

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**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, 2006**

**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 No. 001-09818**

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**13-3434400**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

**(212) 969-1000**  
(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 is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

**Large accelerated filer**      ☒      **Accelerated filer**      ☐      **Non-accelerated filer**      ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

**Yes**      ☐                      **No**      ☒

The number of units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests outstanding as of June 30, 2006 was 84,273,741.\*

\*includes 100,000 units of general partnership interest having economic interests equivalent to the economic interests of the units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests.

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## Part I

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.**  
**Condensed Statements of Financial Condition**  
(in thousands)

	June 30, 2006 <u>(unaudited)</u>	December 31, 2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 89
Investment in AllianceBernstein	1,479,300	1,376,503
Other assets	416	462
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,716</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,054</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b>		
Liabilities:		
Payable to AllianceBernstein	\$ 7,120	\$ 7,197
Other liabilities	430	1,011
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7,550</b>	<b>8,208</b>
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 6)		
Partners' capital	1,472,166	1,368,846
<b>Total liabilities and partners' capital</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,716</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,054</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.****Condensed Statements of Income**

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	\$ 84,514	\$ 62,654	\$ 157,678	\$ 115,674
Income taxes	8,509	6,530	16,114	12,716
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 76,005</b>	<b>\$ 56,124</b>	<b>\$ 141,564</b>	<b>\$ 102,958</b>
<b>Net income per unit:</b>				
Basic	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.69	\$ 1.27
Diluted	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.68	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.26

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

# ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

## Condensed Statements of Changes in Partners' Capital and Comprehensive Income

(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Partners' capital - beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,086</b>	<b>\$ 1,334,151</b>	<b>\$ 1,368,846</b>	<b>\$ 1,295,670</b>
Comprehensive income:				
Net income	76,005	56,124	141,564	102,958
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gain on investments, net	(333)	196	(119)	555
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net	1,741	(2,628)	878	10,062
Comprehensive income	77,413	53,692	142,323	113,575
Cash distributions to unitholders	(65,325)	(45,941)	(150,305)	(111,124)
Purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans, net	(2,254)	(532)	(18,369)	(6,920)
Issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made by AllianceBernstein under the Partners Compensation Plan	—	—	47,161	—
Awards of Holding Units made by AllianceBernstein under deferred compensation plans, net of forfeitures	(530)	(691)	36,879	32,828
Proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	5,776	10,834	45,631	27,484
<b>Partners' capital - end of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,472,166</b>	<b>\$ 1,351,513</b>	<b>\$ 1,472,166</b>	<b>\$ 1,351,513</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.**  
**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 141,564	\$ 102,958
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	(157,678)	(115,674)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in other assets	46	135
(Decrease) in payable to AllianceBernstein	(77)	(264)
(Decrease) increase in other liabilities	(581)	203
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(16,726)</b>	<b>(12,642)</b>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment in AllianceBernstein with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	(45,631)	(27,484)
Cash distributions received from AllianceBernstein	166,942	123,870
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>121,311</b>	<b>96,386</b>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Cash distributions to unitholders	(150,305)	(111,124)
Proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	45,631	27,484
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(104,674)</b>	<b>(83,640)</b>
<b>Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>104</b>
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	89	—
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 104</b>
Non-cash investing activities:		
Other comprehensive income	\$ 759	\$ 10,617
Issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made by AllianceBernstein under the Partners Compensation Plan	\$ 47,161	\$ —
Awards of Holding Units made by AllianceBernstein under deferred compensation plans, net of forfeitures	\$ 36,879	\$ 32,828
Non-cash financing activities:		
Purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans, net	\$ (18,369)	\$ (6,920)

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.****Notes to Condensed Financial Statements****June 30, 2006**

(unaudited)

The words “we” and “our” refer collectively to AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (“Holding”) and AllianceBernstein L.P. and its subsidiaries (“AllianceBernstein”), or to their officers and employees. Similarly, the word “company” refers to both Holding and AllianceBernstein. Where the context requires distinguishing between Holding and AllianceBernstein, we identify which of them is being discussed. Cross-references are in bold text.

**1. Organization and Business Description**

Holding’s principal source of income and cash flow is attributable to its investment in AllianceBernstein. The condensed financial statements and notes of Holding should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes of AllianceBernstein included as an exhibit to this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and with Holding’s and AllianceBernstein’s audited financial statements included in Holding’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

AllianceBernstein provides diversified investment management and related services globally to a broad range of clients. Its principal services include:

- Institutional Investments Services - servicing institutional investors, including unaffiliated corporate and public employee pension funds, endowment funds, domestic and foreign institutions and governments, and affiliates such as AXA and certain of its insurance company subsidiaries, by means of separately managed accounts, sub-advisory relationships, structured products, group trusts, mutual funds (sponsored by AllianceBernstein or our affiliated joint venture companies), and other investment vehicles.
- Retail Services - servicing individual investors, primarily by means of retail mutual funds sponsored by AllianceBernstein or our affiliated joint venture companies, sub-advisory relationships in respect of mutual funds sponsored by third parties, separately managed account programs that are sponsored by registered broker-dealers, and other investment vehicles.
- Private Client Services - servicing high-net-worth individuals, trusts and estates, charitable foundations, partnerships, private and family corporations, and other entities, by means of separately managed accounts, hedge funds, mutual funds, and other investment vehicles.
- Institutional Research Services - servicing institutional investors desiring institutional research services including in-depth research, portfolio strategy, trading, and brokerage-related services.

AllianceBernstein also provides distribution, shareholder servicing, and administrative services to its sponsored mutual funds.

AllianceBernstein provides a broad range of investment services with expertise in:

- Growth equities, generally targeting stocks with under-appreciated growth potential;
- Value equities, generally targeting stocks at bargain prices that are out of favor;
- Fixed income, including both taxable and tax-exempt securities;
- Passive, including both index and enhanced index strategies; and
- Blend strategies, combining style pure components with systematic rebalancing.

AllianceBernstein manages these strategies using various investment disciplines, including market capitalization (e.g., large-, mid-, and small-cap equities), term (e.g., long-, intermediate-, and short-duration debt securities), and geographic location (e.g., U.S., international, global, and emerging markets), as well as local and regional disciplines in major markets around the world.

AllianceBernstein has a broad foundation in fundamental research, including comprehensive industry and company coverage from the differing perspectives of growth, value, and fixed income, as well as global economic and currency forecasting capabilities and quantitative research.

As of June 30, 2006, AXA, a *société anonyme* organized under the laws of France and the holding company for an international group of insurance and related financial services companies, AXA Financial, Inc. (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA, “AXA Financial”), AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (a wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA Financial, “AXA Equitable”) and certain subsidiaries of AXA Financial, collectively referred to as “AXA and its subsidiaries”, owned approximately 1.7% of the issued and outstanding Holding Units.

As of June 30, 2006, the ownership structure of AllianceBernstein, as a percentage of limited partnership interests, was as follows:

AXA and its subsidiaries	59.6%
Holding	32.7
SCB Partners Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCB Inc., formerly known as Sanford C. Bernstein Inc.)	6.3
Other	1.4
	<u>100.0%</u>

AllianceBernstein Corporation (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA, “General Partner”) is the general partner of both Holding and AllianceBernstein. AllianceBernstein Corporation owns 100,000 general partnership units in Holding and a 1% general partnership interest in AllianceBernstein. Each general partnership unit in Holding is entitled to receive quarterly distributions equal to those received by each limited partnership unit. Including the general partnership interests in AllianceBernstein and Holding, and their equity interest in Holding, as of June 30, 2006, AXA and its subsidiaries had an approximate 60.6% economic interest in AllianceBernstein.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### *Basis of Presentation*

The interim condensed financial statements of Holding included herein have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the interim results, have been made. The preparation of the condensed financial statements requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the condensed financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the interim reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The December 31, 2005 condensed statement of financial condition was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Investment in AllianceBernstein*

Holding records its investment in AllianceBernstein using the equity method of accounting. Holding’s investment will be increased to reflect its proportionate share of income of AllianceBernstein and decreased to reflect its proportionate share of losses of AllianceBernstein and cash distributions made by AllianceBernstein to its unitholders. In addition, Holding’s investment is adjusted to reflect certain capital transactions of AllianceBernstein.

### *Cash Distributions*

Holding is required to distribute all of its Available Cash Flow, as defined in the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Holding (“Holding Partnership Agreement”), to its unitholders pro rata in accordance with their percentage interests in Holding. Available Cash Flow is defined as the cash distributions Holding receives from AllianceBernstein, minus such amounts as the General Partner determines, in its sole discretion, should be retained by Holding for use in its business.



On July 26, 2006, the General Partner declared a distribution of \$75.0 million, or \$0.89 per unit, representing Available Cash Flow for the three months ended June 30, 2006. The distribution is payable on August 17, 2006 to holders of record at the close of business on August 7, 2006. Cash distributions are recorded when declared.

### ***Compensatory Unit Award and Option Plans***

AllianceBernstein maintains certain compensation plans under which options on Holding Units have been, or may be, granted to employees of AllianceBernstein and independent directors of the General Partner. AllianceBernstein uses the Black-Scholes option valuation model to determine the fair value of Holding Unit option awards. Upon exercise of Holding Unit options, Holding exchanges the proceeds for AllianceBernstein Units, thus increasing Holding's investment in AllianceBernstein.

### **3. Net Income Per Unit**

Basic net income per unit is derived by dividing net income by the basic weighted average number of units outstanding for each period. Diluted net income per unit is derived by adjusting net income for the assumed dilutive effect of compensatory options ("Net income - diluted") and dividing Net income - diluted by the diluted weighted average number of units outstanding for each period.

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(in thousands, except per unit amounts)</b>			
Net income - basic	\$ 76,005	\$ 56,124	\$ 141,564	\$ 102,958
Additional allocation of equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein resulting from assumed dilutive effect of compensatory options	1,350	767	2,498	1,503
Net income - diluted	<u>\$ 77,355</u>	<u>\$ 56,891</u>	<u>\$ 144,062</u>	<u>\$ 104,461</u>
Weighted average units outstanding - basic	84,230	81,434	83,830	81,120
Dilutive effect of compensatory options	2,242	1,673	2,222	1,780
Weighted average units outstanding - diluted	<u>86,472</u>	<u>83,107</u>	<u>86,052</u>	<u>82,900</u>
Basic net income per unit	<u>\$ 0.90</u>	<u>\$ 0.69</u>	<u>\$ 1.69</u>	<u>\$ 1.27</u>
Diluted net income per unit	<u>\$ 0.89</u>	<u>\$ 0.68</u>	<u>\$ 1.67</u>	<u>\$ 1.26</u>

For the three months ended June 30, 2006 there were no out-of-the-money options (any options with an exercise price greater than the weighted average closing price of a unit for the relevant period are considered out-of-the-money options). For the three months ended June 30, 2005 there were 4,045,300 out-of-the-money options excluded from the diluted net income per unit computation due to their anti-dilutive effect. Out-of-the-money options to buy 9,712 and 4,062,904 units for the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, have been excluded from the diluted net income per unit computation.

#### 4. Investment in AllianceBernstein

Changes in Holding's investment in AllianceBernstein for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 were as follows (in thousands):

Investment in AllianceBernstein as of January 1, 2006	\$ 1,376,503
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	157,678
Additional investment with proceeds from exercises of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	45,631
Other comprehensive income	759
Cash distributions received from AllianceBernstein	(166,942)
Purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans, net	(18,369)
Issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made by AllianceBernstein under the Partners Compensation Plan	47,161
Awards of Holding Units made by AllianceBernstein under deferred compensation plans, net of forfeitures	36,879
Investment in AllianceBernstein as of June 30, 2006	<u>\$ 1,479,300</u>

#### 5. Income Taxes

Holding is a publicly traded partnership for federal tax purposes and, accordingly, is not subject to federal or state corporate income taxes. However, Holding is subject to the 4.0% New York City unincorporated business tax ("UBT") and to a 3.5% federal tax on partnership gross income from the active conduct of a trade or business. Holding's partnership gross income is derived from its interest in AllianceBernstein.

In order to preserve Holding's status as a "grandfathered" publicly traded partnership for federal income tax purposes, management ensures that Holding does not directly or indirectly (through AllianceBernstein) enter into a substantial new line of business. If Holding were to lose its status as a grandfathered publicly traded partnership, it would be subject to corporate income tax, which would reduce materially Holding's net income and its quarterly distributions to Holding Unitholders.

#### 6. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal and regulatory matters described below pertain to AllianceBernstein and are included here due to their potential significance to Holding's investment in AllianceBernstein.

##### *Legal Proceedings*

With respect to all significant litigation matters, we conduct a probability assessment of the likelihood of a negative outcome. If we determine the likelihood of a negative outcome is probable, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record an estimated loss for the expected outcome of the litigation as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5 ("SFAS No. 5"), "Accounting for Contingencies", and Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 14, "Reasonable Estimation of the Amount of a Loss - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 5". If the likelihood of a negative outcome is reasonably possible and we are able to indicate an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss, we disclose that fact together with the estimate of the possible loss or range of loss. However, it is difficult to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss because litigation is subject to significant uncertainties, particularly when plaintiffs allege substantial or indeterminate damages, or when the litigation is highly complex or broad in scope.

On April 8, 2002, in *In re Enron Corporation Securities Litigation*, a consolidated complaint (as subsequently amended, the "Enron Complaint") was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, against numerous defendants, including AllianceBernstein. The principal allegations of the Enron Complaint, as they pertain to AllianceBernstein, are that AllianceBernstein violated Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act") with respect to a registration statement filed by Enron Corp. ("Enron") and effective with the SEC on July 18, 2001, which was used to sell \$1.9 billion Enron Zero Coupon Convertible Notes due 2021. Plaintiffs allege that the registration statement was materially misleading and that Frank Savage, a director of Enron, signed the registration statement at issue. Plaintiffs further allege that AllianceBernstein was a controlling person of Frank Savage, who was at that time an employee of AllianceBernstein and a director of the General Partner. Plaintiffs therefore assert that AllianceBernstein is itself liable for the allegedly misleading registration statement. Plaintiffs seek rescission or a rescissory measure of damages. On April 12, 2006, AllianceBernstein moved for summary judgment dismissing the Enron Complaint as the allegations therein pertain to AllianceBernstein. This motion is pending. On July 5, 2006, the court granted plaintiffs' amended motion for class certification.

We believe that plaintiffs' allegations in the Enron Complaint as to us are without merit and intend to vigorously defend against these allegations. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of this matter because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, the fact that plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint, and the fact that, to date, we have not engaged in settlement negotiations.

#### Market Timing-related Matters

On October 2, 2003, a purported class action complaint entitled *Hindo, et al. v. AllianceBernstein Growth & Income Fund, et al.* ("Hindo Complaint") was filed against AllianceBernstein, Holding, the General Partner, AXA Financial, most of our open-end and closed-end funds that are registered as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("U.S. Funds"), the registrants and issuers of those funds, certain officers of AllianceBernstein ("AllianceBernstein defendants"), and certain unaffiliated defendants, as well as unnamed Doe defendants. The Hindo Complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by alleged shareholders of two of the U.S. Funds. The Hindo Complaint alleges that certain of the AllianceBernstein defendants failed to disclose that they improperly allowed certain hedge funds and other unidentified parties to engage in "late trading" and "market timing" of U.S. Fund securities, violating Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act, Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and Sections 206 and 215 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended ("Advisers Act"). Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and rescission of their contracts with AllianceBernstein, including recovery of all fees paid to AllianceBernstein pursuant to such contracts.

Since October 2, 2003, 43 additional lawsuits making factual allegations generally similar to those in the Hindo Complaint were filed in various federal and state courts against AllianceBernstein and certain other defendants. The plaintiffs in such lawsuits have asserted a variety of theories for recovery including, but not limited to, violations of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Advisers Act, the Investment Company Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), certain state securities laws, and common law. All state court actions against AllianceBernstein either were voluntarily dismissed or removed to federal court. On February 20, 2004, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation transferred all actions to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland ("Mutual Fund MDL").

On September 29, 2004, plaintiffs filed consolidated amended complaints with respect to four claim types: mutual fund shareholder claims; mutual fund derivative claims; derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding; and claims brought under ERISA by participants in the Profit Sharing Plan for Employees of AllianceBernstein. All four complaints include substantially identical factual allegations, which appear to be based in large part on our agreement with the SEC ("SEC Order") dated December 18, 2003 (amended and restated January 15, 2004), and our final agreement with the New York State Attorney General ("NYAG AoD") dated September 1, 2004.

On April 21, 2006, AllianceBernstein and attorneys for the plaintiffs in the mutual fund shareholder claims, mutual fund derivative claims, and ERISA claims entered into a confidential memorandum of understanding ("MOU") containing their agreement to settle these claims. The agreement will be documented by a stipulation of settlement and will be submitted for court approval at a later date. The settlement amount, which we previously accrued and disclosed, has been disbursed. The derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding remain pending. Plaintiff seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

We intend to vigorously defend against the lawsuit involving derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of this matter because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, and the fact that the plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint.

On February 10, 2004, we received (i) a subpoena duces tecum from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of West Virginia and (ii) a request for information from the Office of the State Auditor, Securities Commission, for the State of West Virginia (“WV Securities Commissioner”) (subpoena and request together, the “Information Requests”). The Information Requests required us to produce documents concerning, among other things, any market timing or late trading in our sponsored mutual funds. We responded to the Information Requests and have been cooperating fully with the investigation.

On April 11, 2005, a complaint entitled *The Attorney General of the State of West Virginia v. AIM Advisors, Inc., et al.* (“WVAG Complaint”) was filed against AllianceBernstein, Holding, and various unaffiliated defendants. The WVAG Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Marshall County, West Virginia by the Attorney General of the State of West Virginia. The WVAG Complaint makes factual allegations generally similar to those in the Hindo Complaint. On October 19, 2005, the WVAG Complaint was transferred to the Mutual Fund MDL.

On August 30, 2005, the WV Securities Commissioner signed a Summary Order to Cease and Desist, and Notice of Right to Hearing (“Summary Order”) addressed to AllianceBernstein and Holding. The Summary Order claims that AllianceBernstein and Holding violated the West Virginia Uniform Securities Act and makes factual allegations generally similar to those in the SEC Order and NYAG AoD. On January 26, 2006, AllianceBernstein, Holding, and various unaffiliated respondents filed a Petition for Writ of Prohibition and Order Suspending Proceedings in West Virginia state court seeking to vacate the Summary Order and for other relief. On April 12, 2006, respondents’ petition was denied. On May 4, 2006, respondents appealed the court’s determination.

We intend to vigorously defend against the allegations in the WVAG Complaint and the Summary Order. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of these matters because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, the fact that plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint, and the fact that, to date, we have not engaged in settlement negotiations.

#### Revenue Sharing-related Matters

On June 22, 2004, a purported class action complaint entitled *Aucoin, et al. v. Alliance Capital Management L.P., et al.* (“Aucoin Complaint”) was filed against AllianceBernstein, Holding, the General Partner, AXA Financial, AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of AllianceBernstein, “AllianceBernstein Investments”), certain current and former directors of U.S. Funds, and unnamed Doe defendants. The Aucoin Complaint names the U.S. Funds as nominal defendants. The Aucoin Complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by alleged shareholders of the AllianceBernstein Growth & Income Fund. The Aucoin Complaint alleges, among other things, (i) that certain of the defendants improperly authorized the payment of excessive commissions and other fees from U.S. Fund assets to broker-dealers in exchange for preferential marketing services, (ii) that certain of the defendants misrepresented and omitted from registration statements and other reports material facts concerning such payments, and (iii) that certain defendants caused such conduct as control persons of other defendants. The Aucoin Complaint asserts claims for violation of Sections 34(b), 36(b) and 48(a) of the Investment Company Act, Sections 206 and 215 of the Advisers Act, breach of common law fiduciary duties, and aiding and abetting breaches of common law fiduciary duties. Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and punitive damages, rescission of their contracts with AllianceBernstein, including recovery of all fees paid to AllianceBernstein pursuant to such contracts, an accounting of all U.S. Fund-related fees, commissions and soft dollar payments, and restitution of all unlawfully or discriminatorily obtained fees and expenses.

Since June 22, 2004, nine additional lawsuits making factual allegations substantially similar to those in the Aucoin Complaint were filed against AllianceBernstein and certain other defendants. All nine of the lawsuits (i) were brought as class actions filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, (ii) assert claims substantially identical to the Aucoin Complaint, and (iii) are brought on behalf of shareholders of U.S. Funds.

On February 2, 2005, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint (“Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint”), which asserts claims substantially similar to the Aucoin Complaint and the nine additional lawsuits referenced above. On October 19, 2005, the District Court dismissed each of the claims set forth in the Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint, except for plaintiffs’ claim under Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act. On January 11, 2006, the District Court granted defendants’ motion for reconsideration and dismissed the remaining Section 36(b) claim. On May 31, 2006, the District Court denied plaintiffs’ motion for leave to file their amended complaint. On July 5, 2006, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal.

We believe that plaintiffs' allegations in the Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint are without merit and intend to vigorously defend against these allegations. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of this matter because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, the fact that plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint, and the fact that, to date, we have not engaged in settlement negotiations.

We are involved in various other matters, including regulatory inquiries, administrative proceedings, and litigation, some of which allege substantial damages. While any proceeding or litigation has the element of uncertainty, we believe that the outcome of any one of the other lawsuits or claims that is pending or threatened, or all of them combined, will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the General Partner and Unitholders  
AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed statement of financial condition of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. as of June 30, 2006, and the related condensed statements of income and changes in partners' capital and comprehensive income for each of the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and the condensed statement of cash flows for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the management of AllianceBernstein Corporation, the General Partner.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying condensed interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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New York, New York

August 4, 2006

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The General Partner and Unitholders  
AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

We have reviewed the condensed statement of financial condition of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P., formerly known as Alliance Capital Management Holding L.P., as of June 30, 2005, and the related condensed statements of income, changes in partners' capital and comprehensive income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005, and the related condensed statement of cash flows for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005. These condensed financial statements are the responsibility of the management of AllianceBernstein Corporation, formerly known as Alliance Capital Management Corporation, the General Partner.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

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New York, New York

August 4, 2005

## Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Holding’s principal source of income and cash flow is attributable to its investment in AllianceBernstein. The Holding interim condensed financial statements and notes and management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations (“MD&A”) should be read in conjunction with those of AllianceBernstein included as an exhibit to this Form 10-Q. These should also be read in conjunction with AllianceBernstein’s audited financial statements and notes and MD&A included in Holding’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

### *Results of Operations*

	<u>Three Months Ended June 30,</u>			<u>Six Months Ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	<b>(in millions, except per unit amounts)</b>					
AllianceBernstein net income	\$ 261.1	\$ 198.0	31.9%	\$ 488.7	\$ 366.5	33.3%
Weighted average equity ownership interest	32.4%	31.6%		32.3%	31.6%	
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	\$ 84.5	\$ 62.7	34.9	\$ 157.7	\$ 115.7	36.3
Net income of Holding	\$ 76.0	\$ 56.1	35.4	\$ 141.6	\$ 103.0	37.5
Diluted net income per Holding Unit	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.68	30.9	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.26	32.5
Distribution per Holding Unit	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.68	30.9	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.24	34.7

Net income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased \$19.9 million and \$38.6 million, respectively, from net income of \$56.1 million and \$103.0 million for the corresponding prior year periods. The increases reflect higher equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein. **See AllianceBernstein’s MD&A contained in Exhibit 99.1** of this Form 10-Q.

### *Capital Resources and Liquidity*

The following table identifies selected items relating to capital resources and liquidity:

	<u>Six Months Ended June 30,</u>		<u>% Change</u>
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	
	<b>(in millions)</b>		
Partners’ capital, as of June 30	\$ 1,472.2	\$ 1,351.5	8.9%
Distributions received from AllianceBernstein	166.9	123.9	34.8
Distributions paid to unitholders	(150.3)	(111.1)	35.3
Proceeds from exercise of compensatory options	45.6	27.5	66.0
Investment in AllianceBernstein	(45.6)	(27.5)	66.0
Purchase of units by AllianceBernstein	(18.4)	(6.9)	165.4
Issuance of units	47.2	—	n/m
Awards of units by AllianceBernstein	36.9	32.8	12.3

Partners’ capital increased \$15.1 million (or 1.0%) and \$103.3 million (or 7.5%) for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively. The increase for the three-month period was primarily a result of net income, and proceeds from the exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units, partly offset by cash distributions paid to unitholders, and net purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans. The increase for the six-month period was primarily the result of net income, the issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made by AllianceBernstein under the Partners Compensation Plan, the proceeds from the exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units, and the net awards of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein under deferred compensation plans, partly offset by cash distributions to unitholders, and net purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans.



Holding is required to distribute all of its Available Cash Flow, as defined in the Holding Partnership Agreement, to its unitholders (including the General Partner). **See Note 2 of the Holding condensed financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q for a description of Available Cash Flow.

### ***Commitments and Contingencies***

**See Note 6 of the Holding condensed financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements provided by management in this report and in the portion of AllianceBernstein's Form 10-Q attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The most significant of these factors include, but are not limited to, the following: the performance of financial markets, the investment performance of sponsored investment products and separately managed accounts, general economic conditions, future acquisitions, competitive conditions and government regulations, including changes in tax regulations and rates. We caution readers to carefully consider such factors. Further, such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made; we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements. For further information regarding these forward-looking statements and the factors that could cause actual results to differ, **see "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and Part II, Item 1A** in this Form 10-Q. Any or all of the forward-looking statements that we make in this Form 10-Q or any other public statements we issue may turn out to be wrong. It is important to remember that other factors besides those listed in "Risk Factors" could also adversely affect our revenues, financial condition, results of operations, and business prospects.

The forward-looking statements referred to in the preceding paragraph include statements regarding the outcome of litigation and the effect on future earnings of the disposition of our cash management services to Federated Investors, Inc. ("Disposition"). Litigation is inherently unpredictable, and excessive damage awards do occur. Though we have stated that we do not expect certain legal proceedings to have a material adverse effect on results of operations or financial condition, any settlement or judgment on the merits of a legal proceeding could be significant, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. The effect of the Disposition on future earnings, resulting from contingent payments to be received in future periods, will depend on the amount of net revenue earned by Federated Investors, Inc. during these periods on assets under management maintained in Federated's funds by our former cash management clients. The amount of gain ultimately realized from the Disposition depends on whether we receive a final contingent payment payable on the fifth anniversary of the closing of the transaction (**see Note 9 in AllianceBernstein's Form 10-Q, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1**).

The forward-looking statements referred to above also include statements regarding noteworthy investment opportunity, especially in growth stocks, resulting from second quarter market turbulence, and slower growth in asset inflows in our institutional and retail distribution channels resulting from a decline from the record high levels reached earlier this year in unfunded institutional mandates and difficult capital market conditions, respectively. The actual performance of the capital markets and other factors beyond our control will affect our investment success for clients and asset inflows.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

With respect to the unaudited condensed interim financial information of Holding for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated August 4, 2006 appearing herein states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on the unaudited condensed interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act for their report on the unaudited condensed interim financial information because that report is not a "report" or a "part" of the registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

There have been no material changes to Holding's market risk for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Each of Holding and AllianceBernstein maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, in a timely manner.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the second quarter of 2006 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## Part II

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

See Note 6 of the condensed financial statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

In addition to the information set forth in this report, please consider carefully “**Risk Factors**” in Part I, Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. Such factors could materially affect our revenues, financial condition, results of operations, and business prospects. See also our discussion of risks associated with forward-looking statements in Part I, Item 2 of this Form 10-Q.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

There were no Holding Units sold by Holding in the period covered by this report that were not registered under the Securities Act.

The following table provides information relating to any purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein made in the quarter covered by this report:

## ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	(a) Total Number of Units Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid Per Unit, net of Commissions	(c) Total Number of Units Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Units that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
4/1/06-4/30/06	54,318	\$ 69.92	—	—
5/1/06-5/31/06	—	—	—	—
6/1/06-6/30/06	—	—	—	—
Total	54,318	\$ 69.92	—	—

All Holding Units were obtained from employees to satisfy statutory withholding tax requirements with respect to vesting of deferred compensation awards.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

- [15.1](#) Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, re: unaudited interim financial information.
- [15.2](#) Letter from KPMG LLP re: unaudited interim financial information.
- [31.1](#) Certification of Mr. Sanders furnished pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- [31.2](#) Certification of Mr. Joseph furnished pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- [32.1](#) Certification of Mr. Sanders furnished for the purpose of complying with Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- [32.2](#) Certification of Mr. Joseph furnished for the purpose of complying with Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- [99.1](#) Part I, Items 1 through 4 of the AllianceBernstein L.P. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 4, 2006

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

By: /s/ Robert H. Joseph, Jr.  
Robert H. Joseph, Jr.  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Letter Re: Unaudited Interim Financial Information

August 4, 2006

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20549

Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 033-52387, No. 333-127223, No. 333-51418, No. 333-49392, No. 333-47194, No. 333-47665, No. 333-47667, No. 033-65932, No. 033-65930, and No. 033-28534)

Commissioners:

We are aware that our report dated August 4, 2006 on our review of interim financial information of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (the “Company”) and AllianceBernstein L.P. for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2006 and included in the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements referred to above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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New York, New York

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Letter Re: Unaudited Interim Financial Information

August 4, 2006

AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.  
1345 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10105

Re: Registration Statement Nos. 033-52387, 333-127223, 333-51418, 333-49392, 333-47194, 333-47665, 333-47667, 033-65932, 033-65930, and 033-28534 on Forms S-8

With respect to the subject registration statements, we acknowledge our awareness of the use therein of our report dated August 4, 2005 related to our review of interim financial information.

Pursuant to Rule 436 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Act), such report is not considered part of a registration statement prepared or certified by an independent registered public accounting firm, or a report prepared or certified by an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

/s/ KPMG LLP

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New York, New York

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I, Lewis A. Sanders, Chief Executive Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 4, 2006

/s/ Lewis A. Sanders

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Lewis A. Sanders

Chief Executive Officer

AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

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I, Robert H. Joseph, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 4, 2006

/s/ Robert H. Joseph, Jr.

Robert H. Joseph, Jr.

Chief Financial Officer

AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2006 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about August 9, 2006 (the "Report"), I, Lewis A. Sanders, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, for the purpose of complying with Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 4, 2006

/s/ Lewis A. Sanders

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Lewis A. Sanders

Chief Executive Officer

AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2006 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about August 9, 2006 (the "Report"), I, Robert H. Joseph, Jr., Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, for the purpose of complying with Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 4, 2006

/s/ Robert H. Joseph, Jr.

Robert H. Joseph, Jr.

Chief Financial Officer

AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

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## Part I

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.**  
**AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition**  
(in thousands)

	June 30, 2006 (unaudited)	December 31, 2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 817,332	\$ 654,168
Cash and securities segregated, at market (cost: \$1,861,217 and \$1,720,295)	1,861,528	1,720,809
Receivables, net:		
Brokers and dealers	2,334,007	2,093,461
Brokerage clients	328,975	429,586
Fees, net	499,409	413,198
Investments	587,905	345,045
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	263,385	236,309
Goodwill, net	2,893,339	2,876,657
Intangible assets, net	294,975	305,325
Deferred sales commissions, net	197,685	196,637
Other investments	87,205	86,369
Other assets	128,402	132,916
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,294,147</b>	<b>\$ 9,490,480</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL</b>		
Liabilities:		
Payables:		
Brokers and dealers	\$ 1,122,382	\$ 1,057,274
Brokerage clients	3,433,380	2,929,500
AllianceBernstein mutual funds	108,557	140,603
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	270,638	286,449
Accrued compensation and benefits	557,244	357,321
Debt	414,918	407,291
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	11,203	9,368
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,918,322</b>	<b>5,187,806</b>
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 5)		
Partners' capital	4,375,825	4,302,674
<b>Total liabilities and partners' capital</b>	<b>\$ 10,294,147</b>	<b>\$ 9,490,480</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.**  
**AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**  
(in thousands, except per unit amounts)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Investment advisory and services fees	\$ 690,213	\$ 528,727	\$ 1,316,932	\$ 1,046,155
Distribution revenues	104,456	97,727	207,286	205,560
Institutional research services	102,631	80,504	198,398	174,463
Dividend and interest income	61,462	30,644	116,790	55,726
Investment gains (losses)	(15,537)	6,779	10,692	1,099
Other revenues	35,966	31,973	69,520	60,892
Total revenues	979,191	776,354	1,919,618	1,543,895
Less: Interest expense	45,861	20,096	90,620	37,088
Net revenues	933,330	756,258	1,828,998	1,506,807
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Employee compensation and benefits	373,780	308,699	744,127	593,761
Promotion and servicing:				
Distribution plan payments	72,795	71,322	143,840	162,760
Amortization of deferred sales commissions	23,589	34,439	49,970	70,987
Other	59,949	49,576	108,814	96,686
General and administrative	127,673	81,293	254,280	181,172
Interest on borrowings	6,852	6,306	14,283	12,578
Amortization of intangible assets	5,175	5,175	10,350	10,350
	669,813	556,810	1,325,664	1,128,294
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>263,517</b>	<b>199,448</b>	<b>503,334</b>	<b>378,513</b>
Non-operating income	9,730	12,312	13,181	12,008
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>273,247</b>	<b>211,760</b>	<b>516,515</b>	<b>390,521</b>
Income taxes	12,145	13,763	27,840	24,017
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 261,102</b>	<b>\$ 197,997</b>	<b>\$ 488,675</b>	<b>\$ 366,504</b>
<b>Net income per unit:</b>				
Basic	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.43
Diluted	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.42

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.**  
**AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of**  
**Changes in Partners' Capital**  
**and Comprehensive Income**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Partners' capital - beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 4,320,700</b>	<b>\$ 4,146,449</b>	<b>\$ 4,302,674</b>	<b>\$ 4,183,698</b>
Comprehensive income:				
Net income	261,102	197,997	488,675	366,504
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net	(1,050)	614	(447)	(199)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net	5,348	(8,454)	2,372	(8,387)
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>265,400</b>	<b>190,157</b>	<b>490,600</b>	<b>357,918</b>
Capital contributions from General Partner	742	705	1,509	1,444
Cash distributions to General Partner and unitholders	(226,391)	(162,105)	(517,167)	(393,091)
Purchases of Holding Units to fund deferred compensation plans, net	(2,254)	(532)	(18,369)	(6,920)
Additional investment by Holding through issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made under the Partners Compensation Plan	—	—	47,161	—
Compensatory Holding Unit options expense	559	555	1,177	1,119
Amortization of deferred compensation expense	11,293	15,056	22,609	29,467
Additional investment by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	5,776	10,834	45,631	27,484
<b>Partners' capital - end of period</b>	<b>\$ 4,375,825</b>	<b>\$ 4,201,119</b>	<b>\$ 4,375,825</b>	<b>\$ 4,201,119</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.**  
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**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 488,675	\$ 366,504
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of deferred sales commissions	49,970	70,987
Amortization of deferred compensation	38,435	47,016
Depreciation and other amortization	35,659	33,399
Other, net	(1,083)	924
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in segregated cash and securities	(140,719)	259,819
(Increase) in receivable from brokers and dealers	(231,628)	(518,141)
Decrease (increase) in receivable from brokerage clients	105,115	(41,114)
(Increase) decrease in fees receivable, net	(80,427)	723
(Increase) in trading investments	(197,010)	(171,222)
(Increase) in deferred sales commissions	(51,015)	(30,374)
(Increase) decrease in other investments	(4,266)	29,642
Decrease (increase) in other assets	7,770	(11,988)
Increase in payable to brokers and dealers	62,813	549,131
Increase (decrease) in payable to brokerage clients	493,541	(477,632)
(Decrease) increase in payable to AllianceBernstein mutual funds	(32,064)	4,782
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(24,866)	(26,565)
Increase in accrued compensation and benefits, less deferred compensation	231,035	157,603
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>749,935</b>	<b>243,494</b>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(41,966)	(6,662)
Proceeds from sales of investments	931	10,958
Additions to furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements	(49,623)	(46,741)
Purchase of business, net of cash acquired	(16,086)	—
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(106,744)</b>	<b>(42,445)</b>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuance (repayments) of commercial paper, net	5,430	(150)
Cash distributions to General Partner and unitholders	(517,167)	(393,091)
Capital contributions from General Partner	1,509	1,444
Additional investment by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	45,631	27,484
Purchases of Holding Units to fund deferred compensation plans, net	(18,369)	(6,920)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(482,966)</b>	<b>(371,233)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2,939	(6,903)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>163,164</b>	<b>(177,087)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period	654,168	1,061,523
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period</b>	<b>\$ 817,332</b>	<b>\$ 884,436</b>
Non-cash financing activities:		
Additional investment by Holding through issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made under the Partners Compensation Plan	\$ 47,161	\$ —

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P.**  
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*The words “we” and “our” refer collectively to AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (“Holding”) and AllianceBernstein L.P. and its subsidiaries (“AllianceBernstein”), or to their officers and employees. Similarly, the word “company” refers to both Holding and AllianceBernstein. Where the context requires distinguishing between Holding and AllianceBernstein, we identify which of them is being discussed. Cross-references are in bold text.*

*These statements should be read in conjunction with AllianceBernstein’s audited consolidated financial statements included in AllianceBernstein’s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.*

**1. Organization and Business Description**

AllianceBernstein provides diversified investment management and related services globally to a broad range of clients. Its principal services include:

- Institutional Investments Services - servicing institutional investors, including unaffiliated corporate and public employee pension funds, endowment funds, domestic and foreign institutions and governments, and affiliates such as AXA and certain of its insurance company subsidiaries, by means of separately managed accounts, sub-advisory relationships, structured products, group trusts, mutual funds (sponsored by AllianceBernstein or our affiliated joint venture companies), and other investment vehicles.
- Retail Services - servicing individual investors, primarily by means of retail mutual funds sponsored by AllianceBernstein or our affiliated joint venture companies, sub-advisory relationships in respect of mutual funds sponsored by third parties, separately managed account programs that are sponsored by registered broker-dealers, and other investment vehicles.
- Private Client Services - servicing high-net-worth individuals, trusts and estates, charitable foundations, partnerships, private and family corporations, and other entities, by means of separately managed accounts, hedge funds, mutual funds, and other investment vehicles.
- Institutional Research Services - servicing institutional investors desiring institutional research services including in-depth research, portfolio strategy, trading, and brokerage-related services.

We also provide distribution, shareholder servicing, and administrative services to our sponsored mutual funds.

We provide a broad range of investment services with expertise in:

- Growth equities, generally targeting stocks with under-appreciated growth potential;
- Value equities, generally targeting stocks at bargain prices that are out of favor;
- Fixed income, including both taxable and tax-exempt securities;
- Passive, including both index and enhanced index strategies; and
- Blend strategies, combining style pure components with systematic rebalancing.

We manage these strategies using various investment disciplines, including market capitalization (e.g., large-, mid-, and small-cap equities), term (e.g., long-, intermediate-, and short-duration debt securities), and geographic location (e.g., U.S., international, global, and emerging markets), as well as local and regional disciplines in major markets around the world.

We have a broad foundation in fundamental research, including comprehensive industry and company coverage from the differing perspectives of growth, value, and fixed income, as well as global economic and currency forecasting capabilities and quantitative research.



As of June 30, 2006, AXA, a *société anonyme* organized under the laws of France and the holding company for an international group of insurance and related financial services companies, AXA Financial, Inc. (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA, “AXA Financial”), AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company (a wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA Financial, “AXA Equitable”) and certain subsidiaries of AXA Financial, collectively referred to as “AXA and its subsidiaries”, owned approximately 1.7% of the issued and outstanding Holding Units.

As of June 30, 2006, the ownership structure of AllianceBernstein, as a percentage of limited partnership interests, was as follows:

AXA and its subsidiaries	59.6%
Holding	32.7
SCB Partners Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCB Inc., formerly known as Sanford C. Bernstein Inc.)	6.3
Other	1.4
	<u>100.0%</u>

AllianceBernstein Corporation (an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of AXA, “General Partner”) is the general partner of both Holding and AllianceBernstein. AllianceBernstein Corporation owns 100,000 general partnership units in Holding and a 1% general partnership interest in AllianceBernstein. Each general partnership unit in Holding is entitled to receive quarterly distributions equal to those received by each limited partnership unit. Including the general partnership interests in AllianceBernstein and Holding, and their equity interest in Holding, as of June 30, 2006, AXA and its subsidiaries had an approximate 60.6% economic interest in AllianceBernstein.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### *Basis of Presentation*

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of AllianceBernstein included herein have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the interim results, have been made. The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the interim reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The December 31, 2005 condensed consolidated statement of financial condition was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Principles of Consolidation*

The condensed consolidated financial statements include AllianceBernstein and its majority-owned and/or controlled subsidiaries. All significant inter-company transactions and balances among the consolidated entities have been eliminated.

The equity method of accounting is used for unconsolidated joint ventures and, in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force D-46, “*Accounting for Limited Partnership Investments*”, for investments made in limited partnership hedge funds that we sponsor and manage. These investments are included in “other investments” on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and the related investment income and gains and losses are included in “other revenues” on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

### ***Reclassifications***

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. These include the following reclassifications on the condensed consolidated statements of income:

- the reclassification of \$4.5 million and \$23.2 million of transaction charge revenues from investment advisory and services fees to institutional research services for the three-month and six-month periods ending June 30, 2005, respectively;
- non-operating income, consisting of gains on dispositions, previously included in other revenues, is now classified as non-operating income;
- dividend and interest income, investment gains and losses, and interest expense relating to broker-dealer operations, previously included in other revenues, are now shown separately; and
- shareholder servicing fees (\$24.9 million and \$49.7 million for the three-month and six-month periods of 2006, respectively, and \$26.2 million and \$51.4 million for the comparable periods of 2005, respectively), previously shown separately, are now included in other revenues.

### ***Cash Distributions***

AllianceBernstein is required to distribute all of its Available Cash Flow, as defined in the Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of AllianceBernstein ("AllianceBernstein Partnership Agreement"), to its unitholders and to its General Partner. Available Cash Flow can be summarized as the cash flow received by AllianceBernstein from operations minus such amounts as the General Partner determines, in its sole discretion, should be retained by AllianceBernstein for use in its business. Cash flow received from operations is computed by the General Partner by determining the sum of:

- net cash provided by operating activities of AllianceBernstein,
- proceeds from borrowings and from sales or other dispositions of assets in the ordinary course of business, and
- income from investments in marketable securities, liquid investments, and other financial instruments that are acquired for investment purposes and that have a value that may be readily established,

and then subtracting from this amount the sum of:

- payments in respect of the principal of borrowings, and
- amounts expended for the purchase of assets in the ordinary course of business.

On July 26, 2006, the General Partner declared a distribution of \$257.7 million, or \$0.99 per AllianceBernstein Unit, representing the distribution of Available Cash Flow for the three months ended June 30, 2006. The distribution is payable on August 17, 2006 to holders of record as of August 7, 2006.

### ***Fees Receivable, Net***

Fees receivable are shown net of allowances. An allowance for doubtful accounts related to investment advisory and services fees is determined through an analysis of the aging of receivables, assessments of collectibility based on historical trends and other qualitative and quantitative factors, including the following: our relationship with the client, the financial health (or ability to pay) of the client, current economic conditions and whether the account is closed or active.

### ***Goodwill, Net***

On October 2, 2000, AllianceBernstein acquired the business and assets of SCB Inc., an investment research and management company formerly known as Sanford C. Bernstein Inc. ("Bernstein"), and assumed the liabilities of Bernstein ("Bernstein Transaction"). The purchase price consisted of a cash payment of approximately \$1.5 billion and 40.8 million newly issued AllianceBernstein Units. AXA Financial purchased approximately 32.6 million newly issued AllianceBernstein Units for \$1.6 billion on June 21, 2000, to fund the cash portion of the purchase price.

The Bernstein Transaction was accounted for under the purchase method with the results of Bernstein included in the consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date. The cost of the acquisition was allocated on the basis of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. Portions of the purchase price were identified as net tangible assets of \$0.1 billion and costs assigned to contracts acquired of \$0.4 billion. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of identifiable assets acquired resulted in the recognition of goodwill of approximately \$3.0 billion.

During the second quarter of 2006, we made an acquisition which resulted in approximately \$16.7 million of goodwill (**See Note 8**).

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142 ("SFAS No. 142"), *"Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets"*, we test goodwill at least annually, as of September 30, for impairment. As of September 30, 2005, the impairment test indicated that goodwill was not impaired. Also, as of June 30, 2006, management believes that goodwill was not impaired.

#### ***Intangible Assets, Net***

Intangible assets consist primarily of costs assigned to investment management contracts of SCB Inc., less accumulated amortization. Intangible assets are being amortized over the estimated useful life of approximately 20 years. The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of intangible assets subject to amortization totaled \$414.0 million and \$119.0 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2006. Amortization expense was \$5.2 million for each of the three-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, and estimated annual amortization expense for each of the next five years is approximately \$20.7 million. Management tests intangible assets for impairment quarterly. As of June 30, 2006, management believes that intangible assets were not impaired.

#### ***Deferred Sales Commissions, Net***

Commissions paid to financial intermediaries in connection with the sale of shares of open-end company-sponsored mutual funds sold without a front-end sales charge are capitalized as deferred sales commissions and amortized over periods not exceeding five and one-half years, the periods of time during which deferred sales commissions are generally recovered from distribution services fees received from those funds and from contingent deferred sales commissions ("CDSC") received from shareholders of those funds upon the redemption of their shares. CDSC cash recoveries are recorded as reductions of unamortized deferred sales commissions when received.

Management tests the deferred sales commission asset for recoverability quarterly. Significant assumptions utilized to estimate the company's future average assets under management and undiscounted future cash flows from back-end load shares include expected future market performance and redemption rates. Estimates of undiscounted future cash flows and the remaining life of the deferred sales commission asset are made from these assumptions and the aggregate undiscounted future cash flows are compared to the recorded value of the deferred sales commission asset. Management considers the results of these analyses performed at various dates. If management determines in the future that an impairment condition exists, a loss would be recorded. The amount of the loss would be measured as the amount by which the recorded amount of the asset exceeds its estimated fair value. Estimated fair value is determined using management's best estimate of future cash flows, discounted to a present value amount.

#### ***Loss Contingencies***

With respect to all significant litigation matters, we conduct a probability assessment of the likelihood of a negative outcome. If we determine the likelihood of a negative outcome is probable, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record an estimated loss for the expected outcome of the litigation as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5 ("SFAS No. 5"), *"Accounting for Contingencies"*, and Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 14 ("FIN No. 14"), *"Reasonable Estimation of the Amount of a Loss - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 5"*. If the likelihood of a negative outcome is reasonably possible and we are able to indicate an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss, we disclose that fact together with the estimate of the possible loss or range of loss. However, it is difficult to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss because litigation is subject to significant uncertainties, particularly when plaintiffs allege substantial or indeterminate damages, or when the litigation is highly complex or broad in scope.

## ***Revenue Recognition***

Investment advisory and services base fees, generally calculated as a percentage of assets under management for clients, are recorded as revenue as the related services are performed. Certain investment advisory contracts provide for a performance-based fee, in addition to or in lieu of a base fee, that is calculated as either a percentage of absolute investment results or a percentage of investment results in excess of a stated benchmark over a specified period of time. Performance-based fees are recorded as revenue at the end of each measurement period. Institutional research services revenue consists of brokerage transaction charges received by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC (“SCB LLC”) and Sanford C. Bernstein Limited (“SCBL”), both wholly-owned subsidiaries of AllianceBernstein, for in-depth research and other services provided to institutional investors. Brokerage transaction charges earned and related expenses are recorded on a trade date basis. Distribution revenues, shareholder servicing fees, and interest income are accrued as earned.

## ***Compensatory Option Plans***

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), (“SFAS No. 123-R”), “*Share Based Payment*”. SFAS No. 123-R requires that compensation cost related to share-based payments, based on the fair value of the equity instruments issued, be recognized in financial statements. SFAS No. 123-R supercedes APB No. 25 and its related implementation guidance. We adopted SFAS No. 123-R effective January 1, 2006 utilizing the modified prospective method. Prior period amounts have not been restated.

Prior to January 1, 2006, we utilized the fair value method of recording compensation expense, including a straight-line amortization policy, relating to compensatory option awards of Holding Units granted subsequent to 2001, as permitted by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (“SFAS No. 123”), “*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*”, as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 148 (“SFAS No. 148”), “*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation — Transition and Disclosure*”.

Under the fair value method, compensation expense is measured at the grant date based on the estimated fair value of the award (determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model) and is recognized over the vesting period.

For compensatory option awards granted prior to 2002, we applied the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 (“APB No. 25”), “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees”, under which compensation expense is recognized only if the market value of the underlying Holding Units exceeds the exercise price at the date of grant. We did not record compensation expense for compensatory option awards made prior to 2002 because those options were granted with exercise prices equal to the market value of the underlying Holding Units on the date of grant. Had we recorded compensation expense for those options based on their market value at grant date under SFAS No. 123, net income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005 would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2005</b>	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2005</b>
	<b>(in thousands, except per unit amounts)</b>	
SFAS No. 123 pro forma net income:		
Net income as reported	\$ 197,997	\$ 366,504
Add: stock-based compensation expense included in net income, net of tax	519	1,051
Deduct: total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value method for all awards, net of tax	(1,055)	(2,145)
SFAS No. 123 pro forma net income	<u>\$ 197,461</u>	<u>\$ 365,410</u>
Net income per unit:		
Basic net income per unit as reported	<u>\$ 0.77</u>	<u>\$ 1.43</u>
Basic net income per unit pro forma	<u>\$ 0.77</u>	<u>\$ 1.42</u>
Diluted net income per unit as reported	<u>\$ 0.76</u>	<u>\$ 1.42</u>
Diluted net income per unit pro forma	<u>\$ 0.76</u>	<u>\$ 1.41</u>

### **Variable Interest Entities**

In accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003) (“FIN 46-R”), “Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities”, management reviews quarterly its management agreements and its investments in, and other financial arrangements with, certain entities that hold client assets under management to determine the entities that the company is required to consolidate under FIN 46-R. These include certain mutual fund products, hedge funds, structured products, group trusts, and joint ventures.

We derive no benefit from client assets under management of these entities other than investment management fees and cannot utilize those assets in our operations.

As of June 30, 2006, we have significant variable interests in certain structured products and hedge funds with approximately \$342.4 million in client assets under management. However, these variable interest entities do not require consolidation because management has determined that we are not the primary beneficiary. Our maximum exposure to loss in these entities is limited to our nominal investments of \$0.1 million in these entities.

### **3. Cash and Securities Segregated Under Federal Regulations and Other Requirements**

As of June 30, 2006, \$1.9 billion of United States Treasury Bills were segregated in a special reserve bank custody account for the exclusive benefit of brokerage customers of SCB LLC in accordance with Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”). During the first week of July 2006, we deposited an additional \$0.3 billion in United States Treasury Bills in this special account pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 requirements.

### **4. Net Income Per Unit**

Basic net income per unit is derived by reducing net income for the 1% general partnership interest and dividing the remaining 99% by the basic weighted average number of units outstanding for each period. Diluted net income per unit is derived by reducing net income for the 1% general partnership interest and dividing the remaining 99% by the total of the basic weighted average number of units outstanding and the dilutive unit equivalents resulting from outstanding compensatory options as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	(in thousands, except per unit amounts)			
Net income	\$ 261,102	\$ 197,997	\$ 488,675	\$ 366,504
Weighted average units outstanding - basic	257,624	254,828	257,224	254,514
Dilutive effect of compensatory options	2,242	1,673	2,222	1,780
Weighted average units outstanding - diluted	259,866	256,501	259,446	256,294
Basic net income per unit	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.43
Diluted net income per unit	\$ 0.99	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.42

For the three months ended June 30, 2006 there were no out-of-the-money options (any options with an exercise price greater than the weighted average closing price of a unit for the relevant period are considered out-of-the-money options). For the three months ended June 30, 2005 there were 4,045,300 out-of-the-money options excluded from the diluted net income per unit computation due to their anti-dilutive effect. Out-of-the-money options to buy 9,712 and 4,062,904 units for the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, have been excluded from the diluted net income per unit computation.

## 5. Commitments and Contingencies

### *Deferred Sales Commission Asset*

Payments of sales commissions made by AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (“AllianceBernstein Investments”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of AllianceBernstein, to financial intermediaries in connection with the sale of back-end load shares under our mutual fund distribution system (the “System”) are capitalized as deferred sales commissions (“deferred sales commission asset”) and amortized over periods not exceeding five and one-half years, the period of time during which the deferred sales commission asset is expected to be recovered. CDSC cash recoveries are recorded as reductions of unamortized deferred sales commissions when received. The amount recorded for the net deferred sales commission asset was \$197.7 million as of June 30, 2006. Payments of sales commissions made by AllianceBernstein Investments to financial intermediaries in connection with the sale of back-end load shares under the System, net of CDSC received of \$12.3 million and \$11.5 million, totaled approximately \$51.0 million and \$30.4 million during the six months ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Management tests the deferred sales commission asset for recoverability quarterly. Significant assumptions utilized to estimate the company’s future average assets under management and undiscounted future cash flows from back-end load shares include expected future market levels and redemption rates. Market assumptions are selected using a long-term view of expected average market returns based on historical returns of broad market indices. As of June 30, 2006, management used average market return assumptions of 5% for fixed income and 8% for equity to estimate annual market returns. Higher actual average market returns would increase undiscounted future cash flows, while lower actual average market returns would decrease undiscounted future cash flows. Future redemption rate assumptions ranging from 23% to 26% were determined by reference to actual redemption experience over the five-year, three-year, one-year and current periods ended June 30, 2006, calculated as a percentage of the company’s average assets under management represented by back-end load shares. An increase in the actual rate of redemptions would decrease undiscounted future cash flows, while a decrease in the actual rate of redemptions would increase undiscounted future cash flows. These assumptions are reviewed and updated quarterly. Estimates of undiscounted future cash flows and the remaining life of the deferred sales commission asset are made from these assumptions and the aggregate undiscounted future cash flows are compared to the recorded value of the deferred sales commission asset. Management considers the results of these analyses performed at various dates. As of June 30, 2006, management determined that the deferred sales commission asset was not impaired.

Equity markets decreased by 1% and increased by 3% during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively, as measured by the change in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index. Fixed income markets remained flat and decreased by 1% during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively, as measured by the change in the Lehman Brothers' Aggregate Bond Index. The redemption rate for domestic back-end load shares was approximately 25.8% and 25.7% during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively. Declines in financial markets or higher redemption levels, or both, as compared to the assumptions used to estimate undiscounted future cash flows, as described above, could result in the impairment of the deferred sales commission asset. Due to the volatility of the capital markets and changes in redemption rates, management is unable to predict whether or when a future impairment of the deferred sales commission asset might occur. Any impairment would reduce materially the recorded amount of the deferred sales commission asset with a corresponding charge to earnings.

### ***Legal Proceedings***

With respect to all significant litigation matters, we conduct a probability assessment of the likelihood of a negative outcome. If we determine the likelihood of a negative outcome is probable, and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record an estimated loss for the expected outcome of the litigation as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5 ("SFAS No. 5"), *"Accounting for Contingencies"*, and Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 14, *"Reasonable Estimation of the Amount of a Loss - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 5"*. If the likelihood of a negative outcome is reasonably possible and we are able to indicate an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss, we disclose that fact together with the estimate of the possible loss or range of loss. However, it is difficult to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss because litigation is subject to significant uncertainties, particularly when plaintiffs allege substantial or indeterminate damages, or when the litigation is highly complex or broad in scope.

On April 8, 2002, in *In re Enron Corporation Securities Litigation*, a consolidated complaint (as subsequently amended, the "Enron Complaint") was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, against numerous defendants, including AllianceBernstein. The principal allegations of the Enron Complaint, as they pertain to AllianceBernstein, are that AllianceBernstein violated Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act") with respect to a registration statement filed by Enron Corp. ("Enron") and effective with the SEC on July 18, 2001, which was used to sell \$1.9 billion Enron Zero Coupon Convertible Notes due 2021. Plaintiffs allege that the registration statement was materially misleading and that Frank Savage, a director of Enron, signed the registration statement at issue. Plaintiffs further allege that AllianceBernstein was a controlling person of Frank Savage, who was at that time an employee of AllianceBernstein and a director of the General Partner. Plaintiffs therefore assert that AllianceBernstein is itself liable for the allegedly misleading registration statement. Plaintiffs seek rescission or a rescissory measure of damages. On April 12, 2006, AllianceBernstein moved for summary judgment dismissing the Enron Complaint as the allegations therein pertain to AllianceBernstein. This motion is pending. On July 5, 2006, the court granted plaintiffs' amended motion for class certification.

We believe that plaintiffs' allegations in the Enron Complaint as to us are without merit and intend to vigorously defend against these allegations. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of this matter because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, the fact that plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint, and the fact that, to date, we have not engaged in settlement negotiations.

### **Market Timing-related Matters**

On October 2, 2003, a purported class action complaint entitled *Hindo, et al. v. AllianceBernstein Growth & Income Fund, et al.* ("Hindo Complaint") was filed against AllianceBernstein, Holding, the General Partner, AXA Financial, most of our open-end and closed-end funds that are registered as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("U.S. Funds"), the registrants and issuers of those funds, certain officers of AllianceBernstein ("AllianceBernstein defendants"), and certain unaffiliated defendants, as well as unnamed Doe defendants. The Hindo Complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by alleged shareholders of two of the U.S. Funds. The Hindo Complaint alleges that certain of the AllianceBernstein defendants failed to disclose that they improperly allowed certain hedge funds and other unidentified parties to engage in "late trading" and "market timing" of U.S. Fund securities, violating Sections 11 and 15 of the Securities Act, Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and Sections 206 and 215 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended ("Advisers Act"). Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and rescission of their contracts with AllianceBernstein, including recovery of all fees paid to AllianceBernstein pursuant to such contracts.

Since October 2, 2003, 43 additional lawsuits making factual allegations generally similar to those in the Hindo Complaint were filed in various federal and state courts against AllianceBernstein and certain other defendants. The plaintiffs in such lawsuits have asserted a variety of theories for recovery including, but not limited to, violations of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Advisers Act, the Investment Company Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), certain state securities laws, and common law. All state court actions against AllianceBernstein either were voluntarily dismissed or removed to federal court. On February 20, 2004, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation transferred all actions to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland (“Mutual Fund MDL”).

On September 29, 2004, plaintiffs filed consolidated amended complaints with respect to four claim types: mutual fund shareholder claims; mutual fund derivative claims; derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding; and claims brought under ERISA by participants in the Profit Sharing Plan for Employees of AllianceBernstein. All four complaints include substantially identical factual allegations, which appear to be based in large part on our agreement with the SEC (“SEC Order”) dated December 18, 2003 (amended and restated January 15, 2004), and our final agreement with the New York State Attorney General (“NYAG AoD”) dated September 1, 2004.

On April 21, 2006, AllianceBernstein and attorneys for the plaintiffs in the mutual fund shareholder claims, mutual fund derivative claims, and ERISA claims entered into a confidential memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) containing their agreement to settle these claims. The agreement will be documented by a stipulation of settlement and will be submitted for court approval at a later date. The settlement amount, which we previously accrued and disclosed, has been disbursed. The derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding remain pending. Plaintiff seeks an unspecified amount of damages.

We intend to vigorously defend against the lawsuit involving derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of this matter because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, and the fact that the plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint.

On February 10, 2004, we received (i) a subpoena duces tecum from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of West Virginia and (ii) a request for information from the Office of the State Auditor, Securities Commission, for the State of West Virginia (“WV Securities Commissioner”) (subpoena and request together, the “Information Requests”). The Information Requests required us to produce documents concerning, among other things, any market timing or late trading in our sponsored mutual funds. We responded to the Information Requests and have been cooperating fully with the investigation.

On April 11, 2005, a complaint entitled *The Attorney General of the State of West Virginia v. AIM Advisors, Inc., et al.* (“WVAG Complaint”) was filed against AllianceBernstein, Holding, and various unaffiliated defendants. The WVAG Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Marshall County, West Virginia by the Attorney General of the State of West Virginia. The WVAG Complaint makes factual allegations generally similar to those in the Hindo Complaint. On October 19, 2005, the WVAG Complaint was transferred to the Mutual Fund MDL.

On August 30, 2005, the WV Securities Commissioner signed a Summary Order to Cease and Desist, and Notice of Right to Hearing (“Summary Order”) addressed to AllianceBernstein and Holding. The Summary Order claims that AllianceBernstein and Holding violated the West Virginia Uniform Securities Act and makes factual allegations generally similar to those in the SEC Order and NYAG AoD. On January 26, 2006, AllianceBernstein, Holding, and various unaffiliated respondents filed a Petition for Writ of Prohibition and Order Suspending Proceedings in West Virginia state court seeking to vacate the Summary Order and for other relief. On April 12, 2006, respondents’ petition was denied. On May 4, 2006, respondents appealed the court’s determination.



We intend to vigorously defend against the allegations in the WVAG Complaint and the Summary Order. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of these matters because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, the fact that plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint, and the fact that, to date, we have not engaged in settlement negotiations.

#### Revenue Sharing-related Matters

On June 22, 2004, a purported class action complaint entitled *Aucoin, et al. v. Alliance Capital Management L.P., et al.* (“Aucoin Complaint”) was filed against AllianceBernstein, Holding, the General Partner, AXA Financial, AllianceBernstein Investments, certain current and former directors of U.S. Funds, and unnamed Doe defendants. The Aucoin Complaint names the U.S. Funds as nominal defendants. The Aucoin Complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by alleged shareholders of the AllianceBernstein Growth & Income Fund. The Aucoin Complaint alleges, among other things, (i) that certain of the defendants improperly authorized the payment of excessive commissions and other fees from U.S. Fund assets to broker-dealers in exchange for preferential marketing services, (ii) that certain of the defendants misrepresented and omitted from registration statements and other reports material facts concerning such payments, and (iii) that certain defendants caused such conduct as control persons of other defendants. The Aucoin Complaint asserts claims for violation of Sections 34(b), 36(b) and 48(a) of the Investment Company Act, Sections 206 and 215 of the Advisers Act, breach of common law fiduciary duties, and aiding and abetting breaches of common law fiduciary duties. Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and punitive damages, rescission of their contracts with AllianceBernstein, including recovery of all fees paid to AllianceBernstein pursuant to such contracts, an accounting of all U.S. Fund-related fees, commissions and soft dollar payments, and restitution of all unlawfully or discriminatorily obtained fees and expenses.

Since June 22, 2004, nine additional lawsuits making factual allegations substantially similar to those in the Aucoin Complaint were filed against AllianceBernstein and certain other defendants. All nine of the lawsuits (i) were brought as class actions filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, (ii) assert claims substantially identical to the Aucoin Complaint, and (iii) are brought on behalf of shareholders of U.S. Funds.

On February 2, 2005, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint (“Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint”), which asserts claims substantially similar to the Aucoin Complaint and the nine additional lawsuits referenced above. On October 19, 2005, the District Court dismissed each of the claims set forth in the Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint, except for plaintiffs’ claim under Section 36(b) of the Investment Company Act. On January 11, 2006, the District Court granted defendants’ motion for reconsideration and dismissed the remaining Section 36(b) claim. On May 31, 2006, the District Court denied plaintiffs’ motion for leave to file their amended complaint. On July 5, 2006, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal.

We believe that plaintiffs’ allegations in the Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint are without merit and intend to vigorously defend against these allegations. At the present time, we are unable to predict the outcome or estimate a possible loss or range of loss in respect of this matter because of the inherent uncertainty regarding the outcome of complex litigation, the fact that plaintiffs did not specify an amount of damages sought in their complaint, and the fact that, to date, we have not engaged in settlement negotiations.

We are involved in various other matters, including regulatory inquiries, administrative proceedings, and litigation, some of which allege substantial damages. While any proceeding or litigation has the element of uncertainty, we believe that the outcome of any one of the other lawsuits or claims that is pending or threatened, or all of them combined, will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

## **6. Employee Benefit Plans**

We maintain a qualified profit sharing plan (the “Profit Sharing Plan”) covering U.S. employees and certain foreign employees. Employee contributions are generally limited to the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes.

We maintain a qualified, noncontributory, defined benefit retirement plan (“Retirement Plan”) covering current and former employees who were employed by AllianceBernstein in the United States prior to October 2, 2000. Benefits are based on years of credited service, average final base salary and primary Social Security benefits. Our policy is to satisfy our funding obligation for each year in an amount not less than the minimum required by ERISA and not greater than the maximum amount that can be deducted for federal income tax purposes.

We contributed \$4.3 million to the Retirement Plan during the six months ended June 30, 2006. Contribution estimates, which are subject to change, are based on regulatory requirements, future market conditions and assumptions used for actuarial computations of the Retirement Plan’s obligations and assets. Management, at the present time, is unable to determine the amount, if any, of additional future contributions that may be required.

Net expense under the Retirement Plan was comprised of:

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>		<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>			
Service cost	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,159	\$ 2,254	\$ 2,318
Interest cost on projected benefit obligations	1,167	1,143	2,334	2,286
Expected return on plan assets	(948)	(800)	(1,896)	(1,600)
Amortization of prior service credit	(15)	(15)	(30)	(30)
Amortization of transition asset	(36)	(36)	(72)	(72)
Recognized actuarial loss	99	162	198	324
<b>Net pension charge</b>	<b>\$ 1,394</b>	<b>\$ 1,613</b>	<b>\$ 2,788</b>	<b>\$ 3,226</b>

## 7. Income Taxes

AllianceBernstein is a private partnership for federal income tax purposes and, accordingly, is not subject to federal and state corporate income taxes. However, AllianceBernstein is subject to a 4.0% New York City unincorporated business tax (“UBT”). Domestic corporate subsidiaries of AllianceBernstein, which are subject to federal, state and local income taxes, are generally included in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return; separate state and local income tax returns are filed. Foreign corporate subsidiaries are generally subject to taxes in the foreign jurisdictions where they are located.

In order to preserve AllianceBernstein’s status as a private partnership for federal income tax purposes, AllianceBernstein Units must not be treated as publicly traded. The AllianceBernstein Partnership Agreement provides that all transfers of AllianceBernstein Units must be approved by AXA Equitable and the General Partner; AXA Equitable and the General Partner approve only those transfers permitted pursuant to one or more of the safe harbors contained in relevant treasury regulations. If such units were considered readily tradable, AllianceBernstein’s net income would be subject to federal and state corporate income tax. Furthermore, should AllianceBernstein enter into a substantial new line of business, Holding, by virtue of its ownership of AllianceBernstein, would lose its status as a grandfathered publicly traded partnership and be subject to corporate income tax which would reduce materially Holding’s net income and its quarterly distributions to Holding Unitholders.

## 8. Acquisition

On May 2, 2006, we purchased the 50% interest in our Hong Kong joint venture (including its wholly-owned Taiwanese subsidiary) owned by our joint venture partner for a cost of \$16.1 million, net of cash acquired. The effect of this acquisition was not material to our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## 9. Dispositions

In June 2005, AllianceBernstein and Federated Investors, Inc. (“Federated”) completed a transaction pursuant to which Federated acquired our cash management services. In the transaction, \$19.3 billion in assets under management from 22 of our third-party distributed money market funds were transitioned into Federated money market funds. There were no assets or liabilities recorded on the consolidated balance sheet that were transferred as part of this transaction.

The total sales price (much of which is contingent) is estimated to be approximately \$103.0 million, which is composed of three parts: (1) an initial cash payment of \$25.0 million, which was received in the second quarter of 2005, (2) annual contingent purchase price payments payable over a five-year period ending in 2010, which we estimate will total \$68.0 million, and (3) a final contingent \$10.0 million payment, which is based on comparing revenues generated by applicable assets during the fifth year following the closing of the transaction to the revenues generated by those assets during a specified period prior to the closing of the transaction.

The annual contingent purchase price payments are calculated as a percentage of revenues, less certain expenses, directly attributed to these assets and certain other assets of our former cash management clients transferred to Federated. Income is accrued as earned. The contingent payments received from Federated in the five years following the closing of the transaction are expected to largely offset the loss of a profit contribution from managing the cash in money market fund customer accounts. As a result, this transaction is not expected to have a material impact on future results of operations, cash flow or liquidity during that period.

For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005, we recorded \$12.8 million and \$12.5 million of net gains, respectively, from this transaction as non-operating income. The gains consisted of the initial cash payment of \$25.0 million received from Federated, partially offset by a gain contingency of \$7.5 million and by approximately \$4.7 million and \$5.0 million of transaction expenses during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005, respectively. The gain contingency was a “clawback” provision that would have required us to pay Federated up to \$7.5 million if average daily transferred assets for the six-month period ended June 29, 2006 fell below a certain percentage of initial assets transferred at closing. We were not required to make a payment under the clawback provision and, accordingly, we recognized a gain of \$7.5 million during the second quarter of 2006.

During the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, \$2.3 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, of contingent payments were earned.

## **10. Compensatory Unit Award and Option Plans**

In 1988, we established an employee unit option plan (the “Unit Option Plan”), under which options to buy Holding Units were granted to certain key employees. Options were granted for terms of up to ten years and each option has an exercise price of not less than the fair market value of Holding Units on the date of grant. Options are exercisable at a rate of 20% of the Holding Units subject to such options on each of the first five anniversary dates of the date of grant. No options have been granted under the Unit Option Plan since it expired in 1999.

In 1993, we established the 1993 Unit Option Plan (“1993 Plan”), under which options to buy Holding Units were granted to key employees and independent directors of the General Partner for terms of up to ten years. Each option has an exercise price of not less than the fair market value of Holding Units on the date of grant. Options are exercisable at a rate of 20% of the Holding Units subject to such options on each of the first five anniversary dates of the date of grant. No options or other awards (see Century Club Plan below) have been granted under the 1993 Plan since it expired in 2003.

In 1997, we established the 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan (“1997 Plan”), under which options to buy Holding Units, restricted Holding Units and phantom restricted Holding Units, performance awards, and other Holding Unit-based awards may be granted to key employees and independent directors of the General Partner for terms established at the time of grant (generally ten years). Options granted to employees are generally exercisable at a rate of 20% of the Holding Units subject to such options on each of the first five anniversary dates of the date of grant; options granted to independent directors are generally exercisable at a rate of 33.3% of the Holding Units subject to such options on each of the first three anniversary dates of the date of grant. The aggregate number of Holding Units that can be the subject of options granted or that can be awarded under the 1997 Plan may not exceed 41,000,000 Holding Units. As of June 30, 2006, options to buy 10,821,816 Holding Units, net of forfeitures, had been granted and 1,036,707 Holding Units, net of forfeitures, were subject to other unit awards made under the 1997 Plan (see below). Holding Unit-based awards (including options) in respect of 29,141,477 Holding Units were available for grant as of June 30, 2006.

During the second quarters of 2006 and 2005, options to buy 9,712 and 17,604 Holding Units, respectively, were granted to independent directors of the General Partner under the 1997 Plan; no options were granted to employees. The weighted average fair value of options to buy Holding Units granted during 2006 and 2005 was \$12.35 and \$7.04 per Holding Unit, respectively, on the date of grant, determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following assumptions:

	2006	2005
Risk-free interest rate	4.9%	3.7%
Expected cash distribution yield	6.0%	6.2%
Volatility factor	31.0%	31.0%
Expected term	6.5 years	3 years

The following table summarizes the activity in options under our various option plans:

	Holding Units	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Holding Unit
<b>Outstanding as of January 1, 2006</b>	<b>7,450,204</b>	<b>\$ 40.45</b>
Granted	9,712	\$ 65.02
Exercised	(1,171,117)	\$ 38.55
Forfeited	(48,100)	\$ 38.54
<b>Outstanding as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b>6,240,699</b>	<b>\$ 40.86</b>
<b>Exercisable as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b>5,237,851</b>	

The following table summarizes information concerning outstanding and exercisable options as of June 30, 2006:

Range of Exercise Prices:	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Number Outstanding as of June 30, 2006	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable as of June 30, 2006	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
\$ 12.56 - \$ 18.47	437,400	1.22	\$ 17.05	437,400	\$ 17.05	
25.63 - 30.25	971,500	3.05	\$ 28.59	967,500	\$ 28.60	
32.52 - 48.50	2,455,337	5.53	\$ 39.29	1,752,201	\$ 41.61	
50.15 - 50.56	1,305,750	5.43	\$ 50.25	1,019,750	\$ 50.26	
51.10 - 65.02	1,070,712	4.51	\$ 53.88	1,061,000	\$ 53.78	
<b>\$ 12.56 - \$ 65.02</b>	<b>6,240,699</b>	<b>4.64</b>	<b>\$ 40.86</b>	<b>5,237,851</b>	<b>\$ 41.30</b>	

The following table summarizes the activity of unvested options during the six months ended June 30, 2006:

	<u>Holding Units</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Holding Unit</u>
<b>Unvested as of January 1, 2006</b>	<b>1,083,504</b>	<b>\$ 38.47</b>
Granted	9,712	\$ 65.02
Vested	(42,268)	\$ 42.87
Forfeited	(48,100)	\$ 38.54
<b>Unvested as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b><u>1,002,848</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 38.54</u></b>

The total fair value of options vested during 2006 was \$1.8 million.

Under the fair value method, compensation expense is measured at the grant date based on the estimated fair value of the options awarded (determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model) and is recognized over the vesting period. We recorded compensation expense relating to the option plans of \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, and \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million for the corresponding periods in 2005. As of June 30, 2006, there was \$3.0 million of compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the option plans for unvested awards not yet recognized. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.2 years.

#### Other Unit Awards

##### *Restricted Units*

In May 2005, restricted Holding Units (“Restricted Units”) were first awarded to the independent directors of the General Partner, and we expect such grants to occur annually. The Restricted Units give the directors, in most instances, all the rights of other Holding Unitholders subject to such restrictions on transfer as the Board of Directors of the General Partner may impose. We awarded 1,848 Restricted Units in the second quarter of 2006. All of the Restricted Units vest on the third anniversary of grant date or immediately upon a Board member’s resignation. As a result, we fully expensed the awards in the second quarter of 2006. As of June 30, 2006, 3,170 Restricted Units, net of distributions made upon retirement of two directors, were outstanding.

##### *Century Club Plan*

In 1993, we established the Century Club Plan, under which employees whose primary responsibilities are to assist in the distribution of company-sponsored mutual funds and who meet certain sales targets are eligible to receive an award of Holding Units. Awards vest ratably over three years and are amortized as employee compensation expense. In the first quarter of 2006, awards totaling 36,020 Holding Units, with a market value on the date of award of approximately \$2.3 million, were granted under the Century Club Plan.

The following table summarizes the activity of unvested Century Club units during the six months ended June 30, 2006:

	<u>Holding Units</u>
<b>Unvested as of January 1, 2006</b>	<b>53,250</b>
Granted	36,020
Vested	(25,855)
Forfeited	(1,135)
<b>Unvested as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b><u>62,280</u></b>

We recorded compensation expense relating to the Century Club Plan of \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, and \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million for the corresponding periods in 2005. As of June 30, 2006, there was \$3.0 million of compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Century Club Plan not yet recognized. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.1 years.

**Pre-1999 Partners Compensation Plan Conversion**

We maintain an unfunded, non-qualified deferred compensation plan known as the Amended and Restated AllianceBernstein Partners Compensation Plan (the “Partners Compensation Plan”), under which awards may be granted to eligible employees. Through December 31, 2005, liabilities for outstanding cash awards granted from 1995 through 1998 increased or decreased in accordance with a formula based on our earnings growth rate (“Pre-1999 Awards”). Effective January 1, 2006, Pre-1999 Award account balances were notionally invested in Holding Units or a money market fund, or a combination of both, at the election of the participant and are no longer subject to the earnings-based formula. As a result, Holding issued 834,864 Holding Units in January 2006, with a market value on that date of approximately \$47.2 million.

**11. Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (“FIN No. 48”), *“Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes”*, an interpretation of FASB Statement 109. FIN No. 48 requires that the effects of a tax position be recognized in the financial statements only if, as of the reporting date, it is “more likely than not” to be sustained based solely on its technical merits. In making this assessment, a company must assume that the taxing authority will examine the tax position and have full knowledge of all relevant information. FIN No. 48 is effective January 1, 2007. Management is currently evaluating the impact that FIN No. 48 will have on the Company’s consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the General Partner and Unitholders  
AllianceBernstein L.P.

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of financial condition of AllianceBernstein L.P. and its subsidiaries as of June 30, 2006, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and changes in partners' capital and comprehensive income for each of the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006. These interim financial statements are the responsibility of the management of AllianceBernstein Corporation, the General Partner.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC

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New York, New York

August 4, 2006

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The General Partner and Unitholders  
AllianceBernstein L.P.

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated statement of financial condition of AllianceBernstein L.P., formerly known as Alliance Capital Management L.P., as of June 30, 2005, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income, changes in partners' capital and comprehensive income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005, and the related condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six-month period ended June 30, 2005. These condensed consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the management of AllianceBernstein Corporation, formerly known as Alliance Capital Management Corporation, the General Partner.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

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New York, New York  
August 4, 2005



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

### *Executive Overview*

Equity capital markets weakened midway through the second quarter of 2006, especially in growth equities and emerging markets, as inflation fears, interest rate increases and slowing economic growth heightened investor anxiety. Our investment performance was generally disappointing in the second quarter of 2006, particularly in our Growth and Emerging Market equity portfolios, although returns in Value Equities and Fixed Income were satisfactory. Despite this downturn, we believe these current market conditions have created noteworthy investment opportunity, particularly in Growth stocks. Our long-term performance, moreover, remains competitive.

Our assets under management increased \$109 billion (or 21%) to \$625 billion since the second quarter of 2005. Strong organic growth occurred across all channels and actively managed investment services.

Our Institutional Investments channel continued to experience strong net asset inflows into global and international services, with our Core/Blend Equity Services accounting for approximately one-third of all new assets. Approximately 80% of new fundings were attributable to global and international services. Furthermore, we have established a dedicated team to focus on defined contribution plan opportunities.

Our Retail channel experienced positive net flows for the fourth consecutive quarter. Wealth Strategies services reached nearly \$6.5 billion in assets, with U.S. services comprising \$4.3 billion and global services comprising \$2.2 billion. Lastly, a well-known industry website ranked our CollegeBound*fund* the number 1 college savings plan based on performance; the fund now has \$6.8 billion in assets under management.

Although we believe the firm is well-positioned overall, slower growth in asset inflows is anticipated in the period ahead, as difficult capital market conditions will likely weigh on retail flows. The backlog of new but unfunded institutional mandates, while still substantial, has declined from the record high levels reached earlier this year.

Our Private Client channel also experienced strong net asset inflows for the quarter. During the second quarter of 2006, we increased our number of financial advisors by 10 (or 4%) to 280 and we opened our first non-U.S. office in London in July.

Institutional Research Services continued to gain market share and volume from the continued strength of our research franchise and growing client interest in our algorithmic trading platform. This revenue growth has occurred despite industry-wide pricing declines. We received high marks for research quality in two leading European research surveys - thus reinforcing our strong market position. Lastly, we launched coverage of European medical devices/supplies, European luxury goods, and European retail.

### *Assets Under Management*

Effective January 1, 2006, we transferred certain client accounts to different distribution channels due to changes in how we service these accounts, which are reflected as transfers in the tables below.

Assets under management by distribution channel were as follows (in billions):

	As of June 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2006	2005		
Institutional Investments	\$ 396.0	\$ 316.7	\$ 79.3	25.0%
Retail	146.4	132.0	14.4	10.9
Private Client	82.8	67.3	15.5	23.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>	<b>\$ 516.0</b>	<b>\$ 109.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>

Assets under management by investment service were as follows (in billions):

	As of June 30,			
	2006	2005	\$ Change	% Change
Growth Equity:				
U.S.	\$ 77.7	\$ 76.0	\$ 1.7	2.3%
Global & international	79.3	46.9	32.4	69.2
	157.0	122.9	34.1	27.8
Value Equity:				
U.S.	107.7	102.3	5.4	5.3
Global & international	164.7	99.9	64.8	64.8
	272.4	202.2	70.2	34.7
Fixed Income:				
U.S.	105.8	112.3	(6.5)	(5.7)
Global & international	60.0	49.9	10.1	20.1
	165.8	162.2	3.6	2.2
Index/Structured:				
U.S.	24.7	23.9	0.8	2.9
Global & international	5.3	4.8	0.5	11.9
	30.0	28.7	1.3	4.4
Total:				
U.S.	315.9	314.5	1.4	0.5
Global & international	309.3	201.5	107.8	53.5
Total	\$ 625.2	\$ 516.0	\$ 109.2	21.2

Changes in assets under management for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 were as follows (in billions):

	Distribution Channel				Investment Service				
	Institutional Investments	Retail	Private Client	Total	Growth Equity	Value Equity	Fixed Income	Index/Structured	Total
Balance as of April 1, 2006	\$ 389.9	\$ 145.9	\$ 81.8	\$ 617.6	\$ 159.4	\$ 263.0	\$ 164.4	\$ 30.8	\$ 617.6
Long-term flows:									
Sales/new accounts	15.5	13.3	4.0	32.8	10.6	15.9	5.8	0.5	32.8
Redemptions/terminations	(3.3)	(7.9)	(0.7)	(11.9)	(3.7)	(3.8)	(3.5)	(0.9)	(11.9)
Cash flow/unreinvested dividends	(2.5)	(0.7)	(0.8)	(4.0)	(0.3)	(2.4)	(1.3)	—	(4.0)
Net long-term inflows/ (outflows)	9.7	4.7	2.5	16.9	6.6	9.7	1.0	(0.4)	16.9
Acquisition	0.3	0.1	—	0.4	0.3	—	0.1	—	0.4
Market (depreciation)/ appreciation	(3.9)	(4.3)	(1.5)	(9.7)	(9.3)	(0.3)	0.3	(0.4)	(9.7)
Net change	6.1	0.5	1.0	7.6	(2.4)	9.4	1.4	(0.8)	7.6
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b>\$ 396.0</b>	<b>\$ 146.4</b>	<b>\$ 82.8</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>	<b>\$ 157.0</b>	<b>\$ 272.4</b>	<b>\$ 165.8</b>	<b>\$ 30.0</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>

Changes in assets under management for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 were as follows (in billions):

	Distribution Channel				Investment Service				
	Institutional Investments	Retail	Private Client	Total	Growth Equity	Value Equity	Fixed Income	Index/Structured	Total
Balance as of Jan 1, 2006	\$ 358.6	\$ 145.1	\$ 74.9	\$ 578.6	\$ 146.2	\$ 238.2	\$ 164.1	\$ 30.1	\$ 578.6
Long-term flows:									
Sales/new accounts	26.7	24.5	8.0	59.2	21.0	26.9	10.5	0.8	59.2
Redemptions/terminations	(5.7)	(15.3)	(1.4)	(22.4)	(7.8)	(7.1)	(6.4)	(1.1)	(22.4)
Cash flow/unreinvested dividends	(5.8)	(0.7)	(1.4)	(7.9)	(0.8)	(4.7)	(1.5)	(0.9)	(7.9)
Net long-term inflows/ (outflows)	15.2	8.5	5.2	28.9	12.4	15.1	2.6	(1.2)	28.9
Acquisition	0.3	0.1	—	0.4	0.3	—	0.1	—	0.4
Transfers	7.9	(9.1)	1.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Market appreciation/ (depreciation)	14.0	1.8	1.5	17.3	(1.9)	19.1	(1.0)	1.1	17.3
Net change	37.4	1.3	7.9	46.6	10.8	34.2	1.7	(0.1)	46.6
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b>\$ 396.0</b>	<b>\$ 146.4</b>	<b>\$ 82.8</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>	<b>\$ 157.0</b>	<b>\$ 272.4</b>	<b>\$ 165.8</b>	<b>\$ 30.0</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>

Changes in assets under management for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2006 were as follows (in billions):

	Distribution Channel				Investment Service				
	Institutional Investments	Retail	Private Client	Total	Growth Equity	Value Equity	Fixed Income	Index/Structured	Total
Balance as of July 1, 2005	\$ 316.7	\$ 132.0	\$ 67.3	\$ 516.0	\$ 122.9	\$ 202.2	\$ 162.2	\$ 28.7	\$ 516.0
Long-term flows:									
Sales/new accounts	49.7	41.7	13.3	104.7	38.1	45.2	20.4	1.0	104.7
Redemptions/terminations	(12.2)	(28.2)	(2.8)	(43.2)	(16.6)	(12.8)	(12.1)	(1.7)	(43.2)
Cash flow/unreinvested dividends	(6.1)	(1.3)	(2.4)	(9.8)	(3.0)	(3.4)	(2.4)	(1.0)	(9.8)
Net long-term inflows/ (outflows)	31.4	12.2	8.1	51.7	18.5	29.0	5.9	(1.7)	51.7
Acquisition	0.3	0.1	—	0.4	0.3	—	0.1	—	0.4
Dispositions	(1.4)	(0.3)	—	(1.7)	(1.2)	—	(0.5)	—	(1.7)
Transfers	8.5	(9.2)	0.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Market appreciation/ (depreciation)	40.5	11.6	6.7	58.8	16.5	41.2	(1.9)	3.0	58.8
Net change	79.3	14.4	15.5	109.2	34.1	70.2	3.6	1.3	109.2
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2006</b>	<b>\$ 396.0</b>	<b>\$ 146.4</b>	<b>\$ 82.8</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>	<b>\$ 157.0</b>	<b>\$ 272.4</b>	<b>\$ 165.8</b>	<b>\$ 30.0</b>	<b>\$ 625.2</b>

Average assets under management by distribution channel and investment service were as follows (in billions):

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Distribution Channel:</b>								
Institutional Investments	\$ 395.9	\$ 312.2	\$ 83.7	26.8%	\$ 387.2	\$ 312.1	\$ 75.1	24.1%
Retail	146.9	144.4	2.5	1.7	145.7	152.2	(6.5)	(4.3)
Private Client	82.6	65.8	16.8	25.4	80.6	65.2	15.4	23.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 625.4</b>	<b>\$ 522.4</b>	<b>\$ 103.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>\$ 613.5</b>	<b>\$ 529.5</b>	<b>\$ 84.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>
	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Investment Service:</b>								
Growth Equity	\$ 158.8	\$ 119.5	\$ 39.3	32.9%	\$ 156.4	\$ 120.3	\$ 36.1	30.0%
Value Equity	270.4	196.3	74.1	37.7	261.2	195.3	65.9	33.7
Fixed Income	165.4	177.9	(12.5)	(7.0)	165.2	184.8	(19.6)	(10.6)
Index/Structured	30.8	28.7	2.1	7.3	30.7	29.1	1.6	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 625.4</b>	<b>\$ 522.4</b>	<b>\$ 103.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>\$ 613.5</b>	<b>\$ 529.5</b>	<b>\$ 84.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>

## Consolidated Results of Operations

We provide diversified investment management and related services globally to a broad range of clients. Substantially all of our expenses directly support our revenue-producing activities. Costs are gathered and analyzed consistent with the expense line items presented in the income statement for the purpose of making management decisions. Accordingly, the presentation of our condensed consolidated statements of income is analogous to a single-step income statement which does not distinguish between the cost of services provided to clients and selling or overhead expenses, but rather separately identifies individually significant elements of revenues and costs and expenses.

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change
(in millions, except per unit amounts)								
Net revenues	\$ 933.3	\$ 756.3	\$ 177.0	23.4%	\$ 1,829.0	\$ 1,506.8	\$ 322.2	21.4%
Expenses	669.8	556.8	113.0	20.3	1,325.7	1,128.3	197.4	17.5
Operating income	263.5	199.5	64.0	32.1	503.3	378.5	124.8	33.0
Non-operating income	9.7	12.3	(2.6)	(21.0)	13.2	12.0	1.2	9.8
Income before income taxes	273.2	211.8	61.4	29.0	516.5	390.5	126.0	32.3
Income taxes	12.1	13.8	(1.7)	(11.8)	27.8	24.0	3.8	15.9
Net income	<u>\$ 261.1</u>	<u>\$ 198.0</u>	<u>\$ 63.1</u>	31.9	<u>\$ 488.7</u>	<u>\$ 366.5</u>	<u>\$ 122.2</u>	33.3
Diluted net income per unit	<u>\$ 0.99</u>	<u>\$ 0.76</u>	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	30.3	<u>\$ 1.86</u>	<u>\$ 1.42</u>	<u>\$ 0.44</u>	31.0
Distributions per unit	<u>\$ 0.99</u>	<u>\$ 0.76</u>	<u>\$ 0.23</u>	30.3	<u>\$ 1.86</u>	<u>\$ 1.39</u>	<u>\$ 0.47</u>	33.8
Pre-tax margin <sup>(1)</sup>	29.3%	28.0%			28.2%	25.9%		

<sup>(1)</sup>Income before income taxes as a percentage of net revenues.

Net income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased 31.9% and 33.3%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005. This increase was primarily due to higher investment advisory and services fees, and institutional research services revenues, partially offset by higher employee compensation and benefits expenses and higher general and administrative expenses.

## Net Revenues

The following table summarizes the components of total net revenues:

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change
(in millions)								
Investment advisory and services fees:								
Institutional Investments:								
Base fees	\$ 271.5	\$ 192.0	\$ 79.5	41.4%	\$ 523.3	\$ 379.0	\$ 144.3	38.1%
Performance fees	36.6	24.7	11.9	48.6	50.1	31.4	18.7	59.6
	308.1	216.7	91.4	42.2	573.4	410.4	163.0	39.7
Retail:								
Base fees	192.9	162.9	30.0	18.5	379.6	345.3	34.3	9.9
Performance fees	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)	n/m
	192.8	162.8	30.0	18.5	379.4	345.3	34.1	9.9
Private Client:								
Base fees	189.0	149.7	39.3	26.3	364.4	289.9	74.5	25.7
Performance fees	0.3	(0.4)	0.7	n/m	(0.3)	0.6	(0.9)	n/m
	189.3	149.3	40.0	26.8	364.1	290.5	73.6	25.4
Total:								
Base fees	653.4	504.6	148.8	29.5	1,267.3	1,014.2	253.1	25.0
Performance fees	36.8	24.2	12.6	52.2	49.6	32.0	17.6	54.9
	690.2	528.8	161.4	30.5	1,316.9	1,046.2	270.7	25.9
Distribution revenues	104.5	97.8	6.7	6.9	207.3	205.6	1.7	0.8
Institutional research services	102.6	80.4	22.2	27.5	198.4	174.4	24.0	13.7
Dividend and interest income	61.5	30.6	30.9	100.6	116.8	55.7	61.1	109.6
Investment gains (losses)	(15.5)	6.8	(22.3)	n/m	10.7	1.1	9.6	n/m
Other revenues	35.9	32.0	3.9	12.5	69.5	60.9	8.6	14.2
Total revenues	979.2	776.4	202.8	26.1	1,919.6	1,543.9	375.7	24.3
Less: Interest expense	45.9	20.1	25.8	128.2	90.6	37.1	53.5	144.3
<b>Net Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 933.3</b>	<b>\$ 756.3</b>	<b>\$ 177.0</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>\$ 1,829.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,506.8</b>	<b>\$ 322.2</b>	<b>21.4</b>

### Investment Advisory and Services Fees

Investment advisory and services fees, the largest component of our revenues, include base fees, which are generally calculated as a percentage of the value of assets under management and vary with the type of investment strategy and discipline, the size of account, and the total amount of assets we manage for a particular client. Accordingly, fee income generally increases or decreases as average assets under management increase or decrease and is therefore affected by market appreciation or depreciation, the addition of new client accounts or client contributions of additional assets to existing accounts, withdrawals of assets from and termination of client accounts, purchases and redemptions of mutual fund shares, and shifts of assets between accounts or products with different fee structures.

Certain investment advisory contracts provide for a performance-based fee, in addition to or in lieu of a base fee. This fee is calculated as either a percentage of absolute investment results or a percentage of investment results in excess of a stated benchmark over a specified period of time. Performance-based fees are recorded as revenue at the end of the measurement period and will be higher in favorable markets and lower in unfavorable markets, which may increase the volatility of our revenues and earnings.

Brokerage transaction charges earned by SCB LLC for certain private client and institutional investment client transactions previously recorded as investment advisory and services fees are now recorded as Institutional Research Services revenue. Prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, our investment advisory and services fees increased 30.5% and 25.9%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005, primarily due to increases of 19.7% and 15.9% in average assets under management resulting from net asset inflows in both periods and market appreciation experienced in the six-month period. For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, performance fees aggregated \$36.8 million and \$49.6 million, respectively, a respective increase of \$12.6 million and \$17.6 million in comparison with the corresponding periods in 2005. The increases were primarily a result of our out-performance relative to benchmarks in Institutional Growth, Value, and Core/Blend Equity Services.

Institutional Investments investment advisory and services fees for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased \$91.4 million (or 42.2%) and \$163.0 million (or 39.7%), respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005, primarily as a result of increases in assets under management and favorable mix, reflecting increases in global and international average assets under management of 63.0% and 57.4%, respectively, where base-fee rates are generally higher than domestic rates.

Retail investment advisory and services fees for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased by \$30.0 million (or 18.5%) and \$34.1 million (or 9.9%), respectively, primarily reflecting increases in global and international average assets under management of 34.9% and 32.0%, respectively, partially offset by the disposition of our cash management services during the second quarter of 2005.

Private Client investment advisory and services fees for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased by \$40.0 million (or 26.8%) and \$73.6 million (or 25.4%), respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005, primarily as a result of increases in assets under management.

#### Distribution Revenues

AllianceBernstein Investments acts as distributor of company-sponsored mutual funds and receives distribution services fees from certain of those funds as partial reimbursement of the distribution expenses it incurs. Distribution revenues for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased \$6.7 million (or 6.9%) and \$1.7 million (or 0.8%), respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005, due primarily to higher non-U.S. revenues, partially offset by the disposition of our cash management services during the second quarter of 2005.

#### Institutional Research Services

Institutional Research Services revenue consists principally of brokerage transaction charges received for providing in-depth research and other services to institutional investors. Beginning January 1, 2006, we report all revenues earned by SCB LLC from brokerage transactions executed for certain private clients and Institutional Investment clients of AllianceBernstein as Institutional Research Services revenues rather than as investment advisory and services fees. For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005, we reclassified \$4.5 million and \$23.2 million, respectively, to conform with this approach ("Reclassification").

Revenues from Institutional Research Services for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, without the effect of the Reclassification, increased \$26.2 million (or 34.5%) and \$46.1 million (or 30.5%), respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005. The increases reflect an increase in U.S. and Pan-European market share, partly offset by lower pricing.

The reclassified brokerage transaction charges were \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, in the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, and \$4.5 million and \$23.2 million, respectively, in the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2005. The lower amounts in 2006 relating to the Reclassification primarily reflect a management initiative implemented during the first half of 2005 which changed the structure of investment advisory and services fees charged to private clients for our services. The restructuring eliminated transaction charges for most private clients while raising base fees.

Recent declines in commission rates charged by broker-dealers are likely to continue and may accelerate. Increasing use of electronic trading systems (which permit investors to execute securities transactions at a fraction of typical full-service broker-dealer charges) and pressure exerted by funds and institutional investors are likely to result in continuing, perhaps significant, declines in commission rates, which would, in turn, reduce the revenues generated by our Institutional Research Services.

## Dividend and Interest Income and Interest Expense

Dividend and interest income consists of investment income, and interest income earned on securities loaned to brokers and dealers. Interest expense is incurred on securities borrowed. Dividend and interest, net of interest expense, for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, increased \$5.1 million and \$7.6 million, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005. The increases were due primarily to higher average customer credit balances in 2006.

## Investment Gains (Losses)

For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, investment gains (losses), consisting of realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments related to deferred compensation plan obligations and other investments, decreased \$22.3 million and increased \$9.6 million, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005. The decrease for the three-month period was due primarily to negative equity market performance in the second quarter of 2006 resulting in mark-to-market losses on investments related to deferred compensation plan obligations compared to gains in the comparable three-month period of 2005. The increase for the six-month period was due primarily to strong equity market performance in the first quarter of 2006.

## Expenses

The following table summarizes the components of expenses:

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change	6/30/06	6/30/05	\$ Change	% Change
	(in millions)							
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 373.8	\$ 308.7	\$ 65.1	21.1%	\$ 744.1	\$ 593.7	\$ 150.4	25.3%
Promotion and servicing	156.3	155.3	1.0	0.6	302.6	330.4	(27.8)	(8.4)
General and administrative	127.7	81.3	46.4	57.1	254.3	181.2	73.1	40.4
Interest	6.8	6.3	0.5	8.7	14.3	12.6	1.7	13.6
Amortization of intangible assets	5.2	5.2	—	—	10.4	10.4	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 669.8</b>	<b>\$ 556.8</b>	<b>\$ 113.0</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>\$ 1,325.7</b>	<b>\$ 1,128.3</b>	<b>\$ 197.4</b>	<b>17.5</b>

## Employee Compensation and Benefits

We had 4,588 full-time employees at June 30, 2006 compared to 4,118 at June 30, 2005. Employee compensation and benefits, which represent approximately 55.8% and 56.1% of total expenses in the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively, include base compensation, commissions, fringe benefits, cash and deferred incentive compensation, and other employment costs.

Base compensation, fringe benefits and other employment costs for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased \$19.4 million, or 17.1%, and \$36.6 million, or 16.5%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005, primarily as a result of increased headcount, annual merit salary increases, and higher fringe benefits reflecting increased compensation levels. Incentive compensation for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, increased \$18.6 million, or 14.5%, and \$60.9 million, or 25.1%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2005, primarily as a result of higher earnings. In comparison with the corresponding periods in 2005, commission expense for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 was higher by \$27.1 million, or 40.4%, and by \$52.9 million, or 41.0%, respectively, due to higher sales across all distribution channels and Institutional Research Services.

## Promotion and Servicing

Promotion and servicing expenses, which represent approximately 23.3% and 22.8% of total expenses for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively, include distribution plan payments to financial intermediaries for distribution of company-sponsored mutual funds and cash management services products (in 2005) and amortization of deferred sales commissions paid to financial intermediaries for the sale of back-end load shares. **See Capital Resources and Liquidity in this Item 2 and Note 5 of AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q for further discussion of the disposition of cash management services and amortization of deferred sales commissions. Also included in this expense category are costs related to travel and entertainment, advertising, promotional materials, and investment meetings and seminars for financial intermediaries that distribute our mutual fund products.

Promotion and servicing expenses for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased \$1.0 million, or 0.6%, and decreased \$27.8 million, or 8.4%, respectively, from the corresponding period in 2005. The decrease for the six-month period was primarily due to lower amortization of deferred sales commissions as a result of lower sales of back-end load shares and to lower distribution plan payments due to the disposition of cash management services.

#### General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses, which represented approximately 19.1% and 19.2% of total expenses for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively, are costs related to operations, including technology, professional fees, occupancy, communications, and similar expenses. General and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended June 30, 2006 increased \$46.4 million, or 57.1%, from the three-month period ended June 30, 2005, and, during the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, increased \$73.1 million, or 40.4%, from the six-month period ended June 30, 2005.

Occupancy costs increased as a result of the expansion of certain private client offices in the U.S., increased office space in New York, and new office space in London, Hong Kong and Shanghai. Legal costs increased, reflecting both our continued efforts to resolve outstanding litigation in 2006 and an \$18.3 million insurance recovery we received during the second quarter of 2005. Other increases in general and administrative expenses include higher market data services and data processing costs.

#### Interest on Borrowings

Interest is incurred on AllianceBernstein's borrowings. Interest on borrowings for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 increased \$0.5 million, or 8.7%, and \$1.7 million, or 13.6%, respectively, in comparison with the corresponding periods in 2005, primarily as a result of higher short term borrowing levels in 2006.

#### Non-operating Income

Non-operating income consists primarily of the gain from the disposition of our cash management services in the second quarter of 2005 **as discussed in Note 9 of this Form 10-Q**. Non-operating income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 decreased \$2.6 million, or 21.0%, and increased \$1.2 million, or 9.8%, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in 2005. The second quarter of 2006 reflects the recognition of a \$7.5 million gain contingency (resulting from the expiration of a "clawback" provision during the quarter), as well as \$2.3 million of annual contingent payments earned. The gain of \$12.3 million recognized in the second quarter of 2005 consisted of the initial cash consideration received less the gain contingency and transaction expenses. Annual contingent payments earned in the six-month period ended June 30, 2006 were \$5.8 million.

#### Taxes on Income

AllianceBernstein, a private limited partnership, is not subject to federal or state corporate income taxes. However, we are subject to the New York City unincorporated business tax. Our domestic corporate subsidiaries are subject to federal, state and local income taxes, and are generally included in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return. Separate state and local income tax returns are filed. Foreign corporate subsidiaries are generally subject to taxes in the foreign jurisdictions where they are located.

Income tax expense for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006 decreased \$1.7 million, or 11.8%, and increased \$3.8 million, or 15.9%, respectively, in comparison with the corresponding periods in 2005. The decrease for the three-month period is a result of a lower effective tax rate, partially offset by higher taxable income. The increase for the six-month period reflects higher taxable income, partially offset by a lower effective tax rate.



## CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

The following table identifies selected items relating to capital resources and liquidity:

	Six Months Ended June 30,		% Change
	2006	2005	
	(in millions)		
Partners' capital, as of June 30	\$ 4,375.8	\$ 4,201.1	4.2%
Cash flow from operations	749.9	243.5	208.0
Purchases of investments	(42.0)	(6.7)	529.9
Capital expenditures	(49.6)	(46.7)	6.2
Cash distributions	(517.2)	(393.1)	31.6
Purchases of Holding Units	(18.4)	(6.9)	165.4
Issuance of Holding Units	47.2	—	n/m
Additional investments by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	45.6	27.5	66.0
Issuance (repayment) of commercial paper, net	5.4	(0.2)	n/m

Partners' capital increased \$55.1 million (or 1.3%) and \$73.2 million (or 1.7%) for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, respectively. The increase for the three-month and six-month periods was primarily due to net income, amortization of deferred compensation expense, and the additional investment by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units, partly offset by cash distributions to the General Partner and unitholders, and purchases of Holding Units to fund deferred compensation plans. The increase for the six-month period was also attributable to the additional investment by Holding through issuance of Holding Units in exchange for earnings-based awards made under the Partners Compensation Plan.

AllianceBernstein is required to distribute all of its Available Cash Flow, as defined in the AllianceBernstein Partnership Agreement, to its unitholders and the General Partner. **See Note 2 of AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q for a description of Available Cash Flow.

Cash and cash equivalents of \$817.3 million as of June 30, 2006 increased by \$163.1 million from \$654.2 million at December 31, 2005. Cash inflows were primarily provided from operations, the additional investment by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options for Holding Units, and the issuance of commercial paper. Significant cash outflows were cash distributions to the General Partner and unitholders, purchases of investments, capital expenditures, purchases of Holding Units to fund deferred compensation plans, and the purchase of the remaining interest of our joint venture in Hong Kong.

### *Contingent Deferred Sales Charge*

**See Note 5 of AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q.

## Debt and Credit Facilities

Total available credit, debt outstanding, and weighted average interest rates as of June 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were as follows:

	June 30, 2006			December 31, 2005		
	Credit Available	Debt Outstanding	Interest Rate	Credit Available	Debt Outstanding	Interest Rate
	(in millions)					
Senior Notes	\$ 600.0	\$ 399.9	5.6%	\$ 600.0	\$ 399.7	5.6%
Commercial paper <sup>(1)</sup>	800.0	7.0	5.3	425.0	—	—
Revolving credit facility <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	375.0	—	—
Extendible commercial notes	100.0	—	—	100.0	—	—
Other	—	8.0	3.7	—	7.6	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 414.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 407.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>

(1) Our revolving credit facility supports our commercial paper program; amounts borrowed under the commercial paper program reduce amounts available for other purposes under the revolving credit facility on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

In August 2001, we issued \$400 million 5.625% Notes (“Senior Notes”) pursuant to a shelf registration statement under which we may issue up to \$600 million in senior debt securities. The Senior Notes mature in August 2006. The proceeds from the Senior Notes were used to reduce commercial paper and credit facility borrowings and for other general partnership purposes. We intend to use cash flow from operations as well as proceeds from the issuance of commercial paper to retire the Senior Notes at maturity.

In February 2006, we entered into an \$800 million five-year revolving credit facility with a group of commercial banks and other lenders. The revolving credit facility is intended to provide back-up liquidity for our commercial paper program, which we increased from \$425 million to \$800 million in May 2006. Under the revolving credit facility, the interest rate, at our option, is a floating rate generally based upon a defined prime rate, a rate related to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or the Federal Funds rate. The revolving credit facility contains covenants which, among other things, require us to meet certain financial ratios. We were in compliance with the covenants as of June 30, 2006.

As of June 30, 2006, we maintained a \$100 million extendible commercial notes (“ECN”) program as a supplement to our commercial paper program. ECNs are short-term uncommitted debt instruments that do not require back-up liquidity support.

In 2006, SCB LLC entered into four separate uncommitted credit facility agreements with various banks, each for \$100 million. As of June 30, 2006, there were no amounts outstanding under these credit facilities.

Our substantial capital base and access to public and private debt, at competitive terms, should provide adequate liquidity for our general business needs. Management believes that cash flow from operations and the issuance of debt and AllianceBernstein Units or Holding Units will provide us with the resources to meet our financial obligations.

## Acquisition

On May 2, 2006, we purchased the 50% interest in our Hong Kong joint venture (including its wholly-owned Taiwanese subsidiary) owned by our joint venture partner for a cost of \$16.1 million, net of cash acquired. The effect of this acquisition was not material to our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## Dispositions

In June 2005, AllianceBernstein and Federated completed a transaction pursuant to which Federated acquired our cash management services. **See Note 9 of AllianceBernstein’s condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of this transaction.

In addition to the initial cash payment, the total consideration included annual contingent purchase price payments payable over a five-year period ending in 2010, which we estimate will total \$68.0 million, and a final contingent \$10.0 million payment, which is based on comparing revenues generated by applicable assets during the fifth year following the closing of the transaction to the revenues generated by those assets during a specified period prior to the closing of the transaction.

The annual contingent purchase price payments are calculated as a percentage of revenues, less certain expenses, directly attributed to these assets and certain other assets of our former cash management clients transferred to Federated. Income is accrued as earned. The contingent payments received from Federated in the five years following the closing of the transaction are expected to largely offset the loss of a profit contribution from managing the cash in money market fund customer accounts. As a result, this transaction is not expected to have a material impact on future results of operations, cash flow or liquidity during that period.

The gain we recorded in the second quarter of 2005 was net of a gain contingency of \$7.5 million. The gain contingency was a “clawback” provision that would have required us to pay Federated up to \$7.5 million if average daily transferred assets for the six-month period ended June 29, 2006 fell below a certain percentage of initial assets transferred at closing. We were not required to make a payment under the clawback provision, and as such, we recognized a gain of \$7.5 million during the second quarter of 2006. We recorded the gains from this transaction in non-operating income in the condensed consolidated statements of income.

## COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

AllianceBernstein’s capital commitments, which consist primarily of operating leases for office space, are generally funded from future operating cash flows.

**See Note 5 of AllianceBernstein’s condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of our mutual fund distribution system and related deferred sales commission asset and of certain legal proceedings to which we are a party.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes to condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual amounts could be significantly different from estimates.

Management believes that the critical accounting policies and estimates discussed below require significant management judgment due to the sensitivity of the methods and assumptions used.

### *Deferred Sales Commission Asset*

Management tests the deferred sales commission asset for recoverability quarterly. Significant assumptions utilized to estimate the company’s future average assets under management and undiscounted future cash flows from back-end load shares include expected future market levels and redemption rates. Market assumptions are selected using a long-term view of expected average market returns based on historical returns of broad market indices. As of June 30, 2006, management used average market return assumptions of 5% for fixed income and 8% for equity to estimate annual market returns. Higher actual average market returns would increase undiscounted future cash flows, while lower actual average market returns would decrease undiscounted future cash flows. Future redemption rate assumptions ranging from 23% to 26% were determined by reference to actual redemption experience over the five-year, three-year, one-year and current periods ended June 30, 2006, calculated as a percentage of the company’s average assets under management represented by back-end load shares. An increase in the actual rate of redemptions would decrease undiscounted future cash flows, while a decrease in the actual rate of redemptions would increase undiscounted future cash flows. These assumptions are reviewed and updated quarterly. Estimates of undiscounted future cash flows and the remaining life of the deferred sales commission asset are made from these assumptions and the aggregate undiscounted future cash flows are compared to the recorded value of the deferred sales commission asset. Management considers the results of these analyses performed at various dates. As of June 30, 2006, management determined that the deferred sales commission asset was not impaired. If management determines in the future that the deferred sales commission asset is not recoverable, an impairment condition would exist and a loss would be measured as the amount by which the recorded amount of the asset exceeds its estimated fair value. Estimated fair value is determined using management’s best estimate of future cash flows discounted to a present value amount.

## *Goodwill*

As a result of the adoption of SFAS No. 142, goodwill is tested at least annually, as of September 30, for impairment. Significant assumptions are required in performing goodwill impairment tests. Such tests include determining whether the estimated fair value of AllianceBernstein, the reporting unit, exceeds its book value. There are several methods of estimating AllianceBernstein's fair value, which includes valuation techniques such as market quotations and discounted expected cash flows. In developing estimated fair value using a discounted cash flow valuation technique, business growth rate assumptions are applied over the estimated life of the goodwill asset and the resulting expected cash flows are discounted to arrive at a present value amount that approximates fair value. These assumptions consider all material events that have impacted, or that we believe could potentially impact, future discounted expected cash flows. As of September 30, 2005, the impairment test indicated that goodwill was not impaired. Also, as of June 30, 2006, management believes that goodwill was not impaired. However, future tests may be based upon different assumptions which may or may not result in an impairment of this asset. Any impairment could reduce materially the recorded amount of the goodwill asset with a corresponding charge to our earnings.

## *Intangible Assets*

Acquired intangibles are recognized at fair value and amortized over their estimated useful lives of twenty years. Intangible assets are evaluated for impairment quarterly. A present value technique is applied to management's best estimate of future cash flows to estimate the fair value of intangible assets. Estimated fair value is then compared to the recorded book value to determine whether an impairment is indicated. The estimates used include estimating attrition factors of customer accounts, asset growth rates, direct expenses and fee rates. We choose assumptions based on actual historical trends that may or may not occur in the future. As of June 30, 2006, management believes that intangible assets were not impaired. However, future tests may be based upon different assumptions which may or may not result in an impairment of this asset. Any impairment could reduce materially the recorded amount of intangible assets with a corresponding charge to our earnings.

## *Retirement Plan*

We maintain a qualified, noncontributory, defined benefit retirement plan covering current and former employees who were employed by the company in the United States prior to October 2, 2000. The amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements related to the retirement plan are determined from actuarial valuations. Inherent in these valuations are assumptions including expected return on plan assets, discount rates at which liabilities could be settled, rates of annual salary increases, and mortality rates. The assumptions are reviewed annually and may be updated to reflect the current environment. A summary of the key economic assumptions are **described in Note 14 to AllianceBernstein's consolidated financial statements in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005**. In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, actual results that differ from those assumed are accumulated and amortized over future periods and, therefore, affect expense recognized and liabilities recorded in future periods.

In developing the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets of 8.0%, we considered the historical returns and future expectations for returns for each asset category, as well as the target asset allocation of the portfolio. The expected long-term rate of return on assets is based on weighted average expected returns for each asset class. We assumed a target allocation weighting of 70% to 80% for equity securities and 20% to 30% for debt securities. The plan's equity investment strategy seeks to outperform the Russell 1000 Growth Index by approximately 200 basis points per year before fees on a consistent basis and to outperform the S&P 500 by a similar margin over full market cycles. The plan's fixed income investment strategy is a defensive mixture invested in both U.S. Treasury Notes and corporate bonds in an effort to reduce interest rate risk. The actual rate of return on plan assets was 13.7%, 9.0%, and 19.9% in 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively. A 25 basis point adjustment, up or down, in the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets would have decreased or increased the 2005 net pension charge of \$5.6 million by approximately \$0.1 million.

The objective of our discount rate assumption was to reflect the rate at which the pension benefits could be effectively settled. In making this determination, we took into account the timing and amount of benefits that would be available under the plan's lump sum option. To that effect, our methodology for selecting the discount rate as of December 31, 2005 was to match the plan's cash flows to that of a yield curve that provides the equivalent yields on zero-coupon corporate bonds for each maturity. Benefit cash flows due in a particular year can be "settled" theoretically by "investing" them in the zero-coupon bond that matures in the same year. The discount rate is the single rate that produces the same present value of cash flows. The selection of the 5.65% discount rate as of December 31, 2005 represents the approximate mid-point (to the nearest five basis points) of the single rate under two independently constructed yield curves - one prepared by Mercer Human Resource Consulting which produced a rate of 5.73%; and one prepared by Citigroup which produced a rate of 5.54%. The discount rate as of December 31, 2004 was 5.75%. This rate was used in developing the 2005 net pension charge. A lower discount rate increases pension expense and the present value of benefit obligations. A 25 basis point adjustment, up or down, in the discount rate (along with a corresponding adjustment in the assumed lump sum interest rate) would have decreased or increased the full year 2005 net pension charge of \$5.6 million by approximately \$0.6 million.

### ***Loss Contingencies***

Management continuously reviews with legal counsel the status of regulatory matters and pending or threatened litigation. We evaluate the likelihood that a loss contingency exists in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5 ("SFAS No. 5"), *"Accounting for Contingencies"*. SFAS No. 5 requires a loss contingency to be recorded if it is probable and reasonably estimable as of the date of the financial statements.

### **ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

We adopted SFAS No. 123-R effective January 1, 2006 (see **Note 2 of AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1** of this Form 10-Q).

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN No. 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes", an interpretation of FASB Statement 109. FIN No. 48 requires that the effects of a tax position be recognized in the financial statements only if, as of the reporting date, it is "more likely than not" to be sustained based solely on its technical merits. In making this assessment, a company must assume that the taxing authority will examine the tax position and have full knowledge of all relevant information. FIN No. 48 is effective January 1, 2007. Management is currently evaluating the impact that FIN No. 48 will have on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

There were no other recently issued accounting pronouncements that would have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements provided by management in this report are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The most significant of these factors include, but are not limited to, the following: the performance of financial markets, the investment performance of sponsored investment products and separately managed accounts, general economic conditions, future acquisitions, competitive conditions and government regulations, including changes in tax regulations and rates. We caution readers to carefully consider such factors. Further, such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made; we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements. For further information regarding these forward-looking statements and the factors that could cause actual results to differ, see **"Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and Part II, Item 1A** in this Form 10-Q. Any or all of the forward-looking statements that we make in this Form 10-Q or any other public statements we issue may turn out to be wrong. It is important to remember that other factors besides those listed in "Risk Factors" could also adversely affect our revenues, financial condition, results of operations, and business prospects.

The forward-looking statements referred to in the preceding paragraph include statements regarding the outcome of litigation and the effect on future earnings of the disposition of our cash management services to Federated Investors, Inc. (“Disposition”). Litigation is inherently unpredictable, and excessive damage awards do occur. Though we have stated that we do not expect certain legal proceedings to have a material adverse effect on results of operations or financial condition, any settlement or judgment on the merits of a legal proceeding could be significant, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. The effect of the Disposition on future earnings, resulting from contingent payments to be received in future periods, will depend on the amount of net revenue earned by Federated Investors, Inc. during these periods on assets under management maintained in Federated’s funds by our former cash management clients. The amount of gain ultimately realized from the Disposition depends on whether we receive a final contingent payment payable on the fifth anniversary of the closing of the transaction (**see Note 9 to the attached condensed consolidated financial statements**).

The forward-looking statements referred to above also include statements regarding noteworthy investment opportunity, especially in growth stocks, resulting from second quarter market turbulence, and slower growth in asset inflows in our institutional and retail distributions channels resulting from a decline from the record high levels reached earlier this year in unfunded institutional mandates and difficult capital market conditions, respectively. The actual performance of the capital markets and other factors beyond our control will affect our investment success for clients and asset inflows.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

With respect to the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information of AllianceBernstein for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2006, included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated August 4, 2006 appearing herein states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their report on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act for their report on the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial information because that report is not a “report” or a “part” of the registration statement prepared or certified by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

There have been no material changes to AllianceBernstein’s market risk for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### ***Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

AllianceBernstein maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures that is designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, in a timely manner.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

#### ***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the second quarter of 2006 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.