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FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015

or

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

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 001-34516

Cowen Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

27-0423711

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

(I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification No.)

599 Lexington Avenue

10022

New York, New York

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(646) 562-1000

(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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer <input type="radio"/>	Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Non-accelerated filer <input type="radio"/>	Smaller reporting company <input type="radio"/>
		(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	

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

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

As of July 31, 2015 there were 109,998,505 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

We have made statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (including in “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations”) that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking terms such as “may,” “might,” “will,” “would,” “could,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “predict,” “project,” “possible,” “potential,” “intend,” “seek” or “continue,” the negative of these terms and other comparable terminology or similar expressions. In addition, our management may make forward-looking statements to analysts, representatives of the media and others. These forward-looking statements represent only the Company's beliefs regarding future events (many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control) and are predictions only, based on our current expectations and projections about future events. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In particular, you should consider the risks contained in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 as well as Item 1A of this periodic report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015.

Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, level of activity, performance or achievements. Moreover, neither we nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of these forward-looking statements. You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We undertake no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this filing to conform our prior statements to actual results or revised expectations.

Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are presented for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. The Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2014 were audited.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Cowen Group, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

(unaudited)

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 145,707	\$ 129,509
Cash collateral pledged	9,250	8,306
Securities owned, at fair value	818,274	792,206
Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value	80,101	49,877
Securities borrowed	—	676,100
Other investments	157,654	167,464
Receivable from brokers	70,366	84,679
Fees receivable, net of allowance	70,587	46,498
Due from related parties	27,721	26,315
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$29,355 and \$25,968, respectively	24,471	26,388
Goodwill	34,906	34,906
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$26,552 and \$25,581, respectively	7,512	8,483
Deferred tax asset, net	123,055	129,400
Other assets	36,497	34,230
Consolidated Funds		
Cash and cash equivalents	977	501
Other investments	267,443	189,377
Other assets	452	1,437
Total Assets	\$ 1,874,973	\$ 2,405,676
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	\$ 168,952	\$ 207,875
Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value	67,096	41,330
Securities loaned	—	682,493
Payable to brokers	369,657	335,822
Compensation payable	86,232	134,289
Notes payable and other debt	67,447	67,144
Convertible debt	121,556	118,475
Fees payable	6,713	6,331
Due to related parties	359	474
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	38,670	46,606
Consolidated Funds		
Capital withdrawals payable	229	864
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	344	222
Total Liabilities	927,255	1,641,925
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)		
Redeemable non-controlling interests	162,082	86,076
Stockholders' equity		

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Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share: 10,000,000 shares authorized, 120,750 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2015 (aggregate liquidation preference of \$120,750,000) and no shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014, respectively	1	—	
Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share: 250,000,000 shares authorized, 139,205,799 shares issued and 109,993,262 outstanding as of June 30, 2015 and 135,198,855 shares issued and 111,691,199 outstanding as of December 31, 2014, respectively (including 582,100 and 424,479 restricted shares, respectively)		1,160	
Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share: 250,000,000 authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—	
Additional paid-in capital	888,686	772,296	
(Accumulated deficit) retained earnings	6,632	(16,027)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	16	17	
Less: Class A common stock held in treasury, at cost, 29,212,537 and 23,507,656 shares, respectively	(110,860	)	(79,771)
Total Stockholders' Equity	785,636	677,675	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$1,874,973	\$2,405,676	

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

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Cowen Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Revenues				
Investment banking	\$68,518	\$30,292	\$133,751	\$79,854
Brokerage	34,957	33,311	70,411	66,141
Management fees	10,266	9,692	20,650	18,616
Incentive income	(2,100	) 2,724	272	5,222
Interest and dividends	3,159	12,460	6,242	21,712
Reimbursement from affiliates	3,502	3,018	7,144	4,918
Other revenues	704	752	1,372	1,307
Consolidated Funds				
Interest and dividends	196	655	440	1,141
Other revenues	406	(2	) 420	668
Total revenues	119,608	92,902	240,702	199,579
Expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	75,328	64,404	171,192	131,965
Floor brokerage and trade execution	6,100	5,858	12,003	11,513
Interest and dividends	6,095	10,193	11,874	17,265
Professional, advisory and other fees	5,354	4,374	10,482	7,975
Service fees	1,674	2,086	3,560	4,228
Communications	3,193	3,022	6,835	6,268
Occupancy and equipment	6,910	6,324	13,738	12,721
Depreciation and amortization	2,145	2,382	4,283	4,762
Client services and business development	6,714	5,635	13,184	10,149
Other expenses	2,849	3,228	7,659	6,386
Consolidated Funds				
Interest and dividends	283	189	492	299
Professional, advisory and other fees	212	140	302	274
Floor brokerage and trade execution	56	4	66	6
Other expenses	83	65	132	121
Total expenses	116,996	107,904	255,802	213,932
Other income (loss)				
Net gains (losses) on securities, derivatives and other investments	9,070	23,037	48,061	34,391
Consolidated Funds				
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and other transactions	3,020	5,778	7,740	7,942
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	(723	) (190	) (326	) (211
Net gains (losses) on foreign currency transactions	(1	) 21	(32	) (19
Total other income (loss)	11,366	28,646	55,443	42,103
Income (loss) before income taxes	13,978	13,644	40,343	27,750
Income tax expense (benefit)	3,346	46	10,293	125
Net income (loss)	10,632	13,598	30,050	27,625
	3,916	5,216	6,636	9,403

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Net income (loss) attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds

Net income (loss) attributable to Cowen Group, Inc.	6,716	8,382	23,414	18,222
Preferred stock dividends	755	—	755	—
Net income (loss) attributable to Cowen Group, Inc. common stockholders	\$5,961	\$8,382	\$22,659	\$18,222
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	111,915	115,569	111,987	115,626
Diluted	118,226	120,199	118,316	120,635
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.20	\$0.16
Diluted	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.19	\$0.15

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Cowen Group, Inc.
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)
 (dollars in thousands)
 (unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014
Net income (loss)	\$30,050	\$27,625
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation	(1)	(231)
Defined benefit pension plan:		
Net gain/(loss) arising during the period	—	92
Add: amortization of prior service cost included in net periodic pension cost	—	92
Total other comprehensive income, net of tax	(1)	(139)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$30,049	\$27,486

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Cowen Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
(dollars in thousands, except share data)
(unaudited)

	Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Preferred Shares Outstanding	Preferred Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings/ (Accumulated deficit)	Total Stockholders' Equity	Redeemable Non-controlling Interest
Balance, December 31, 2014	111,691,199	\$ 1,160	—	\$—	\$(79,771)	\$ 772,296	\$ 17	\$(16,027)	\$ 677,675	\$ 86,076
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23,414	23,414	6,636
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)	—
Capital contributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76,846
Capital withdrawals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,476)
Restricted stock awards issued	3,906,942	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purchase of treasury stock, at cost	(5,704,881)	—	—	—	(31,089)	—	—	—	(31,089)	—
Preferred stock issuance, net of issuance costs (See Note 14)	—	—	120,750	—	—	117,309	—	—	117,310	—
Preferred stock dividends (See Note 14)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(755)	(755)	—
Capped call option transaction (See Note 14)	—	—	—	—	—	(15,878)	—	—	(15,878)	—
Income tax effect from share based compensation	—	—	—	—	—	3,695	—	—	3,695	—
Stock options exercised (see Note 9)	100,002	1	—	—	—	394	—	—	395	—
Amortization of share based compensation	—	—	—	—	—	10,870	—	—	10,870	—
	109,993,262	\$ 1,161	120,750	\$—	\$(110,860)	\$ 888,686	\$ 16	\$ 6,632	\$ 785,636	\$ 162,082

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Balance, June
30, 2015

	Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Preferred Shares Outstanding	Preferred Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings/ (Accumulated deficit)	Total Stockholders' Equity	Redeemable Non-controlling Interest
Balance, December 31, 2013	115,026,633	\$ 1,160	\$—	\$—	\$(48,084)	\$737,341	\$ 592	\$(183,243)	\$ 507,766	\$ 85,814
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,222	18,222	9,403
Defined benefit plan	—	—	—	—	—	—	92	—	92	—
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	—	—	(231)	—	(231)	—
Capital contributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,140
Capital withdrawals	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(12,422)
Restricted stock awards issued	3,995,022	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purchase of treasury stock, at cost	(4,088,186)	—	—	—	(16,648)	—	—	—	(16,648)	—
Warrants issued (see Note 4)	—	—	—	—	—	15,218	—	—	15,218	—
Stock options exercised (see Note 9)	33,334	—	—	—	—	116	—	—	116	—
Amortization of share based compensation	—	—	—	—	—	10,477	—	—	10,477	—
Balance, June 30, 2014	114,966,803	\$ 1,160	\$—	\$—	\$(64,732)	\$763,152	\$ 453	\$(165,021)	\$ 535,012	\$ 92,935

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Cowen Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(dollars in thousands)
(unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$30,050	\$27,625
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,283	4,762
Amortization of debt discount	3,081	1,759
Tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	3,694	—
Share-based compensation	10,870	10,477
Deferred tax benefit	2,651	—
Deferred rent obligations	(1,453	) (977)
Net loss on disposal of fixed assets	31	218
Purchases of securities owned, at fair value	(2,614,177	) (2,118,048)
Proceeds from sales of securities owned, at fair value	2,634,224	1,864,592
Proceeds from sales of securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	1,106,836	802,640
Payments to cover securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	(1,152,202	) (713,115)
Net (gains) losses on securities, derivatives and other investments	(54,401	) (36,627)
Consolidated Funds		
Purchases of other investments	(76,201	) (19,535)
Proceeds from sales of other investments	5,111	17,116
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments and other transactions	(6,975	) (8,665)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Cash collateral pledged	(944	) 2,178
Securities owned, at fair value, held at broker dealer	(1,357	) 6,033
Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value	(30,224	) 742
Securities borrowed	676,100	(1,324,748)
Receivable from brokers	14,313	(54,893)
Fees receivable, net of allowance	(24,089	) (1,563)
Due from related parties	(1,406	) (2,908)
Other assets	(2,324	) (525)
Consolidated Funds		
Cash and cash equivalents	(477	) 1,711
Other assets	985	4,930
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value, held at broker dealer	(1,648	) 9,944
Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value	25,766	9,968
Securities loaned	(682,493	) 1,331,985
Payable to brokers	33,835	109,854
Compensation payable	(56,577	) (17,609)
Fees payable	382	2,685
Due to related parties	(115	) (5)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(5,458) 2,752
Consolidated Funds		

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Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	122	(487)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	\$(160,187)	\$(87,734)

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(continued)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of other investments	\$(8,560	) \$(61,974)
Cash convertible note economic hedge transaction	—	(35,710)
Proceeds from sales of other investments	36,106	65,093
Tenant allowance	—	1,240
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,426	) (5,857)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	26,120	(37,208)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	—	(3,657)
Proceeds from issuance of convertible debt	—	149,500
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net of issuance costs	117,310	—
Capped call option transaction	(15,879) —
Deferred debt issuance cost	—	(3,720)
Proceeds from sale of warrant	—	15,218
Borrowings on notes and other debt	2,140	6,217
Repayments on notes and other debt	(1,836	) (2,023)
Tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements	3,694	—
Proceeds from stock options exercised	395	116
Purchase of treasury stock	(22,569	) (11,298)
Cash paid to acquire net assets (contingent liability payment)	(1,725	) (154)
Capital contributions by redeemable non-controlling interests in operating entities	5,644	605
Capital withdrawals to redeemable non-controlling interests in operating entities	(5,723	) (3,931)
Consolidated Funds		
Capital contributions by redeemable non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	71,202	9,535
Capital withdrawals to redeemable non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	(2,388	) (11,174)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	150,265	145,234
Change in cash and cash equivalents	16,198	20,292
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	129,509	54,720
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$145,707	\$75,012
Supplemental non-cash information		
Purchase of treasury stock, at cost, through net settlement (see Note 14)	\$8,520	\$5,350
Preferred stock dividends declared (See Note 14)	\$755	\$—
Cash conversion option (see Note 4)	\$—	\$35,710

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

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Cowen Group, Inc.

Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
(unaudited)

1. Organization and Business

Cowen Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation formed in 2009, is a diversified financial services firm and, together with its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively, "Cowen," "Cowen Group" or the "Company"), provides alternative investment management, investment banking, research, and brokerage (including market-making and sales and trading) through its two business segments: alternative investment and broker-dealer. The Company's alternative investment segment, includes hedge funds, replication products, liquid alternative risk premia products, customized solutions, mutual funds, commodity pools, managed futures funds, fund of funds, real estate and healthcare royalty funds. The Company's broker-dealer segment offers research, brokerage and investment banking services to companies and institutional investor clients primarily in the healthcare, technology, media and telecommunications, information and technology services, consumer, aerospace and defense, industrials, real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), clean technology, energy, metals and mining, transportation, chemicals and agriculture sectors.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") related to interim financial statements. Results for interim periods should not be considered indicative of results for any other interim period or for the full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012, included in the Form 10-K of Cowen Group as filed with the SEC on February 26, 2015 and amended on March 30, 2015. The financial information contained herein is unaudited; however, management believes all adjustments have been made that are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by US GAAP.

These condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its operating and other subsidiaries, and entities in which the Company has a controlling financial interest or a substantive controlling general partner interest.

All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain fund entities that are consolidated in these condensed consolidated financial statements, as further discussed below, are not subject to these consolidation provisions with respect to their own investments pursuant to their specialized accounting.

The Company serves as the managing member/general partner and/or investment manager to affiliated fund entities which it sponsors and manages. Funds in which the Company has a controlling financial interest are consolidated with the Company pursuant to US GAAP as described below. Consequently, the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of these funds on a gross basis. The ownership interests in these funds that are not owned by the Company are reflected as redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements. The management fees and incentive income earned by the Company from these funds are eliminated in consolidation.

b. Principles of consolidation

The Company determines whether it has a controlling financial interest in an entity by first evaluating whether the entity is a voting operating entity ("VOE") or a variable interest entity ("VIE") under US GAAP.

Voting Operating Entities—VOEs are entities in which (i) the total equity investment at risk is sufficient to enable the entity to finance its activities independently and (ii) the equity holders at risk have the obligation to absorb losses, the right to receive residual returns and the right to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance.

Under US GAAP, the usual condition for a controlling financial interest in a VOE is ownership of a majority voting interest. Accordingly, the Company consolidates VOEs in which it owns a majority of the entity's voting shares or units. US GAAP also provides that a general partner of a limited partnership (or a managing member, in the case of a

limited liability company) is presumed to control the partnership, and thus should consolidate it, unless a simple majority of the limited partners

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has the right to remove the general partner without cause or to terminate the partnership. In accordance with these standards, the Company presently consolidates three entities deemed to be VOEs for which it acts as the general partner and investment manager.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and during the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, the Company consolidated the following funds: Ramius Enterprise LP ("Enterprise LP") and Ramius Merger Fund LLC (the "Merger Fund") and as of May 1, 2015, the date that the entity began operations, the Company also consolidates Quadratic Fund LLC ("Quadratic LLC") (collectively the "Consolidated Funds").

RCG Linkem II LLC, an investment company, is consolidated during the period ending June 30, 2015. It was formed to make an investment in a wireless broadband communication provider in Italy. Cowen AV Investment LLC, an investment company, was consolidated up through the first quarter of 2015 when it was liquidated. It was formed to make an investment in a biotechnology company focused on developing gene therapies for certain medical needs. Ramius Co-Investment I LLC and Ramius Co-Investment II LLC, both investment companies, were formed to invest in biomedical companies that develop gene therapies for severe genetic disorders. Ramius Co-Investment I LLC was consolidated as of December 31, 2013 but was deconsolidated during the first quarter of 2014 when it was liquidated. Ramius Co-Investment II LLC was consolidated but was liquidated during the quarter ended September 30, 2014. The Company determined that all four investment companies are (or were) VOE's due to the Company's controlling equity interests held through the managing member and/or affiliates and control exercised by the managing member who is not subject to substantive removal rights.

Variable Interest Entities—VIEs are entities that lack one or more of the characteristics of a VOE. In accordance with US GAAP, an enterprise must consolidate all VIEs of which it is the primary beneficiary. Under the US GAAP consolidation model for VIEs, an enterprise that (1) has the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impacts the VIE's economic performance, and (2) has an obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE, is considered to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE and thus is required to consolidate it.

However, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has deferred the application of the revised consolidation model for VIEs that meet the following conditions (see "recently issued accounting pronouncements"): (a) the entity has all the attributes of an investment company as defined under AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Investment Companies, or does not have all the attributes of an investment company but is an entity for which it is acceptable based on industry practice to apply measurement principles that are consistent with investment companies, (b) the reporting entity does not have explicit or implicit obligations to fund any losses of the entity that could potentially be significant to the entity, and (c) the entity is not a securitization entity, asset-backed financing entity or an entity that was formerly considered a qualifying special-purpose entity. The Company's involvement with its funds is such that all three of the above conditions are met for substantially all of the funds managed by the Company. Where the VIEs have qualified for the deferral, the analysis is based on previous consolidation rules. These rules require an analysis to (a) determine whether an entity in which the Company holds a variable interest is a variable interest entity and (b) whether the Company's involvement, through holding interests directly or indirectly in the entity or contractually through other variable interests (e.g., management and performance related fees), would be expected to absorb a majority of the VIE's expected losses, receive a majority of the VIEs expected residual returns, or both. If these conditions are met, the Company is considered to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE and thus is required to consolidate it.

The Company reconsiders whether it is the primary beneficiary of a VIE by performing a periodic qualitative and/or quantitative analysis of the VIE that includes a review of, among other things, its capital structure, contractual agreements between the Company and the VIE, the economic interests that create or absorb variability, related party relationships and the design of the VIE. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company consolidated two VIEs. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the total net assets of the consolidated VIEs were \$0.1 million and \$2.0 million, respectively. The VIEs act as managing members/general partners and/or investment managers to affiliated fund entities which they sponsor and/or manage. The VIEs are financed through their operations and/or loan

agreements with the Company.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company holds variable interests in Ramius Enterprise Master Fund Ltd (“Enterprise Master”), Ramius Merger Master Fund Ltd (“Merger Master”) and, as of May 1, 2015, Quadratic Master Fund LTD (Quadratic Master Fund”) (collectively the “Unconsolidated Master Funds”) through the Consolidated Funds. Investment companies, which account for their investments under the specialized industry accounting guidance for investment companies prescribed under US GAAP, are not subject to the consolidation provisions for their investments. Therefore, the Company has not consolidated the Unconsolidated Master Funds.

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In the ordinary course of business, the Company also sponsors various other entities that it has determined to be VIEs. These VIEs are primarily funds and real estate entities for which the Company serves as the general partner, managing member and/or investment manager with decision-making rights.

The Company does not consolidate any of these funds or real estate entities that are VIEs as it has concluded that it is not the primary beneficiary in each instance. Fund investors are entitled to all of the economics of these VIEs with the exception of the management fee and incentive income, if any, earned by the Company. The Company's involvement with funds and real estate entities that are unconsolidated VIEs is limited to providing investment management services in exchange for management fees and incentive income. Although the Company may advance amounts and pay certain expenses on behalf of the funds and real estate entities that it considers to be VIEs, it does not provide, nor is it required to provide, any type of substantive financial support to these entities outside of regular investment management services (see Note 4 for additional disclosures on VIEs).

Equity Method Investments—For operating entities over which the Company exercises significant influence but which do not meet the requirements for consolidation as outlined above, the Company uses the equity method of accounting. The Company's investments in equity method investees are recorded in other investments in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. The Company's share of earnings or losses from equity method investees is included in net gains (losses) on securities, derivatives and other investments in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

The Company evaluates for impairment its equity method investments whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of such investments may not be recoverable. The difference between the carrying value of the equity method investment and its estimated fair value is recognized as an impairment charge when the loss in value is deemed other than temporary.

Other—If the Company does not consolidate an entity, apply the equity method of accounting or account for an investment under the cost method, the Company accounts for such entities (primarily, all securities of such entity which are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term as trading securities) in accordance with US GAAP, at fair value with unrealized gains (losses) resulting from changes in fair value reflected within net gains (losses) on securities, derivatives and other investments in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Retention of Specialized Accounting—The Consolidated Funds are investment companies and apply specialized industry accounting for investment companies. The Company has retained this specialized accounting for these funds pursuant to US GAAP. The Company reports its investments on the consolidated statements of financial condition at their estimated fair value, with unrealized gains (losses) resulting from changes in fair value reflected within net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and other transactions. Accordingly, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements reflect different accounting policies for investments depending on whether or not they are held through a consolidated investment company. In addition, the Company's broker-dealer subsidiaries, Cowen and Company, ATM Execution LLC ("ATM Execution"), and ATM USA, LLC ("ATM USA") and Cowen Equity Finance LP ("Cowen Equity Finance") (both liquidated during Q1 2015), apply the specialized industry accounting for brokers and dealers in securities also prescribed under US GAAP. The Company also retains specialized accounting in consolidation.

c. Use of estimates

The preparation of the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires the management of the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the fair value of securities and other investments, the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, the accounting for goodwill and identifiable intangible assets and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

d. Valuation of investments and derivative contracts

US GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date;

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including

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inputs in markets that are not considered to be active; and

Level 3 Fair value is determined based on pricing inputs that are unobservable and includes situations where there is little,

if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The determination of fair value for assets and liabilities in this category requires significant management judgment or estimation.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may include price information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgment by the Company. The Company considers observable data to be that market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The categorization of a financial instrument within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Company's perceived risk of that instrument.

The Company and its operating subsidiaries act as the manager for the Consolidated Funds. Both the Company and the Consolidated Funds hold certain investments which are valued by the Company, acting as the investment manager. The fair value of these investments is generally estimated based on proprietary models developed by the Company, which include discounted cash flow analysis, public market comparables, and other techniques and may be based, at least in part, on independently sourced market information. The material estimates and assumptions used in these models include the timing and expected amount of cash flows, the appropriateness of discount rates used, and, in some cases, the ability to execute, timing of, and estimated proceeds from expected financings. Significant judgment and estimation goes into the selection of an appropriate valuation methodology as well as the assumptions used in these models, and the timing and actual values realized with respect to investments could be materially different from values derived based on the use of those estimates. The valuation methodologies applied impact the reported value of the Company's investments and the investments held by the Consolidated Funds in the condensed consolidated financial statements. Certain of the Company's investments are relatively illiquid or thinly traded and may not be immediately liquidated on demand if needed. Fair values assigned to these investments may differ significantly from the fair values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed and such differences could be material.

The Company primarily uses the "market approach" to value its financial instruments measured at fair value. In determining an instrument's level within the hierarchy, the Company categorizes the Company's financial instruments into three categories: securities, derivative contracts and other investments. To the extent applicable, each of these categories can further be divided between those held long or sold short.

Securities—Securities with values based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets are classified within level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. These securities include active listed equities, certain U.S. government and sovereign obligations, ETF's, mutual funds and certain money market securities. The Company does not adjust the quoted price for such instruments, even in situations where the Company holds a large position and a sale could reasonably impact the quoted price.

Certain positions for which trading activity may not be readily visible, consisting primarily of convertible debt, corporate debt and loans and restricted equities, are stated at fair value and classified within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The estimated fair values assigned by management are determined in good faith and are based on available information considering, trading activity, broker quotes, quotations provided by published pricing services, counterparties and other market participants, and pricing models using quoted inputs, and do not necessarily represent the amounts which might ultimately be realized. As level 2 investments include positions that are not always traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or

non-transferability.

Derivative contracts—Derivative contracts can be exchange-traded or privately negotiated over-the-counter (“OTC”). Exchange-traded derivatives, such as futures contracts and exchange-traded option contracts, are typically classified within level 1 or level 2 of the fair value hierarchy depending on whether or not they are deemed to be actively traded. OTC derivatives, such as generic forwards, swaps and options, have inputs which can generally be corroborated by market data and are therefore classified within level 2. OTC derivatives, such as swaps and options where market data is not readily available or observable are classified as level 3.

Other investments—Other investments consist primarily of portfolio funds, real estate investments and equity method investments, which are valued as follows:

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Portfolio funds—Portfolio funds (“Portfolio Funds”) include interests in funds and investment companies which may be managed by the Company or its affiliates. The Company follows US GAAP regarding fair value measurements and disclosures relating to investments in certain entities that calculate net asset value (“NAV”) per share (or its equivalent). The guidance permits, as a practical expedient, an entity holding investments in certain entities that

- i. either are investment companies as defined by the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide, Investment Companies, or have attributes similar to an investment company, and calculate net asset value per share or its equivalent for which the fair value is not readily determinable, to measure the fair value of such investments on the basis of that NAV per share, or its equivalent, without adjustment. In accordance with US GAAP, investments which are valued using NAV per share as a practical expedient shall not be categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

Real estate investments—Real estate debt and equity investments are valued at fair value. The fair value of real estate investments are estimated based on the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between marketplace participants at the measurement date. Real estate investments without a public market are valued based on assumptions and valuation techniques used by the Company. Such valuation techniques may include discounted cash flow analysis, prevailing market capitalization rates or earnings multiples applied to earnings from the investment, analysis of recent comparable sales transactions, actual sale negotiations and bona

- ii. fide purchase offers received from third parties, consideration of the amount that currently would be required to replace the asset, as adjusted for obsolescence, as well as independent external appraisals. In general, the Company considers several valuation techniques when measuring the fair value of a real estate investment. However, in certain circumstances, a single valuation technique may be appropriate. Real estate investments are reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Company for significant changes at the property level or a significant change in the overall market which would impact the value of the real estate investment resulting in unrealized appreciation or depreciation.

Real estate and capital markets are cyclical in nature. Property and investment values are affected by, among other things, the availability of capital, occupancy rates, rental rates and interest and inflation rates. In addition, the Company invests in real estate and real estate related investments for which no liquid market exists. The market prices for such investments may be volatile and may not be readily ascertainable. Amounts ultimately realized by the Company from investments sold may differ from the fair values presented, and the differences could be material. The Company's real estate investments are typically categorized as a level 3 investment within the fair value hierarchy as management uses significant unobservable inputs in determining their estimated fair value.

See Notes 4 and 5 for further information regarding the Company's investments, including equity method investments, and fair value measurements.

e. Securities borrowed and securities loaned

Securities borrowed and securities loaned are carried at the amounts of cash collateral advanced or received on a gross basis. The related rebates are recorded in the statement of operations as interest income and interest expense.

Securities borrowed transactions require the Company to deposit cash collateral with the lender. With respect to securities loaned, the Company receives cash collateral from the borrower. The initial collateral advanced or received approximates or is greater than the market value of securities borrowed or loaned. The Company monitors the market value of securities borrowed and loaned on a daily basis, with additional collateral obtained or returned, as necessary. Securities borrowed and loaned may also result in credit exposures for the Company in an event that the counterparties are unable to fulfill their contractual obligations. The Company minimizes its credit risk by continuously monitoring its credit exposure and collateral values by demanding additional or returning excess collateral in accordance with the netting provisions available in the master securities lending contracts in place with the counterparties.

Fees and interest received or paid are recorded in interest and dividend income and interest expense, respectively, on an accrual basis. In cases where the fair value basis of accounting is elected, any resulting change in fair value is reported in trading revenues. Accrued interest income and expense are recorded in the same manner as under the

accrual method. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company made a decision to wind down the operations of its securities lending business. At December 31, 2014 the Company did not have any securities lending transactions for which fair value basis of accounting was elected.

f. Debt

Long-term debt is carried at the principal amount borrowed net of any discount/premium. The discount is accreted to interest expense using the effective interest method over the remaining life of the underlying debt obligations.

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unpaid coupon interest is included in accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition.

g. Deferred rent

Deferred rent primarily consists of step rent, allowances from landlords and valuing the Company's lease properties in accordance with US GAAP. Step rent represents the difference between actual operating lease payments due and straight-line rent expense, which is recorded by the Company over the term of the lease, including the build-out period. This amount is recorded as deferred rent in the early years of the lease, when cash payments are generally lower than straight-line rent expense, and reduced in the later years of the lease when payments begin to exceed the straight-line expense. Landlord allowances are generally comprised of amounts received and/or promised to the Company by landlords and may be received in the form of cash or free rent. These allowances are part of the negotiated terms of the lease. The Company records a receivable from the landlord and a deferred rent liability when the allowances are earned. This deferred rent is amortized into income (through lower rent expense) over the term (including the pre-opening build-out period) of the applicable lease, and the receivable is reduced as amounts are received from the landlord. Liabilities resulting from valuing the Company's leased properties acquired through business combinations are quantified by comparing the current fair value of the leased space to the current rental payments on the date of acquisition. Deferred rent, included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 is \$11.6 million and \$13.1 million, respectively.

h. Recently issued accounting pronouncements

In May 2015, the FASB amended the guidance for fair value measurement and issued the amendment which removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share as practical expedient. The amendment also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient. For public companies, the guidance is effective retrospectively for the reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and early adoption is permitted. During the quarter ended June 30, 2015, the Company early adopted the guidance and excluded the investments measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as practical expedient from the fair value hierarchy. The adoption did not result in any impact on the Company's financial condition, result of operations and cash flows. See Note 5 which reflects the impact of adopting this guidance and further information.

In April 2015, the FASB issued a new accounting pronouncement simplifying the presentation of debt issuance costs. The accounting guidance requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be reported on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. The guidance is effective retrospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this accounting guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition.

In May 2014, the FASB issued guidance which amends and supersedes the revenue recognition requirements and most industry-specific guidance and creates a single source of revenue guidance. The new guidance outlines the principles an entity must apply to measure and recognize revenue and related cash flows. The guidance also provides a model for the measurement and recognition of gains and losses on the sale of certain non-financial assets. The guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. In July 2015, the FASB confirmed a deferral of the effective date by one year, with early adoption on the original effective date permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this guidance on the Company's financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2015, the FASB issued an accounting pronouncement which amends and updates its previous guidance regarding consolidation analysis. The amendment eliminates the deferral of certain consolidation standards for entities considered to be investment companies and modifies the consolidation analysis performed on certain types of legal entities. The guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company is

currently evaluating the impact of the new guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In January 2015, the FASB issued a new accounting pronouncement regarding extraordinary items. The guidance eliminates the concept and presentation requirements for extraordinary items and issuers are no longer required to evaluate and present separately any transaction which is unusual and infrequent. The guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company does not expect this guidance to have any impact on its financial position and results of operations.

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3. Cash Collateral Pledged

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company pledged cash collateral in the amount of \$9.3 million and \$8.3 million, respectively, which relates to letters of credit issued to the landlords of the Company's premises in New York City, Boston and San Francisco (See Note 13).

4. Investments of Operating Entities and Consolidated Funds

a. Operating Entities

Securities owned, at fair value

Securities owned, at fair value are held by the Company and are considered held for trading. Substantially all equity securities are pledged to the clearing broker under terms which permit the clearing broker to sell or re-pledge the securities to others subject to certain limitations.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, securities owned, at fair value consisted of the following:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
U.S. Government securities (a)	\$2,511	\$2,010
Preferred stock	46,649	15,070
Common stocks	623,121	597,476
Convertible bonds (b)	879	900
Corporate bonds (c)	125,266	159,557
Warrants and rights	3,585	1,417
Mutual funds	16,263	15,776
	\$818,274	\$792,206

As of June 30, 2015, maturities ranged from August 2015 to June 2016 with interest rates ranged between 0% to (a) 5.95%. As of December 31, 2014, maturities ranged from May 2015 to April 2016 with interest rates ranged between 0% to 5.95%.

(b) As of June 30, 2015, the maturity was July 2016 with an interest rate of 10.00%. As of December 31, 2014, the maturity was February 2015 with an interest rate of 10.00%.

(c) As of June 30, 2015, maturities ranged from immediately due on demand to February 2046 and interest rates ranged between 0.00% to 11.97%. As of December 31, 2014, maturities ranged from February 2015 to February 2046 and interest rates ranged between 5.63% to 11.54%.

Receivable on and Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value

The Company's direct involvement with derivative financial instruments includes futures, currency forwards, equity swaps, and options. The Company's derivatives trading activities exposes the Company to certain risks, such as price and interest rate fluctuations, volatility risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, foreign currency movements and changes in the liquidity of markets.

Upon issuance of the Company's cash convertible unsecured senior notes ("Convertible Notes") (See Note 13), the Company recognized the embedded cash conversion option at fair value of \$35.7 million which is valued as of June 30, 2015 at \$62.7 million and is included in payable for derivative contracts in the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition. Also, on the date of issuance of the Convertible Notes, the Company entered into a separate cash convertible note economic hedge transaction (the "Hedge Transaction") with a counterparty (the "Option Counterparty") whereby, the Company purchased a cash settled option contract with terms identical to the conversion option embedded in the Convertible Notes and simultaneously sold an equity settled warrant with a higher strike price. The Hedge Transaction is expected to reduce the Company's exposure to potential cash payments in excess of the principal amount of converted notes that the Company may be required to make upon conversion of the Convertible Notes. The Company paid a premium of \$35.7 million for the option under the Hedge Transaction and received a premium of \$15.2 million for the equity settled warrant transaction, for a net cost of \$20.5 million. The Hedge Transaction is valued at \$62.7 million as of June 30, 2015 and is included in receivable on derivative contracts in the

accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition. Aside from the initial premium paid, the Company will not be required to make any cash payments under the Hedge Transaction and could be entitled to receive an

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amount of cash from the Option Counterparty generally equal to the amount by which the market price per share of common stock exceeds the strike price of the Hedge Transaction during the relevant valuation period. The warrants cover 28,048,786 shares of the Company's Class A common stock and have an initial exercise price of \$7.18 per share. The warrants expire over a period of 80 trading days beginning on November 14, 2018. The warrant transaction could have a dilutive effect to the extent that the market value per share of the Company's Class A common stock exceeds the applicable strike price of the warrants.

The Company's long and short exposure to derivatives is as follows:

Receivable on derivative contracts	As of June 30, 2015		As of December 31, 2014	
	Number of contracts / Notional Value	Fair value	Number of contracts / Notional Value	Fair value
	(dollars in thousands)			
Futures	\$18,774	\$42	\$3,041	\$75
Currency forwards	\$44,764	126	\$23,961	310
Equity swaps	\$30,509	1,945	\$12,904	251
Options other (a)	414,877	74,775	367,441	48,201
Foreign currency options	\$220,142	3,213	\$32,200	1,040
		\$80,101		\$49,877

(a) Includes index, equity, commodity future and cash conversion options.

Payable for derivative contracts	As of June 30, 2015		As of December 31, 2014	
	Number of contracts / Notional Value	Fair value	Number of contracts / Notional Value	Fair value
	(dollars in thousands)			
Futures	\$34,190	\$444	\$2,213	\$33
Currency forwards	\$14,582	144	\$—	—
Equity and credit default swaps	\$51,145	4,379	\$18,352	1,603
Options other (a)	14,220	62,129	22,043	39,694
		\$67,096		\$41,330

(a) Includes index, equity, commodity future and cash conversion options.

The following tables present the gross and net derivative positions and the related offsetting amount, as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

	Gross amounts recognized	Gross amounts offset on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (a)	Net amounts included on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition	Gross amounts not offset in the Statement of Financial Condition		
				Financial instruments	Cash Collateral pledged (b)	Net amounts
(dollars in thousands)						
As of June 30, 2015						
Receivable on derivative contracts,	\$80,101	\$—	\$80,101	\$—	\$7,794	\$72,307

at fair value						
Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value	67,096	—	67,096	—	4,523	62,573
As of December 31, 2014						
Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value	49,877	—	49,877	—	2,588	47,289
Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value	41,330	—	41,330	—	1,603	39,727

(a) Includes financial instruments subject to enforceable master netting provisions that are permitted to be offset to the extent an event of default has occurred.

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(b) Includes the amount of collateral held or posted.

The realized and unrealized gains/(losses) related to derivatives trading activities were \$(7.5) million and \$(1.8) million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$(5.4) million and \$(3.7) million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and are included in other income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Pursuant to the various derivatives transactions discussed above, except for the cash convertible note hedge (see Note 13) and exchange traded derivatives, the Company is required to post/receive collateral. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, collateral consisting of \$22.1 million and \$5.5 million of cash, respectively, is included in receivable from brokers and payable to brokers on the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 all derivative contracts were with multiple major financial institutions.

Other investments

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, other investments included the following:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
(1) Portfolio Funds, at fair value	\$ 107,507	\$ 103,466
(2) Real estate investments, at fair value	1,987	2,175
(3) Equity method investments	47,813	61,443
(4) Lehman claims, at fair value	347	380
	\$ 157,654	\$ 167,464

(1) Portfolio Funds, at fair value

The Portfolio Funds, at fair value as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, included the following:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
HealthCare Royalty Partners (a)(*)	\$ 10,391	\$ 11,935
HealthCare Royalty Partners II (a)(*)	7,371	6,648
Orchard Square Partners Credit Fund LP (b)	4,667	11,532
Starboard Value and Opportunity Fund LP (c)(*)	22,688	21,792
Starboard Partners Fund LP (d)(*)	14,451	14,652
Starboard Leaders Fund LP (e)(*)	1,336	1,367
Formation 8 Partners Fund I (f)	16,791	11,283
RCG LV Park Lane LLC (g) (*)	1,256	642
RCGL 12E13th LLC (h) (*)	669	638
RCG Longview Debt Fund V, L.P. (h) (*)	14,757	12,876
RCG LPP SME Co-Invest, L.P. (i) (*)	2,469	—
Other private investment (j)	6,723	7,324
Other affiliated funds (k)(*)	3,938	2,777
	\$ 107,507	\$ 103,466

* These portfolio funds are affiliates of the Company.

The Company has no unfunded commitments regarding the portfolio funds held by the Company except as noted in Note 12.

HealthCare Royalty Partners, L.P. and HealthCare Royalty Partners II, L.P. are private equity funds and therefore (a) distributions will be made when cash flows are received from the underlying investments, typically on a quarterly basis.

(b) Orchard Square Partners Credit Fund LP has a quarterly redemption policy with a 60 day notice period and a 4% penalty on redemptions of investments of less than a year in duration.

(c) Starboard Value and Opportunity Fund LP permits quarterly withdrawals upon 90 days notice.

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- (d) Starboard Partners Fund LP permits redemptions on a semi-annual basis on 180 days prior written notice subsequent to an initial two year lock up.
- Starboard Leaders Fund LP does not permit withdrawals, but instead allows terminations with respect to capital
- (e) commitments upon 30 days prior written notice at any time following the first anniversary of an investors initial capital contribution.
- Formation 8 Partners Fund I is a private equity fund which invests in early stage and growth transformational
- (f) information and energy technology companies. Distributions will be made when the underlying investments are liquidated.
- RCG LV Park Lane LLC is a single purpose entity formed to participate in a joint venture which acquired, at a
- (g) discount, the mortgage notes on a portfolio of multifamily real estate properties located in Birmingham, Alabama. RCG LV Park Lane LLC is a private equity structure and therefore distributions will be made when the underlying investments are liquidated.
- (h) RCGL 12E13th LLC and RCG Longview Debt Fund V, L.P. are real estate private equity structures and therefore distributions will be made when the underlying investments are liquidated.
- RCG LPP SME Co-Invest, L.P. is a single purpose entity formed to participate in a joint venture which acquired
- (i) two fully entitled residential development sites in the New York City metro area. RCG LPP SME Co-Invest, L.P. is a private equity structure and therefore distributions will be made when the underlying investments are liquidated.
- (j) Other private investment represents the Company's closed end investment in a portfolio fund that invests in a wireless broadband communication provider in Italy.
- (k) The majority of these funds are affiliates of the Company or are managed by the Company and the investors can redeem from these funds as investments are liquidated.
- (2) Real estate investments, at fair value
- Real estate investments as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are carried at fair value and include real estate equity investments held by RCG RE Manager, LLC ("RE Manager"), a real estate operating subsidiary of the Company, of \$2.0 million and \$2.2 million, respectively.
- (3) Equity method investments
- Equity method investments include investments held by the Company in several operating companies whose operations primarily include the day to day management of a number of real estate funds, including the portfolio management and administrative services related to the acquisition, disposition, and active monitoring of the real estate funds' underlying debt and equity investments. The Company's ownership interests in these equity method investments range from 20% to 55%. The Company holds a majority of the outstanding ownership interest (i.e., more than 50%) in RCG Longview Partners II, LLC. The operating agreement that governs the management of day-to-day operations and affairs of this entity stipulates that certain decisions require support and approval from other members in addition to the support and approval of the Company. As a result, all operating decisions made in this entity requires the support of both the Company and an affirmative vote of a majority of the other managing members who are not affiliates of the Company. As the Company does not possess control over any of this entity, the presumption of consolidation has been overcome pursuant to current accounting standards and the Company accounts for these investments under the equity method of accounting. Also included in equity method investments are the investments in (a) HealthCare Royalty Partners General Partners (b) an investment in the CBOE (Chicago Board Options Exchange) Stock Exchange LLC ("CBOE SE") representing a 7.2% stake in the exchange service provider for which the Company exercises significant influence over through representation on the CBOE Board of Directors, and (c) Starboard Value (and certain related parties) which serves as an operating company whose operations primarily include the day to day management (including portfolio management) of several activist hedge funds and related managed accounts. The Company recorded no impairment charges in relation to its equity method investments for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.
- The Starboard Value entities were formed to provide a full range of investment advisory and management services and act as a general partner, investment advisor and pension advisor or in similar capacity to clients. In accordance

with the respective offering documents of the underlying funds, Starboard Value entities are entitled to fixed percentages of management fees and performance fees. The Company holds a minority interest in the Starboard Value entities.

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The following table summarizes equity method investments held by the Company:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
RCG Longview Debt Fund IV Management, LLC	\$535	\$676
RCG Longview Debt Fund V Partners, LLC	3,507	2,684
HealthCare Royalty GP, LLC	847	973
HealthCare Royalty GP II, LLC	1,248	1,125
HealthCare Royalty GP III, LLC	68	62
CBOE Stock Exchange, LLC	547	611
Starboard Value LP	35,672	48,772
RCG Longview Partners, LLC	237	237
RCG Longview Management, LLC	1,230	1,117
RCG Urban American, LLC	122	422
RCG Urban American Management, LLC	379	379
RCG Longview Equity Management, LLC	272	316
Urban American Real Estate Fund II, LLC	1,973	2,329
RCG Kennedy House, LLC	365	509
Other	811	1,231
	\$47,813	\$61,443

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company's share of losses in its equity method investment in RCG Longview Partners II, LLC has exceeded the carrying amount recorded in this investee. These amounts are included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. RCG Longview Partners II, LLC, as general partner to a real estate fund, has reversed previously recorded incentive income allocations and has recorded a current clawback obligation to the limited partners in the fund. This obligation is due to a change in unrealized value of the fund on which there have previously been distributed carried interest realizations; however, the settlement of a potential obligation is not due until the end of the life of the respective fund. As the Company is obligated to return previous distributions it received from RCG Longview Partners II, LLC, it has continued to record its share of gains/losses in the investee including reflecting its share of the clawback obligation in the amount of \$6.2 million.

The Company's income (loss) from equity method investments was \$(5.0) million and \$3.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$9.2 million and \$10.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and is included in net gains (losses) on securities, derivatives and other investments on the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

(4) Lehman Claims, at fair value

Lehman Brothers International (Europe) ("LBIE"), through certain affiliates, was a prime broker to the Company, and the Company held cash and cash equivalent balances with LBIE. On September 15, 2008, LBIE was placed into administration (the "Administration") in the United Kingdom and, as a result, the assets held by the Company in its LBIE accounts were frozen at LBIE. The assets which the Company believed were held at LBIE at the time of Administration (the "Total Net Equity Claim") consisted of \$1.0 million, which represented an unsecured claim against LBIE. The total amounts received to date in respect of the Company's unsecured claim against LBIE are approximately \$1.0 million, representing 100.0% of its agreed claim. The Company may receive further distributions in respect of its claim, but the amount and timing of these distributions remains uncertain. The Company does not expect future distributions to be material. The claim described above does not include claims held by the Company against LBIE through its investment in Enterprise Master discussed in Note 4b(2).

Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value

Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value represent obligations of the Company to deliver a specified security at a contracted price and, thereby, create a liability to purchase that security at prevailing prices. The Company's liability for securities to be delivered is measured at their fair value as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. However, these transactions result in off-balance sheet risk, as the Company's ultimate cost to satisfy the delivery of securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value may exceed the amount reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. Substantially all equity securities and options are pledged to the clearing broker under terms which permit the clearing broker to

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sell or re-pledge the securities to others subject to certain limitations. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value consisted of the following:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Common stocks	\$ 168,894	\$ 207,815
Corporate bonds (a)	58	60
	\$ 168,952	\$ 207,875

(a) As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the maturity was January 2026 with an interest rate of 5.55%.

Securities lending and borrowing transactions

The following tables present the contractual gross and net securities borrowing and lending agreements and the related offsetting amount, as of December 31, 2014. As of June 30, 2015 this business has been completely liquidated.

Gross amounts not offset in the
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	Gross amounts recognized	Gross amounts offset on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (a)	Net amounts included on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition	Additional Amounts Available	Financial instruments	Cash Collateral pledged (b)	Net amounts
	(dollars in thousands)						
As of December 31, 2014							
Securities borrowed	676,100	—	676,100	(15,655)	(660,445)	—	—
Securities loaned	682,493	—	682,493	(2,441)	(680,052)	—	—

(a) Includes financial instruments subject to enforceable master netting provisions that are permitted to be offset to the extent an event of default has occurred.

(b) Includes the amount of cash collateral held/posted.

Variable Interest Entities

The total assets and liabilities of the variable interest entities for which the Company has concluded that it holds a variable interest, but for which it is not the primary beneficiary, are \$3.1 billion and \$444.6 million as of June 30, 2015 and \$3.0 billion and \$499.2 million as of December 31, 2014, respectively. In addition, the maximum exposure relating to these variable interest entities as of June 30, 2015 was \$326.4 million, and as of December 31, 2014 was \$260.9 million, all of which is included in other investments, at fair value in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. The exposure to loss primarily relates to the Consolidated Feeder Funds' investment in their Unconsolidated Master Funds as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

b. Consolidated Funds

Other investments, at fair value

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 other investments, at fair value, held by the Consolidated Funds are comprised of:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
(1) Portfolio Funds	\$ 266,699	\$ 188,884
(2) Lehman claims	744	493
	\$ 267,443	\$ 189,377

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(1) Investments in Portfolio Funds, at fair value

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, investments in Portfolio Funds, at fair value, included the following:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Investments of Enterprise LP	\$ 135,253	\$ 138,253
Investments of Merger Fund	59,594	50,631
Investments of Quadratic LLC	71,852	—
	\$266,699	\$188,884

Consolidated investments of Enterprise LP

Enterprise LP operates under a “master-feeder” structure, whereby Enterprise Master's shareholders are Enterprise LP and RCG II Intermediate Fund, L.P. The consolidated investments in Portfolio Funds include Enterprise LP's investment of \$135.3 million and \$138.3 million in Enterprise Master as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. On May 12, 2010, the Company announced its intention to close Enterprise Master. Prior to this announcement, strategies utilized by Enterprise Master included merger arbitrage and activist investing, investments in distressed securities, convertible hedging, capital structure arbitrage, equity market neutral, investments in private placements of convertible securities, proprietary mortgages, structured credit investments, investments in mortgage backed securities and other structured finance products, investments in real estate and real property interests, structured private placements and other relative value strategies. Enterprise Master had broad investment powers and maximum flexibility in seeking to achieve its investment objective. Enterprise Master was permitted to invest in equity securities, debt instruments, options, futures, swaps, credit default swaps and other derivatives. As Enterprise Master winds down its positions, it will return capital to its investors. There are no unfunded commitments at Enterprise LP.

Consolidated investments of Merger Fund

The Merger Fund operates under a “master-feeder” structure, whereby Ramius Merger Master Ltd's ("Merger Master") shareholders are Merger Fund and Ramius Merger Fund Ltd. The consolidated investments in Portfolio Funds include Merger Fund's investment of \$59.6 million and \$50.6 million in Merger Master as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The Merger Master's investment objective is to achieve consistent absolute returns while emphasizing the preservation of investor capital. The Merger Master seeks to achieve these objectives by taking a fundamental, research-driven approach to investing, primarily in the securities of issuers engaged in, or subject to, announced (or unannounced but otherwise anticipated) extraordinary corporate transactions, which may include, but are not limited to, mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, tender offers, hostile takeover bids, sale processes, exchange offers, and recapitalizations. Merger Master invests in the securities of one or more issuers engaged in or subject to such extraordinary corporate transactions. Merger Master typically seeks to derive a profit by realizing the price differential, or “spread,” between the market price of securities purchased or sold short and the market price or value of securities realized in connection with the completion or termination of the extraordinary corporate transaction, or in connection with the adjustment of market prices in anticipation thereof, while seeking to minimize the market risk associated with the aforementioned investment activities. Merger Master will, depending on markets conditions, generally focus the majority of its investment program on announced transactions. If the investment manager of Merger Master considers it necessary, it may either alone or as part of a group, also initiate shareholder actions seeking to maximize value. Such shareholder actions may include, but are not limited to, re-orienting management's focus or initiating the sale of the company (or one or more of its divisions) to a third party. There are no unfunded commitments at Merger Fund.

Consolidated investments of Quadratic LLC

Quadratic LLC operates under a “master-feeder” structure, whereby Quadratic Master Fund Ltd's ("Quadratic Master") shareholders are Quadratic LLC and Quadratic Fund Ltd. The consolidated investments in Portfolio Funds include Quadratic LLC's investment of \$71.9 million in Quadratic Master as of June 30, 2015. The Quadratic Master's

investment objective is to achieve attractive, risk-adjusted rates of return through the use of proprietary fundamental global macro and options/swaptions based strategies. Quadratic Master's strategy is primarily executed via options and swaptions. Quadratic Master will pursue absolute returns in all market environments. Occasionally, Quadratic Master may use dividend swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, inflation swaps, futures, foreign currency forwards, tranches and other delta one products as a hedge against existing options positions or when the investment manager believes that the payoff possibilities thereof are sufficiently asymmetric as to exhibit option-like qualities. There are no unfunded commitments at Quadratic Fund.

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(2)Lehman Claims, at fair value

With respect to the aforementioned Lehman claims, the Total Net Equity Claim of Enterprise Master based on the value of assets at the time of Lehman's insolvency held directly by Enterprise Master and through Enterprise Master's ownership interest in affiliated funds consisted of \$24.3 million. As of June 30, 2015, Enterprise Master has received distributions totaling approximately \$37.2 million in respect of its claim, including a distribution of \$1.0 million that was received on June 25, 2015 in respect of its then remaining \$0.7 million Net Equity Claim. The distribution received on June 25, 2015 was the final distribution Enterprise Master expects to receive from LBIE.

Indirect Concentration of the Underlying Investments Held by Consolidated Funds

From time to time, either directly or indirectly through its investments in the Consolidated Funds, the Company may maintain exposure to a particular issue or issuer (both long and/or short) which may account for 5% or more of the Company's equity. Based on information that is available to the Company as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company assessed whether or not its interests in an issuer for which the Company's pro-rata share exceeds 5% of the Company's equity. There were no indirect concentrations that exceed 5% of the Company's equity as of June 30, 2015 or December 31, 2014.

Underlying Investments of Unconsolidated Funds Held by Consolidated Funds

Enterprise Master and Merger Master

Enterprise LP's investment in Enterprise Master represents Enterprise LP's proportionate share of Enterprise Master's net assets; as a result, the investment balances of Enterprise Master reflected below may exceed the net investment which Enterprise LP has recorded. Merger Fund's investment in Merger Master represents Merger Fund's proportionate share of Merger Master's net assets; as a result, the investment balances of Merger Master reflected below may exceed the net investment which Merger Fund has recorded. The following tables present summarized investment information for the underlying investments and derivatives held by Enterprise Master and Merger Master as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

Securities owned by Enterprise Master, at fair value

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Bank debt	\$—	\$20
Common stock	1,739	1,659
Preferred stock	582	576
Private equity	—	587
Restricted stock	124	124
Rights	2,642	2,802
Trade claims	128	128
	\$5,215	\$5,896

Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value, owned by Enterprise Master

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Description		
Currency forwards	\$8	\$64
	\$8	\$64

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Portfolio Funds, owned by Enterprise Master, at fair value

		As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	Strategy	(dollars in thousands)	
RCG Longview Equity Fund, LP*	Real Estate	\$7,907	\$9,090
RCG Longview II, LP*	Real Estate	760	747
RCG Longview Debt Fund IV, LP*	Real Estate	5,198	5,348
RCG Longview, LP*	Real Estate	40	40
RCG Soundview, LLC*	Real Estate	452	452
RCG Urban American Real Estate Fund, L.P.*	Real Estate	1,174	1,161
RCG International Sarl*	Multi-Strategy	1,217	2,113
RCG Special Opportunities Fund, Ltd*	Multi-Strategy	93,676	92,405
RCG Energy, LLC *	Energy	2,029	2,294
RCG Rennergys, LLC*	Energy	1	1
Other Private Investments	Various	11,024	12,057
Other Real Estate Investments (*)	Real Estate	9,067	10,138
		\$132,545	\$135,846

* Affiliates of the Company.

Merger Master

Securities owned by Merger Master, at fair value

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Common stocks	\$155,030	\$133,510
Corporate bonds (a)	—	3,383
	\$155,030	\$136,893

(a) As of December 31, 2014, maturities ranged from February 2017 to June 2019 and interest rates ranged between 8.50% and 9.75%.

Securities sold, not yet purchased, by Merger Master, at fair value

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, Merger Master held common stock, sold not yet purchased, of \$32.1 million and \$39.9 million, respectively.

Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value, owned by Merger Master

Description	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Options	\$1,190	\$541
Currency Forwards	7	—
Equity swaps	695	76
	\$1,892	\$617

Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value, owned by Merger Master

Description	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Options	\$285	\$238
Equity swaps	1,495	56
	\$1,780	\$294

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Quadratic Master

As of June 30, 2015, Quadratic Master held U.S. treasury bills, securities owned, of \$69.6 million with maturities ranging from July 2015 to September 2015 and interest rate of 0%. As of June 30, 2015, Quadratic Master held options, receivable on derivative, of \$8.3 million, and options, payable for derivative, of \$0.2 million.

5. Fair Value Measurements for Operating Entities and Consolidated Funds

The following table presents the assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis on the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

Operating Entities

	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2015			Total
	Level 1	Level 2 (dollars in thousands)	Level 3	
Operating Entities				
Securities owned				
US Government securities	\$2,511	\$—	\$—	\$2,511
Preferred stock	10,899	12,288	23,462	46,649
Common stocks	620,938	1,779	404	623,121
Convertible bonds	—	—	879	879
Corporate bonds	—	125,266	—	125,266
Warrants and rights	1,269	—	2,316	3,585
Mutual funds	16,263	—	—	16,263
Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value				
Futures	42	—	—	42
Currency forwards	—	126	—	126
Equity swaps	—	1,945	—	1,945
Options	13,688	5,724	58,576	77,988
Other investments				
Real estate investments	—	—	1,987	1,987
Lehman claim	—	—	347	347
Consolidated funds				
Lehman claim	\$—	\$—	\$744	\$744
	\$665,610	\$147,128	\$88,715	\$901,453
Portfolio funds measured at net asset value (a)				
				107,507
Consolidated funds' portfolio funds measured at net asset value (a)				
				266,699
Equity method investments				
				47,813
Total investments				
				\$1,323,472

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	Liabilities at Fair Value as of June 30, 2015			Total
	Level 1 (dollars in thousands)	Level 2	Level 3	
Securities sold, not yet purchased				
Common stocks	\$168,894	\$—	\$—	\$168,894
Corporate bonds	—	58	—	58
Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value				
Futures	444	—	—	444
Currency forwards	—	144	—	144
Equity and credit default swaps	—	4,379	—	4,379
Options	3,553	—	58,576	62,129
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities				
Contingent consideration liability (b)	\$—	\$—	\$2,358	\$2,358
	\$172,891	\$4,581	\$60,934	\$238,406

(a) In accordance with US GAAP, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the condensed consolidated statement of financial condition.

(b) In accordance with the terms of a purchase agreement for an acquisition that closed during 2012, the Company is required to pay to the sellers a portion of future net income of the acquired business, if certain revenue targets are achieved through the period ended August 2016. The Company estimated the contingent consideration liability using the income approach (discounted cash flow method) which requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions regarding the future cash flows and profits. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could have a significant impact on the amounts recognized. The undiscounted amounts as of June 30, 2015 can range from \$0.1 million to \$5.0 million.

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	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2014			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(dollars in thousands)			
Operating Entities				
Securities owned				
US Government securities	\$2,010	\$—	\$—	\$2,010
Preferred stock	—	2,553	12,517	15,070
Common stocks	578,934	18,130	412	597,476
Convertible bonds	—	—	900	900
Corporate bonds	—	159,557	—	159,557
Warrants and rights	95	—	1,322	1,417
Mutual funds	15,776	—	—	15,776
Receivable on derivative contracts, at fair value				
Futures	75	—	—	75
Currency forwards	—	310	—	310
Equity swaps	—	251	—	251
Options	10,462	1,972	36,807	49,241
Other investments				
Real estate investments	—	—	2,175	2,175
Lehman claim	—	—	380	380
Consolidated funds				
Lehman claim	\$—	\$—	\$493	\$493
	\$607,352	\$182,773	\$55,006	\$845,131
Portfolio funds measured at net asset value				\$103,466
(a)				
Consolidated funds' portfolio funds measured at net asset value (a)				\$188,884
Equity method investments				\$61,443
Total investments				\$1,198,924
	Liabilities at Fair Value as of December 31, 2014			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	(dollars in thousands)			
Securities sold, not yet purchased				
Common stocks	\$207,815	\$—	\$—	\$207,815
Corporate bonds	—	60	—	60
Payable for derivative contracts, at fair value				
Futures	33	—	—	33
Equity and credit default swaps	—	1,603	—	1,603
Options	2,887	—	36,807	39,694
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities				
Contingent consideration liability (b)	—	—	4,083	4,083
	\$210,735	\$1,663	\$40,890	\$253,288

(a) In accordance with US GAAP, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the condensed consolidated statement of financial condition.

(b) In accordance with the terms of a purchase agreement for an acquisitions that closed during 2012, the Company is required to pay to the sellers a portion of future net income of the acquired businesses, if certain revenue targets are achieved through the period ended August 2016. The Company estimated the contingent consideration liability using the income approach (discounted cash flow method) which requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions

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regarding the future cash flows and profits. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could have a significant impact on the amounts recognized. The undiscounted amounts can range from \$0.9 million to \$7.1 million.

The following table includes a rollforward of the amounts for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, for financial instruments classified within level 3. The classification of a financial instrument within level 3 is based upon the significance of the unobservable inputs to the overall fair value measurement.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2015

	Balance at March 31, 2015	Transfers in	Transfers out	Purchases/(cover- (Sales)/shorts	Realized and Unrealized gains/losses	Balance at June 30, 2015	Change in unrealized gains/losses relating to instruments still held (1)
(dollars in thousands)							
Operating Entities							
Preferred stock	\$19,480	\$—	\$(6,823)	(a) \$ 10,875	\$ —	\$(70)	\$23,462 (70)
Common stocks	411	—	—	—	(28)	21	404 7
Convertible bonds	879	—	—	—	—	—	879 —
Options, asset	41,642	—	—	—	—	16,934	58,576 16,934
Options, liability	41,642	—	—	—	—	16,934	58,576 16,934
Warrants and rights	2,559	—	—	—	(57)	(186)	2,316 (212)
Real estate	1,947	—	—	—	(92)	132	1,987 132
Lehman claim	361	—	—	—	—	(14)	347 (14)
Contingent consideration liability	3,974	—	—	—	(1,616)	—	2,358 —
Consolidated Funds							
Lehman claim	494	—	—	—	—	250	744 250

Three Months Ended June 30, 2014

	Balance at March 31, 2014	Transfers in	Transfers out	Purchases/(cover- (Sales)/shorts	Realized and Unrealized gains/losses	Balance at June 30, 2014	Change in unrealized gains/losses relating to instruments still held (1)
(dollars in thousands)							
Operating Entities							
Preferred stock	\$324	\$—	\$—	\$ 2,000	\$ —	\$—	\$2,324 —
Common stocks	410	—	—	9	—	—	419 —
Convertible bonds	1,950	—	—	—	(200)	—	1,750 —
Options, asset	42,856	—	—	—	—	(5,198)	37,658 (5,198)
Options, liability	42,856	—	—	—	—	(5,198)	37,658 (5,198)
Warrants and rights	3,268	—	—	—	—	78	3,346 108
Real estate	42,283	—	—	10,000	(50,000)	(21)	2,262 (21)
Lehman claim	390	—	—	—	(76)	104	418 104
Contingent consideration liability	6,861	—	—	—	(78)	—	6,783 —
Consolidated Funds							
Lehman claim	3,776	—	—	—	—	314	4,090 314

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	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015						Balance at June 30, 2015	Change in unrealized gains/losses relating to instruments still held (1)
	Balance at December 31, 2014	Transfers in	Transfers out	Purchases/(coverages)	(Sales)/shorts	Realized and Unrealized gains/losses		
(dollars in thousands)								
Operating Entities								
Preferred stock	\$12,517	\$—	\$(6,823)(a)	\$ 18,250	\$ —	\$ (482)	\$23,462	\$ (483)
Common stocks	412	—	—	—	(31)	23	404	12
Convertible bonds	900	—	—	—	—	(21)	879	(21)
Options, asset	36,807	—	—	—	—	21,769	58,576	21,769
Options, liability	36,807	—	—	—	—	21,769	58,576	21,769
Warrants and Rights	1,322	—	—	26	(71)	1,039	2,316	985
Real estate	2,175	—	—	—	(307)	119	1,987	119
Lehman claim	380	—	—	—	—	(33)	347	(33)
Contingent consideration liability	4,083	—	—	—	(1,725)	—	2,358	—
Consolidated Funds								
Lehman claim	493	—	—	—	—	251	744	250
Six Months Ended June 30, 2014								
	Balance at December 31, 2013	Transfers in	Transfers out	Purchases/(coverages)	(Sales)/shorts	Realized and Unrealized gains/losses	Balance at June 30, 2014	Change in unrealized gains/losses relating to instruments still held (1)
(dollars in thousands)								
Operating Entities								
Preferred stock	\$324	\$—	\$—	\$ 2,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$2,324	\$ —
Common stocks	3,559	—	(3,150)(a)	9	—	1	419	1
Convertible bonds	1,950	—	—	—	(200)	—	1,750	—
Options, asset	—	—	—	35,710	—	1,948	37,658	1,948
Options, liability	—	—	—	35,710	—	1,948	37,658	1,948
Warrants and Rights, asset	5,805	—	—	—	(1,328)	(1,131)	3,346	244
Real estate	2,088	—	—	50,000	(50,027)	201	2,262	201
Lehman claim	378	—	—	—	(76)	116	418	116
Contingent consideration liability	6,937	—	—	—	(154)	—	6,783	—
Consolidated Funds								
Lehman claim	4,842	—	—	—	(980)	228	4,090	228

(1) Unrealized gains/losses are reported in other income (loss) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

(a) The company completed an initial public offering.

All realized and unrealized gains (losses) in the table above are reflected in other income (loss) in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis and therefore are not included in the tables above.

The Company recognizes all transfers and the related unrealized gain (loss) at the beginning of the reporting period. Transfers between level 1 and 2 generally relate to whether the principal market for the security becomes active or inactive. Transfers between level 2 and 3 generally relate to whether significant relevant observable inputs are available for the fair value measurements or due to change in liquidity restrictions for the investments.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, there were no transfers between level 1 and level 2 assets and liabilities.

The following table includes quantitative information as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 for financial instruments classified within level 3. The table below quantifies information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's level 3 financial instruments.

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Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements				
	Fair Value at June 30, 2015	Valuation techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Range
Level 3 Assets				
Common and preferred stocks	\$22,963	Market/transaction multiples and option pricing method	Volatility Market multiples	38% 1x to 5.25x
Convertible bonds	879	Recovery analysis	Recovery rate	50% 20% to 60%
Warrants and rights, net	2,316	Model based	Volatility	(weighted average 45%)
Options	58,576	Option pricing models	Volatility Credit spreads	25% to 35% 300bps - 500 bps
Other level 3 assets (a)	3,981			
Total level 3 assets	88,715			
Level 3 Liabilities				
Options	58,576	Option pricing models	Volatility Credit spreads	25% to 35% 300bps - 500 bps
Contingent consideration	2,358	Discounted cash flows	Projected cash flow and discount rate	9%
Total level 3 liabilities	\$60,934			
Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements				
	Fair Value at December 31, 2014	Valuation techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Range
Level 3 Assets				
Common and preferred stocks	\$12,269	Market multiples and option pricing method	Volatility Market multiples	45% 1x to 6x
Convertible bonds	900	Recovery analysis	Recovery rate	50% 20% to 60%
Warrants and rights, net	1,322	Model based	Volatility	(weighted average 34%)
Options	36,807	Option pricing models	Volatility Credit spreads	30% to 40% 500bps - 750 bps
Other level 3 assets (a)	208,232			
Total level 3 assets	259,530			
Level 3 Liabilities				
Options	36,807	Option pricing models	Volatility Credit spreads	30% to 40% 500bps - 750 bps
Contingent consideration	4,083	Discounted cash flows	Projected cash flow and discount rate	9%
Total level 3 liabilities	40,890			

The quantitative disclosures exclude financial instruments for which the determination of fair value is based on (a) prices from prior transactions and investments for which NAV per share is used as a practical expedient to determine fair value.

The Company has established valuation policies and procedures and an internal control infrastructure over its fair value measurement of financial instruments which includes ongoing oversight by the valuation committee as well as

periodic audits performed by the Company's internal audit group. The valuation committee is comprised of senior management, including non-investment professionals, who are responsible for overseeing and monitoring the pricing of the Company's investments, including the review of the results of the independent price verification process, approval of new trading asset classes and use of applicable pricing models and approaches.

The US GAAP fair value leveling hierarchy is designated and monitored on an ongoing basis. In determining the designation, the Company takes into consideration a number of factors including the observability of inputs, liquidity of the investment and the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement. Designations, models, pricing vendors, third party valuation providers and inputs used to derive fair market value are subject to review by the valuation committee and the internal audit group. The Company reviews its valuation policy guidelines on an ongoing basis and may adjust them in light of, improved valuation metrics and models, the availability of reliable inputs and information, and prevailing market conditions.

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The Company reviews a daily profit and loss report, as well as other periodic reports, and analyzes material changes from period-to-period in the valuation of its investments as part of its control procedures. The Company also performs back testing on a regular basis by comparing prices observed in executed transactions to previous valuations.

The fair market value for level 3 securities may be highly sensitive to the use of industry standard models, unobservable inputs and subjective assumptions. The degree of fair market value sensitivity is also contingent upon the subjective weight given to specific inputs and valuation metrics. The Company holds various equity and debt instruments where different weight may be applied to industry standard models representing standard valuation metrics such as: discounted cash flows, market multiples, comparative transactions, capital rates, recovery rates and timing, and bid levels. Generally, changes in the weights ascribed to the various valuation metrics and the significant unobservable inputs in isolation may result in significantly lower or higher fair value measurements. Volatility levels for warrants and options are not readily observable and subject to interpretation. Changes in capital rates, discount rates and replacement costs could significantly increase or decrease the valuation of the real estate investments. The interrelationship between unobservable inputs may vary significantly amongst level 3 securities as they are generally highly idiosyncratic. Significant increases (decreases) in any of those inputs in isolation can result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

Other financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

The following table presents the carrying values and estimated fair values, at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, of financial assets and liabilities and information on their classification within the fair value hierarchy which are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. For additional information regarding the financial instruments within the scope of this disclosure, and the methods and significant assumptions used to estimate their fair value see Note 2.

	June 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		Fair Value Hierarchy
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	
(dollars in thousands)					
Financial Assets					
Operating companies					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$145,707	\$145,707	\$129,509	\$129,509	Level 1
Cash collateral pledged	9,250	9,250	8,306	8,306	Level 2
Securities borrowed	—	—	676,100	660,445	Level 1
Consolidated funds					
Cash and cash equivalents	977	977	501	501	Level 1
Financial Liabilities					
Securities loaned	—	—	682,493	661,533	Level 1
Convertible debt	121,556	(a) 194,723	(b) 118,475	(a) 160,713	(b) Level 2
Notes payable and other debt	67,447	72,456	67,144	69,548	Level 2

(a) The carrying amount of the convertible debt includes an unamortized discount of \$27.9 million and \$31.0 million as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

(b) The convertible debt include the conversion option and is based on the last broker quote available.

6. Receivables from and Payable to Brokers

Receivables from and payable to brokers includes cash held at the clearing brokers, amounts receivable or payable for unsettled transactions, monies borrowed and proceeds from short sales (including commissions and fees related to securities transactions) equal to the fair value of securities sold, not yet purchased, which are restricted until the Company purchases the securities sold short. Pursuant to the master netting agreements the Company entered into with its brokers, these balances are presented net (assets less liabilities) across balances with the same broker. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, receivable from brokers was \$70.4 million and \$84.7 million, respectively. Payable to brokers was \$369.7 million and \$335.8 million as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The Company's receivables from and payable to brokers balances are held at multiple financial institutions.

7. Goodwill

In accordance with US GAAP, the Company tests goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or at an interim period if events or changed circumstances would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount.

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Under US GAAP, the Company first assesses the qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amounts as a basis for determining if it is necessary to perform the two-step approach. Periodically estimating the fair value of a reporting unit requires significant judgment and often involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions could have a significant effect on whether or not an impairment charge is recorded and the magnitude of such a charge. No impairment charges for goodwill were recognized during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

8. Redeemable Non-Controlling Interests in Consolidated Subsidiaries and Funds

Redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds and the related net income (loss) attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds are comprised as follows:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014		
	(dollars in thousands)			
Redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds				
Operating companies	\$13,632	\$9,619		
Consolidated funds	148,450	76,457		
	\$162,082	\$86,076		
	Three Months Ended June 30, 2015	2014	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015	2014
	(dollars in thousands)			
Income (loss) attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds				
Operating companies	\$3,174	\$3,028	\$4,092	\$6,467
Consolidated funds	742	2,188	2,544	2,936
	\$3,916	\$5,216	\$6,636	\$9,403

9. Share-Based and Deferred Compensation and Employee Ownership Plans

The Company issues share based compensation under the 2006 Equity and Incentive Plan, the 2007 Equity and Incentive Plan (both established prior to the November 2009 transaction between Ramius and Cowen) and the Cowen Group, Inc. 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan (collectively, the "Equity Plans"). The Equity Plans permit the grant of options, restricted shares, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights ("SAR's") and other equity based awards to the Company's employees, consultants and directors. Stock options granted generally vest over two-to-five-year periods and expire seven years from the date of grant. Restricted shares and restricted share units issued may be immediately vested or may generally vest over a two-to-five-year period. SAR's vest and expire after five years from grant date. Awards are subject to the risk of forfeiture. As of June 30, 2015, there were approximately 4.0 million shares available for future issuance under the Equity Plans.

Under the 2010 Equity Plan, the Company awarded \$12.5 million of deferred cash awards to its employees during the six months ended June 30, 2015. These awards vest over a four year period and accrue interest between 0.70% to 0.75% per year. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had unrecognized compensation expense related to deferred cash awards of \$36.6 million.

The Company measures compensation cost for share based awards according to the equity method. In accordance with the expense recognition provisions of those standards, the Company amortizes unearned compensation associated with share based awards on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the option or award. In relation to awards under the Equity Plans, the Company recognized expense of \$6.7 million and \$5.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$10.9 million and \$10.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The income tax effect recognized for the Equity Plans was a benefit of \$0.5 million and \$1.9 million for

the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$0.6 million and \$2.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. However, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded a valuation allowance against these tax benefits.

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Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights

The Company values options and SAR's on grant date using the Black-Scholes valuation model which requires the Company to make assumptions regarding the expected term, volatility, risk-free rate and dividend yield:

Expected term. Expected term represents the period of time that awards granted are expected to be outstanding. The Company elected to use the "simplified" calculation method, as applicable to companies that lack extensive historical data. The mid-point between the vesting date and the contractual expiration date is used as the expected term under this method.

Expected volatility. The Company bases its expected volatility on its own stock price history.

Risk free rate. The risk-free rate for periods within the expected term of the award is based on the interest rate of a traded zero-coupon U.S. Treasury bond with a term equal to the awards' expected term on the date of grant.

Dividend yield. The Company has not paid and does not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the assumed dividend yield is zero.

The following table summarizes the Company's stock option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

	Shares Subject to Option	Weighted Average Exercise Price/Share	Weighted Average Remaining Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value(1) (dollars in thousands)
Balance outstanding at December 31, 2014	216,672	\$5.65	1.60	\$87
Options granted	—	—	—	—
Options exercised	(100,003)	3.96	—	—
Options expired	—	—	—	—
Balance outstanding at June 30, 2015	116,669	\$7.12	0.26	\$25
Options exercisable at June 30, 2015	116,669	\$7.12	0.26	\$25

(1)Based on the Company's closing stock price of \$6.40 on June 30, 2015 and \$4.80 on December 31, 2014.

As of June 30, 2015, the unrecognized compensation expense related to the Company's grant of stock options was insignificant.

The following table summarizes the Company's SAR's for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

	Shares Subject to Option	Weighted Average Exercise Price/Share	Weighted Average Remaining Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value(1) (dollars in thousands)
Balance outstanding at December 31, 2014	400,000	\$2.90	3.21	913
SAR's granted	—	—	—	—
SAR's acquired	—	—	—	—
SAR's expired	—	—	—	—
Balance outstanding at June 30, 2015	400,000	\$2.90	2.71	\$1,484
SAR's exercisable at June 30, 2015	—	\$—	—	\$—

(1)Based on the Company's closing stock price of \$6.40 on June 30, 2015 and \$4.80 on December 31, 2014.

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the unrecognized compensation expense related to the Company's grant of SAR's was \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

Restricted Shares and Restricted Stock Units Granted to Employees

Restricted shares and restricted stock units are referred to collectively as restricted stock. The following table summarizes the Company's restricted share and restricted stock unit activity for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

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	Nonvested Restricted Shares and Restricted Stock Units	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance outstanding at December 31, 2014	17,654,582	\$3.70
Granted	5,686,876	4.78
Vested	(3,965,826	) 3.07
Canceled	—	—
Forfeited	(931,146	) 3.38
Balance outstanding at June 30, 2015 (1)	18,444,486	\$4.19

(1) Performance linked restricted stock units of 1,925,750 were awarded to employees of the Company in December 2013 and January 2014. Of the awards granted, 326,250 have been forfeited through June 30, 2015. The remaining awards, included in the outstanding balance as of June 30, 2015, will vest on June 10, 2019 and will be earned only to the extent that the Company attains specified performance goals relating to its volume-weighted average share price and the aggregate net income for the years from 2014 to 2018. The actual number of RSUs ultimately earned could vary from zero, if performance goals are not met, to as much as 100% of the targeted award. Each RSU is equal to the one share of the Company's Class A common stock. Compensation expense is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the Company will attain the performance goals.

The fair value of restricted stock (excluding performance linked units which are valued using the Monte Carlo valuation model) is determined based on the number of shares granted and the quoted price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

As of June 30, 2015, there was \$58.2 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to the Company's grant of nonvested restricted shares and restricted stock units to employees. Unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested restricted shares and restricted stock units granted to employees is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.90 years.

Restricted Shares and Restricted Stock Units Granted to Non-employee Board Members

There were 157,621 restricted stock units awarded during the six months ended June 30, 2015. As of June 30, 2015 there were 582,100 restricted stock units outstanding.

10. Defined Benefit Plan

On December 1, 2005, the Company adopted a defined benefit plan ("Cash Balance Plan") to provide retirement income to all eligible employees of the Company and its subsidiaries in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Cash Balance Plan. As previously stated, the Company made the decision to terminate the Cash Balance Plan effective December 31, 2013. On May 12, 2014 Cowen received a favorable determination letter from the IRS approving the termination of the Cash Balance Plan. Subsequently, steps were taken to process the distributions based on participant distribution elections by December 15, 2014 and the Company will file a final Form 5500 for the Plan Year 2014.

The amounts contained in the following table relate to the Company's defined benefit plan(s) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2014 (dollars in thousands)	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014
Components of net periodic benefit cost included in employee compensation and benefits		
Service cost	\$—	\$—
Interest cost	34	67
Expected return on plan assets	(66) (132

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Amortization of loss / (gain)	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost	—	—
Effect of settlement	—	—
Net periodic benefit cost	\$(32) \$(65)

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11. Income Taxes

The taxable results of the Company's U.S. operations are included in the consolidated income tax returns of Cowen Group, Inc. as well as stand-alone state and local tax returns. The Company has subsidiaries that are resident in foreign countries where tax filings have to be submitted on a stand alone basis. These subsidiaries are subject to tax in their respective countries and the Company is responsible for and, thus, reports all taxes incurred by these subsidiaries. The countries where the Company owns subsidiaries that file tax returns are United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Gibraltar, and Hong Kong.

The Company calculates its U.S. tax provision using the estimated annual effective tax rate methodology. The tax expense or benefit caused by an unusual or infrequent item is recorded in the quarter in which it occurs. The Company uses the discrete methodology to calculate its income tax provision for its foreign subsidiaries. Based on these methodologies, the Company's effective income tax rate was 25.49% and 0.47% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. During the six months ended June 30, 2015, the unusual or infrequent item whose tax impact was recorded discretely primarily related to state taxes, the impact of change in tax legislation in New York and the tax provisions of the Company's foreign subsidiaries.

For the six months ended June 30, 2015, the effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to state taxes, stock compensation and other nondeductible expenses. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to a change in the Company's valuation allowance, stock compensation and other nondeductible expenses.

The Company records deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax benefit or expense that will result from differences between the carrying value of its assets for income tax purposes and for financial reporting purposes, as well as for operating or capital loss and tax credit carryovers. A valuation allowance is recorded to bring the net deferred tax assets to a level that, in management's view, is more likely than not to be realized in the foreseeable future. This level will be estimated based on a number of factors, especially the amount of net deferred tax assets of the Company that are actually expected to be realized, for tax purposes, in the foreseeable future. As of June 30, 2015, the Company recorded no valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets.

The Company is subject to examination by the United States Internal Revenue Service, the United Kingdom Inland Revenue Service as well as state, local and foreign tax authorities in jurisdictions where the Company has significant business operations, such as New York. Currently, the Company is under audit by New York State for the 2009 to 2012 tax year. Management is not expecting a material tax liability from this audit.

The Company intends to permanently reinvest the capital and accumulated earnings of its foreign subsidiaries in the respective subsidiary, but remits the current earnings of its foreign subsidiaries to the United States to the extent permissible under local regulatory rules. The undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries totaled \$0.7 million and \$1.1 million as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and the tax liability that would arise if these earnings were remitted to the United States would be approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

12. Commitments and Contingencies

Lease Obligations

The Company has entered into leases for office space and equipment. These leases contain rent escalation clauses. The Company records rent expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, including any rent holiday periods. Rent expense was \$4.3 million and \$4.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$8.7 million and \$8.2 million, for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

As of June 30, 2015, future minimum annual lease and service payments for the Company were as follows:

	Equipment Leases (a)	Service Payments	Facility Leases (b)
	(dollars in thousands)		
2015	\$1,399	\$8,117	\$8,938
2016	2,490	9,920	16,925
2017	2,298	5,176	13,638
2018	2,221	3,953	13,361
2019	813	1,375	12,817

Thereafter	—	—	42,424
	\$9,221	\$28,541	\$108,103

(a) Equipment Leases include the Company's commitments relating to operating and capital leases. See Note 13 for further information on the capital lease minimum payments which are included in the table.

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The Company has entered into various agreements to sublease certain of its premises. The Company recorded (b)sublease income related to these leases of \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Clawback Obligations

For financial reporting purposes, the general partners of a real estate fund have recorded a liability for potential clawback obligations to the limited partners, due to changes in the unrealized value of the fund's remaining investments and where the fund's general partner has previously received carried interest distributions. The clawback liability, however, is not realized until the end of the fund's life. The life of the real estate fund's with a potential clawback obligation is currently in a winding-up phase whereby the remaining assets of the fund are being liquidated as promptly as possible so as to maximize value, however a final date for liquidation has not been set. The fund is currently winding-down and as of both June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and the clawback obligation was \$6.2 million.

The Company serves as the general partner/managing member and/or investment manager to various affiliated and sponsored funds. As such, the Company is contingently liable for obligations for those entities. These amounts are not included above as the Company believes that the assets in these funds are sufficient to discharge any liabilities.

Unfunded Commitments

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had unfunded commitments of \$9.6 million pertaining to capital commitments in four real estate investments held by the Company, all of which pertain to related party investments. Such commitments can be called at any time, subject to advance notice. The Company, as a limited partner of the HealthCare Royalty Partners funds and also as a member of HealthCare Royalty Partners General Partners, has committed to invest \$45.4 million in the Healthcare Royalty Partners funds which are managed by Healthcare Royalty Management. This commitment is expected to be called over a two to five year period. The Company will make its pro-rata investment in the HealthCare Royalty Partners funds along with the other limited partners. Through June 30, 2015, the Company has funded \$35.7 million towards these commitments. In April 2013, the Company committed \$1.0 million to Starboard Leaders Fund LP, which may increase or decrease over time, and, as of June 30, 2015, has funded \$0.9 million towards this commitment. As of June 30, 2015, the Company has an unfunded commitment to Formation 8 Partners Fund I LP of \$1.4 million. The remaining capital commitment is expected to be called over a one year period. As of June 30, 2015, the Company has an unfunded commitment to Formation 8 Partners Hardware Fund I, L.P. of \$2.5 million. The remaining capital commitment is expected to be called over a one year period.

Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, the Company and its affiliates and subsidiaries and current and former officers, directors and employees (the "Company and Related Parties") are named as defendants in, or as parties to, various legal actions and proceedings. Certain of these actions and proceedings assert claims or seek relief in connection with alleged violations of securities, banking, anti-fraud, anti-money laundering, employment and other statutory and common laws. Certain of these actual or threatened legal actions and proceedings include claims for substantial or indeterminate compensatory or punitive damages, or for injunctive relief.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company and Related Parties are also subject to governmental and regulatory examinations, information gathering requests (both formal and informal), certain of which may result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, injunctions or other relief. Certain affiliates and subsidiaries of the Company are investment banks, registered broker-dealers, futures commission merchants, investment advisers or other regulated entities and, in those capacities, are subject to regulation by various U.S., state and foreign securities, commodity futures and other regulators. In connection with formal and informal inquiries by these regulators, the Company and such affiliates and subsidiaries receive requests, and orders seeking documents and other information in connection with various aspects of their regulated activities.

Due to the global scope of the Company's operations, and its presence in countries around the world, the Company and Related Parties may be subject to litigation, and governmental and regulatory examinations, information gathering requests, investigations and proceedings (both formal and informal), in multiple jurisdictions with legal and regulatory

regimes that may differ substantially, and present substantially different risks, from those the Company and Related Parties are subject to in the United States.

The Company seeks to resolve all litigation and regulatory matters in the manner management believes is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, and contests liability, allegations of wrongdoing and, where applicable, the amount of damages or scope of any penalties or other relief sought as appropriate in each pending matter.

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In accordance with US GAAP, the Company establishes reserves for contingencies when the Company believes that it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company discloses a contingency if there is at least a reasonable possibility that a loss may have been incurred and there is no reserve for the loss because the conditions above are not met. The Company's disclosure includes an estimate of the reasonably possible loss or range of loss for those matters, for which an estimate can be made. Neither a reserve nor disclosure is required for losses that are deemed remote.

The Company appropriately reserves for certain matters where, in the opinion of management, the likelihood of liability is probable and the extent of such liability is reasonably estimable. Such amounts are included within accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. Estimates, by their nature, are based on judgment and currently available information and involve a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the type and nature of the litigation, claim or proceeding, the progress of the matter, the advice of legal counsel, the Company's defenses and its experience in similar cases or proceedings as well as its assessment of matters, including settlements, involving other defendants in similar or related cases or proceedings. The Company may increase or decrease its legal reserves in the future, on a matter-by-matter basis, to account for developments in such matters. The Company accrues legal fees as incurred.

The following information reflects developments with respect to the Company's legal proceedings that occurred in the quarter ended March 31, 2015. These items should be read together with the Company's discussion in Note 18 "Commitments and Contingencies" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Part IV and the Company's discussion set forth under Legal Proceedings in Part I, Item 3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

On May 28, 2014, Energy Intelligence Group, Inc. and Energy Intelligence Group UK (collectively, "EIG") filed a lawsuit against Cowen and Company, LLC in the United States Court for the Southern District of New York (Energy Intelligence Group, Inc. and Energy Intelligence Group UK v. Cowen and Company, LLC, No. 14-CV-3789). The complaint alleges copyright infringement based on alleged impermissible distribution of EIG's publication, Oil Daily, by Cowen and Company, LLC, and Dahlman Rose & Company, LLC, as Cowen's alleged predecessor-in-interest. EIG is seeking statutory damages based on alleged willful infringement of their copyrights. The Company intends to vigorously defend against this lawsuit. On November 12, 2014, the Company filed an answer and affirmative defenses to the EIG complaint. On April 15, 2015, the parties attended an initial conference with the District Court Judge for the purpose of setting a schedule for the case. The Company requested a short period of targeted discovery on a specific defense theory, followed by an expedited partial summary judgment briefing schedule. The District Court Judge granted the Company's request and the parties have been engaged in the targeted discovery proposed by the Company. The case is in its preliminary stages therefore the Company cannot predict the outcome at this time but does not currently expect this case to have a material effect on its financial position but it could have a material effect on the Company's results of operations in a future period.

13. Convertible Debt and Notes Payable

As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company's outstanding debt was as follows:

	As of June 30, 2015	As of December 31, 2014
	(dollars in thousands)	
Convertible debt	\$121,556	\$118,475
Note Payable	63,250	63,250
Other Note payable	890	—
Capital lease obligations	3,307	3,894
	\$189,003	\$185,619

Convertible Debt

On March 10, 2014, the Company issued \$149.5 million of 3.0% cash convertible senior notes ("Convertible Notes"). The Convertible Notes are due on March 15, 2019 unless earlier repurchased by the Company or converted by the

holder into cash in accordance with their terms prior to such date. The interest on the Convertible Notes is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year. The Convertible Notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank senior in right of payments to other obligations. The Convertible Notes may be converted into cash, upon the occurrence of certain events, whereby a holder will receive, per \$1,000 principal amount of notes being converted, an amount equal to the sum of principal amount outstanding and the conversion amount based on the current conversion price (the "Conversion Option"). The Convertible Notes were issued with an initial conversion price of \$5.33 per share.

The Company recorded interest expense of \$1.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$2.2 million and \$1.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The initial unamortized

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discount on the Convertible Notes was \$35.7 million and is shown net in convertible debt in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition. Amortization on the discount, included within interest expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations is \$1.6 million and \$1.4 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$3.1 million and \$1.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, based on an effective interest rate of 8.89%. The Company capitalized the debt issuance costs in the amount of \$3.7 million, which is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition, and will be amortized over the life of the Convertible Notes. As of June 30, 2015, the Company is in compliance with all covenants included in the indenture governing the Convertible Notes.

Of the net proceeds from the sale of the Convertible Notes, approximately \$20.5 million was applied to pay the net cost of a cash convertible note economic hedge and warrant transaction which increases the effective conversion price to \$7.18 (see Note 4), and approximately \$0.3 million was applied to repurchase shares of Cowen Class A common stock. The remainder of the net proceeds is being used for general corporate purposes.

Note Payable

On October 10, 2014 the Company completed its public offering of \$63.3 million aggregate principal amount of 8.25% senior notes due on October 15, 2021 ("2021 Notes"). Interest on the 2021 Notes is payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15, commencing on January 15, 2015. The Company recorded interest expense of \$1.3 million and \$2.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. The Company capitalized debt issuance costs of approximately \$2.9 million which are included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition and will be amortized over the life of the 2021 Notes. As of June 30, 2015, the Company is in compliance with all covenants included in the indenture governing the 2021 Notes.

Other Note Payable

During January 2015, the Company borrowed \$2.0 million to fund insurance premium payments. This note has an effective interest rate of 1.33% and is due on December 1, 2015, with monthly payment requirements of \$0.2 million. As of June 30, 2015, the outstanding balance on this note payable was \$0.9 million. Interest expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 was insignificant.

Capital Lease Obligations

The Company entered into several capital leases for computer equipment during the fourth quarter of 2010 and one in January 2014. These leases amounted to \$7.6 million and are recorded in fixed assets and as capital lease obligations, which are included in short-term borrowings and other debt in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition, and have lease terms that range from 48 to 60 months and interest rates that range from 0.60% to 6.03%. As of June 30, 2015, the remaining balance on these capital leases was \$3.3 million. Interest expense was \$0.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$0.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Annual scheduled maturities of debt and minimum payments for all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2015, is as follows:

	Convertible Debt	Note Payable	Other Note Payable	Capital Lease Obligation
	(dollars in thousands)			
2015	\$2,242	\$2,609	\$901	\$658
2016	4,485	5,218	—	1,025
2017	4,485	5,218	—	938
2018	4,485	5,218	—	938
2019	151,743	5,218	—	78
Thereafter	—	73,686	—	—
Subtotal	167,440	97,167	901	3,637

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Less: Amount representing interest (a)	(45,884)	(33,917)	(11)	(330)
Total	\$121,556		\$63,250		\$890		\$3,307	

(a) Amount necessary to reduce net minimum payments to present value calculated at the Company's implicit rate at inception. This amount also includes the unamortized discount on the convertible debt.

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Letters of Credit

As of June 30, 2015, the Company has the following eight irrevocable letters of credit related to leased office space, for which there is cash collateral pledged, which the Company pays a fee on the stated amount of the letter of credit.

Location	Amount (dollars in thousands)	Maturity
San Francisco	\$82	September 2015
San Francisco	\$710	January 2016
New York	\$1,000	February 2016
Boston	\$382	March 2016
New York	\$355	May 2016
New York	\$1,861	May 2016
New York	\$794	October 2016
New York	\$3,935	October 2016

To the extent any letter of credit is drawn upon, interest will be assessed at the prime commercial lending rate. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were no amounts due related to these letters of credit.

14. Stockholder's Equity

Preferred Stock and Purchase of Capped Call Option

On May 19, 2015, the Company completed its offering of 120,750 shares of the Company's 5.625% Series A cumulative perpetual convertible preferred stock ("Series A Convertible Preferred Stock") that provided \$117.3 million of proceeds, net of underwriting fees and issuance costs of \$3.4 million. Each share of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is entitled to dividends at a rate of 5.625% per annum which will be payable, when and if declared by the board of directors of the Company, quarterly, in arrears, on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year. The Company may, at its option, pay dividends in cash, common stock or a combination thereof. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 the Company declared and accrued a cash dividend of \$0.75 million.

Each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is non-voting and will have liquidity preference over the Company's Class A common stock and will rank senior to all classes or series of the Company's Class A common stock, but junior to all of the Company's existing and future indebtedness with respect to divided rights and rights upon the Company's involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding down.

Each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, into a number of shares of our Class A common stock equal to the liquidation preference of \$1,000 divided by the conversion rate. The initial conversion rate is 152.2476 shares of the Company's Class A common stock for each share of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. At any time on or after May 20, 2020, the Company may elect all outstanding shares of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock to be automatically converted into shares of the Company's Class A common stock, cash or a combination thereof, at the Company's election, in each case, based on the then-applicable conversion rate, if the last reported sale price of the Company's Class A common stock equals or exceeds 150% of the then-current conversion price on at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days (including on the last trading day of such period) immediately prior to such election. At the time of conversion, the conversion rate may be adjusted based on certain events including but not limited to the issuance of cash dividends or Class A common stock as a dividends to the Company's Class A common shareholders or a share split or combination.

In connection with the issuance and sale of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, the Company entered into a privately negotiated capped call option transaction (the "Capped Call Option Transaction") with Nomura Global Financial Products Inc. (the "option counterparty") for \$15.9 million. The Capped Call Option Transaction is expected generally to reduce the potential dilution to the Company's Class A common stock (had the Company elected to convert to common shares) and/or offset any cash payments that the Company is required to make upon conversion of any Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. The Capped Call Option Transaction has an initial effective strike price of

\$6.57 per share, which matches the initial conversion price of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, and a cap price of \$8.39 per share. However, to the extent that the market price of Class A common stock, as measured under the terms of the Capped Call Option Transaction, exceeds the cap price thereof, there would nevertheless be dilution and/or such cash payments would not be offset. As the Capped Call Option Transaction is a free standing derivative that is indexed to the Company's own stock price and the Company controls if it is settled in cash or stock it qualifies for equity classification as a reduction to additional paid in capital.

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Treasury Stock

Treasury stock of \$110.9 million as of June 30, 2015, compared to \$79.8 million as of December 31, 2014, resulted from \$8.5 million acquired through repurchases of shares to cover employee minimum tax withholding obligations related to stock compensation vesting events under the Company's Equity Plan or other similar transactions and \$22.6 million purchased in connection with a share repurchase program.

The following represents the activity relating to the treasury stock held by the Company during the six months ended June 30, 2015:

	Treasury stock shares	Cost (dollars in thousands)	Average cost per share
Balance outstanding at December 31, 2014	23,507,656	\$79,771	\$3.39
Shares purchased for minimum tax withholding under the Equity Plan or other similar transactions	1,567,935	8,520	5.43
Treasury stock reissued	—	—	—
Purchase of treasury stock	4,136,946	22,569	5.46
Balance outstanding at June 30 2015	29,212,537	\$110,860	\$3.79

15. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Accumulated other comprehensive income includes the after tax change in unrealized gains and losses on foreign currency translation adjustments and net gain (loss) and amortization of prior service costs related to the Company's defined benefit plans.

	Foreign currency translation (a) (dollars in thousands)	Defined benefit plans (a)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2014	17	—	17
Net change	(1	) —	(1
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$16	\$—	\$16

	Foreign currency translation (a) (dollars in thousands)	Defined benefit plans (a)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$248	\$344	\$592
Net change	(231	) 92	(139
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$17	\$436	\$453

(a) During the periods presented, the Company did not have material reclassifications out of other comprehensive income.

16. Earnings Per Share

The Company calculates its basic and diluted earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income attributable to the Company's common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. As of June 30, 2015, there were 109,993,262 shares outstanding. The Company has included 582,100 fully vested, unissued restricted stock units in its calculation of basic earnings per share.

Diluted earnings per common share are calculated by adjusting the weighted average outstanding shares to assume conversion of all potentially dilutive items. The Company uses the treasury stock method to reflect the potential dilutive effect of the warrants (see Note 4(a)), unexercised stock options, unvested restricted shares, restricted stock units, and SAR's. In calculating the number of dilutive shares outstanding, the shares of common stock underlying unvested restricted shares and restricted stock units are assumed to have been delivered, and options and warrants are

assumed to have been exercised, on the grant date. The assumed proceeds from the assumed vesting, delivery and exercising were calculated as the sum of (a) the amount of compensation cost attributed to future services and not yet recognized and (b) the amount of tax benefit that would be credited to additional paid-in capital assuming vesting and delivery of the shares. The tax benefit is the amount resulting from a tax deduction for compensation in excess of compensation expense recognized for financial statement reporting purposes. All outstanding warrants were not included in the computation of diluted net income (loss) per common share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. The Company can elect to settle the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in shares or cash. The Company's intent is to settle in cash and, based on current and projected liquidity needs, the Company has the ability to do so.

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The computation of earnings per share is as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(dollars in thousands, except per share data)			
Net income (loss)	\$10,632	\$13,598	\$30,050	\$27,625
Net income (loss) attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds	3,916	5,216	6,636	9,403
Net income (loss) attributable to Cowen Group, Inc.	6,716	8,382	23,414	18,222
Preferred stock dividends	755	—	755	—
Net income (loss) attributable to Cowen Group, Inc. common stockholders	\$5,961	\$8,382	\$22,659	\$18,222

Shares for basic and diluted calculations:

Weighted average shares used in basic computation	111,915	115,569	111,987	115,626
Stock options	25	27	27	28
Performance based restricted stock	276	—	261	—
Stock appreciation rights	170	58	148	56
Restricted stock	5,840	4,545	5,893	4,925
Weighted average shares used in diluted computation	118,226	120,199	118,316	120,635
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.20	\$0.16
Diluted	\$0.05	\$0.07	\$0.19	\$0.15

17. Segment Reporting

The Company conducts its operations through two segments: the alternative investment segment and the broker dealer segment. These activities are conducted primarily in the United States and substantially all of its revenues are generated domestically. The performance measure for these segments is Economic Income (Loss), which management uses to evaluate the financial performance of and make operating decisions for the segments including determining appropriate compensation levels. Expenses not directly associated with specific segments are allocated based on the most relevant measures applicable, including headcount, square footage and other factors.

In general, Economic Income (Loss) is a pre-tax measure that (i) eliminates the impact of consolidation for consolidated funds (ii) excludes goodwill and intangible impairment (iii) excludes certain other acquisition-related and/or reorganization expenses and (iv) excludes preferred stock dividends. . In addition, Economic Income (Loss) revenues include investment income that represents the income the Company has earned in investing its own capital, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, interest and dividends, net of associated investment related expenses. For US GAAP purposes, these items are included in each of their respective line items. Economic Income (Loss) revenues also include management fees, incentive income and investment income earned through the Company's investment as a general partner in certain real estate entities and the Company's investment in the activist business. For US GAAP purposes, all of these items are recorded in other income (loss). In addition, Economic Income (Loss) expenses are reduced by reimbursement from affiliates, which for US GAAP purposes is presented gross as part of revenue.

As further stated below, one major difference between Economic Income (Loss) and US GAAP net income (loss) is that Economic Income (Loss) presents the segments' results of operations without the impact resulting from the full consolidation of any of the Consolidated Funds. Consolidation of these funds results in including in income the pro rata share of the income or loss attributable to other owners of such entities which is reflected in net income (loss) attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest in consolidated subsidiaries in the accompanying consolidated

statements of operations. This pro rata share has no effect on the overall financial performance for the alternative investment segment, as ultimately, this income or loss is not income or loss for the alternative investment segment itself. Included in Economic Income (Loss) is the actual pro rata share of the income or loss attributable to the Company as an investor in such entities, which is relevant in management making operating decisions and evaluating financial performance.

The following tables set forth operating results for the Company's alternative investment and broker dealer segments and related adjustments necessary to reconcile the Company's Economic Income (Loss) measure to arrive at the Company's consolidated US GAAP net income (loss):

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Three Months Ended June 30, 2015

	Alternative Investment	Broker-Dealer	Total Economic Income/(Loss)	Adjustments		US GAAP
				Funds Consolidation	Other Adjustments	
(dollars in thousands)						
Revenues						
Investment banking	\$—	\$ 68,518	\$ 68,518	\$—	\$—	\$68,518
Brokerage	5	34,929	34,934	—	23 (e)	34,957
Management fees	16,540	—	16,540	(330)	(5,944) (a)	10,266
Incentive income	(7,815)	—	(7,815)	(124)	5,839 (a)	(2,100)
Investment Income	9,259	2,956	12,215	—	(12,215) (c)	—
Interest and dividends	—	—	—	—	3,159 (c)(e)	3,159
Reimbursement from affiliates	—	—	—	(91)	3,593 (f)	3,502
Other revenue	72	(15)	57	—	647 (c)	704
Consolidated Funds revenues	—	—	—	602	—	602
Total revenues	18,061	106,388	124,449	57	(4,898)	119,608
Expenses						
Non interest expense	16,198	92,890	109,088	—	1,179 (c)(d)	110,267
Interest and dividends	2,866	1,279	4,145	—	1,950 (c)(e)	6,095
Consolidated Funds expenses	—	—	—	634	—	634
Total expenses	19,064	94,169	113,233	634	3,129	116,996
Total other income (loss)	—	—	—	1,317	10,049 (c)	11,366
Income taxes expense / (benefit)	—	—	—	—	3,346 (b)	3,346
(Income) loss attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and funds	(1,051)	—	(1,051)	(740)	(2,125)	(3,916)
Economic Income (Loss) / Net						
Income (loss) attributable to Cowen Group, Inc.	\$(2,054)	\$ 12,219	\$ 10,165	\$—	\$(3,449)	\$6,716

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Three Months Ended June 30, 2014

	Alternative Investment	Broker-Dealer	Total Economic Income/(Loss)	Adjustments		US GAAP
				Funds Consolidation	Other Adjustments	
(dollars in thousands)						
Revenues						
Investment banking	\$—	\$ 30,292	\$ 30,292	\$—	\$—	\$30,292
Brokerage	25	35,027	35,052	—	(1,741) (e)	33,311
Management fees	16,166	—	16,166	(243	) (6,231) (a)	9,692
Incentive income	7,817	—	7,817	(154	) (4,939) (a)	2,724
Investment Income	16,632	4,964	21,596	—	(21,596) (c)	—
Interest and dividends	—	—	—	—	12,460	(c)(e) 12,460
Reimbursement from affiliates	—	—	—	(84	) 3,102	(f) 3,018
Other revenue	140	102	242	—	510	(c) 752
Consolidated Funds revenues	—	—	—	653	—	653
Total revenues	40,780					