereto. If we are a U.S. Shareholder in a non-U.S. entity that is treated as a CFC, each common unitholder may be required to include in income its allocable share of the CFC's "Subpart F" income reported by us. Subpart F income generally includes dividends, interest, net gain from the sale or disposition of securities, non-actively managed rents and certain other generally passive types of income. The aggregate Subpart F income inclusions in any taxable year relating to a particular CFC are limited to such entity's current earnings and profits. These inclusions are treated as ordinary income (whether or not such inclusions are attributable to net capital gains). Thus, an investor may be required to report as ordinary income its allocable share of the CFC's Subpart F income reported by us without corresponding receipts of cash and may not benefit from capital gain treatment with respect to the portion of our earnings (if any) attributable to net capital gains of the CFC.

The tax basis of our shares of such non-U.S. entity, and your tax basis in your common units, will be increased to reflect any required Subpart F income inclusions. Such income will be treated as income from sources within the United States, for certain foreign tax credit purposes, to the extent derived by the CFC from U.S. sources. Such income will not be eligible for the reduced rate of tax applicable to "qualified dividend income" for individual U.S. persons. See above under " Limitations on Interest Deductions."Amounts included as such income with respect to direct and indirect investments generally will not be taxable again when actually distributed.

Regardless of whether any CFC has Subpart F income, any gain allocated to you from our disposition of stock in a CFC will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of your allocable share of the current and/or accumulated earnings and profits of the CFC. In this regard, earnings would not include any amounts previously taxed pursuant to the CFC rules. However, net losses (if any) of a non-U.S. entity owned by us that is treated as a CFC will not pass through to you. Moreover, a portion of your gain from the sale or exchange of your common units may be treated as ordinary income. Any portion of any gain from the sale or exchange of a common unit that is attributable to a CFC may be treated as an "unrealized receivable." See " Sale or Exchange of Common Units."

If a non-U.S. entity held by us is classified as both a CFC and a PFIC during the time we are a U.S. Shareholder of such non-U.S. entity, you will be required to include amounts in income with respect to such non-U.S. entity pursuant to this subheading, and the consequences described under " Passive Foreign Investment Companies" above will not apply. If our ownership percentage in a non-U.S. entity changes such that we are not a U.S. Shareholder with respect to such non-U.S. entity, then you may be subject to the PFIC rules. The interaction of these rules is complex, and prospective holders are urged to consult their tax advisors in this regard.

Investment Structure

To manage our affairs so as to meet the Qualifying Income Exception for the publicly traded partnership rules (discussed above) and comply with certain requirements in our partnership agreement, we may need to structure certain investments through entities classified as a corporation for

U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, because our common unitholders will be located in numerous taxing jurisdictions, no assurances can be given that any such investment structure will be beneficial to all our common unitholders to the same extent, and may even impose additional tax burdens on some of our common unitholders. As discussed above, if the entity were a non-U.S. corporation it may be considered a CFC or PFIC. If the entity were a U.S. corporation, it would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its operating income, including any gain recognized on its disposal of its investments. In addition, if the investment involves U.S. real estate, gain recognized on disposition of the real estate would generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax, whether the corporation is a U.S. or a non-U.S. corporation.

Taxes in Other State, Local, and Non-U.S. Jurisdictions

In addition to U.S. federal income tax consequences, you may be subject to potential U.S. state and local taxes because of an investment in us in the U.S. state or locality in which you are a resident for tax purposes or in which we have investments or activities. You may also be subject to tax return filing obligations and income, franchise or other taxes, including withholding taxes, in state, local or non-U.S. jurisdictions in which we invest, or in which entities in which we own interests conduct activities or derive income. Income or gains from investments held by us may be subject to withholding or other taxes in jurisdictions outside the United States, subject to the possibility of reduction under applicable income tax treaties. If you wish to claim the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty, you may be required to submit information to tax authorities in such jurisdictions. You should consult your own tax advisors regarding the U.S. state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences of an investment in us.

U.S. Federal Estate Taxes

Generally, common units will be included in the gross estate of a U.S. citizen or resident for U.S. federal estate tax purposes. Therefore, a U.S. federal estate tax may be payable in connection with the death of a holder of common units. Prospective individual U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the potential U.S. federal estate tax consequences with respect to our common units.

U.S. Taxation of Tax-Exempt U.S. Holders of Common Units

A holder of common units that is a tax-exempt organization for U.S. federal income tax purposes and therefore generally exempt from U.S. federal income taxation, will nevertheless be subject to unrelated business taxable income, or UBTI, to the extent, if any, that its allocable share of our income consists of UBTI. A tax-exempt partner of a partnership that regularly engages in a trade or business which is unrelated to the exempt function of the tax-exempt partner must include in computing its UBTI its pro rata share (whether or not distributed) of such partnership's gross income and deductions derived from such unrelated trade or business. Moreover, a tax-exempt partner of a partnership will be treated as earning UBTI to the extent that such partnership derives income from "debt-financed property," or if the partner interest itself is debt financed. Debt-financed property means property held to produce income with respect to which there is "acquisition indebtedness" (that is, indebtedness incurred in acquiring or holding property).

As a result of incurring acquisition indebtedness we will derive income that constitutes UBTI. Consequently, a holder of common units that is a tax-exempt organization will likely be subject to unrelated business income tax to the extent that its allocable share of our income consists of UBTI. In addition, a tax-exempt partner may be subject to unrelated business income tax on a sale of their common units. Tax exempt U.S. Holders of common units should consult their own tax advisors regarding all aspects of UBTI.

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Investments by U.S. Mutual Funds

U.S. mutual funds that are treated as regulated investment companies, or RICs, for U.S. federal income tax purposes are required, among other things, to meet an annual 90% gross income and a quarterly 50% asset value test under Section 851(b) of the Internal Revenue Code to maintain their favorable U.S. federal income tax status. The 90% gross income test generally requires that, for a corporation to qualify as a RIC, at least 90 percent of such corporation's annual income must be "qualifying income," which is generally limited to investment income of various types. The 50% asset value test generally requires that, for a corporation to qualify as a RIC, at the close of each quarter of the taxable year, at least 50 percent of the value of such corporation's total assets must be represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), government securities, securities of other RICs, and other securities generally limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount not greater in value than 5 percent of the value of the total assets of the corporation and to not more than 10 percent of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer.

The treatment of an investment by a RIC in common units for purposes of these tests will depend on whether we are treated as a "qualifying publicly traded partnership." If our partnership is so treated, then the common units themselves are the relevant assets for purposes of the 50% asset value test and the net income from the common units is the relevant gross income for purposes of the 90% gross income test. RICs may not invest greater than 25 percent of their assets in one or more qualifying publicly traded partnerships. All income derived from a qualifying publicly traded partnership is considered qualifying income for purposes of the RIC 90% gross income test above. However, if we are not treated as a qualifying publicly traded partnership for purposes of the RIC rules, then the relevant assets for the RIC asset test will be the RIC's allocable share of the underlying assets held by us and the relevant gross income for the RIC income test will be the RIC's allocable share of the underlying gross income earned by us. Whether we will qualify as a "qualifying publicly traded partnership" depends on the exact nature of our future investments, but it is likely that we will not be treated as a "qualifying publicly traded partnership." In addition, as discussed above under " Consequences to U.S. Holders of Common Units," we may derive taxable income from an investment that is not matched by a corresponding cash distribution. Accordingly, a RIC investing in our common units may recognize income for U.S. federal income tax purposes without receiving cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the distribution requirements under Sections 852 and 4982 of the Internal Revenue Code for avoiding income and excise tax. RICs should consult their own tax advisors about the U.S. tax consequences of an investment in common units.

Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders of Common Units

U.S. Income Tax Consequences

We may be, or may become, engaged in a U.S. trade or business for U.S. federal income tax purposes, including by reason of our investments in U.S. real property holding corporations, in which case some portion of our income would be treated as effectively connected income with respect to Non-U.S. Holders, or ECI. If a Non-U.S. Holder were treated as being engaged in a U.S. trade or business in any year because of an investment in our common units in such year, such Non-U.S. Holder generally would be: (1) subject to withholding by us on such Non-U.S. Holder's distributions of ECI; (2) required to file a U.S. federal income tax return for such year reporting its allocable share, if any, of income or loss effectively connected with such trade or business, including certain income from U.S. sources not related to KKR & Co. L.P.; and (3) required to pay U.S. federal income tax at regular U.S. federal income tax rates on any such income. Moreover, a corporate Non-U.S. Holder might be subject to a U.S. branch profits tax on its allocable share of its ECI. Any amount withheld would be creditable against such Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, and such Non-U.S. Holder could claim a refund to the extent that the amount withheld exceeded such Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability for the taxable year. Finally, if we were treated as being engaged in a U.S. trade or business, a portion of any gain recognized by a holder who is a Non-U.S. Holder on the sale or exchange of its common units, could be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as ECI, and hence such Non-U.S. Holder could be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the sale or exchange of its common units.

Distributions to you may also be subject to 30% withholding to the extent such distribution is attributable to the sale of a U.S. real property interest. Also, you may be subject to 30% withholding on allocations of our income that are fixed or determinable annual or periodic income under the Internal Revenue Code, unless an exemption from or a reduced rate of such withholding applies and certain tax status information is provided. Although each Non-U.S. Holder is required to provide an IRS Form W-8, we may not be able to provide complete information related to the tax status of our investors to KKR Fund Holdings L.P. or KKR Management Holdings Corp. for purposes of obtaining reduced rates of withholding on behalf of our investors. If such information is not provided, to the extent we receive dividends from KKR Management Holdings Corp. or from a U.S. corporation through KKR Fund Holdings L.P. and its investment vehicles, your allocable share of distributions of such income will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30%. Therefore, if you would not be subject to U.S. tax based on your tax status or are eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding, you may need to take additional steps to receive a credit or refund of any excess withholding tax paid on your account. This may include the filing of a non-resident U.S. income tax return with the IRS. Among other limitations, if you reside in a treaty jurisdiction which does not treat us as a pass-through entity, you may not be eligible to receive a refund or credit of excess U.S. withholding taxes paid on your account. You should consult your tax advisors regarding the treatment of U.S. withholding taxes.

Special rules may apply in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that: (1) has an office or fixed place of business in the United States; (2) is present in the United States for 183 days or more in a taxable year; or (3) is a former citizen of the United States, a foreign insurance company that is treated as holding a partner interest in us in connection with their U.S. business, a PFIC or a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax. You should consult your tax advisors regarding the application of these special rules.

U.S. Federal Estate Tax Consequences

The U.S. federal estate tax treatment of our common units with regards to the estate of a non-citizen who is not a resident of the United States is not entirely clear. If our common units are includable in the U.S. gross estate of such person, then a U.S. federal estate tax might be payable in connection with the death of such person. Non-U.S. Holders who are non-citizens and not residents of the United States should consult their own tax advisors concerning the potential U.S. federal estate tax consequences of owning our common units.

Administrative Matters

Taxable Year

We currently intend to use the calendar year as our taxable year for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Under certain circumstances which we currently believe are unlikely to apply, a taxable year other than the calendar year may be required for such purposes.

Tax Matters Partner

Our Managing Partner will act as our "tax matters partner." As the tax matters partner, our Managing Partner will have the authority, subject to certain restrictions, to act on our behalf in connection with any administrative or judicial review of our items of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit.

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Information Returns

We have agreed to furnish to you, as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of each calendar year, tax information (including Schedule K-1), which describes on a U.S. dollar basis your share of our income, gain, loss and deduction for our preceding taxable year. It will require longer than 90 days after the end of our fiscal year to obtain the requisite information from all lower-tier entities so that K-1s may be prepared for us. Consequently, common unitholders who are U.S. taxpayers should anticipate the need to file annually with the IRS (and certain states) a request for an extension past April 15 or the otherwise applicable due date of their income tax return for the taxable year. In addition, each partner will be required to report for all tax purposes consistently with the information provided by us for the taxable year.

In preparing this information, we will use various accounting and reporting conventions, some of which have been mentioned in the previous discussion, to determine your share of income, gain, loss and deduction. The IRS may successfully contend that certain of these reporting conventions are impermissible, which could result in an adjustment to your income or loss.

We may be audited by the IRS. Adjustments resulting from an IRS audit may require you to adjust a prior year's tax liability and possibly may result in an audit of your own tax return. Any audit of your tax return could result in adjustments not related to our tax returns as well as those related to our tax returns.

Tax Shelter Regulations

If we were to engage in a "reportable transaction," we (and possibly you and others) would be required to make a detailed disclosure of the transaction to the IRS in accordance with recently issued regulations governing tax shelters and other potentially tax-motivated transactions. A transaction may be a reportable transaction based upon any of several factors, including the fact that it is a type of tax avoidance transaction publicly identified by the IRS as a "listed transaction" or that it produces certain kinds of losses in excess of $2 million. An investment in us may be considered a "reportable transaction" if, for example, we recognize certain significant losses in the future. In certain circumstances, a common unitholder who disposes of an interest in a transaction resulting in the recognition by such holder of significant losses in excess of certain threshold amounts may be obligated to disclose its participation in such transaction. Our participation in a reportable transaction also could increase the likelihood that our U.S. federal income tax information return (and possibly your tax return) would be audited by the IRS. Certain of these rules are currently unclear and it is possible that they may be applicable in situations other than significant loss transactions.

Moreover, if we were to participate in a reportable transaction with a significant purpose to avoid or evade tax, or in any listed transaction, you may be subject to: (i) significant accuracy-related penalties with a broad scope; (ii) for those persons otherwise entitled to deduct interest on federal tax deficiencies, nondeductibility of interest on any resulting tax liability; and (iii) in the case of a listed transaction, an extended statute of limitations.

Common unitholders should consult their tax advisors concerning any possible disclosure obligation under the regulations governing tax shelters with respect to the dispositions of their interests in us.

Constructive Termination

Subject to the electing large partnership rules described below, we will be considered to have been terminated for U.S. 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 12-month period.

Our termination would result in the close of our taxable year for all of our common unitholders. In the case of a holder reporting on a taxable year other than a fiscal year ending on our year-end, the closing of our taxable year may result in more than 12 months of our taxable income or loss being includable in the holder's taxable income for the year of termination. We would be required to make new tax elections after a termination. A termination could also result in penalties if we were unable to determine that the termination had occurred. Moreover, a termination might either accelerate the application of, or subject us to, any tax legislation enacted before the termination.

Elective Procedures for Large Partnerships

The Internal Revenue Code allows large partnerships to elect streamlined procedures for income tax reporting. This election would reduce the number of items that must be separately stated on the Schedules K-1 that are issued to the common unitholders, and such Schedules K-1 would have to be provided to common unitholders on or before the first March 15 following the close of each taxable year. In addition, this election would prevent us from suffering a "technical termination" (which would close our taxable year) if within a 12-month period there is a sale or exchange of 50 percent or more of our total interests. It is possible we might make such an election, if eligible. If we make such election, IRS audit adjustments will flow through to common unitholders for the years in which the adjustments take effect, rather than the year to which the adjustment relates. In addition, we, rather than the common unitholders individually, generally will be liable for any interest and penalties that result from an audit adjustment.

Withholding and Backup Withholding

For each calendar year, we will report to you and the IRS the amount of distributions we made to you and the amount of U.S. federal income tax (if any) that we withheld on those distributions. The proper application to us of rules for withholding under Section 1441 of the Internal Revenue Code (applicable to certain dividends, interest and similar items) is unclear. Because the documentation we receive may not properly reflect the identities of partners at any particular time (in light of possible sales of common units), we may over-withhold or under-withhold with respect to a particular holder of common units. For example, we may impose withholding, remit that amount to the IRS and thus reduce the amount of a distribution paid to a Non-U.S. Holder. It may turn out, however, the corresponding amount of our income was not properly allocable to such holder, and the withholding should have been less than the actual withholding. Such holder would be entitled to a credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability for all withholding, including any such excess withholding, but if the withholding exceeded the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, the holder would have to apply for a refund to obtain the benefit of the excess withholding. Similarly, we may fail to withhold on a distribution, and it may turn out the corresponding income was properly allocable to a Non-U.S. Holder and withholding should have been imposed. In that event, we intend to pay the underwithheld amount to the IRS, and we may treat such under-withholding as an expense that will be borne by all partners on a pro rata basis (since we may be unable to allocate any such excess withholding tax cost to the relevant Non-U.S. Holder).

Under the backup withholding rules, you may be subject to backup withholding tax (at the applicable rate, currently 28%) with respect to distributions paid unless: (i) you are a corporation or come within another exempt category and demonstrate this fact when required; or (ii) you provide a taxpayer identification number, certify as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding tax and otherwise comply with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding tax rules. If you are an exempt holder, you should indicate your exempt status on a properly completed IRS Form W-9. A Non-U.S. Holder may qualify as an exempt recipient by submitting a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to you will be allowed as a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle you to a refund.

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If you do not timely provide us (or the clearing agent or other intermediary, as appropriate) with IRS Form W-8 or W-9, as applicable, or such form is not properly completed, you may become subject to U.S. backup withholding taxes in excess of what would have been imposed had we received certifications from all investors. Such excess U.S. backup withholding taxes may be treated by us as an expense that will be borne by all investors on a pro rata basis (since we may be unable to allocate any such excess withholding tax cost to the holders that failed to timely provide the proper U.S. tax certifications).

Nominee Reporting

Persons who hold an interest in our partnership as a nominee for another person are required to furnish to us:

(1) the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the beneficial owner and the nominee;

(2) whether the beneficial owner is: (i) a person that is not a U.S. person; (ii) a foreign government, an international organization or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of either of the foregoing; or (iii) a tax-exempt entity;

(3) the amount and description of common units held, acquired or transferred for the beneficial owner; and

(4) specific information including the dates of acquisitions and transfers, means of acquisitions and transfers and acquisition cost for purchases, as well as the amount of net proceeds from sales.

Brokers and financial institutions are required to furnish additional information, including whether they are U.S. persons and specific information on common units they acquire, hold or transfer for their own account. A penalty of $50 per failure, up to a maximum of $100,000 per calendar year, is imposed by the Internal Revenue Code for failure to report that information to us. The nominee is required to supply the beneficial owner of the common units with the information furnished to us.

New Legislation or Administrative or Judicial Action

The rules dealing with U.S. federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process, the IRS and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, frequently resulting in revised interpretations of established concepts, statutory changes, revisions to regulations and other modifications and interpretations. No assurance can be given as to whether, or in what form, any proposals affecting us or our common unitholders will be enacted. The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time, and any such action may affect investments and commitments previously made. Changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof could make it more difficult or impossible to be treated as a partnership that is not taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, affect or cause us to change our investments and commitments, affect the tax considerations of an investment in us, change the character or treatment of portions of our income (including, for instance, the treatment of carried interest as ordinary income rather than capital gain) and adversely affect an investment in our common units. See "Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business Our structure involves complex provisions of U.S. federal income tax laws for which no clear precedent or authority may be available. Our structure also is subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative change and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis," and Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Congress in various forms that, if enacted, (i) could preclude us from qualifying as a partnership and/or (ii) could tax carried interest as ordinary income for U.S. federal income tax purposes and require us to hold carried interest through taxable subsidiary corporations. If this or any similar legislation or regulation were to be enacted and apply to us, we would incur a material increase in our tax liability that could result in a reduction in the market price of our common units. We and our common unitholders could be adversely affected by any such change in, or any new, tax law, regulation or interpretation. Our organizational documents and agreements permit the board of directors to modify the amended and restated operating agreement from time to time, without the consent of the common unitholders, in order to address certain changes in U.S. federal income tax regulations, legislation or interpretation. In some circumstances, such revisions could have a material adverse impact on some or all of our common unitholders.

In addition, recently proposed legislation, which has passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives, would generally impose, effective for payments made after December 31, 2012, a withholding tax of 30% on payments to certain Non-U.S. Holders of (i) interest, dividends, and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits, and income from sources within the United States or (ii) gross proceeds from the sale of any property of a type which can produce interest or dividends from sources within the United States, unless various information reporting requirements are satisfied. A substantially similar proposal was included as part of President Obama's proposed budget for fiscal year 2011. There can be no assurance as to whether or not this proposed legislation (or any substantially similar legislation) will be enacted, and, if it is enacted, what form it will take or when it will be effective. Non-U.S. and U.S. Holders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this proposed legislation on their investment in our common units.

THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION IS NOT INTENDED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR CAREFUL TAX PLANNING. THE TAX MATTERS RELATING TO KKR AND ITS COMMON UNITHOLDERS ARE COMPLEX AND ARE SUBJECT TO VARYING INTERPRETATIONS. MOREOVER, THE MEANING AND IMPACT OF TAX LAWS AND OF PROPOSED CHANGES WILL VARY WITH THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH COMMON UNITHOLDER. COMMON UNITHOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE U.S. LISTING AND OWNING COMMON UNITS. THIS FOREGOING DISCUSSION ONLY ADDRESSES THE MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS OF THE U.S. LISTING AND THE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF COMMON UNITS AND DOES NOT ADDRESS THE TAX CONSEQUENCES UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY TAX JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES. NON-U.S. HOLDERS, THEREFORE, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE TAX CONSIDERATIONS TO THEM OF THE U.S. LISTING AND OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF COMMON UNITS UNDER THE LAWS OF THEIR OWN TAXING JURISDICTION.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Upon the U.S. Listing, (i) KKR Guernsey will contribute its assets to us in return for our NYSE-listed common units, (ii) KKR Guernsey will make an in-kind distribution of our common units to its unitholders and will dissolve and (iii) each KKR Guernsey unit will cease to be traded on Euronext Amsterdam and will be cancelled.

Prior to the U.S. Listing, there will have been no U.S. public market for our common units. We intend to apply to list the common units on the NYSE under the symbol "KKR."

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common units and certain other legal matters relating to the U.S. Listing will be passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York, New York. Certain partners of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, members of their families and related persons have an interest representing less than 1% of the capital commitments of investment funds that we manage.

EXPERTS

The statements of financial condition of KKR & Co. L.P. as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein. Such financial statements are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The statements of financial condition of KKR Management LLC as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein. Such financial statements are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated and combined financial statements of KKR Group Holdings L.P. as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes explanatory paragraphs relating to investments without a readily determinable fair market value and the adoption of the new presentation and disclosure requirements for noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements). Such financial statements are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The statements of assets and liabilities of KKR & Co. (Guernsey) L.P., as of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and for the period from April 18, 2006 (Date of Formation) to December 31, 2006, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to investments without a readily determinable fair market value). Such financial statements are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated statements of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated schedule of investments, of KKR PEI Investments, L.P. as of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and for the period from April 18, 2006 (Date of Formation) to December 31, 2006, included in this prospectus have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein, (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to investments without a readily determinable fair market value). Such financial statements are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act with respect to the common units to be issued pursuant to this prospectus. This prospectus, filed as part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules, portions of which have been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us and our common units, we refer you to the registration statement and to its exhibits and schedules. Statements in this prospectus about the contents of any contract, agreement or other document are not necessarily complete and, in each instance, we refer you to the copy of such contract, agreement or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement.

Anyone may inspect the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules without charge at the public reference facilities the SEC maintains at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain copies of all or any part of these materials from the SEC upon the payment of certain fees prescribed by the SEC. You may obtain further information about the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also inspect these reports and other information without charge at a website maintained by the SEC. The address of this website is http://www.sec.gov.

Upon completion of the U.S. Listing, we will become subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and will be required to file reports and other information with the SEC. You will be able to inspect and copy these reports and other information at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at the address noted above. You also will be able to obtain copies of this material from the Public Reference Room of the SEC as described above, or inspect them without charge at the SEC's website. We intend to furnish our unitholders with annual reports containing consolidated financial statements audited by our independent registered public accounting firm.

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Partners of KKR & Co. L.P.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of KKR & Co. L.P. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of KKR & Co. L.P. as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

New York, New York
March 10, 2010

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KKR & CO. L.P.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Assets		
Cash	$ 1,044	$ 1,042
Commitments and Contingencies		
Equity		
Partners' Capital	$ 1,044	$ 1,042

KKR & CO. L.P.

NOTES TO STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

1. ORGANIZATION

KKR & Co. L.P. (the "Partnership") was formed as a Delaware limited partnership on June 25, 2007. The Partnership is the parent company of KKR Group Limited, which is the non-economic general partner of KKR Group Holdings L.P. ("Group Holdings"). Group Holdings holds a 30% economic interest in (i) KKR Management Holdings L.P. ("Management Holdings") through KKR Management Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation that is a domestic corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (ii) KKR Fund Holdings L.P. ("Fund Holdings" and together with Management Holdings, the "KKR Group Partnerships") directly and through KKR Fund Holdings GP Limited, a Cayman Island limited company that is a disregarded entity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. The Partnership is a holding partnership and its sole assets consist of controlling equity interests in the KKR Group Partnerships. Through those equity interests, the Partnership will control all those entities and their subsidiaries. KKR Management LLC is the general partner of the Partnership.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting The accompanying Statements of Financial Condition have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Separate Statements of Operations, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows have not been presented because there have been no business activities conducted by the Partnership from its inception.

3. PARTNERS' CAPITAL

An organizational limited partner of the Partnership contributed $1,000 to the Partnership in connection with the Partnership's formation.

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Partners of KKR Management LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of KKR Management LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of KKR Management LLC as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

New York, New York
March 10, 2010

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KKR MANAGEMENT LLC

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Assets		
Cash	$ 1,044	$ 1,042
Commitments and Contingencies		
Equity		
Members' Capital	$ 1,044	$ 1,042

NOTES TO STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

1. ORGANIZATION

KKR Management LLC (the "Company") was formed as a Delaware limited liability company on June 25, 2007. The Company has been established to serve as the general partner of KKR & Co. L.P.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting The accompanying Statements of Financial Condition have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Separate Statements of Operations, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows have not been presented because there have been no significant business activities conducted by the Company since inception.

3. PARTNERS' CAPITAL

An organizational member of the Company contributed $1,000 to the Company in connection with the Company's formation.

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Partners of the KKR Group Holdings L.P.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated and combined statements of financial condition of the KKR Group Holdings L.P. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009. These consolidated and combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated and combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and combined financial position of KKR Group Holdings L.P. as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the consolidated and combined results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 5 to the consolidated and combined financial statements, the financial statements include investments valued at $19.4 billion (approximately 64% of total assets) and $16.3 billion (approximately 73% of total assets) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, whose fair values have been estimated by management in the absence of readily determinable fair values. Management's estimates are based on the factors described in Note 2.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated and combined financial statements, the Company adopted the new presentation and disclosure requirements for non-controlling interest in consolidated financial statements.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

New York, New York
March 10, 2010

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KKR GROUP HOLDINGS L.P.

CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008

(Dollars in Thousands)

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 546,739	$ 198,646
Cash and Cash Equivalents Held at Consolidated Entities	282,091	965,319
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	72,298	50,389
Investments, at Fair Value	28,972,943	20,883,519
Due From Affiliates	123,988	29,889
Other Assets	223,052	313,268
Total Assets	$ 30,221,111	$ 22,441,030
Liabilities and Equity		
Debt Obligations	$ 2,060,185	$ 2,405,125
Due to Affiliates	87,741	
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	711,704	185,548
Total Liabilities	2,859,630	2,590,673
Commitments and Contingencies		
Equity		
KKR Group Holdings L.P. Partners' Capital	1,012,656	150,634
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	1,193	1,245
Total KKR Group Holdings L.P. Partners' Capital	1,013,849	151,879
Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities	23,275,272	19,698,478
Noncontrolling Interests held by KKR Holdings L.P.	3,072,360	
Total Equity	27,361,481	19,850,357
Total Liabilities and Equity	$ 30,221,111	$ 22,441,030

See notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.

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KKR GROUP HOLDINGS L.P.

CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

(Dollars in Thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	**2008**	**2007**
Revenues			
Fees	$ 331,271	$ 235,181	$ 862,265
Expenses			
Employee Compensation and Benefits	838,072	149,182	212,766
Occupancy and Related Charges	38,013	30,430	20,068
General, Administrative and Other	264,396	179,673	128,036
Fund Expenses	55,229	59,103	80,040
Total Expenses	1,195,710	418,388	440,910
Investment Income (Loss)			
Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities	7,505,005	(12,944,720)	1,111,572
Dividend Income	186,324	75,441	747,544
Interest Income	142,117	129,601	218,920
Interest Expense	(79,638)	(125,561)	(86,253)
Total Investment Income (Loss)	7,753,808	(12,865,239)	1,991,783
Income (Loss) Before Taxes	6,889,369	(13,048,446)	2,413,138
Income Taxes	36,998	6,786	12,064
Net Income (Loss)	6,852,371	(13,055,232)	2,401,074
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities	6,119,382	(11,850,761)	1,598,310
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests held by KKR Holdings L.P.	(116,696)		
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR Group Holdings L.P.	$ 849,685	$ (1,204,471)	$ 802,764

See notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.

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KKR GROUP HOLDINGS L.P.

CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

(Dollars in Thousands)

	KKR Group Holdings L.P. Partners' Capital	KKR Group Holdings L.P. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities	Noncontrolling Interests held by KKR Holdings L.P.	Total Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
January 1, 2007	$ 1,684,794	$ 7,626	$ 20,318,440	$		$ 22,010,860
Comprehensive Income:						
Net Income	802,764		1,598,310		$ 2,401,074	2,401,074
Other Comprehensive Income Currency Translation Adjustment		2,026	10,306		12,332	12,332
Total Comprehensive Income					2,413,406	2,413,406
Deconsolidation of Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities			(303,888)			(303,888)
Capital Contributions	308,201		12,604,558			12,912,759
Capital Distributions	(1,288,065)		(5,477,912)			(6,765,977)
Balance at December 31, 2007	1,507,694	9,652	28,749,814			30,267,160
Comprehensive Income(Loss):						
Net Loss	(1,204,471)		(11,850,761)		(13,055,232)	(13,055,232)
Other Comprehensive Income Currency Translation Adjustment		(8,407)	(18)		(8,425)	(8,425)
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)					(13,063,657)	(13,063,657)
Purchase of Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities By KKR Group Holdings L.P.			(6,285)			(6,285)
Capital Contributions	103,368		3,942,547			4,045,915
Capital Distributions	(255,957)		(1,136,819)			(1,392,776)
Balance at December 31, 2008	150,634	1,245	19,698,478			19,850,357
Comprehensive Income:						
Net Income	927,906		4,674,727		5,602,633	5,602,633
Other Comprehensive Income Currency Translation Adjustment		2,417	5		2,422	2,422
Total Comprehensive Income					5,605,055	5,605,055
Capital Contributions	35,499		1,935,044			1,970,543

Capital Distributions	(320,760)		(993,288)	(1,314,048)
Balance at September 30, 2009	793,279	3,662	25,314,966	26,111,907

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KKR GROUP HOLDINGS L.P.

CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (Continued)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

(Dollars in Thousands)

	KKR Group Holdings L.P. Partners' Capital	KKR Group Holdings L.P. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Entities	Noncontrolling Interests held by KKR Holdings L.P.	Total Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
Balance at September 30, 2009	793,279	3,662	25,314,966			26,111,907
Non-Contributed Assets (1996 Fund L.P.)	(146,448)		(761,236)			(907,684)
Retained Interests	(368,909)	(36)	464,225			95,280
Reallocation of Net Assets from KKR PEI Investments L.P.	3,029,070		(3,029,070)			
Contributions of Net Assets of KPE	450,851					450,851
Reallocation of Interests to KKR Holdings L.P.	(2,630,491)	(2,538)		2,633,029		
Deferred Tax Effects Resulting from the Transactions	(36,547)					(36,547)
Balance at October 1, 2009	1,090,805	1,088	21,988,885	2,633,029		25,713,807
Comprehensive Income:						
Net Income	(78,221)		1,444,655	(116,696)	1,249,738	1,249,738
Other Comprehensive Income-Currency Translation Adjustment		105	3	245	353	353
Total Comprehensive Income					$ 1,250,091	1,250,091
Capital Contributions	72		470,154	562,542		1,032,768
Capital Distributions			(628,425)	(6,760)		(635,185)
Balance at December 31, 2009	$ 1,012,656	$ 1,193	$ 23,275,272	$ 3,072,360		$ 27,361,481

See notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.

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KKR GROUP HOLDINGS L.P.

CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

(Dollars in Thousands)

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2009	**2008**	**2007**
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net Income (Loss)	$ 6,852,371	$ (13,055,232)	$ 2,401,074
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:			
Non-Cash Compensation Expense	562,373		
Net Realized Losses (Gains) on Investments	314,407	(253,410)	(1,557,101)
Change in Unrealized (Gains) Losses on Investments	(7,819,412)	13,198,130	445,529
Other Non-Cash Amounts	(1,397)	2,387	(10,886)
Cash Flows Due to Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:			
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents Held at Consolidated Entities	690,371	(565,604)	1,895,148
Change in Due from Affiliates	(21,830)	14,080	70,728
Change in Other Assets	(21,826)	87,338	(108,712)
Change in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	344,137	28,724	