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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010

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

For the Transition Period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number: 1-15831

### MERRIMAN CURHAN FORD GROUP, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware 11-2936371
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

600 California Street, 9th Floor San Francisco, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94108 (Zip Code)

(415) 248-5600

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

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 o No o

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 definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o	Accelerated filer o	
Non-accelerated filer o	Smaller reporting company x	
Indicate by check mark whether the registra	ant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No x	٤
The number of shares of Registrant's comm	ion stock outstanding as of May 13, 2010 was 13,549,082.	
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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)

### MERRIMAN CURHAN FORD GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)

	Three Mor March 31, 2010	nths Ended March 31, 2009
Revenue:		
Commissions	\$ 10,428,255	\$ 9,117,928
Principal transactions	(206,781)	(842,536)
Investment banking	6,046,673	1,216,417
Advisory and other	239,373	558,813
Total revenue	16,507,520	10,050,622
Operating expenses:		
Compensation and benefits	11,915,532	9,265,167
Brokerage and clearing fees	458,216	312,959
Professional services	466,794	767,234
Occupancy and equipment	482,781	576,390
Communications and technology	694,502	721,265
Depreciation and amortization	102,491	147,242
Travel and entertainment	525,932	235,124
Legal services and litigation settlement expense	390,077	345,516
Other	1,103,969	696,623
Total operating expenses	16,140,294	13,067,520
Operating income (loss)	367,226	(3,016,898)
Other income	-	1,200,000
Interest income	3,335	6,487
Interest expense	(14,920)	(15,365)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	355,641	(1,825,776)
Income tax expense	(15,294)	(3,216)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	340,347	(1,828,992)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	-	(94,894)
Net income (loss)	340,347	(1,923,886)
Preferred stock cash dividend	\$ (151,800)	\$ -

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Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	188,547	\$ (	1,923,886)
Basic net income (loss) per share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.03	\$	(0.15)
Loss from discontinued operations		-		(0.01)
Net income (loss)	\$	0.03	\$	(0.15)
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	0.01	\$	(0.15)
Diluted net income (loss) per share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.01	\$	(0.14)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		-		(0.01)
Net income (loss)	\$	0.01	\$	(0.15)
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	0.00	\$	(0.15)
Weighted average number of common shares:				
Basic	12	2,802,288	13	2,603,744
Diluted	45	5,001,720	12	2,603,744

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# MERRIMAN CURHAN FORD GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (unaudited)

	March 31, 2010	De	ecember 31, 2009
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,404,282	\$	5,656,750
Securities owned:			
Marketable, at fair value	3,661,796		4,728,940
Not readily marketable, at estimated fair value	892,003		272,463
Other	81,876		67,448
Restricted cash	1,072,086		1,072,086
Due from clearing broker	2,309,648		2,546,581
Accounts receivable, net	492,914		470,992
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,156,681		801,946
Equipment and fixtures, net	417,428		506,535
Total assets	\$ 16,488,714	\$	16,123,741
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 463,758	\$	346,220
Commissions and bonus payable	3,896,318		4,133,924
Accrued expenses	2,544,581		2,755,831
Due to clearing and other brokers	8,514		7,185
Securities sold, not yet purchased	453,366		161,461
Deferred revenue	65,000		304,334
Capital lease obligation	330,081		397,958
Total liabilities	7,761,618		8,106,913
Stockholders' equity:			
Convertible Preferred stock, Series A-\$0.0001 par value; 2,000,000 shares			
authorized; 2,000,000 shares issued and 0 shares outstanding as of			
March 31, 2010 and December 31 2009; aggregate liquidation			
preference of \$0	-		-
Convertible Preferred stock, Series B-\$0.0001 par value; 12,500,000 shares			
authorized; 8,750,000 shares issued and 0 shares outstanding as of			
March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009; aggregate liquidation			
preference of \$0	-		-
Convertible Preferred stock, Series C-\$0.0001 par value; 14,200,000 shares			
authorized; 11,800,000 shares issued and 0 shares outstanding as of			
March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009; aggregate liquidation			
preference of \$0	-		-
Convertible Preferred stock, Series D-\$0.0001 par value; 24,000,000			

shares authorized, 23,720,916 shares issued and 23,162,778 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2010; 23,720,916 shares issued and 23,720,916 sharesand outstanding as of December 31, 2009; aggregate liquidation preference of \$9,959,995 prior to conversion,		
and pari passu with common stock on conversion	2,316	2,372
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 300,000,000 shares authorized;		
13,762,865 and 12,988,073 shares issued and 13,561,288 and		
12,786,496 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2010 and		
December 31, 2009, respectively	1,376	1,299
Additional paid-in capital	133,424,093	133,054,192
Treasury stock	(225,613)	(225,613)
Accumulated deficit	(124,475,076)	(124,815,422)
Total stockholders' equity	8,727,096	8,016,828
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 16,488,714	\$ 16,123,741

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

### MERRIMAN CURHAN FORD GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

	March 31, 2010	March 31, 2009
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 340,347	\$ (1,923,886)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Gain on sale of Institutional Cash Distributors	-	(1,200,000)
Depreciation and amortization	102,491	157,852
Stock-based compensation	227,631	89,616
Loss on disposal of equipment and fixtures	-	294,379
Provision for uncollectible accounts receivable	(3,841)	-
Securities received for services	(727,242)	(168,913)
Unrealized loss on securities owned	447,798	1,011,777
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Securities owned and sold, but not purchased	1,004,523	(2,070,773)
Restricted cash	-	1,043
Due from clearing broker	236,934	(244,809)
Accounts receivable	(18,080)	20,728
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(354,735)	34,529
Accounts payable	117,537	(381,632)
Commissions and bonus payable	(237,606)	856,116
Accrued liabilities	(193,214)	(1,556,178)
Due to clearing and other brokers	1,329	(19,180)
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	943,872	(5,099,331)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of equipment and fixtures	(13,382)	-
Sale of Panel Intelligence	-	702,965
Sale of Institutional Cash Distributors	-	1,200,000
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(13,382)	1,902,965
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options and warrants	36,720	-
Preferred stock dividend	(151,800)	-
Debt service principal payments	(67,878)	(245,307)
Net cash used in financing activities	(182,958)	(245,307)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	747,532	(3,441,673)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	5,656,750	6,358,128

Cash and cash equivalents, assets held for sale		-		222,892
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ (	6,404,282	\$ .	3,139,347
Supplementary disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the year:				
Interest	\$	14,921		16,067
Income taxes	\$	-	\$	3,216
Noncash investing and financing activities:				
Warrant issued for legal settlement	\$	257,370	\$	-
Stock received as part of Panel sale	\$	-	\$	100,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The interim unaudited financial statements included herein for Merriman Curhan Ford Group, Inc. (formerly MCF Corporation), or the Company, have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of management, the financial statements included in this report reflect all normal recurring adjustments that the Company considers necessary for the fair presentation of the results of operations for the interim periods covered and the financial position of the Company at the date of the interim statement of financial condition. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. However, the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to understand the information presented. The operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the entire year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2009 audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Under Accounting Standards Codification Topic ("ASC") 855, "Subsequent Events", the Company has evaluated all subsequent events through the date these consolidated financial statements were filed with the SEC.

#### Securities Owned

"Securities owned" and "Securities sold, but not yet purchased" in the consolidated statements of financial condition consist of financial instruments carried at fair value with related unrealized gains or losses recognized in the consolidated statement of operations. The securities owned are classified into "Marketable," "Non-marketable" and "Other." Marketable securities are those that can readily be sold, either through a stock exchange or through a direct sales arrangement. Non-marketable securities are typically securities restricted under Rule 144A or have some restriction on their sale whether or not a buyer is identified. Other securities consist of investments accounted for under the equity method.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Substantially all of our financial instruments are recorded at fair value or contract amounts that approximate fair value. Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are stated at fair value, with any related changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation reflected in Principal Transactions in the consolidated statements of operations. Financial instruments carried at contract amounts include cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from and to brokers, dealers and clearing brokers.

#### Fair Value Measurement—Definition and Hierarchy

The Company follows the provisions of ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurement" and Disclosures for our financial assets and liabilities. Under ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Where available, fair value is based on observable market prices or parameters or derived from such prices or parameters. Where observable prices or inputs are not available, valuation models are applied. These valuation techniques involve some level of management estimation and judgment, the degree of which is dependent on the price transparency for the instruments or market and the instruments' complexity. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the consolidated statement of financial condition are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. Hierarchical levels, defined by ASC 820 and directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to fair valuation of these assets and liabilities, are as follows:

Level 1 — Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The types of assets and liabilities carried at Level 1 fair value generally are G-7 government and agency securities, equities listed in active markets, investments in publicly traded mutual funds with quoted market prices and listed derivatives.

Level 2 — Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instrument's anticipated life. Fair valued assets that are generally included in this category are stock warrants for which there are market-based implied volatilities, unregistered common stock and thinly traded common stock.

Level 3 — Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and the risk inherent in the inputs to the model. Generally, assets carried at fair value and included in this category include stock warrants for which market-based implied volatilities are not available.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

For further information on financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis, and a description of valuation techniques, see Note 5, Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities.

#### **Investment Banking Revenue**

Investment banking revenue includes underwriting and private placement agency fees earned through the Company's participation in public offerings and private placements of equity and convertible debt securities and fees earned as financial advisor in mergers and acquisitions and similar transactions. Underwriting revenue is earned in securities offerings in which the Company acts as an underwriter and includes management fees, selling concessions and underwriting fees. Fee revenue relating to underwriting commitments is recorded when all significant items relating to the underwriting cycle have been completed and the amount of the underwriting revenue has been determined. This generally is the point at which all of the following have occurred: (i) the issuer's registration statement has become effective with the SEC, or other offering documents are finalized, (ii) the Company has made a firm commitment for the purchase of the shares or debt from the issuer, and (iii) the Company has been informed of the exact number of shares or the principal amount of debt that it has been allotted.

Syndicate expenses related to securities offerings in which the Company acts as underwriter or agent are deferred until the related revenue is recognized or we determine that it is more likely than not that the securities offerings will not ultimately be completed. Underwriting revenue is presented net of related expenses. As co-manager for registered equity underwriting transactions, management must estimate the Company's share of transaction related expenses incurred by the lead manager in order to recognize revenue. Transaction related expenses are deducted from the underwriting fee and therefore reduces the revenue that is recognized as co-manager. Such amounts are adjusted to reflect actual expenses in the period in which the Company receives the final settlement, typically 90 days following the closing of the transaction.

Merger and acquisition fees and other advisory service revenue are generally earned and recognized only upon successful completion of the engagement. Unreimbursed expenses associated with private placement and advisory transactions are recorded as expenses as incurred.

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies — continued

#### Commissions and Principal Transactions Revenue

Commissions revenue includes revenue resulting from executing trades in stock exchange-listed securities, over-the-counter securities and other transactions as agent for the Company's clients. Principal transactions consist of a portion of dealer spreads attributed to the Company's securities trading activities as principal in exchange-listed and other securities, and include transactions derived from activities as a market-maker. Additionally, principal transactions include gains and losses resulting from market price fluctuations that occur while holding positions in trading security inventory. Commissions revenue and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as security transactions occur. Principal transactions in regular-way trades are recorded on the trade date, as if they had settled. Profit and loss arising from all securities and commodities transactions entered into for the account and risk of the Company are recorded on a trade-date basis.

#### **Stock-based Compensation Expense**

The Company measures and recognizes compensation expense based on estimated fair values for all stock-based awards made to employees and directors, including stock options, and restricted stock. The Company estimates fair value of stock-based awards on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The value of the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as expense in the Company's consolidated statements of operations over the requisite service periods. Stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Company's consolidated statement of operations includes compensation expense for stock-based awards granted (i) prior to, but not yet vested as of December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value, and (ii) subsequent to December 31, 2005. Compensation expense for all stock-based awards subsequent to December 31, 2005 is recognized using the straight-line single-option method. Because stock-based compensation expense is based on awards that are ultimately expected to vest, stock-based compensation expense has been reduced to account for estimated forfeitures. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

To calculate stock-based compensation resulting from the issuance of options, restricted common stock, and warrants, the Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which is affected by the Company's stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to the Company's expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards, and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. No tax benefits were attributed to the stock-based compensation expense because a valuation allowance was maintained for all net deferred tax assets.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which temporary differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce deferred tax assets to an amount whose realization is more likely than not. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the consolidated

statements of operations in the period that includes the enactment date.

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies — continued

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Segment Reporting

The Company has determined that it has only one operating and reportable segment, Merriman Curhan Ford & Co., for the purpose of making operating decisions and assessing performance, which comprised more than 90% of the Company's consolidated total assets as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, and consolidated total revenues for the three-month period ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In February 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-09, "Subsequent Events (Topic 855): Amendments to Certain Recognition and Disclosure Requirements," which amends certain provisions of the current guidance, including the elimination of the requirement for disclosure of the date through which an evaluation of subsequent events was performed in issued and revised financial statements. This guidance was effective for the first interim and annual reporting periods beginning after issuance (March 31, 2010 for our company). The adoption of this new guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2010, the FASB issued Update No. 2010-06, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820): Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements," which amends the disclosure requirements related to recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. The guidance requires new disclosures on the transfers of assets and liabilities between Level 1 (quoted prices in active market for identical assets or liabilities) and Level 2 (significant other observable inputs) of the fair value measurement hierarchy, including the reasons and the timing of the transfers. Additionally, the guidance requires a roll forward of activities on purchases, sales, issuance, and settlements of the assets and liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 fair value measurements). The guidance also clarifies the existing disclosure requirements in ASC 820-10 regarding: i) the level of disaggregation of fair value measurements; and ii) the disclosures regarding inputs and valuation techniques. The guidance became effective for the Company with the reporting period beginning January 1, 2010, except for the disclosure on the roll forward activities for Level 3 fair value measurements, which will become effective for the Company with the reporting period beginning January 1, 2011. Other than requiring additional disclosures, the adoption of this new guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. (See Note 5 - Fair Value of Financial Instruments.)

#### 2. Liquidity

We incurred substantial losses and negative cash flows from operations in 2009 and 2008. We had net losses of \$5,462,000 and \$30,274,000 in 2009 and 2008, respectively, and negative operating cash flows of \$12,648,000 and \$24,945,000 for the same respective years. As of March 31, 2010, we had retained deficit of \$124,475,000. While we believe our current funds will be sufficient to enable us to meet our planned expenditures through at least April 1, 2011, if anticipated operating results are not achieved, management has the intent and believes it has the ability to delay or reduce expenditures if not to raise additional capital. Failure to generate sufficient cash flows from operations, raise additional capital or reduce certain discretionary spending could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our intended business objectives.

#### 3. Issuance of Warrants

#### Convertible Notes

On May 29, 2009, the Company sold and issued \$525,000 in principal amount of Secured Convertible Promissory Notes (each a "Note," and collectively, the "Notes"). On June 1, 2009, the Company issued an additional \$100,000 of Notes. The investor group included eight individuals, comprised of certain officers and employees of the Company as well as an outside investor. The Notes were issued in a private placement exempt from registration requirements. There were no underwriters, underwriting discounts or commissions involved in the transactions. The Notes were converted into Series D Convertible Preferred Stock (see Note 4). No Notes remain outstanding.

The Notes were issued with warrants (the "Warrants") to purchase additional shares of common stock of the Company at \$0.50 per share for a number of shares of common stock equal to 75% of the principal amount of the Notes purchased, divided by \$0.50. The Warrants remain outstanding and are exercisable at any time.

#### Bridge Note

Ronald L. Chez is a member of the Company's Board of Directors. Prior to Mr. Chez joining the Board, he received a secured promissory note (the "Chez Note") in the principal amount of \$500,000 from the Company in July 2009. The Chez Note was issued in a private placement to Mr. Chez as an accredited investor exempt from registration requirements. The Chez Note carried an interest rate of 9% per annum, payable on maturity. The principal and interest accrued under the Chez Note was converted into investment in the Company's Series D Convertible Preferred Stock strategic transaction of September 2009. The Chez Note was issued with ten-year warrants to purchase 1,162,791 shares of the Company's common stock at \$0.65 per share, which remain outstanding. The Chez Note was personally guaranteed by Messrs. Merriman and Coleman.

D. Jonathan Merriman is the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Peter V. Coleman, the Chief Financial Officer. Messrs. Merriman and Coleman each originally received ten-year warrants to purchase 581,395 shares of the Company's common stock at \$0.65 per share as compensation for their personal guarantees. Subsequent to issuance, Messrs. Merriman and Coleman each transferred ownership of 228,327 warrants to Mr. Chez and retained ownership of 290,698 warrants each. The balance of 62,370 warrants was transferred by each of Messrs. Merriman and Coleman to third parties in connection with investments in the Company's Series D Preferred Convertible Stock strategic transaction of September 2009.

The Chez Note was converted into Series D Convertible Preferred Stock on September 8, 2009. As of March 31, 2010, no portion of the Chez Notes remain outstanding. The warrants remain outstanding and may be exercised at the discretion of the holders.

#### 3. Issuance of Warrants — continued

#### XL Settlement Warrants

On February 12, 2010, the Company settled its lawsuit with XL Specialty Insurance Company. As part of its settlement agreement dated September 8, 2009 with DGB Investment, Inc., Craig Leipold, Heritage Bank of Commerce, Modern Bank, Valley Community Bank, AEG Facilities and the Federal Deposit Insurance Company ("FDIC") as receiver for Security Pacific Bank (the "Litigants"), the Company assigned certain rights of recovery to the Litigants. The settlement was for \$5,750,000, of which the Company' portion, pursuant to the settlement agreement, was \$325,000 less expenses. As a result of the receipt of these proceeds, the Company was obligated to issue 373,563 warrants to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at a price per share of \$0.87. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had accrued for the \$325,000 liability that was paid out as warrants during the first quarter of 2010.

As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 the Company had 29,472,212 and 29,023,649 of total warrants outstanding, respectively.

#### 4. Series D Convertible Preferred Stock

On September 8, 2009, the Company issued 23,720,916 shares of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock along with 5-year warrants to purchase 23,720,916 shares of the Company's common stock with an exercise price of \$0.65 per share. The investor group consisted of 56 individuals and entities, including certain officers, directors and employees of the Company, as well as outside investors.

The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock was issued in a private placement exempt from registration requirements pursuant to Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933. Each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into one share of Common Stock of the Company. The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock carries a dividend rate of 6% per annum, payable in cash monthly. As of March 31, 2010, the Company recorded a cash dividends payable of \$50,000 which was included in accounts payable.

The warrants will expire five years from the date of the transaction. Holders of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock may convert them into shares of the Company's common stock at any time in amounts no less than \$100,000 unless all of the shares held by the holder are for a lesser amount. The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically convert at the discretion of the Company upon 10-day notice given when the average closing price of the Company's common stock over a 30-day period is at or above \$3.00 per share and when the average trading volume for the immediately prior four-week period is 30,000 shares or more, provided that the shares have been effectively registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or all of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock may be sold under Rule 144 of the 1933 Exchange Act.

The Company has accounted for this transaction as the issuance of convertible preferred stock and a detachable stock warrant. The total value of the Series D Preferred Stock strategic transaction was \$10,200,000, which consists of \$8,808,000 of cash proceeds and \$1,392,000 of noncash proceeds from conversions of prior notes and legal services.

#### 5. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is defined as the price at which an asset would sell for or an amount paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (the exit price). Where available, fair value is based on observable market prices or parameters or derived from such prices or parameters. Where observable prices or parameters are not available, valuation models are applied. These valuation techniques involve some level of management estimation and judgment, the degree of which is dependent on the price transparency for the instruments or the market on which they are primarily traded, and the instruments' complexity. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their fair value. A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Company's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows.

#### Corporate Equities

Corporate equities are comprised primarily of exchange-traded equity securities that the Company takes selective proprietary positions based on expectations of future market movements and conditions. They are generally valued based on quoted prices from the exchange. To the extent these securities are actively traded, valuation adjustments are not applied and they are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### Stock Warrants

Stock warrants provide their holders with the right to purchase equity in a company. Such positions are considered illiquid and do not have readily determinable fair values, and therefore require significant management judgment or estimation. For these securities, the Company uses the Black-Scholes valuation methodology or similar techniques. They are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### Underwriters' Purchase Options

Underwriters' purchase options represent the right to purchase securities of companies for which the Company acted as an underwriter to account for any overallotment of these securities in a public offering. Such positions are considered illiquid and do not have readily determinable fair values, and therefore require significant management judgment or estimation. For these securities, the Company uses the Black-Scholes valuation methodology. They are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### Preferred Stock

Preferred stock represents preferred equity in companies. The preferred stock owned by the Company is convertible at the Company's discretion. For these securities, the Company uses the exchange-quoted price of the common stock equivalents to value the securities. They are classified within Level 1 or Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy depending on the availability of an observable stock price on actively traded markets.

#### Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased

Securities sold, not yet purchased are comprised primarily of exchange-traded equity securities that the Company sold short based on expectations of future market movements and conditions. They are generally valued based on quoted

prices from the exchange. To the extent these securities are actively traded, valuation adjustments are not applied and they are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

### 5. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities — continued

### Summary

				As	sets at l	Fair Va	lue at	March	31, 2	010		
		Level 1 Level 2 Level 3					Total					
Assets:												
Corporate equities		\$	2,835,0	03	\$	-	\$		,003	\$	3,062	
Stock warrants				-		-		1,186	,716		1,186	,716
Underwriters' purchase option				-		-		304	,607		304	,607
Preferred stock				-		-			470			470
Total securities owned		\$	2,835,0	03	\$	-	\$	1,718	,796	\$	4,553	,799
v												
Liabilities:			4 7 0 0								4 = 0	266
Securities sold, not yet purchas	ed		453,3	66		-			-		453	,366
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Total fair value liabilities		\$	453,3	66	\$	-	\$		-	\$	453	,366
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		T			air Val		ecemi Level		2009	Така	1	
Assets:		Leve	l I	Le	evel 2		Level	3		Tota	.1	
	\$	2 40	3,757			\$	21	721	\$	2 424	700	
Corporate equities Stock warrants	Ф	3,40	3,737			Ф	1,575	1,731	Ф		5,488 5,481	
Underwriters' purchase option			-		-		1,5/.	,401		1,57.	) <del>,4</del> 61	
Preferred stock			434								434	
Fletefied stock			434		-			-			434	
Total securities owned	\$	3 40	4,191	\$	_	\$	1,597	7 212	\$	5.00	1,403	
Total Securities owned	Ψ	5,10	1,171	Ψ		Ψ	1,000	,212	Ψ	2,00	1,105	
Liabilities:												
Securities sold, not yet purchased		16	1,461		_			_		16	1,461	
, <b>J</b> 1												
Total fair value liabilities	\$	16	1,461	\$	-	\$		-	\$	16	1,461	
13												

#### 5. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities — continued

The following summarizes the change in carrying values associated with Level 3 financial instruments for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

	•	Stock Warrants	_	Purchase	I	Preferred Stock		Total
\$	21,731	\$ 1,575,481	\$	-	\$	_	\$	1,597,212
	,							, ,
	80,618	208,624		403,012		_		692,254
	209,153	(409,528)		-		434		(199,941)
	-	-		-		-		-
	(84,499)	(187,861)		(98,405)		36		(370,729)
\$	227,003	\$ 1,186,716	\$	304,607	\$	470	\$	1,718,796
\$	(84,500)	\$ (185,528)	\$	(98,405)	\$	36	\$	(368,396)
_		a 1	U					
	•				J			m . 1
	•		ф		ф		ф	Total
\$	695	\$ 1,605,451	\$	27,995	\$	-	\$	1,634,141
	50.000	122.070						102.077
				_		-		183,877
	(693)	(10,315)		-		-		(11,010)
				(01.059)				(01.059)
	(22 (22)	(250 246)		` ' '		-		(91,058) (210,215)
Φ			Ф	05,005	Ф	-	Ф	1,505,735
Ф	27,900	\$ 1,477,709	φ	-	φ	-	φ	1,303,733
\$	(23 ()32)	\$ (250 144)	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(273,176)
Ψ	(23,002)	(200,111)	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	(270,170)
	\$ \$	80,618 209,153 (84,499) \$ 227,003 \$ (84,500) Corporate Equities \$ 695 50,998 (695) (23,032) \$ 27,966	Equities Warrants \$ 21,731 \$ 1,575,481  80,618 208,624 209,153 (409,528)  - (84,499) (187,861) \$ 227,003 \$ 1,186,716  \$ (84,500) \$ (185,528)  Corporate Stock Warrants \$ 695 \$ 1,605,451  50,998 132,879 (695) (10,315)  - (23,032) (250,246) \$ 27,966 \$ 1,477,769	Corporate Equities Warrants \$ 21,731 \$ 1,575,481 \$ 80,618 208,624 209,153 (409,528)  -	Equities Warrants Option \$ 21,731 \$ 1,575,481 \$ -  80,618 208,624 403,012 209,153 (409,528) -  (84,499) (187,861) (98,405) \$ 227,003 \$ 1,186,716 \$ 304,607  \$ (84,500) \$ (185,528) \$ (98,405)  Corporate Stock Purchase Option \$ 695 \$ 1,605,451 \$ 27,995  50,998 132,879 - (695) (10,315) -  (91,058) (23,032) (250,246) 63,063 \$ 27,966 \$ 1,477,769 \$ -	Corporate Equities         Stock Warrants         Purchase Option           \$ 21,731         \$ 1,575,481         \$ - \$           80,618         208,624         403,012           209,153         (409,528)         -           (84,499)         (187,861)         (98,405)           \$ 227,003         \$ 1,186,716         \$ 304,607           \$ (84,500)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)           \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)         \$ (98,405)	Corporate Equities         Stock Warrants         Purchase Option         Preferred Stock           \$ 21,731         \$ 1,575,481         \$ -         \$ -           80,618         208,624         403,012         -           209,153         (409,528)         -         434           (84,499)         (187,861)         (98,405)         36           \$ 227,003         \$ 1,186,716         \$ 304,607         \$ 470           \$ (84,500)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)         \$ 36           \$ (27,003)         \$ 1,186,716         \$ 304,607         \$ 470           \$ (27,003)         \$ 1,186,716         \$ 20,405         \$ 36           \$ (27,003)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)         \$ 36           \$ (27,003)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)         \$ 36           \$ (27,003)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)         \$ 36           \$ (27,906)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)         \$ 36           \$ (27,995)         \$ (27,995)         \$ -         \$ -           \$ (23,032)         (250,246)         63,063         \$ -           \$ (23,032)         (250,246)         63,063         \$ -           \$ (23,032)         (250,246)	Corporate Equities         Stock Warrants         Purchase Option         Preferred Stock           \$ 21,731         \$ 1,575,481         \$ - \$         \$ - \$           80,618         208,624         403,012         - 209,153         434           (84,499)         (187,861)         (98,405)         36           \$ 227,003         \$ 1,186,716         \$ 304,607         \$ 470         \$           \$ (84,500)         \$ (185,528)         \$ (98,405)         \$ 36         \$           \$ (23,032)         \$ (250,246)         \$ (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         - (91,058)         (91,058)         (91,058)         - (

#### 5. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities — continued

The amounts of unrealized losses for the three months ended March 31, 2010 included in the table above are all attributable to those assets held as of March 31, 2010. Net gains and losses (both realized and unrealized) for Level 3 financial assets (securities owned by the Company) are a component of "Principal transactions" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

#### Transfers within the Fair Value Hierarchy

We assess our financial instruments on a quarterly basis to determine the appropriate classification within the fair value hierarchy, as defined by ASC Topic 810. Transfers between fair value classifications occur when there are changes in pricing observability levels. Transfers of financial instruments among the levels occur at the end of the reporting period. There were no significant transfers between our Level 1 and Level 2 classified instruments during the three months ended March 31, 2010.

The following describes the valuation techniques used in estimating the fair value of those financial instruments as of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009.

#### Corporate Equities

As compensation for investment banking services, the Company frequently receives common stock of the client as partial compensation, in addition to cash fees. The common stock is typically issued prior to a registration statement is effective. The Company classifies these securities as "not-readily marketable securities" as they are restricted stock and may be freely traded only upon the effectiveness of a registration statement covering them or upon the satisfaction of the requirements to qualify under the exemption to the Federal Securities Act of 1933 provided by SEC Rule 144, including the requisite holding period. Once a registration statement covering the securities is declared effective by the SEC or the securities have satisfied the Rule 144 requirements, the Company classifies them as "marketable securities."

Typically, the common stock is traded on stock exchanges and most are classified as Level 1 securities. The fair value is based on observed closing stock price at the measurement date. Many securities are traded infrequently and therefore do not have observable prices based on actively traded markets. These securities are classified as Level 3 securities. The corporate equities that are classified as level 3 securities in the above table are valued based the market value of the securities and other inputs derived from and corroborated with observable market data. When observable, the prices of the infrequent trades are adjusted based on management judgment.

#### Stock Warrants

Also as partial compensation for investment banking services, the Company may receive stock warrants issued by the client. The fair value of the stock warrants is determined using the Black-Scholes model or similar valuation techniques. Valuation inputs used in the Black-Scholes model include interest rate, stock volatility, expected term and market price of the underlying stock. As these require significant management assumptions, they are classified as Level 3 securities.

If the underlying stock of the warrants is freely tradable, the warrants are considered to be marketable. If the underlying stock is restricted, subject to a registration statement or to satisfying the requirements for a Rule 144 exemption, the warrants are considered to be non-marketable.

#### 5. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities — continued

#### **Underwriters' Purchase Options**

The Company may receive partial compensation for its investment banking services also in the form underwriters' purchase options ("UPOs"). UPOs are identical to warrants except, instead of a share of common stock, the UPO grants the holder the right to purchase a "bundle" of securities, including common stock and warrants to purchase common stock.

The fair value of the UPO is determined using the Black-Scholes model or similar technique, applied in two stages. The first stage is to determine the value of the warrants contained within the "bundle" and added to the fair value of the stock within the bundle. Once the fair value of the underlying "bundle" is established, the Black-Scholes model is used again. The fair value of the "bundle" is used instead of the price of the underlying stock as one of the inputs in the second stage of the Black-Scholes.

The use of the valuation techniques requires significant management assumptions and therefore UPOs are classified as Level 3 securities.

#### Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased

The Company sells securities prior to purchasing them (short sales of stock). As these stocks are typically listed on an exchange and actively traded, the Company uses the value at which the security was sold as the fair value and classifies it as a Level 1 liability.

#### 6. Stock-Based Compensation Expense

#### **Stock Options**

As of March 31, 2010, there were 15,091,430 shares authorized for issuance under the Option Plans, and 612,858 shares authorized for issuance outside of the Option Plans. As of March 31, 2010, 3,547,503 shares were available for future option grants under the Option Plans. There were no shares available for future option grants outside of the Option Plans. Compensation expense for stock options during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$453,000 and \$65,000, respectively..

The following table is a summary of the Company's stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2010:

		Weighted-
		Average
		Exercise
	Shares	Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	9,550,117	\$ 1.25
Granted	486,000	0.89
Exercised	(108,000)	(0.34)
Canceled	(340,675)	(4.84)

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Outstanding at March 31, 2010	9,587,442	1.11
Exercisable at March 31, 2010	1,089,840 \$	2.07

#### 6. Stock-based Compensation Expense — continued

The following table summarizes information with respect to stock options vested and outstanding at March 31, 2010:

	Option	ns Outstandin	g at March	31, 2010	Vested Options at March 31, 2010			
		Weighted-						
		Average	Average Weighted-			Weighted-		
		Remaining	Average	Aggregate		Average	Aggregate	
Range of		Contractual Life	Exercise Intrinsic			Exercise	Intrinsic	
Exercise Price	Number	(Years)	(Years) Price V		Number	Price	Value	
\$0.0000 - \$0.4999	3,482,023	9.10	\$ 0.43	\$ 1,058,187	679,923	\$ 0.41	\$ 219,887	
\$0.5000 - \$0.9999	1,176,420	9.80	0.86	-	3,273	0.65	256	
\$1.0000 - \$1.4999	4,170,340	9.61	1.20	-	4,522	1.41	-	
\$1.5000 - \$1.9999	172,788	7.73	1.63	-	42,788	1.82	-	
\$2.0000 - \$4.9999	440,557	5.72	3.60	-	226,495	3.30	-	
\$5.0000 - \$9.9999	88,808	6.30	6.62	-	76,333	6.77	_	
\$10.0000 -								
\$19.9999	56,506	3.52	11.17	-	56,506	11.17	-	
	9,587,442	9.17	\$ 1.11	\$ 1,058,187	1,089,840	\$ 2.07	\$ 220,143	

As of March 31, 2010, total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock options was \$4,554,000. This amount is expected to be recognized as expense over a weighted-average period of 3.43 years.

The weighted average fair value of each stock option granted for the three months ended March 31, 2010 was \$0.65. The weighted average fair value of each stock option granted for the three months ended March 31, 2009 was \$0.24. The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes stock option pricing model, with the following assumptions for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009:

	Three Months E	Three Months Ended March			
	31,				
	2010	2009			
Expected Volatility	142%	92%			
Average expected term (years)	2.37	4.54			
Risk-free interest rate	1.15%	1.74%			
Dividend yield	-	-			

#### 6. Stock-based Compensation Expense — continued

#### Restricted Stock

At the date of grant, the recipients of restricted stock have most of the rights of a stockholder other than voting rights, subject to certain restrictions on transferability and a risk of forfeiture. Restricted shares typically vest over a two to four year period beginning on the date of grant. The fair value of restricted stock is equal to the market value of the shares on the date of grant. The Company recognizes the compensation expense for restricted stock on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. Compensation expense for restricted stock during the three months ended March 31, 2010 was (\$271,000). We had a negative expense due to cancellation of restricted stock that had been granted to an employee who terminated during the three months ended March 31, 2010. Compensation expense for restricted stock during the same period in 2009 was \$25,000.

The following table is a summary of the Company's restricted stock activity for the three months ended March 31, 2010:

	Restricted Stock Outstanding	Av G E	ghted- erage rant Oate Value	Ir	ggregate ntrinsic Value
Balance as of December 31, 2009	38,366	\$	9.84		
Granted	140,797		0.83		
Vested	(67,338)		(0.89)		
Canceled	(32,143)		(11.55)		
Balance as of March 31, 2010	79,682	\$	1.15	\$	58,168

The weighted average fair value of the restricted stock granted under the Company's stock option plans for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$0.83 and \$0 per share, respectively. The fair value of the restricted stock award is estimated on the date of grant using the intrinsic value method.

As of March 31, 2010, total unrecognized compensation expense related to restricted stock was \$82,000. This expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.27 year.

#### Warrants Issued as Compensation

The Company issued five-year warrants to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at \$0.65 to the Chairman of the Strategic Advisory Committee, a committee of the Board of Directors, as compensation for serving in that capacity. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the Company issued 75,000 warrants. The Company calculated the fair value of the warrants to be \$45,000 using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The balance outstanding at March 31, 2010 was 168,333 warrants.

#### 7. Income Taxes

At the end of each interim reporting period, the Company calculates an effective tax rate based on the Company's estimate of the tax provision (benefit) that will be provided for the full year, stated as a percentage of estimated annual pre-tax income (loss). The tax provision (benefit) for the interim period is determined using this estimated annual effective tax rate. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, the Company recorded a \$15,000 income tax expense. This relates primarily to federal and state income tax recorded during the quarter as a result of projected pre-tax profit after utilization of federal and state NOL carryforward. For the three months ended March 31, 2009, the Company recorded an income tax expense of \$3,000. The minimal tax provision for the three months ended March 31, 2009 is the result of the pre-tax loss of the period.

Historically and currently, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance on the deferred tax assets, the significant component of which relates to net operating loss tax carryforwards. Management continually evaluates the realizability of its deferred tax assets based upon negative and positive evidence available. Based on the evidence available at this time, the Company continues to conclude that it is not "more likely than not" that it will be able to realize the benefit of its deferred tax assets in the future.

The Company does not have any material accrued interest or penalties associated with any unrecognized tax benefits. The Company's policy is to account for interest, if any, as interest expense and penalties as income tax expense.

#### 8. Compliance with Listing Requirements

On March 4, 2010, the Company received notice from the NASDAQ Stock Market that the Company is not currently in compliance with the requirements of NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2), which requires listed securities to maintain a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share. The Company has 180 days from the date of notification to regain compliance. The Company may be eligible at the end of that period for an additional 180 days to regain compliance.

#### 9. Discontinued Operations

On April 17, 2007, the Company acquired 100 percent of the outstanding common shares of MedPanel Corp. which was subsequently renamed Panel Intelligence LLC ("Panel") and made into a subsidiary of the Merriman Curhan Ford Group, Inc. The results of Panel's operations had been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements since that date. As a result of the acquisition, the Company began providing independent market data and information to clients in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and financial industries by leveraging Panel's proprietary methodology and vast network of medical experts.

The Company paid \$6.1 million in common stock for Panel. The value of the 1,547,743 shares of common shares issued was determined based on the average market price of the Company's common stock over the period including three days before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced. The selling stockholders were also entitled to additional consideration on the third anniversary from the closing which is based upon Panel Intelligence achieving specific revenue and profitability milestones.

In December 2008, management determined that the sale of Panel would reduce investments required to develop Panel's business and generate capital necessary for the Company's core business. The sale of Panel was completed in January 2009. Management determined that the plan of sale criteria in ASC 360, "Property, Plant and Equipment", had

been met. As a result, the revenue and expenses of Panel have been reclassified and included in discontinued operations in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Accordingly, the carrying value of the Panel assets was adjusted to their fair value less costs to sell. As a result, an impairment loss in the amount of \$1,937,000 was recorded and is included in "Other expenses" for the year ended December 31, 2008. In January 2009, the Company sold Panel to Panel Intelligence, LLC (Newco) for \$1,000,000 and shares of its common stock in the amount of \$100,000.

#### 10. Sale of a Component of an Entity

On January 16, 2009, the Company entered into an agreement to sell the assets of ICD, a division of MCF, to a group of investors who are also its employees in order to raise capital. The assets being sold include MCF's rights in trademark, copyright, and other intellectual property used in the business, customer lists, marketing materials, and books and records. As of December 31, 2009, the Company determined that the discontinued operations criteria in ASC Topic 205, "Discontinued Operations," had not been met, as such, the revenues and expenses of ICD are still presented as part of continuing operations. In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) 104, "Revenue Recognition," the Company recognized \$2,000,000 as Other Income for the year ended December 31, 2009.

To assist in the transition of operations to the new owners, the Company is providing substantial services to ICD, including collecting its revenues. Under guidance provided in ASC Subtopic 605-45, "Principal Agent Considerations," the Company records ICD's revenues and expenses at gross levels. In 2010, the Company expects to no longer provide such services and will no longer record ICD revenues.

For the three months ended March 31, 2010, \$7,122,000 of the Company's commissions revenue of \$10,428,000 can be attributed to ICD compared to \$6,074,000 of \$9,118,000 in the same period 2009. For the three months ended March 31, 2010, \$7,087,000 of the Company's operating expenses of \$16,140,000 can be attributed to ICD compared to \$5,926,000 of \$13,068,000 in the same period 2009. These amounts would not have been recorded as the Company's revenue and expenses had the sale of ICD met the discontinued operations criteria. ICD represented 43% of the Company's total revenue and 44% of its total expense for the three months ended March 31, 2010, respectively, and 60% and 45% of the Company total revenues and expenses for same the period in 2009, respectively. As of March 31, 2010, \$2,035,000 of Due from Clearing Broker and \$1,818,000 of Commissions and Bonus Payable balances were attributed to ICD, and, as of December 31, 2009, \$2,492,000 of Due from Clearing Broker and \$2,268,000 of Commissions and Bonus Payable balances were attributed to ICD.

### 11. Earnings/(Loss) per Share

The following is a reconciliation of the basic and diluted net earnings/(loss) available to common stockholders and the number of shares used in the basic and diluted net loss per common share computations for the periods presented:

	,	Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 2009		
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders -	\$	100 547	\$	(1.022.996)
basic Convertible Preferred stock, series D dividends	Ф	188,547 151,800	Ф	(1,923,886)
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders -		131,800		-
diluted		340,347		(1,923,886)
unuteu		340,347		(1,923,880)
Weighted-average number of common shares -basic		12,802,288		12,603,744
Assumed exercise or conversion of all potentially dilutive				
common shares outstanding		32,199,432		-
Weighted-average number of common shares -diluted	45,001,720			12,603,744
Basic net income (loss) per share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.03	\$	(0.14)
Loss from discontinued operations		-		(0.01)
Net income (loss) per share	\$	0.03	\$	(0.15)
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	0.01	\$	(0.15)
Diluted net income (loss) per share:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.01	\$	(0.14)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		-		(0.01)
Net income (loss) per share	\$	0.01	\$	(0.15)
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	0.01	\$	(0.15)

#### 11. Earnings/(Loss) per Share — continued

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, excluding shares of non-vested stock. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net earnings by the weighted average number of common shares used in the basic earnings per share calculation plus the number of common shares that would be issued assuming exercise or conversion of all potentially dilutive common shares outstanding, including non-vested stock. Diluted loss per share is unchanged from basic loss per share for the three months ended March 31, 2009 because the addition of common shares that would be issued assuming exercise or conversion would be anti-dilutive. Interest and dividends are also not considered since including them in the calculation of diluted earnings per share would be anti-dilutive.

Shares used in the diluted net loss per share computation include the dilutive impact of the Company's stock options and warrants. The impact of the Company's stock options and warrants on shares used for the diluted loss per share computation is calculated based on the average share price of the Company's common stock for each period using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the tax-effected proceeds that would be hypothetically received from the exercise of all stock options and warrants with exercise prices below the average share price of the Company's common stock are assumed to be used to repurchase shares of the Company's common stock. Because the Company reported a net loss during the three months ended March 31, 2009, the Company excluded the impact of all stock options and warrants in the computation of diluted loss per share, as their effect would be anti-dilutive.

The Company excludes all potentially dilutive securities from its diluted net loss per share computation when their effect would be anti-dilutive. The common stock equivalents excluded from the diluted net loss per share computation, as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive, are as follows:

#### 11. Earnings (Loss) per Share — continued

	Three Months Ended March 3 2010 2009		
Stock options and warrants excluded due to the exercise price exceeding the average fair value of the Company's common stock during the period	6,066,097	1,454,058	
Weighted-average restricted stock, stock options and stock warrants, calculated using the treasury stock method, that were excluded due to the Company reporting a net loss during the period	-	126,474	
Weighted-average shares issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Preferred stock, Series D	-	_	
Total common stock equivalents excluded from diluted net income (loss) per share	6,066,097	1,580,532	

#### 12. Regulatory Requirements

Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. is a broker-dealer subject to Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which specifies uniform minimum net capital requirements, as defined, for their registrants. As of March 31, 2010, Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. had regulatory net capital, as defined, of \$4,419,000, which exceeded the amount required by \$4,075,000. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. is exempt from Rules 15c3-3 and 17a-13 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 because it does not carry customer accounts, nor does it hold customer securities or cash.

#### 13. Contingencies

A number of lawsuits were filed against the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. ("MCF"), including at least one which also names the parent company as the defendant, in connection with the actions of William Del Biaggio III ("Del Biaggio"), a former customer of MCF and David Scott Cacchione ("Cacchione"), a former retail broker of MCF. The Company selected the claims it judged to be the most threatening and settled all of them simultaneously with its strategic transaction of \$10.2 million closed on September 8, 2009. There are claims remaining in lawsuits and arbitrations filed against MCF disclosed previously.

#### 13. Contingencies — continued

United American Bank v. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co.

In July 2008, MCF was served with a complaint filed in the Santa Clara County Superior Court by United American Bank, which loaned money to Del Biaggio, alleging that MCF entered into an account control agreement for an account that Del Biaggio had previously pledged to another lender. The account pledged was in the name of Del Biaggio. Plaintiff brought claims for, among other things, fraud arising out of the failure to disclose the alleged previous pledge. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$1.75 million. After ensuring that the proper clearance had been obtained from the court in Del Biaggio's bankruptcy case, MCF turned over the pledged collateral to Plaintiff United American Bank, performing its obligation under the account control agreement. MCF then demanded that it be dismissed from the action. On May 7, 2010, MCF was dismissed from this action with prejudice.

Henry Khachaturian v. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co.

In January 2010, the Company was served with a complaint filed in the San Francisco County Superior Court by Henry Khachaturian. The complaint also names as defendants officers and former officers D. Jonathan Merriman, Gregory Curhan, and Robert Ford. The statement of claim alleges that Mr. Khachaturian was convinced by the Company to purchase shares of a small, risky stock in which the Company held a position. It further alleges that the Company did not permit Mr. Khachaturian to sell the shares when the stock's price fell. The complaint seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

Chuck Peterson v. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co.

On February 23, 2010, Chuck Peterson filed a complaint with the San Francisco Superior Court, California, for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and misrepresentation. The complaint was served on MCF on March 5, 2010.

The Company believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to contest these claims vigorously.

Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. & Merriman Curhan Ford Group, Inc v. XL Specialty Insurance Co.

On February 12, 2010, the Company settled its lawsuit with XL Specialty Insurance Company. As part of its settlement agreement dated September 8, 2009 with DGB Investment, Inc., Craig Leipold, Heritage Bank of Commerce, Modern Bank, Valley Community Bank, AEG Facilities and the Federal Deposit Insurance Company ("FDIC") as receiver for Security Pacific Bank (the "Litigants"), the Company assigned certain rights of recovery to the Litigants. The settlement was for \$5,750,000, of which the Company' portion, pursuant to the settlement agreement, was \$325,000 less expenses. As a result of the receipt of these proceeds, the Company was obligated to issue 373,563 warrants to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at a price per share of \$0.87. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had accrued for the \$325,000 liability that was paid out as warrants during the first quarter of 2010.

#### 13. Contingencies — continued

Irving Bronstein et al v. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co.

On March 1, 2010, Irving Bronstein, other plaintiffs and MCF settled all legal claims. The Company has reserved appropriately, as of March 31, 2010, for this matter.

The Company and MCF deny any liability and are vigorously contesting the remaining lawsuits and arbitrations. At this point, the Company cannot estimate the amount of damages if they are resolved unfavorably and accordingly, management has not provided an accrual for adverse judgments in these lawsuits and arbitrations. However, the Company is expecting to settle one or more cases and has reserved appropriately as the amount of the settlement becomes estimable. (See Note 15, Subsequent Events, below.)

If the Company or MCF were to be found liable in these lawsuits and arbitrations and the plaintiffs were to be awarded the damages they seek, it would have a severe impact on the Company's financial condition and the Company would likely not be able to continue in business. Even if the Company and MCF ultimately prevail in all of these lawsuits, they will almost certainly incur significant legal fees which could also have a severe impact on the Company's financial condition.

From time to time, the Company is also named as a defendant and acts as a plaintiff in the routine conduct of its business.

#### 14. Related Party Transactions

Series D Convertible Preferred Stock

On September 8, 2009, the Company issued 23,720,916 shares of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock along with 5-year warrants to purchase 23,720,916 shares of the Company's common stock at \$0.65 each share. The investor group constituted of 56 individuals and entities including certain officers, directors and employees of the Company, as well as outside investors.

The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock was issued in a private placement exempt from registration requirements pursuant to Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Cash consideration was deposited into escrow on or around August 27, 2009. Each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into one share of Common Stock of the Company. The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock carries a dividend rate of 6% per annum, payable in cash monthly.

Three of the investors in the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock transaction, Messrs. Andrew Arno, Douglas Bergeron, and Ronald Chez, have since joined the Company's Board of Directors. In addition, the Company's CEO and CFO who are also officers of Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. ("MCF&Co."), the Company's primary operating subsidiary, along with 11 other executives and senior managers of MCF&Co. were also investors in the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock transaction. Finally, all 5 members of the Company's Board of Directors prior to the transaction were investors in the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock transaction.

#### 14. Related Party Transactions — continued

Temporary Subordinated Loan

On January 20, 2010, the Company borrowed \$11,000,000 from DGB Investment, Inc. and the Bergeron Family Trust, both controlled by Douglas G. Bergeron, a member of the Company's Board of Directors. The loan was in the form of a temporary subordinated loan to supplement the Company's net capital and enabled it to underwrite an initial public offering, in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company compensated Mr. Bergeron \$731,000 in fees for the loan. As of March 31, 2010, the loan and interest have been paid in full and no balance remains outstanding.

#### Strategic Advisory Committee

The Company formed a Strategic Advisory Committee of the Board of Directors chaired by Mr. Ronald Chez, the lead investor in the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock strategic transaction. During the first year, the Chair of the Committee will be compensated with warrants to purchase 300,000 shares the Company's common stock at \$0.65, to be issued pro-rata on a monthly basis. To date, Mr. Chez is the sole member of the Committee. No other compensation arrangement for service on the Committee has been made.

#### 15. Subsequent Events

#### Temporary Subordinated Loan

On April 23, 2010, the Company borrowed \$1,000,000 from DGB Investment, Inc. ("DGB") and \$6,000,000 from Ronald L. Chez IRA. DGB is controlled by Douglas G. Bergeron. Both Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Chez are members of the Company's Board of Directors. The loan was in the form of a temporary subordinated loan to supplement the Company's net capital and enabled it to underwrite an initial public offering, in accordance with Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. On May 7, 2010, The Company repaid the loan from DGB and paid \$30,000 in fees for the loan. The Company will compensate Mr. Chez at least \$180,000 in fees for the loan, depending on the duration of the loan.

Peter Marcil v. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co.

In January 2009, MCF was served with a claim in FINRA Arbitration by Peter Marcil. Mr. Marcil is a former at-will employee of MCF and worked in the investment banking department. Mr. Marcil resigned from MCF in March of 2007. Mr. Marcil alleged breach of an implied employment contract, wrongful termination, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. On May 14, 2010, MCF settled all claims with Mr. Marcil. The Company accrued appropriate settlement expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2010.

#### ITEM 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and our future results that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as "may," "should," "expects," "anticipates," "goals," "progintereds," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue," variations of such words, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections of our future financial performance, our anticipated growth and trends in our businesses, and other characterizations of future events or circumstances, are forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Readers are referred to risks and uncertainties identified under "Risk Factors" beginning on Page 46 and elsewhere herein. We undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason. Numbers expressed herein may be rounded to thousands of dollars.

#### Overview

We are a financial services holding company that provides equity research, capital markets services, corporate and venture services, and investment banking through our primary operating subsidiary, Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. ("MCF"). In 2009, we sold the operating assets of Panel Intelligence, LLC, which had been our subsidiary dedicated to primary research, and discontinued operations of MCF Asset Management, our subsidiary which managed investment products.

MCF is an investment bank and securities broker-dealer focused on fast-growing companies and institutional investors. Our mission is to become a leader in the researching, advising, financing, trading and investing in fast-growing companies under \$1 billion in market capitalization. We provide equity research, brokerage and trading services primarily to institutions, as well as investment banking and advisory services to corporate clients. We are attempting to gain market share by originating differentiated research for our institutional investor clients and providing specialized and integrated services for our fast-growing corporate clients.

Institutional Cash Distributors ("ICD") is a division of MCF which brokers money market funds serving the short-term investing needs of corporate finance departments at companies throughout the United States and Europe. In January 2009, we sold the primary assets related to the ICD operations to a group of investors which included some of our employees. To assist in the transition of operations to the new owners, we are providing substantial services to ICD, including collecting its revenues. When ICD receives its broker-dealer license, we will no longer provide such services and record ICD revenues.

Panel Intelligence, LLC was acquired in April 2007. It offered custom and published primary research to industry clients and investment professionals through online panel discussions, quantitative surveys and an extensive research library. Panel Intelligence, LLC provided greater access, compliance, insights and productivity to clients in the health care, CleanTech and financial industries. In January 2009, the majority of the assets of Panel Intelligence, LLC were sold to an investor group that included certain members of its management team. For financial reporting purposes, we have listed the operations of the business as part of discontinued operations.

MCF Asset Management, LLC managed absolute return investment products for institutional and high-net worth clients. We were the sub-advisor for the MCF Focus fund. In an effort to refocus the holding company back to its core investment banking/ broker-dealers services, management liquidated the funds under management and returned investments to the investors in the fourth quarter of 2008. We no longer have, for all practical purposes, a subsidiary

dedicated to asset management. At December 31, 2009, we held an immaterial amount of illiquid assets and were in the process of distributing these to investors.

We are headquartered in San Francisco, with additional offices in New York, NY. As of March 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, we had 96 and 94 employees respectively, including employees of our Institutional Cash Distributor division (ICD), whose assets we sold in January 2009. Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as a broker-dealer and is a member of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investors Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

#### **Executive Summary**

Revenue from continuing operations grew by 64% in the first quarter 2010 relative to the first quarter 2009. Our commissions revenue for the same period grew by 14% year-over-year, due primarily to continued growth of our Institutional Cash Distributors money fund business which is being sold. (Please see "Results of Operations" below for a more detailed view of the impact of selling ICD assets.) Investment banking revenue continues to recover from the near paralysis of late 2008 and early 2009 financial markets and grew by 397% year over year. Losses from principal transactions improved 75% for the three months ended March 31, 2010 compared to the same period 2009 mainly due to the recovery of the broad financial markets. We generated a net income of \$340,000, or \$0.03 per share for the quarter of which \$0.01 is attributable to common shareholders. Operationally, our core business generated a profit of \$960,000 on a non-GAAP pro-forma basis for the three months ended March 31, 2010 (please see SEC Regulation G Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures, under Results of Operations, below).

About \$180,000 in legal and litigation settlement expenses can be directly attributed to the settlement of the legal cases or to defending ourselves in the remaining cases arising out of the Del Biaggio/Cacchione matters. We do not consider these expenses to be part of our on-going core business.

Although the ICD business has contributed to our revenue by a substantial amount (\$7,122,000 in the quarter), it has not materially added to our net results. Since January 2009, upon agreement to sell the ICD assets for \$2,000,000, we pay materially all amounts received as revenue either as expenses related to ICD operations or as commissions to the buyers of the ICD assets.

In the analysis and review of our core business, we have also excluded the effect of the unrealized gains and losses resulting from owning securities. For the quarter ended March 31, 2010, we had and excluded an unrealized loss of \$448,000 from our analysis. In the third quarter 2009, when we began presenting our reconciliation of U.S. GAAP to pro-forma results, we excluded a gain of \$213,000 from our analysis.

#### **Business Environment**

For the third quarter in a row, the U.S. economy has expanded. During the first three months of 2010, the economy grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.2%. That's down from the 5.6% performance in the fourth quarter of last year. Personal consumption helped drive output forward, rising at the fastest pace since the beginning of 2007. Consumption of durable goods, in particular, boosted growth. The picture is somewhat less bright when investment is considered. Slower growth in the first quarter relative to the fourth quarter of last year is largely attributable to a reduced contribution from growth in business inventories. In the fourth quarter, inventory adjustments accounted for 3.8 percentage points of the 5.6% growth performance. That fell to 1.6 percentage points in the first quarter. Setting aside inventory changes, the underlying economy remains fairly weak, much as it was late last year.

While the economy continues to show signs of growth from the unprecedented levels reached during 2009, there is still a level of uncertainty and volatility in the capital markets. The growth and improvement in the capital markets that began during the second half of 2009 carried over into the first quarter of 2010. While encouraged by the signs of improvement, we operate in a challenging environment that is still recovering from a recession. There has been an increase in industry-wide equity and equity-related offerings compared to the difficult conditions that existed during the first half of 2009.

Performance in the financial services industry in which we operate is highly correlated to the overall strength of economic conditions and financial market activity. Overall market conditions are a product of many factors which may affect the financial decisions made by investors, including their level of participation in the financial markets. In turn, these decisions may affect our business results. With respect to financial market activity, our profitability is

sensitive to a variety of factors, including the demand for investment banking services as reflected by the number and size of equity financings and merger and acquisition transactions, the volatility of the equity markets, and the volume and value of trading in securities.

Our business activities are focused in the CleanTech, Consumer/Internet/Media, Health Care, Resources and Technology sectors. By their nature, our business activities are highly competitive and are not only subject to general market conditions, volatile trading markets and fluctuations in the volume of market activity, but also to the conditions affecting the companies and markets in our areas of focus.

Fluctuations in revenue also occur due to the overall level of market activity, which, among other things, affects the flow of investment dollars and the size, number and timing of investment banking transactions. In addition, a downturn in the level of market activity can lead to a decrease in brokerage commissions. Therefore, revenue in any particular period may vary significantly from year to year.

#### Series D Convertible Preferred Stock

On September 8, 2009, we issued 23,720,916 shares of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock along with 5-year warrants to purchase 23,720,916 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$0.65 per share. The investor group of 56 constituted of individuals and entities including certain of our officers, directors and employees, as well as outside investors. All or portions of the principal and accrued interest of debt issued previously in 2009 were converted into the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock shares. None of these debt instruments remain outstanding after September 8, 2009. The warrants issued in conjunction with the May 29 Convertible Notes and with the July 31 Bridge Note remain outstanding.

The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock was issued in a private placement exempt from registration requirements pursuant to Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which closed on September 8, 2009. Each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into one share of our Common Stock. The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock carries a dividend rate of 6% per annum, payable in cash monthly.

The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock has anti-dilution features including a full ratchet provision so that if we were to pay dividends, split (forward or reverse) our common shares, or adjust our shares outstanding due to a combination, the conversion and exercises prices, respectively, would also adjust proportionally. The warrants issued in conjunction with the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock were amended and the full ratchet provision originally included was removed as of December 28, 2009.

The warrants will expire 5 years from the date of the transaction. Holders of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock may convert their Series D Convertible Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock at any time in amounts of no less that \$100,000 unless it is for all of the shares held by the holder. The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically convert at our discretion upon 10-day notice given when the average closing price of our common stock over a 30-day period is at or above \$3.00 per share and when the average trading volume for the most recent four-week period is 30,000 shares or more, provided that the shares have been effectively registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or all of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock may be sold under Rule 144 of the 1933 Exchange Act.

The total proceeds of \$10,200,000 raised in the transaction described above are accounted for under generally accepted accounting principles, primarily ASC 470, "Debt". We have accounted for this transaction as the issuance of convertible preferred stock and a detachable stock warrant. The \$10,200,000 consisted of \$8,808,000 of cash proceeds and \$1,392,000 of noncash proceeds from conversions of prior notes and legal services.

The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock we issued pays dividends to the holders at an annual rate of 6%, payable monthly in arrears. As of March 31, 2010, we recorded a dividends payable of \$50,000 which was included in accrued liabilities.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2010, liquid assets consisted primarily of cash and cash equivalents of \$6,404,000 and marketable securities of \$3,662,000, for a total of \$10,066,000, which is \$320,000 lower than \$10,386,000 in liquid assets as of December 31, 2009.

Merriman Curhan Ford & Co., as a broker-dealer, is subject to Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which specifies uniform minimum net capital requirements, as defined, for their registrants. As of March 31, 2010, Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. had regulatory net capital of \$4,419,000 which exceeded the required amount by \$4,075,000.

#### Results of Operations

#### Regulation G Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In evaluating our financial performance, management reviews results from operations excluding non-operating revenues and expenses. Such pro-forma results are non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) performance measures but we believe it is useful to assist investors in gaining an understanding of the trends and results of our core business. Pro-forma results should be viewed in addition to, and not instead of, our reported results under U.S. GAAP.

The following is a reconciliation of U.S. GAAP results to pro-forma results for the period presented.

Three Months Ended March 31,

				ince months.	Elided March 3	,		
		2010			2009			
	As Reported	Less ICD I	ess Other (1	) Pro-Forma	As Reported	Less ICD	Less Other (1)	Pro-Forma
Revenue:								
Commissions	\$ 10,428,255	\$7,121,602	\$ -	\$3,306,653	\$ 9,117,928	\$6,073,877	\$ -	\$3,044,051
Principal								
transactions	(206,781)	-	(447,798)	241,017	(842,536)	-	(1,011,777)	169,241
Investment								
banking	6,046,673	-	-	6,046,673	1,216,417	-	-	1,216,417
Advisory and								
other fees	239,373	-	-	239,373	558,813	-	-	558,813
Total revenue	16,507,520	7,121,602	(447,798)	9,833,716	10,050,622	6,073,877	(1,011,777)	4,988,522
Operating								
expenses:								
Compensation								
and								
benefits	11,915,532	6,359,281	-	5,556,251	9,265,167	5,615,703	-	3,649,464
Brokerage and								
clearing fees	458,216	21,126	-	437,090	312,959	14,930	-	298,029
Professional								
services	466,794	204,246	-	262,548	767,234	2,050	-	765,184
Occupancy and								
equipment	482,781	8,177	-	474,604	576,390	17,509	-	558,881
Communications								
and technology	694,502	152,429	-	542,073	721,265	43,507	-	677,758
Depreciation and								
amortization	102,491	-	-	102,491	147,242	-	-	147,242
Travel and								
entertainment	525,932	227,423	-	298,509	235,124	155,994	-	79,130
Legal and								
litigation								
settlement								
expense	390,077	68,966	179,544	141,567	345,516	16,544		(447,413)
Other expenses	1,103,969	45,467	-	1,058,502	696,623	60,126	-	636,497