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(Mark one)

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DESCRIPTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009

OR

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-32147 Greenhill & Co., Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 51-0500737

(State of Incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Park Avenue

New York, New York

10022

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number (212) 389-1500

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 b 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 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 the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o accelerated filer o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of July 24, 2009, there were 28,156,741 shares of the registrant s common stock outstanding.

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Greenhill & Co., Inc. files current, annual and quarterly reports, proxy statements and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC s public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, U.S.A. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC s internet site at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of these reports, proxy statements and other information can also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005, U.S.A.

Our public internet site is http://www.greenhill.com. We will make available free of charge through our internet site, via a link to the SEC s internet site at http://www.sec.gov, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed on behalf of directors and executive officers and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Also posted on our website in the Corporate Governance section, and available in print upon request of any stockholder to the Investor Relations Department, are charters for the company s Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics governing our directors, officers and employees. You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader software installed on your computer to view these documents, which are in PDF format.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

Greenhill & Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition

	As of		
	June 30, 2009 (unaudited)	December 31, 2008	
Assets	,		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,048,701	\$ 62,848,655	
Financial advisory fees receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts			
of \$0.0 million and \$0.3 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31,			
2008, respectively	25,986,816	26,255,995	
Other receivables	5,738,007	4,434,227	
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$38.0 million and \$35.5 million as of June 30, 2009 and December 31,			
2008, respectively	11,634,827	12,074,207	
Investments in affiliated merchant banking funds	68,642,271	73,412,898	
Other investments	40,159,439	34,951,710	
Due from affiliates	1,268,905	455,615	
Goodwill	16,948,567	16,133,050	
Deferred tax asset	35,712,335	33,996,719	
Other assets	663,699	1,216,117	
Total assets	\$ 261,803,567	\$ 265,779,193	
Liabilities and Equity			
Compensation payable	\$ 4,987,550	\$ 19,448,513	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,683,178	9,614,649	
Bank loan payable	33,375,000	26,500,000	
Taxes payable	1,629,860	10,149,231	
Total liabilities	44,675,588	65,712,393	
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 33,120,076 and 32,830,423 shares issued as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively; 28,155,943 and 27,981,150 shares			
outstanding as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	331,201	328,304	
Restricted stock units	69,886,518	59,525,357	
Additional paid-in capital Evaluation of subsidiary 257 156 shares issued and 208 418	224,682,364	213,365,812	
Exchangeable shares of subsidiary; 257,156 shares issued and 208,418 shares outstanding as of June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	12 442 555	12 442 555	
Retained earnings	12,442,555 185,818,041	12,442,555 189,357,441	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(10,477,878)	(17,408,714)	
Treasury stock, at cost, par value \$0.01 per share; 4,945,313 and 4,849,273 shares as of June 30, 2009	(10,7/7,0/0)	(17,400,714)	
and December 31, 2008, respectively	(267,086,584)	(259,361,550)	

Stockholders equity Noncontrolling interests	215,596,217 1,531,762	198,249,205 1,817,595
Total equity	217,127,979	200,066,800
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 261,803,567	\$ 265,779,193

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Greenhill & Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,			For the Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2	009	2008		2009	,	2008
Revenues							
Financial advisory fees	\$ 45,5	511,600	\$ 4	49,892,910	\$ 110,656,294	\$ 1	119,342,305
Merchant banking revenue	8,3	345,598		57,728,641	4,954,843		62,259,456
Interest income		243,538		1,048,124	316,278		2,448,299
Total revenues	54,1	100,736	10	08,669,675	115,927,415	1	184,050,060
Expenses							
Employee compensation and benefits	25,2	215,512	4	49,838,192	53,655,786		84,513,169
Occupancy and equipment rental	3,0	022,834		2,770,988	5,572,830		5,385,936
Depreciation and amortization	1,2	277,820		1,146,535	2,431,581		2,252,356
Information services	1,2	256,388		1,325,522	2,745,994		3,059,004
Professional fees	1,5	552,136		1,287,675	2,984,252		2,211,974
Travel related expenses	1,9	984,481		1,652,221	3,896,168		3,599,115
Interest expense	3	341,958		911,155	695,604		2,067,341
Other operating expenses	2,3	301,531		2,715,864	4,402,035		3,907,927
Total expenses	36,9	952,660	(61,648,152	76,384,250]	106,996,822
Income before taxes	17,1	148,076	4	47,021,523	39,543,165		77,053,238
Provision for taxes	6,8	354,759		17,727,176	15,531,376		28,596,829
Consolidated net income Less: Net income (loss) allocated to	10,2	293,317	,	29,294,347	24,011,789		48,456,409
noncontrolling interests		509		375,975	(179,134)		325,776
Net income allocated to common							
stockholders	\$ 10,2	292,808	\$ 2	28,918,372	\$ 24,190,923	\$	48,130,633
Average shares outstanding:							
Basic	29 4	508,520	,	27,848,736	29,495,056		27,903,707
Diluted	29,623,249			27,904,439	29,572,969		27,962,961
Earnings per share:	27,0	,_,,_,,	•	27,701,107	2,5,0,2,00		2.,,502,501
Basic	\$	0.35	\$	1.04	\$ 0.82	\$	1.72
Diluted	\$	0.35	\$	1.04	\$ 0.82	\$	1.72
Dividends declared and paid per share	\$	0.45	\$	0.45	\$ 0.90	\$	0.90
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Greenhill & Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

	For the Th	ree Months			
	En	ded	For the Six Months Ended		
	June 30,		June 30,		
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
Consolidated net income	\$10,293,317	\$ 29,294,347	\$ 24,011,789	\$48,456,409	
Currency translation adjustment, net of tax	8,749,380	384,990	6,930,836	852,360	
Comprehensive income Less: Net income (loss) allocated to	19,042,697	29,679,337	30,942,625	49,308,769	
noncontrolling interests	509	375,975	(179,134)	325,776	
Comprehensive income allocated to common	4.00.4		4		
stockholders	\$ 19,042,188	\$ 29,303,362	\$31,121,759	\$48,982,993	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Greenhill & Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2008
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	` ,	
Common stock, beginning of the year Common stock issued	\$ 328,304 2,897	\$ 312,322 15,982
Common stock, end of the period	331,201	328,304
Restricted stock units		
Restricted stock units, beginning of the year	59,525,357	42,743,802
Restricted stock units recognized	20,292,003	32,196,650
Restricted stock units delivered	(9,930,842)	(15,415,095)
Restricted stock units, end of the period	69,886,518	59,525,357
Additional paid-in capital		
Additional paid-in capital, beginning of the year	213,365,812	126,268,395
Common stock issued	10,089,033	85,940,317
Tax benefit from the delivery of restricted stock units	1,227,519	1,157,100
Additional paid-in capital, end of the period	224,682,364	213,365,812
Exchangeable shares of subsidiary		
Exchangeable shares of subsidiary, beginning of the year	12,442,555	15,352,213
Exchangeable shares of subsidiary delivered		(2,909,658)
Exchangeable shares of subsidiary, end of the period	12,442,555	12,442,555
Retained earnings		
Retained earnings, beginning of the year	189,357,441	190,416,057
Dividends	(27,730,323)	(50,036,686)
Net income allocated to common shareholders	24,190,923	48,978,070
Retained earnings, end of the period	185,818,041	189,357,441
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), beginning of the year	(17,408,714)	4,727,125
Currency translation adjustment, net	6,930,836	(22,135,839)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), end of the period	(10,477,878)	(17,408,714)
Treasury stock, at cost; par value \$0.01 per share		
Treasury stock, beginning of the year	(259,361,550)	(237,529,448)

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Repurchased	(7,725,034)	(21,832,102)
Treasury stock, end of the period	(267,086,584)	(259,361,550)
Total stockholders equity	215,596,217	198,249,205
Noncontrolling interests		
Noncontrolling interests, beginning of the year	1,817,595	2,253,122
Net loss allocated to noncontrolling interests	(179,134)	(511,670)
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	18,000	318,101
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(124,699)	(241,958)
Noncontrolling interests, end of period	1,531,762	1,817,595
Total equity	\$ 217,127,979	\$ 200,066,800

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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Greenhill & Co., Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2009	2008	
Operating activities:			
Consolidated net income	\$ 24,011,789	\$ 48,456,409	
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash provided by			
(used in) operating activities:			
Non-cash items included in net income:			
Depreciation and amortization	2,431,581	2,252,356	
Net investment losses (gains)	3,999,083	(52,618,053)	
Restricted stock units recognized and common stock issued	20,458,261	16,734,815	
Deferred taxes	(1,715,616)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Financial advisory fees receivable	269,179	2,789,417	
Due to (from) affiliates	(813,290)	(418,142)	
Other receivables and assets	(711,709)	170,380	
Compensation payable	(14,460,963)	(62,025,950)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,931,471)	(1,709,464)	
Taxes payable	(8,519,371)	(8,579,143)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	20,017,473	(54,947,375)	
Investing activities:			
Purchases of merchant banking investments	(7,635,270)	(13,425,116)	
Purchases of investments	(525,000)	(1,212,500)	
Proceeds from investments		11,232,727	
Distributions from investments	7,889,307	3,953,659	
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,743,880)	(1,368,889)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,014,843)	(820,119)	
Financing activities:			
Proceeds of revolving bank loan	62,875,000	54,600,000	
Repayment of revolving bank loan	(56,000,000)	(63,075,000)	
Repayment of notes to UK members		(1,445,044)	
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	18,000	24,744	
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(124,699)	(220,260)	
Dividends paid	(27,730,323)	(26,024,156)	
Purchase of treasury stock	(7,725,034)	(21,041,463)	
Net tax benefit from the delivery of restricted stock units and payment of			
dividend equivalents	1,227,519	1,215,596	
Net cash used in financing activities	(27,459,537)	(55,965,583)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,656,953	213,355	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(7,799,954)	(111,519,722)	

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	62,848,655	191,670,516		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 55,048,701	\$ 80,150,794		
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Cash paid for interest	\$ 663,181	\$ 1,863,805		
Cash paid for taxes, net of refunds	\$ 25,764,840	\$ 36,709,943		
See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited). 8				

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) Note 1 Organization

Greenhill & Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation, together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), is an independent investment banking firm. The Company acts for clients located throughout the world from offices located in New York, London, Frankfurt, Toronto, Tokyo, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and will open an office in Houston shortly.

The Company s activities as an investment banking firm constitute a single business segment, with two principal sources of revenue:

Financial advisory, which includes engagements relating to mergers, acquisitions, financing advisory and restructurings, and fund placement advisory; and

Merchant banking, which includes the management of outside capital invested in the Company s merchant banking funds and other similar vehicles, primarily Greenhill Capital Partners (GCP I), Greenhill Capital Partners II (GCP II), Greenhill Capital Partners Europe (GCP Europe), and Greenhill SAV Partners (GSAVP together with GCP I, GCP II and GCP Europe, the Greenhill Funds), and the Company s principal investments in the Greenhill Funds and other merchant banking funds and similar vehicles.

The Company s U.S. and international wholly-owned subsidiaries include Greenhill & Co., LLC (G&Co), Greenhill Capital Partners, LLC (GCPLLC), Greenhill Venture Partners, LLC (GVP), Greenhill Aviation Co., LLC (GAC), Greenhill & Co. Europe Holdings Limited (GCE), and Greenhill & Co. Holding Canada Ltd (GCH) and Greenhill & Co. Japan Ltd. (GCJ).

G&Co is a registered broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is registered with the Financial Industry Regulation Authority. G&Co is engaged in the investment banking business principally in North America.

GCE is a U.K. based holding company. GCE controls Greenhill & Co. International LLP (GCI), Greenhill & Co Europe LLP (GCEI) and Greenhill Capital Partners Europe LLP (GCPE), through its controlling membership interests. GCI and GCEI are engaged in investment banking activities, principally in Europe, and are subject to regulation by the U.K. Financial Services Authority (FSA). GCPE is also regulated by the FSA and provides investment advisory services to GCP Europe, the Company s UK-based private equity fund that invests in a diversified portfolio of private equity and equity related investments in mid-market companies located primarily in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe. The majority of the investors in GCP Europe are third parties; however, the Company and its employees have also made investments in GCP Europe.

The Company, through Greenhill & Co. Canada Ltd., a wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary of GCH, engages in investment banking activities in Canada.

GCPLLC is an investment adviser, registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (IAA). GCPLLC provides investment advisory services to GCP I and GCP II, our U.S. based private equity funds that invest in a diversified portfolio of private equity and equity related investments. The majority of the investors in GCP I and GCP II are third parties; however, the Company and its employees have also made investments in GCP I and GCP II.

GVP is an investment advisor, registered under the IAA. GVP provides investment advisory services to GSAVP, our venture funds that invest in early growth stage companies in the tech-enabled and business information services industries. The majority of the investors in GSAVP are third parties; however, the Company and its employees have also made investments in GSAVP.

GAC owns and operates an aircraft, which is used for the exclusive benefit of the Company s employees and their immediate family members.

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On February 21, 2008, the Company completed the initial public offering of units in its subsidiary, GHL Acquisition Corp., a blank check company (GHLAC). In the offering, GHLAC sold 40,000,000 units for an aggregate purchase price of \$400,000,000. Each unit consists of one share of GHLAC s common stock and one warrant (the Founder Warrants). In addition, the Company purchased private placement warrants for an aggregate purchase price of \$8,000,000 (the GHLAC Private Placement Warrants , together with the Founder Warrants, the GHLAC Warrants). As of June 30, 2009, the Company owns 8,369,563 (17.3%) of the outstanding common stock of GHLAC, 8,369,563 Founder Warrants and 8,000,000 GHLAC Private Placement Warrants. As a result of its public offering, GHLAC is no longer a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. See Note 3 Investments Other Investments and Note 11 Subsequent Events .

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Basis of Financial Information

These condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require management to make estimates and assumptions regarding future events that affect the amounts reported in our financial statements and these footnotes, including investment valuations, compensation accruals and other matters. Management believes that the estimates used in preparing its condensed consolidated financial statements are reasonable and prudent. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period information to conform to current period presentation.

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company include all consolidated accounts of Greenhill & Co., Inc. and all other entities in which the Company has a controlling interest, including GCI, GCEI and GCPE, after eliminations of all significant inter-company accounts and transactions. In accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, (FIN 46-R), the Company consolidates the general partners of its merchant banking funds in which it has a majority of the economic interest. The general partners account for their investments in their merchant banking funds under the equity method of accounting pursuant to Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 18, The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock (APB 18). As such, the general partners record their proportionate shares of income (loss) from the underlying merchant banking funds. As the merchant banking funds follow investment company accounting, and generally record all their assets and liabilities at fair value, the general partners investment in merchant banking funds represent an estimation of fair value. The Company does not consolidate the merchant banking funds since the Company, through its general partner and limited partner interests, does not have a majority of the economic interest in such funds and under EITF No. 04-5,

Accounting for an Investment in a Limited Partnership When the Investor Is the Sole General Partner and the Limited Partners Have Certain Rights (EITF 04-5), is subject to removal by a simple majority of unaffiliated third-party investors.

These condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The condensed consolidated financial information as of December 31, 2008 has been derived from audited consolidated financial statements not included herein. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire year.

Noncontrolling Interests

The Company adopted FASB Statement No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 (SFAS 160), as of January 1, 2009. SFAS 160 requires reporting entities to present noncontrolling (minority) interests as equity (as opposed to as a liability or mezzanine equity), present income allocated to both noncontrolling interests and common stockholders, and provides guidance on the accounting for transactions between an entity and noncontrolling interests. The Company has revised its prior period presentation, as required, to conform to this new pronouncement.

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The portion of the consolidated interests in the general partners of our merchant banking funds, which are held directly by employees of the Company are represented as noncontrolling interests in equity.

Revenue Recognition

Financial Advisory Fees

The Company recognizes financial advisory fee revenue for mergers and acquisitions or financing advisory and restructuring engagements when the services related to the underlying transactions are completed in accordance with the terms of its engagement letters. The Company recognizes fund placement advisory fees at the time of the client s acceptance of capital or capital commitments in accordance with the terms of the engagement letter. Retainer fees are recognized as financial advisory fee revenue over the period in which the related service is rendered.

The Company s clients reimburse certain expenses incurred by the Company in the conduct of financial advisory engagements. Expenses are reported net of such client reimbursements. Client reimbursements totaled \$1.1 million for both the three months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 and \$1.5 million and \$1.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Merchant Banking and Other Revenues

Merchant banking revenues consist of (i) management fees on the Company s merchant banking activities, (ii) gains (or losses) on investments in the Company s investment in merchant banking funds and other principal investment activities, and (iii) merchant banking profit overrides.

Management fees earned from the Company s merchant banking activities are recognized over the period of related service.

The Company recognizes revenue on investments in its merchant banking funds based on its allocable share of realized and unrealized gains (or losses) reported by such funds. Investments held by merchant banking funds are recorded at estimated fair value. The value of merchant banking fund investments in privately held companies is determined by the general partner of the fund after giving consideration to the cost of the security, the pricing of other sales of securities by the portfolio company, the price of securities of other companies comparable to the portfolio company, purchase multiples paid in other comparable third-party transactions, the original purchase price multiple, market conditions, liquidity, operating results and other qualitative and quantitative factors. Discounts may be applied to the funds privately held investments to reflect the lack of liquidity and other transfer restrictions. Investments held by the merchant banking funds as well as those held by the Company in publicly traded securities are valued using quoted market prices discounted for any legal or contractual restrictions on sale. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuations as well as the discounts applied, the estimated fair values of investments in privately held companies may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. The values at which the Company s investments are carried on its books are adjusted to estimated fair value at the end of each quarter and the volatility in general economic conditions, stock markets and commodity prices may result in significant changes in the estimated fair value of the investments.

The Company recognizes merchant banking profit overrides when certain financial returns are achieved over the life of the fund. Profit overrides are generally calculated as a percentage of the profits over a specified threshold earned by each fund on investments managed on behalf of unaffiliated investors in GCP I and principally all investors except the Company in GCP II, GCP Europe and GSAVP. The profit overrides earned by the Company are recognized on an accrual basis throughout the year in accordance with Method 2 of EITF Issue No. D-96, Accounting for Management Fees Based on a Formula (EITF D-96). In accordance with Method 2 of EITF D-96, the Company records as revenue the amount that would be due pursuant to the fund agreements at each period end as if the fund agreements were terminated at that date. Overrides are generally calculated on a deal-by-deal basis but are subject to investment performance over the life of each merchant banking fund. We may be required to repay a portion of the overrides paid to the limited partners of the funds in the event a minimum performance level is not achieved by the fund as a

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whole (we refer to these potential repayments as clawbacks). We would be required to establish a reserve for potential clawbacks if we were to determine the likelihood of a clawback is probable and the amount of the clawback can be reasonably estimated. As of June 30, 2009, the Company has not reserved for any clawback obligations under applicable fund agreements. See Note 3 Investments for further discussion of the merchant banking revenues recognized.

Investments

The Company s investments in merchant banking funds are recorded under the equity method of accounting based upon the Company s proportionate share of the fair value of the underlying merchant banking fund s net assets. The Company s holdings of the GHLAC common stock is also recorded under the equity method of accounting. The Company s other investments are recorded at estimated fair value.

Financial Advisory Fees Receivables

Receivables are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The estimate for the allowance for doubtful accounts is derived by the Company by utilizing past client transaction history and an assessment of the client s creditworthiness. The Company reversed bad debt expense previously recorded of \$0.3 million during the six months ended June 30, 2009. No bad debt expense was recorded for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

Restricted Stock Units

In accordance with the fair va