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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 16, 2014

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated January 13, 2014)

\$

% Senior Notes due

The % Senior Notes due (the Notes) will mature on , , unless earlier redeemed. We will pay interest on the Notes semi-annually in arrears on each and , beginning , 2014. We have the option to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at any time, or from time to time, as described in this prospectus supplement.

The Notes will be our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally with all of our future unsecured senior indebtedness.

We do not intend to list the Notes on any securities exchange.

Investing in the Notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement and in our other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and which we incorporate by reference herein.

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$
Proceeds to Legg Mason, Inc. (before expenses)	%	\$

⁽¹⁾ Plus accrued interest from January , 2014, if settlement occurs after that date.

Delivery of the Notes in book-entry only form will be made through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and its participants, including Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. on or about January , 2014.

Joint Book-Running Managers

J.P. Morgan

Citigroup

January , 2014

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We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus prepared by us or incorporated by reference herein or therein. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by us do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus prepared by us nor any sale made hereunder or thereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained or incorporated by reference herein or therein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

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This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of the offering of the Notes and also adds to and updates the information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to the Notes. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information

contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document that has previously been filed, on the other hand, the information in this prospectus supplement shall control.

Unless provided otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus supplement to the Company, Legg Mason, we, us and our are to Legg Mason, Inc. and to its predecessors and subsidiaries.

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FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements included in this prospectus supplement, the related prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements may contain information related, but not limited to:

anticipated growth in revenues, margins or earnings per share;

anticipated future net client cash flows, and uses for free cash;

anticipated future performance of our business, including expected earnings per share in future periods;

anticipated changes in our business or in the amount of client assets under management;

anticipated expense levels, changes in expenses and expectations regarding financial market conditions;

anticipated investment performance of, or levels of asset flows to, asset management products we manage;

anticipated future investment performance of our affiliates;

anticipated future transactions such as acquisitions; and

anticipated performance of recent, pending and future acquisitions.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, could, would, should, expect, plan, anticipate, intend, believe, estimate, predict, potential or continue or the negative of the comparable terminology. These statements are only predictions. Actual events or results may differ materially due to a number of factors including, but not limited to:

the volatility and general level of securities prices and interest rates;

the competitive nature of the asset management industry;

changes in investor sentiment and confidence;

changes in domestic and foreign economic and market conditions;

changes in our total assets under management or their composition due to investment performance, client withdrawals or inflows, market conditions, competitive pressures or other reasons;

the mix of our assets under management among our affiliates and the revenue yield of our assets under management;

the relative investment performance of company-sponsored investment funds and other asset management products both in absolute terms and relative to competing offerings and market indices;

our ability to maintain investment management and administrative fees at current levels;

the loss of key employees or principals of our current or future operating subsidiaries;

fluctuations in operating expenses due to variations in levels of compensation expense incurred as a result of changes in the number of total employees, competitive factors, changes in the percentages of revenues paid as compensation or other reasons;

the effect of current and future federal, state and foreign regulation of the asset management industry, including potential liability under applicable securities laws;

market, credit and liquidity risks associated with our investment management activities;

variations in expenses and capital costs, including depreciation, amortization and other non-cash charges incurred by us to maintain our administrative infrastructure;

the impairment of acquired intangible assets and goodwill;

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costs associated with any credit support activities we engage in with regard to funds managed by our subsidiaries;

potential restrictions on the business of, and withdrawal of capital from, certain of our subsidiaries due to net capital requirements;

unanticipated costs that may be incurred by Legg Mason from time to time to protect client goodwill, to otherwise support investment products or in connection with litigation or regulatory proceedings; and

the effect of any acquisitions and dispositions, including prior acquisitions.

We have no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus supplement, the related prospectus or any documents incorporated by reference. In assessing these forward-looking statements you should carefully consider the factors discussed under the captions "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We caution the reader that these risk factors may not be exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment, and new risks emerge from time to time. Management cannot predict such new risks or the impact of such new risks on our businesses. Accordingly, forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as a prediction of actual results.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained or incorporated by reference in the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference carefully before investing. You should also review Risk Factors to determine whether an investment in the Notes is appropriate for you.

Legg Mason, Inc.

Legg Mason is a global asset management company. Acting through our subsidiaries, we provide investment management and related services to institutional and individual clients, company sponsored mutual funds and other pooled investment vehicles. We offer these products and services directly and through various financial intermediaries. We have operations principally in the United States of America and the United Kingdom and also have offices in Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Dubai, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland and Taiwan.

Legg Mason, Inc. was incorporated in Maryland in 1981 to serve as a holding company for its various subsidiaries. The predecessor companies to Legg Mason trace back to Legg & Co., a Maryland-based broker-dealer formed in 1899. Our subsequent growth has occurred primarily through internal expansion and the acquisition of asset management and broker-dealer firms. In December 2005, Legg Mason completed a transaction in which it sold its primary broker-dealer businesses to concentrate on the asset management industry.

Recent Developments

Preliminary Unaudited Results and Assets Under Management for Our Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014

We recently reported our unaudited preliminary results for our third fiscal quarter, which ended December 31, 2013. These results are preliminary and are subject to completion of our financial closing procedures. Those procedures have not yet been completed and, accordingly, these results may change and those changes may be material. Our independent auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, has not audited, reviewed, compiled or performed any procedures with respect to the preliminary financial data included in this prospectus supplement and, accordingly, does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

We expect our net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2013 to be in the range of \$0.65 to \$0.68 per diluted share, or \$79 million to \$83 million, which is above current analysts' consensus estimates. The expected results reflect a decrease from our net income in the September quarter, which was \$86 million or \$0.70 per diluted share. This quarter's earnings included:

A higher expected effective tax rate of 36%, compared with 18% in the second fiscal quarter, as last quarter's results included a United Kingdom tax benefit of \$19 million or \$0.16 per diluted share.

Severance and other operating expenses related to previously announced corporate initiatives, including the closing down or reorganizing of certain businesses of \$12 million, or \$0.07 per diluted share compared with \$9.5 million, or \$0.05 per diluted share, of such costs in the prior quarter.

This quarter's results also include an expected \$5 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, charge for an adjustment to increase the contingent payment liability related to the Fauchier acquisition, as the acquired business has performed better than initially projected.

In addition, the expected earnings include approximately \$48 million to \$52 million in performance fees in the quarter, as compared to \$17 million in the prior quarter.

Our preliminary Assets Under Management as of December 31, 2013 were \$680 billion, composed of \$182.5 billion of equity, \$355.6 billion of fixed income and \$141.4 billion of liquidity. The increase during the quarter arose from \$14 billion in market appreciation (including a \$4 billion negative foreign exchange impact), as well as \$10 billion of inflows. The inflows consisted of \$10 billion of positive liquidity flows and \$700 million of fixed income inflows, offset by an equal amount of equity outflows.

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We have provided a range for our preliminary results described above because our financial closing procedures for our third fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013 are not yet complete. We currently expect that our final results will be within the ranges described above, which represent the most current information available to management. However, these figures are preliminary estimates and our actual results may differ materially from these estimates due to the completion of our financial closing procedures, final adjustments and other developments that may arise between now and the time our financial results for our third fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013 are finalized.

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The summary below sets forth some of the principal terms of the Notes. Please read the Description of Notes section in this prospectus supplement and the Description of Debt Securities section in the accompanying prospectus for a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the Notes.

Issuer	Legg Mason, Inc.
Notes	\$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due .
Maturity of Notes	The Notes mature on , unless redeemed as described below under Description of Notes Optional Redemption.
Interest Rate	% per annum
Interest Payment Dates	We will pay interest on the Notes on each and , beginning on , 2014.
Change of Control Repurchase Event	If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, we must offer to repurchase all the Notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date. See Description of Notes Covenants Offer to Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.
Limitations on Sales of Designated Subsidiaries	If, at the time when any of the 5.50% Notes are outstanding, we or a subsidiary reduces our ownership of a class or series of capital stock in a Designated Subsidiary to below 80%, in certain circumstances, we will be required to redeem or repay debt secured by such capital stock, repay term loans under any Credit Agreement otherwise maturing within one year, invest in Additional Assets or offer to repay the Notes as described under Description of Notes Covenants Limitation on Dispositions of Capital Stock of Designated Subsidiaries.
Limitations on Liens	We and our subsidiaries will not create, assume, incur or guarantee any indebtedness that is secured by a Lien on any Voting Stock or profit participating equity interests of any Significant Subsidiary, without providing that the Notes will be equally and ratably secured. See Description of Notes Covenants Limitations on Liens.

Ranking	The Notes will be our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated senior indebtedness from time to time outstanding.
Optional Redemption	We have the option to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at any time, or from time to time, on no less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice mailed to holders thereof at the applicable make-whole price set forth in this prospectus supplement. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption.
Sinking Fund	None.
Use of Proceeds	We expect to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay all or a portion of outstanding borrowings under a five-year term loan facility maturing in 2017. See Use of Proceeds.
No Listing	We do not intend to list the Notes on any securities exchange.

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Trustee and Paying Agent	The Bank of New York Mellon.
Governing Law	New York law.
Certain Risk Factors	An investment in the Notes involves risks. Please refer to the risk factors beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement and the risk factors included in the reports we file with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act which we incorporate by reference herein.
Conflicts of Interest	Affiliates of the underwriters are lenders under the Company's Credit Agreement and will receive more than 5% of the proceeds of the offering. Accordingly, this offering will be made in compliance with the applicable provisions of FINRA Rule 5121. See Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest).

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The following table sets forth summary consolidated financial data. We derived the summary operating results for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, and the summary balance sheet data as of March 31, 2013 and 2012 from our audited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. The summary operating results for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, and the balance sheet data as of March 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. The summary operating results for the six-months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 and the summary balance sheet data as of September 30, 2013 and 2012 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with our audited consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of our management, include all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations for such periods. This summary financial data is qualified by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, our historical financial statements, including the notes thereto. Operating results for the six months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of operating results that may be expected for the full fiscal year.

**Six Months
Ended
September 30,
(unaudited)**

**Years Ended March 31,
2012 2011 2010 2009**
(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

	2013	2012	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
OPERATING RESULTS							
Operating revenues	\$ 1,340,269	\$ 1,270,987	\$ 2,612,650	\$ 2,662,574	\$ 2,784,317	\$ 2,634,879	\$ 3,357,367
Operating expenses, excluding impairment	1,150,369	1,115,176	2,313,149	2,323,821	2,397,509	2,313,696	2,718,577
Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill			734,000				1,307,970
Operating income (loss)	189,900	155,811	(434,499)	338,753	386,808	321,183	(669,180)
Other non-operating expense	(13,170)	(73,669)	(73,287)	(54,006)	(23,315)	(32,027)	(243,577)
Other non-operating income (expense) of consolidated investment	5,008	(2,631)	(2,821)	18,336	1,704	17,329	7,796

vehicles, net							
Fund support						23,171	(2,283,236)
Income (loss) before income tax provision (benefit)	181,738	79,511	(510,607)	303,083	365,197	329,656	(3,188,197)
Income tax provision (benefit)	44,945	11,400	(150,859)	72,052	119,434	118,676	(1,223,203)
Net income (loss)	136,793	68,111	(359,748)	231,031	245,763	210,980	(1,964,994)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,690	(3,228)	(6,421)	10,214	(8,160)	6,623	2,924
Net income (loss) attributable to Legg Mason, Inc.	\$ 134,103	\$ 71,339	\$ (353,327)	\$ 220,817	\$ 253,923	\$ 204,357	\$ (1,967,918)

BALANCE SHEET

Total assets	\$ 6,910,559	\$ 7,874,899	\$ 7,269,660	\$ 8,555,747	\$ 8,707,756	\$ 8,622,632	\$ 9,232,299
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	1,095,217	1,152,839	1,144,954	1,136,892	1,201,868	1,170,334	2,740,190
Total stockholders equity	4,761,270	5,456,500	4,818,351	5,677,291	5,770,384	5,841,724	4,598,625

FINANCIAL RATIOS AND OTHER DATA

Total debt to total capital ⁽²⁾	18.7%	17.4%	19.2%	19.6%	20.1%	19.6%	39.4%
Assets under management (<i>in millions</i>) at period end	\$ 656,023	\$ 650,700	\$ 664,609	\$ 643,318	\$ 677,646	\$ 684,549	\$ 632,404

(1) Includes current portion of long-term debt.

(2) Calculated based on total debt as a percentage of total capital (total stockholders equity plus total debt).

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in the Notes involves various material risks. Before making your investment decision, you should carefully review the following risk factors and the risks discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on May 24, 2013, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, or any similar caption in the documents that we subsequently file with the SEC that are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, and the accompanying prospectus, and in any pricing term sheet that we provide you in connection with the offering of Notes pursuant to this prospectus supplement. You should also carefully review the other risks and uncertainties discussed in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated and deemed to be incorporated by reference and in any such pricing term sheet.

Risks Relating to Our Business

Our Leverage May Affect Our Business and May Restrict Our Operating Results

At September 30, 2013, on a consolidated basis, we had approximately \$1.1 billion in total indebtedness, excluding debt of consolidated investment vehicles for which we are not responsible, and total stockholders' equity of \$4.8 billion, and our goodwill and other intangible assets were \$1.3 billion and \$3.2 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, we had \$500 million of additional borrowing capacity available under our various credit agreements, subject to certain conditions and compliance with the covenants in our outstanding indebtedness. As a result of this substantial indebtedness, we are required to use a significant portion of our cash flow to service principal and interest on our debt, which will limit the cash flow available for other business opportunities. In addition, these servicing obligations would increase in the future if we incur additional indebtedness.

Our ability to make scheduled payments of principal, to pay interest, or to refinance our indebtedness and to satisfy our other debt obligations will depend upon our future operating performance, which may be affected by general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, business and other factors beyond our control and by a variety of factors specific to our business.

The level of our indebtedness could:

limit our ability to obtain additional debt financing in the future or to borrow under our existing credit facilities (our principal bank debt facility requires that (i) our ratio of net debt (total debt less unrestricted cash in excess of working capital) to Consolidated EBITDA (as defined therein) not exceed 2.5 to 1, and (ii) our ratio of Consolidated EBITDA to total cash interest payments on certain Indebtedness (as defined therein) exceeds 4 to 1);

limit cash flow available for general corporate purposes due to the ongoing cash flow requirements for debt service;

limit our flexibility, including our ability to react to competitive and other changes in the industry and economic conditions; and

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt. As of September 30, 2013, under the terms of our bank credit agreement our ratio of net debt to Consolidated EBITDA was 1.5 to 1 and our ratio of Consolidated EBITDA to interest expense was 11.9 to 1, and, therefore, Legg Mason was in compliance with its bank financial covenants. If our net income significantly declines for any reason, it may be difficult to remain in compliance with these covenants. Similarly, to the extent that we spend our available cash for purposes other than repaying debt or acquiring businesses that increase our EBITDA, we will increase our net debt to Consolidated EBITDA ratio. Although there are actions that we may take if our financial covenant compliance becomes an issue, there can be no assurance that Legg Mason will remain in compliance with its bank debt covenants.

In addition, the terms of the \$650 million senior notes that we issued in May 2012 provide limitations on our ability to sell, and the use of proceeds from any sale of, certain significant subsidiaries.

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Our access to credit on reasonable terms is also partially dependent on our credit ratings. If our credit ratings are downgraded, it will likely become more difficult and costly for us to access the credit markets or otherwise incur new debt.

Upon the occurrence of various events, such as a change of control, some or all of our outstanding debt obligations may come due prior to their maturity dates and may require payments in excess of their outstanding amounts, which in certain circumstances may be significant.

We May Support Money Market Funds to Maintain Their Stable Net Asset Values, or Other Products We Manage, Which Could Affect our Revenues or Operating Results

Approximately 21% of our assets under management as of December 31, 2013, consisted of assets in money market funds. Money market funds seek to preserve a stable net asset value. The money market funds our asset managers manage have always maintained this stable net asset value. However, there is no guarantee that this stable net asset value will be achieved in the future. Market conditions could lead to severe liquidity or security pricing issues, which could impact their net asset values. If the net asset value of a money market fund managed by our asset managers were to fall below its stable net asset value, we would likely experience significant redemptions in assets under management and reputational harm, which could have a material adverse effect on our revenues or net income.

If a money market fund's stable net asset value comes under pressure, we may elect, as we have done in the past, to provide credit, liquidity, or other support to the fund. We may also elect to provide similar or other support, including by providing liquidity to a fund, to other products we manage for any number of reasons. We are not legally required to support any money market fund or other product and there can be no assurance that any support would be sufficient to avoid an adverse impact on any product or investors in any product. A decision to provide support may arise from factors specific to our products or from industry-wide factors. If we elect to provide support, we could incur losses from the support we provide and incur additional costs, including financing costs, in connection with the support. These losses and additional costs could be material, and could adversely affect our earnings. If we were to take such actions we may also restrict our corporate assets, limiting our flexibility to use these assets for other purposes, and may be required to raise additional capital.

Poor Investment Performance Could Lead to a Loss of Assets Under Management and a Decline in Revenues

We believe that investment performance is one of the most important factors for the maintenance and growth of our assets under management. Poor investment performance, either on an absolute or relative basis, could impair our revenues and growth because:

existing clients might withdraw funds in favor of better performing products, which would result in lower investment advisory and other fees;

our ability to attract funds from existing and new clients might diminish; and

negative absolute investment performance will directly reduce our managed assets.

In addition, in the ordinary course of our business we may reduce or waive investment management fees, or limit total expenses, on certain products or services for particular time periods to manage fund expenses, or for other reasons,

and to help retain or increase managed assets. If our revenues decline without a commensurate reduction in our expenses, our net income will be reduced. During certain times over the last six fiscal years, several of our key equity and fixed income asset managers generated poor investment performance, on a relative basis or an absolute basis, in certain products or accounts that they managed. These investment performance issues contributed to a significant reduction in their assets under management and revenues and a reduction in performance fees. Although our overall investment performance has improved over the last three fiscal years, we still face performance issues with a number of our products, and there is typically a lag before improvements in investment performance produce a positive effect on asset flows. There can be no assurances as to when investment performance issues will cease to influence our assets under management and revenues.

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Our investment advisory and administrative contracts are generally terminable at will or upon relatively short notice, and investors in the mutual funds that we manage may redeem their investments in the funds at any time without prior notice. Institutional and individual clients can terminate their relationships with us, reduce the aggregate amount of assets under management, or shift their funds to other types of accounts with different rate structures for any number of reasons, including investment performance, changes in prevailing interest rates, changes in investment preferences of clients, changes in our reputation in the marketplace, changes in management or control of clients or third-party distributors with whom we have relationships, loss of key investment management or other personnel and financial market performance. This risk is underscored by the fact that we have two international clients that represented approximately 11.7% (primarily liquidity assets) and 2.7%, respectively, of our total assets under management as of March 31, 2013 that generated approximately 2.5% and less than 0.1%, respectively, of our operating revenues for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013. In addition, in a declining securities market, the pace of mutual fund redemptions and withdrawal of assets from other accounts could accelerate. Poor investment performance generally or relative to other investment management firms tends to result in decreased purchases of fund shares, increased redemptions of fund shares, and the loss of institutional or individual accounts. Due in part to investment performance issues, we have experienced net outflows of equity and fixed income assets under management for the last seven and six fiscal years, respectively. While the rate of outflows decreased in fiscal year 2013, there can be no assurances as to when, or if, the flows will reverse. During fiscal years 2013 and 2012 we had \$11.7 billion and \$27.5 billion, respectively, in aggregate net client outflows. The fiscal year 2013 outflows included \$20.4 billion in equity asset outflows and \$11.0 billion in fixed income asset outflows, which were partially offset by \$19.7 billion in liquidity asset inflows.

If We Are Unable to Maintain Our Fee Levels or If Our Asset Mix Changes, Our Revenues and Margins Could Be Reduced

Our profit margins and net income are dependent in significant part on our ability to maintain current fee levels for the products and services that our asset managers offer. There has been a trend toward lower fees in some segments of the asset management industry, and no assurances can be given that we will be able to maintain our current fee structure. Competition could lead to our asset managers reducing the fees that they charge their clients for products and services. See [Competition in the Asset Management Industry Could Reduce our Revenues and Net Income](#). In addition, our asset managers may be required to reduce their fee levels, or restructure the fees they charge, because of, among other things, regulatory initiatives or proceedings that are either industrywide or specifically targeted, or court decisions. A reduction in the fees that our asset managers charge for their products and services will reduce our revenues and could reduce our net income. These factors also could inhibit our ability to increase fees for certain products.

Our assets under management can generate very different revenues per dollar of managed assets based on factors such as the type of asset managed (equity assets generally produce greater revenues than fixed income assets), the type of client (institutional clients generally pay lower fees than other clients), the type of asset management product or service provided and the fee schedule of the asset manager providing the service. A shift in the mix of our assets under management from higher revenue-generating assets to lower revenue-generating assets may result in a decrease in our revenues even if our aggregate level of assets under management remains unchanged or increases. A decrease in our revenues, without a commensurate reduction in expenses, will reduce our net income. We experienced such a shift in the mix of our assets under management during fiscal year 2013, during which our equity assets under management decreased from \$163.4 billion (26% of our total assets under management) on March 31, 2012 to \$161.8 billion (24% of our total assets under management) on March 31, 2013. There can be no assurances that this shift will not continue or reverse.

Our Mutual Fund Management Contracts May Not Be Renewed, Which May Reduce Our Revenues and Net Income

A substantial portion of our revenue comes from managing U.S. mutual funds. We generally manage these funds pursuant to management contracts with the funds that must be renewed and approved by the funds' boards of directors annually. A majority of the directors of each mutual fund are independent from us. Although the

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funds' boards of directors have historically approved each of our management contracts, there can be no assurance that the board of directors of each fund that we manage will continue to approve the fund's management contract each year, or will not condition its approval on the terms of the management contract being revised in a way that is adverse to us. If a mutual fund management contract is not renewed, or is revised in a way that is adverse to us, it could result in a reduction in our revenues and, if our revenues decline without a commensurate reduction in our expenses, our net income will be reduced.

Unavailability of Appropriate Investment Opportunities Could Hamper Our Investment Performance or Growth

An important component of investment performance is the availability of appropriate investment opportunities for new client funds. If any of our asset managers is not able to find sufficient investments for new client assets in a timely manner, the asset manager's investment performance could be adversely affected. Alternatively, if one of our asset managers does not have sufficient investment opportunities for new funds, it may elect to limit its growth by reducing the rate at which it receives new funds. Depending on, among other factors, prevailing market conditions, the asset manager's investment style, regulatory and other limits and the market sectors and types of opportunities in which the asset manager typically invests (such as less capitalized companies and other more thinly traded securities in which relatively smaller investments are typically made), the risks of not having sufficient investment opportunities may increase when an asset manager increases its assets under management, particularly when the increase occurs very quickly. If our asset managers are not able to identify sufficient investment opportunities for new client funds, their investment performance or ability to grow may be reduced.

Changes in Securities Markets and Prices May Affect Our Revenues and Net Income

A large portion of our revenue is derived from investment advisory contracts with clients. Under these contracts, the investment advisory fees we receive are typically based on the market value of assets under management. Accordingly, a decline in the prices of securities generally may cause our revenues and income to decline by:

causing the value of our assets under management to decrease, which would result in lower investment advisory and other fees;

causing our clients to withdraw funds in favor of investments they perceive offer greater opportunity or lower risk, which would also result in lower investment advisory and other fees; or

decreasing the performance fees earned by our asset managers.

There are substantial fluctuations in price levels in the securities markets. These fluctuations can occur on a daily basis and over longer periods as a result of a variety of factors, including national and international economic and political events, broad trends in business and finance, and interest rate movements. Reduced securities market prices generally may result in reduced revenues from lower levels of assets under management and loss or reduction in incentive and performance fees. Periods of reduced market prices may adversely affect our profitability because fixed costs remain relatively unchanged. Because we operate in one industry, the business cycles of our asset managers may occur contemporaneously. Consequently, the effect of an economic downturn may have a magnified negative effect on our business.

In addition, as of March 31, 2013, a substantial portion of our assets was invested in securities and other seed capital investments. A decline in the value of equity, fixed income or other alternative securities could lower the value of these investments and result in declines in our non-operating income and net income. Increases or decreases in the value of these investments could increase the volatility of our earnings.

Changes in Interest Rates Could Have Adverse Effects on Our Assets Under Management

Increases in interest rates from their historically low present levels may adversely affect the net asset values of our assets under management. In addition, in a rising interest rate environment institutional investors may shift liquidity assets that we manage in pooled investment vehicles to direct investments in the types of assets in which the pooled vehicles invest in order to realize higher yields. Furthermore, increases in interest rates may result in reduced prices in equity markets. Conversely, decreases in interest rates could lead to outflows in fixed income