# **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, 2007

OR

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

For the transition period from

to

# ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

Commission File No. 001-09818

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

13-3434400

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

Non-accelerated filer o

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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 🗵

Yes o

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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

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

The number of units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests outstanding as of June 30, 2007 was 86,607,956.\*

\*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.

Accelerated filer o

No 🗵

No o

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## Part I

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. <u>Financial Statements</u>

## AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

## **Condensed Statements of Financial Condition**

(in thousands)

	<b>June 30,</b> <b>2007</b> (unaudited)		De	cember 31, 2006
ASSETS				
Investment in AllianceBernstein	\$	1,601,735	\$	1,567,733
Other assets	Ψ	187	Ψ	301
Total assets	\$	1,601,922	\$	1,568,034
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL				
Liabilities:				
Payable to AllianceBernstein	\$	7,246	\$	7,149
Other liabilities		602		1,697
Total liabilities		7,848		8,846
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 6)				
Partners' capital:				
General Partner: 100,000 general partnership units issued and outstanding		1,708		1,739
Limited partners: 86,507,956 and 85,568,171 limited partnership units issued and outstanding		1,578,083		1,546,598
Accumulated other comprehensive income		14,283		10,851
Total partners' capital		1,594,074		1,559,188
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$	1,601,922	\$	1,568,034
See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.				

## ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

**Condensed Statements of Income** 

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2007		2006		2007		2006
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	\$	110,267	\$	84,514	\$	198,101	\$	157,678
Income taxes		9,620		8,509		18,929		16,114
Net income	\$	100,647	\$	76,005	\$	179,172	\$	141,564
Net income per unit:								
Basic	\$	1.17	\$	0.90	\$	2.08	\$	1.69
Diluted	\$	1.16	\$	0.89	\$	2.06	\$	1.67

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

## ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

**Condensed Statements of Cash Flows** 

(in thousands) (unaudited)

	Six Months Ended Jun			June 30,
		2007		2006
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	179,172	\$	141,564
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:				
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein		(198,101)		(157,678)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease in other assets		114		46
Increase (decrease) in payable to AllianceBernstein		97		(77)
(Decrease) in other liabilities		(1,095)		(581)
Net cash used in operating activities		(19,813)		(16,726)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Investment in AllianceBernstein with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units		(36,801)		(45,631)
Cash distributions received from AllianceBernstein		224,666		166,942
Net cash provided by investing activities		187,865		121,311
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Cash distributions to unitholders		(204,853)		(150,305)
Proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units		36,801		45,631
Net cash used in financing activities	_	(168,052)	_	(104,674)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		_		(89)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period		_		89
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	\$		\$	
Non-cash investing activities:				
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income	\$	3,432	\$	759
Issuance of Holding Units in exchange for cash awards made by AllianceBernstein under the Partners Compensation	Ψ	5,152	Ψ	, 88
Plan	\$		\$	47.161
Awards of Holding Units made by AllianceBernstein under deferred compensation plans, net of forfeitures	\$	34,138	\$	36,879
Non-cash financing activities:				
Purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans, net	\$	(13,949)	\$	(18,369)
See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.				

## ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P. Notes to Condensed Financial Statements June 30, 2007 (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 italics.

## 1. Organization and Business Description

Holding's principal source of income and cash flow is attributable to its investment in AllianceBernstein limited partnership interests. 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, 2006.

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

- Institutional Investment 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 an affiliated company), and other investment vehicles.
- Retail Services servicing individual investors, primarily by means of retail mutual funds sponsored by AllianceBernstein or an affiliated company, sub-advisory relationships in respect of mutual funds sponsored by third parties, separately managed account programs that are sponsored by various financial intermediaries worldwide, 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 independent, fundamental research, portfolio strategy, trading, and brokerage-related services.

AllianceBernstein also provides distribution, shareholder servicing, and administrative services to the mutual funds it sponsors.

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

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

AllianceBernstein manages these services 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's independent, in-depth research is the foundation of its business. AllianceBernstein's research disciplines include fundamental research, quantitative research, economic research, and currency forecasting capabilities. In addition, AllianceBernstein has created several specialist research units, including one unit that examines global strategic changes that can affect multiple industries and geographies, and another dedicated to identifying potentially successful innovations within early-stage companies.

As of June 30, 2007, 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, 2007, the ownership structure of AllianceBernstein, as a percentage of general and limited partnership interests, was as follows:

AXA and its subsidiaries	62.6%
Holding	33.0
SCB Partners Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCB Inc.; formerly known as Sanford C. Bernstein Inc.)	3.1
Other	1.3
	100.0%

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. Including the general partnership interests in AllianceBernstein and Holding, and their equity interest in Holding, as of June 30, 2007, AXA and its subsidiaries had an approximate 63.2% 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 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, 2006 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 is 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 25, 2007, the General Partner declared a distribution of \$100.5 million, or \$1.16 per unit, representing Available Cash Flow for the three months ended June 30, 2007. Each general partnership unit in Holding is entitled to receive quarterly distributions equal to those received by each limited partnership unit. The distribution is payable on August 16, 2007 to holders of record at the close of business on August 6, 2007. Cash distributions are recorded when declared.



## **Compensatory Option Plans**

AllianceBernstein maintains certain compensation plans under which options to buy 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.

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended Jun			June 30,	
		2007		2006		2007		2006
		(in	thous	sands, excep	t per	r unit amou	nts)	
Net income – basic	\$	100,647	\$	76,005	\$	179,172	\$	141,564
Additional allocation of equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein resulting from assumed dilutive effect of compensatory options		1,392		1,348		2,765		2,499
Net income – diluted	\$	102,039	\$	77,353	\$	181,937	\$	144,063
Weighted average units outstanding – basic		86,389		84,230		86,167		83,830
Dilutive effect of compensatory options		1,805		2,240		2,036		2,222
Weighted average units outstanding – diluted		88,194		86,470	_	88,203	_	86,052
Basic net income per unit	\$	1.17	\$	0.90	\$	2.08	\$	1.69
Diluted net income per unit	\$	1.16	\$	0.89	\$	2.06	\$	1.67

For the three months ended June 30, 2007, we excluded 1,669,205 out-of-the-money options (i.e., options with an exercise price greater than the weighted average closing price of a unit for the relevant period) from the diluted net income per unit computation due to their anti-dilutive effect. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, there were no out-of-the-money options. Out-of-the-money options to buy 1,669,205 and 9,712 units for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, 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, 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

Investment in AllianceBernstein as of January 1, 2007	\$ 1,567,733
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	198,101
Additional investment with proceeds from exercises of compensatory options to buy Holding Units	36,801
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income	3,432
Cash distributions received from AllianceBernstein	(224,666)
Purchases of Holding Units by AllianceBernstein to fund deferred compensation plans, net	(13,949)
Impact of initial adoption of FIN 48	145
Awards of Holding Units made by AllianceBernstein under deferred compensations plans, net of forfeitures	 34,138
Investment in AllianceBernstein as of June 30, 2007	\$ 1,601,735

## 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"), net of credits for UBT paid by AllianceBernstein, 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. For additional information regarding Holding's tax status *see Part II, Item 1A* of this Form10-Q.

Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109". FIN 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.

We did not recognize a liability for unrecognized tax benefits under FIN 48 as of January 1, 2007. Likewise, our financial statements did not reflect a liability for tax positions prior to the application of FIN 48. There have been no material changes during the first six months of 2007. A liability for unrecognized tax benefits, if required, would be recorded in the income tax provision and affect the effective tax rate.

The company is no longer subject to federal, state, and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for all years prior to 2003. Currently, there are no examinations in progress and to date we have not been notified of any pending examinations by applicable taxing authorities.

## 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, "Accounting for Contingencies", and 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.

#### 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, the AllianceBernstein-sponsored mutual funds ("U.S. Funds") that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("Investment Company Act"), 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 of 1933, as amended ("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 the U.S. Funds' contracts with AllianceBernstein, including recovery of all fees paid to AllianceBernstein pursuant to such contracts.

Following October 2, 2003, 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. 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 federal 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 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") by participants in the Profit Sharing Plan for Employees of AllianceBernstein. All four complaints included substantially identical factual allegations, which appear to be based in large part on the Order of the SEC dated December 18, 2003 (as amended and restated January 15, 2004, "SEC Order") and the New York State Attorney General Assurance of Discontinuance dated September 1, 2004 ("NYAG AoD").

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 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 (\$30 million), which we previously accrued and disclosed, has been disbursed. The derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding, in which plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of damages, remain pending.

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 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 25, 2006, AllianceBernstein and Holding moved to vacate the Summary Order. In early September 2006, the court denied this motion, and the Supreme Court of Appeals in West Virginia denied our petition for appeal. On September 22, 2006, we filed an answer and moved to dismiss the Summary Order with the WV Securities Commissioner.

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), certain current and former directors of the U.S. Funds, and unnamed Doe 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 alleged, 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 asserted 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.

On February 2, 2005, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint ("Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint") that asserted claims substantially similar to the Aucoin Complaint and nine additional subsequently-filed lawsuits. On October 19, 2005, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 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, which was subsequently withdrawn subject to plaintiffs' right to reinstate it at a later date. On June 30, 2007, plaintiffs' time to file an appeal expired. On July 11, 2007, the parties submitted a fully executed Stipulation Withdrawing Appeal to the court, resulting in a final termination of the case.

We are involved in various other matters, including employee arbitrations, regulatory inquiries, administrative proceedings, and litigation, some of which allege material 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.

## 7. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income was comprised of:

	Th	ree Months	Ende	d June 30,	Si	x Months E	nded	June 30,
		2007		2006		2007		2006
				(in tho	usand	ls)		
Net income	\$	100,647	\$	76,005	\$	179,172	\$	141,564
Other comprehensive income (loss):								
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net of tax		237		(333)		(126)		(119)
Employee benefit accounts, net of tax		(25)		_		(51)		_
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax		2,628		1,741		3,609		878
		2,840		1,408		3,432		759
Comprehensive income	\$	103,487	\$	77,413	\$	182,604	\$	142,323

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. ("AllianceBernstein Holding") as of June 30, 2007, the related condensed statements of income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the condensed statements of cash flows for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 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 (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 accompanying condensed interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2006, and the related statements of income, changes in partners' capital and comprehensive income, and cash flows for the year then ended, and in our report dated February 27, 2007, we expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2006 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the statement of financial condition from which it has been derived.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York August 3, 2007

## 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 limited partnership interests. 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. They 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, 2006.

## **Results of Operations**

	Three Mon June	 			Six Montl June	 nded	
	 2007	 2006 %	6 Change		2007	 2006	% Change
		 (in mi	illions, except	per	unit amounts)		
AllianceBernstein net income	\$ 334.9	\$ 261.1	28.3%	\$	602.6	\$ 488.7	23.3%
Weighted average equity ownership							
interest	 32.9%	 32.4%			32.9%	 32.3%	
Equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein	\$ 110.3	\$ 84.5	30.5	\$	198.1	\$ 157.7	25.6
Net income of Holding	\$ 100.6	\$ 76.0	32.4	\$	179.2	\$ 141.6	26.6
Diluted net income per Holding Unit	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.89	30.3	\$	2.06	\$ 1.67	23.4
Distribution per Holding Unit	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.89	30.3	\$	2.07	\$ 1.67	24.0

Net income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$24.6 million and \$37.6 million, respectively, from net income of \$76.0 million and \$141.6 million, for the corresponding prior year periods. The increases reflect increased equity in earnings of AllianceBernstein. *See AllianceBernstein's MD&A contained in Exhibit 99.1* to this Form 10-Q.

## Earnings Guidance

Our earnings are becoming more seasonal, primarily due to the increasing amount of AllianceBernstein's assets under management subject to performance fee arrangements, as well as other factors affecting expense ratios. To clarify this point, in our first quarter 2007 Earnings Release we provided a full year 2007 earnings guidance estimate of approximately \$4.65 - \$5.00 per Unit, with the fourth quarter accounting for a disproportionate share of the total. In our second quarter 2007 Earnings Release, we estimated that full year 2007 earnings would be approximately \$4.90 - \$5.25 per Unit. This estimate, which is not being updated in this Report, was based on information available at the time of the Earnings Release and on the assumptions that equity and fixed income market returns would be at annual rates of 8% and 5%, respectively, for the second half of 2007 and that our net asset inflows would continue during the second half of 2007 at levels similar to rates experienced during the first half of 2007. It is important to stress that our earnings are subject to considerable uncertainty including, but not limited to, capital market volatility, the effect of which can be amplified by the aforementioned increase in assets under management subject to performance fee arrangements. Earnings guidance should be evaluated in this context.

## **Proposed Tax Legislation**

See Part II, Item 1A of this Form 10-Q.

## Capital Resources and Liquidity

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

	Six Months Ended June 30,				
		2007		2006	% Change
	(ir	n millions, e amo	xcept unts)	per unit	
Partners' capital, as of June 30	\$	1,594.1	\$	1,472.2	8.3%
Distributions received from AllianceBernstein		224.7		166.9	34.6
Distributions paid to unitholders		(204.9)		(150.3)	36.3
Proceeds from exercise of compensatory options		36.8		45.6	(19.4)
Investment in AllianceBernstein		(36.8)		(45.6)	(19.4)
Purchase of units by AllianceBernstein		(13.9)		(18.4)	(24.1)
Issuance of units		—		47.2	(100.0)
Awards of units by AllianceBernstein		34.1		36.9	(7.4)
Available Cash Flow		178.7		140.6	27.1
Distributions per Holding Unit		2.07		1.67	24.0

Cash and cash equivalents were zero as of June 30, 2007 and 2006. Cash inflows from AllianceBernstein distributions received were offset by income taxes and cash distributions paid to unitholders. 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). Management believes that the cash flow realized from its investment in AllianceBernstein will provide Holding with the resources to meet its financial obligations. *See Note 2 to 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 to 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, and the manner in which the earnings of publicly traded partnerships are taxed. We caution readers to carefully consider such factors. Further, such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which 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, 2006 and *Part II, Item 1A* of 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" and those listed below 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. 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 our results of operations or financial condition, any settlement or judgment with respect to a legal proceeding could be significant, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

The forward-looking statements referred to above also include a description of estimated earnings guidance and related assumptions provided for full year 2007, which was included in our second quarter 2007 Earnings Release, and which is not being updated in this Report. That earnings guidance was based on information available as of the date of the Earnings Release and on a number of assumptions, including, but not limited to, the following: net inflows of client assets under management continuing during the second half of 2007 at levels similar to rates experienced during the first half of 2007, and equity and fixed income market returns being at annual rates of 8% and 5%, respectively, during the second half of 2007. Net inflows of client assets are subject to domestic and international securities market conditions, competitive factors, and relative investment performance, each of which may have a negative effect on net inflows; capital market performance is inherently unpredictable. Our expectation that the fourth quarter will account for a disproportionate share of total earnings is based on the relative amount of assets under management subject to performance fees that are calculated at the end of the fourth quarter. In view of these factors, and particularly given the volatility of capital markets (and the effect of such volatility on performance fees and the value of investments in respect of incentive compensation) and the difficulty of predicting client asset inflows and outflows, our earnings estimates should not be relied on as predictions of actual performance, but only as estimates based on information available at the time they were made and on assumptions that may or may not be correct. There can be no assurance that we will be able to meet the investment and service goals and needs of our clients or that, even if we do, it will have a positive effect on the company's financial performance.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

With respect to the unaudited condensed interim financial information of Holding for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, 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 3, 2007 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 registration statements 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, 2007.

#### Item 4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>

#### **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 in our reports under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported in a timely manner, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, to permit timely decisions regarding our disclosure.

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 2007 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 to the condensed financial statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

#### Item 1A. <u>Risk Factors</u>

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, 2006. 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.

# Changes in the partnership structure of Holding and AllianceBernstein and/or changes in the tax law governing partnerships would have significant tax ramifications.

Holding, having elected under Section 7704(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), to be subject to a 3.5% federal tax on partnership gross income from the active conduct of a trade or business, is a "grandfathered" publicly traded partnership for federal income tax purposes. Holding is also subject to the 4.0% New York City unincorporated business tax ("UBT"), net of credits for UBT paid by 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. In our case, a "new line of business" would be any business that is not closely related to our historical business of providing research and diversified investment management and related services to clients. A new line of business is "substantial" when a partnership derives more than 15% of its gross income from, or uses more than 15% of its total assets in, the new line of business.

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 the 4.0% 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 with separate state and local income tax returns being filed. Foreign corporate subsidiaries are generally subject to taxes in the foreign jurisdiction 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 considered 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 would be subject to federal and state corporate income tax on its net income. Furthermore, as noted above, 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 would become subject to income tax as set forth above.

Congress recently proposed tax legislation that would cause certain partnerships whose partnership interests are traded in a public market ("PTPs") and that derive income from investment adviser or asset management services to be taxed as corporations, thus subjecting their income to a higher level of income tax. Holding is a PTP that derives its income from such services through its ownership interest in AllianceBernstein. However, our review of the legislation in the form proposed confirms our belief that Holding's PTP status would not be affected. In addition, we have received consistent indications from a number of individuals involved in the legislative process that Holding's tax status was not the focus of the proposed legislation, and that they do not expect to change that approach. However, we cannot predict whether, or in what form, the proposed tax legislation will pass, and are unable to determine what effect any new legislation might have on us. If Holding were to lose its federal tax status as a grandfathered PTP, it would be subject to corporate income tax, which would reduce materially its net income and quarterly distributions to Holding Unitholders.

In its current form, the proposed legislation would not affect AllianceBernstein, which is a private partnership.



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## Item 2. <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>

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
4/1/07 - 4/30/07	39,281	\$ 92.55	_	_
5/1/07 - 5/31/07	_	_		_
6/1/07 - 6/30/07				
Total	39,281	\$ 92.55		

All Holding Units were purchased from employees to allow them to fulfill statutory withholding tax requirements at the time of distribution of deferred compensation awards.

## Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

## Item 4. <u>Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders</u>

None.

## Item 5. <u>Other Information</u>

None.

## Item 6. <u>Exhibits</u>

<u>15.1</u>	Letter from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, regarding unaudited interim financial information.
<u>31.1</u>	Certification of Mr. Sanders furnished pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
<u>31.2</u>	Certification of Mr. Joseph furnished pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
<u>32.1</u>	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.
<u>32.2</u>	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.
<u>99.1</u>	Part 1, Items 1 through 4 of the AllianceBernstein L.P. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007.
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## **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.

Date: August 3, 2007

## ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN HOLDING L.P.

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

August 3, 2007

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

Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-142199, No. 333-142202, 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 reports dated August 3, 2007 on our review of interim financial information of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (the "Company") and AllianceBernstein L.P. for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 and included in the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 are incorporated by reference in its Registration Statements referred to above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York

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 3, 2007

/s/ Lewis A. Sanders

Lewis A. Sanders Chief Executive Officer AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. 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 3, 2007

/s/ Robert H. Joseph, Jr. Robert H. Joseph, Jr. Chief Financial Officer AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

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

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2007 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about August 9, 2007 (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 3, 2007

/s/ Lewis A. Sanders Lewis A. Sanders Chief Executive Officer AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

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In connection with the Quarterly Report of AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2007 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about August 9, 2007 (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 3, 2007

/s/ Robert H. Joseph, Jr. Robert H. Joseph, Jr. Chief Financial Officer AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.

December 31,

2006

June 30,

2007

## Part I

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

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

(unaudited) ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents \$ 772,023 \$ 692,658 1,548,692 Cash and securities segregated, at market (cost: \$1,547,830 and \$1,863,133) 1,863,957 Receivables, net: Brokers and dealers 2,935,132 2,445,552 Brokerage clients 378,923 485,446 Fees, net 641,216 557,280 Investments 710,106 543,653 288,575 Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net 314,752 Goodwill, net 2,893,029 2,893,029 Intangible assets, net 274,567 284,925 Deferred sales commissions, net 195,942 194,950 Other investments 426,297 203,950 Other assets 182,422 147,130 **Total assets** \$ 11,273,101 \$ 10,601,105 LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL Liabilities: Payables: Brokers and dealers \$ 853,207 \$ 661,790 Brokerage clients 4,082,009 3,988,032 AllianceBernstein mutual funds 184,103 266,849 Accounts payable and accrued expenses 447,828 333,007 Accrued compensation and benefits 707,166 392,014 319,722 Debt 334,901 Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries 128,804 53,515 6,722,839 6,030,108 Total liabilities

Commitments and contingencies (See Note 5)

Partners' capital:		
General Partner	46,021	46,416
Limited partners: 260,001,799 and 259,062,014 units issued and outstanding	4,568,149	4,584,200
Capital contributions receivable from General Partner	(28,723)	(29,590)
Deferred compensation expense	(78,497)	(63,196)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	43,312	33,167
Total partners' capital	4,550,262	4,570,997
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 11,273,101	\$ 10,601,105

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)

	Th	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2007			2007			2006	
Revenues:									
Investment advisory and services fees	\$	845,192	\$ 690	,213	\$	1,620,679	\$	1,316,932	
Distribution revenues		118,939	104	,456		231,149		207,286	
Institutional research services		102,847	102	,631		201,803		198,398	
Dividend and interest income		70,068	61	,462		138,377		116,790	
Investment gains (losses)		32,082	(15	,537)		41,636		10,692	
Other revenues		44,608	35	,966		78,483		69,520	
Total revenues		1,213,736	979	,191		2,312,127	_	1,919,618	
Less: Interest expense		54,963	45	,861		109,018		90,620	
Net revenues		1,158,773	933	,330		2,203,109		1,828,998	
Expenses:									
Employee compensation and benefits		475,887	373	,780		916,412		744,127	
Promotion and servicing:				·		,		,	
Distribution plan payments		84,814	72	,795		162,524		143,840	
Amortization of deferred sales commissions		24,799		,589		49,514		49,970	
Other		62,891	59	,949		121,420		108,814	
General and administrative		138,457		,673		282,224		254,280	
Interest on borrowings		7,037	6	,852		14,519		14,283	
Amortization of intangible assets		5,179	5	,175		10,358		10,350	
-		799,064	669	,813		1,556,971		1,325,664	
Operating income		359,709	263	,517		646,138		503,334	
Non-operating income		4,014	0	,730		8,213		13,181	
Non-operating income		4,014		,730		0,215		15,101	
Income before income taxes		363,723	273	,247		654,351		516,515	
Income taxes		28,794	12	,145		51,721		27,840	
Net income	\$	334,929	\$ 261	,102	\$	602,630	\$	488,675	
	<u>·</u>			<u> </u>			<u>.</u>		
Net income per unit: Basic	\$	1.28	\$	1.00	\$	2.30	\$	1.88	
Diluted	\$	1.20		0.99	\$	2.30	\$	1.86	
	÷				-	0	-	1.50	

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands) (unaudited)

	Six Months I June 30			nded
	_	2007		2006
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$	602,630	\$	488,675
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Amortization of deferred sales commissions		49,515		49,970
Amortization of non-cash deferred compensation		25,455		23,786
Depreciation and other amortization		53,731		35,659
Other, net		(48,596)		(1,083)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease (increase) in segregated cash and securities		315,265		(140,719)
(Increase) in receivable from brokers and dealers		(483,388)		(231,628)
Decrease in receivable from brokerage clients		112,508		105,115
(Increase) in fees receivable, net		(77,059)		(80,427)
(Increase) in trading investments		(162,367)		(197,010)
(Increase) in deferred sales commissions		(50,506)		(51,015)
(Increase) in other investments		(183,347)		(4,266)
(Increase) decrease in other assets		(33,478)		7,770
Increase in payable to brokers and dealers		184,269		62,813
Increase in payable to brokerage clients		88,786		493,541
(Decrease) in payable to AllianceBernstein mutual funds		(82,746)		(32,064)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses		181,367		(24,866)
Increase in accrued compensation and benefits		313,819		245,684
Net cash provided by operating activities		805,858		749,935
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of investments		(15,943)		(41,966)
Proceeds from sales of investments		26,999		931
Additions to furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements		(55,373)		(49,623)
Purchase of business, net of cash acquired		(33,373)		(16,086)
-	_	(44.217)		
Net cash used in investing activities		(44,317)		(106,744)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
(Repayment) issuance of commercial paper, net		(29,109)		5,430
Cash distributions to General Partner and unitholders		(684,061)		(517,167)
Capital contributions from General Partner		1,654		1,509
Additional investment by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy Holding Units		36,801		45,631
Purchases of Holding Units to fund deferred compensation plans, net		(13,949)		(18,369)
Net cash used in financing activities		(688,664)		(482,966)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		6,488	_	2,939
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		79,365		163,164
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of period		692,658	<u> </u>	654,168
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of period	\$	772,023	\$	817,332
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.				

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## ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements June 30, 2007 (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 italics.

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, 2006.

## 1. Organization and Business Description

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

- Institutional Investment 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 an affiliated company), and other investment vehicles.
- Retail Services servicing individual investors, primarily by means of retail mutual funds sponsored by AllianceBernstein or an affiliated company, sub-advisory relationships in respect of mutual funds sponsored by third parties, separately managed account programs that are sponsored by various financial intermediaries worldwide, 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 independent, fundamental research, portfolio strategy, trading, and brokerage-related services.

We also provide distribution, shareholder servicing, and administrative services to the mutual funds we sponsor.

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

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

We manage these services 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.

Our independent, in-depth research is the foundation of our business. Our research disciplines include fundamental research, quantitative research, economic research, and currency forecasting capabilities. In addition, we have created several specialist research units, including one unit that examines global strategic changes that can affect multiple industries and geographies, and another dedicated to identifying potentially successful innovation within early-stage companies.

As of June 30, 2007, 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, 2007, the ownership structure of AllianceBernstein, as a percentage of general and limited partnership interests, was as follows:

AXA and its subsidiaries	62.6%
Holding	33.0
SCB Partners Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of SCB Inc.; formerly known as Sanford C. Bernstein Inc.)	3.1
Other	1.3
	100.0%

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. Including the general partnership interests in AllianceBernstein and Holding, and their equity interest in Holding, as of June 30, 2007, AXA and its subsidiaries had an approximate 63.2% economic interest in AllianceBernstein.

## . 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, 2006 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 intercompany 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. The investments are included in "other investments" on the condensed consolidated statements of financial position 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 year presentation. These include certain reclassifications within operating cash flow related to deferred compensation.

## **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 the 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.

The General Partner computes cash flow received from operations 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 25, 2007, the General Partner declared a distribution of \$333.5 million, or \$1.27 per AllianceBernstein Unit, representing the distribution of Available Cash Flow for the three months ended June 30, 2007. The General Partner, as a result of its 1% general partnership interest, is entitled to receive 1% of each quarterly distribution. The distribution is payable on August 16, 2007 to holders of record as of August 6, 2007.

## 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.

The Bernstein Transaction was accounted for under the purchase method and the cost of the acquisition was allocated on the basis of the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. 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.

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, 2006, the impairment test indicated that goodwill was not impaired. Also, management believes that goodwill was not impaired as of June 30, 2007.

#### 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 \$414.3 million and \$139.7 million as of June 30, 2007, respectively. Amortization expense was \$5.2 million for each of the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, and estimated annual amortization expense for each of the next five years is approximately \$20.7 million. Management tests intangible assets for impairment quarterly. Management believes that intangible assets were not impaired as of June 30, 2007.

## **Deferred Sales Commissions, Net**

We pay commissions to financial intermediaries in connection with the sale of shares of open-end company-sponsored mutual funds sold without a frontend sales charge ("back-end load shares"). These commissions are capitalized as deferred sales commissions and amortized over periods not exceeding five and one-half years for U.S. fund shares and four years for non-U.S. fund shares, the periods of time during which deferred sales commissions are generally recovered. We recover these commissions 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 and determined that the balance as of June 30, 2007 was not impaired.



## Loss Contingencies – 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.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Investment advisory and services base fees, generally calculated as a percentage of assets under management, 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, which 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. ("SCB LLC") and Sanford C. Bernstein Limited, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of AllianceBernstein, for in-depth research and brokerage-related 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.

## **Deferred Compensation Plans**

We maintain several unfunded, non-qualified deferred compensation plans under which annual awards to employees are generally made in the fourth quarter. Participants allocate their awards among notional investments in Holding Units, certain of the investment services we provide to our clients, or a money market fund, or investments in options to buy Holding Units. We typically purchase the investments that are notionally elected by the participants and hold such investments, which are classified as trading securities, in a consolidated rabbi trust. Vesting periods for annual awards range from four years to immediate, depending on the terms of the individual awards, the age of the participants, or, in the case of our Chairman and CEO, the terms of his employment agreement (filed as Exhibit 99.31 to Form 8-K, as filed October 31, 2006). Upon vesting, awards are distributed to participants unless they have made a voluntary long-term election to defer receipt. Quarterly cash distributions on unvested Holding Units for which a long-term deferral election has not been made are paid currently to participants. Quarterly cash distributions on notional investments of Holding Units and income credited on notional investments in our investment services or in the money market fund for which a long-term deferral election has been made are reinvested and distributed as elected by participants.

Compensation expense for awards under the plans, including changes in participant account balances resulting from gains and losses on notional investments (other than in Holding Units), is recognized on a straight-line basis over the applicable vesting periods. Mark-to-market gains or losses on notional investments (other than in Holding Units) are recognized currently as investment gains (losses) in the consolidated statements of income. In addition, our equity in the earnings of notional investments made in limited partnership hedge funds is recognized currently in other revenues in the consolidated statements of income.

## **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 supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees", 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.



## 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 limited partnerships.

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, 2007, we have significant variable interests in certain structured products and hedge funds with approximately \$203.8 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 investments of \$0.1 million in these entities.

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

As of June 30, 2007, \$1.5 billion of United States Treasury Bills was segregated in a special reserve bank custody account for the exclusive benefit of brokerage customers of SCB LLC under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"). During the first week of July 2007, we deposited an additional \$0.4 billion in United States Treasury Bills in a 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,					June 30,		
	2007		2006		2007			2006
			nousands, exce	pt per	unit amounts)			
Net income	\$	334,929	\$	261,102	\$	602,630	\$	488,675
Weighted average units outstanding - basic		259,783		257,624		259,561		257,224
Dilutive effect of compensatory options		1,805		2,240		2,036		2,222
Weighted average units outstanding – diluted		261,588		259,864		261,597		259,446
Basic net income per unit	\$	1.28	\$	1.00	\$	2.30	\$	1.88
Diluted net income per unit	\$	1.27	\$	0.99	\$	2.28	\$	1.86



For the three months ended June 30, 2007, we excluded 1,669,205 out-of-the-money options (i.e., options with an exercise price greater than the weighted average closing price of a unit for the relevant period) from the diluted net income per unit computation due to their anti-dilutive effect. For the three months ended June 30, 2006, there were no out-of-the-money options. Out-of-the-money options to buy 1,669,205 and 9,712 units for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, 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 for U.S. fund shares and four years for non-U.S. fund shares, the periods 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 \$195.9 million as of June 30, 2007. 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 \$16.2 million and \$12.3 million, totaled approximately \$50.5 million and \$51.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, 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, 2007, 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 range from 22% to 25% for U.S. fund shares and 22% to 34% for non-U.S. fund shares, determined by reference to actual redemption experience over the five-year, three-year, one-year and current periods ended June 30, 2007, 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 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 determined that the deferred sales commission asset was not impaired as of June 30, 2007. 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.

During the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, U.S. equity markets increased by approximately 6.3% and 7.0%, respectively, as measured by the total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, and U.S. fixed income markets decreased by approximately 0.5% and increased by 1.0%, respectively, as measured by the change in the Lehman Brothers' Aggregate Bond Index. The redemption rate for domestic back-end load shares was approximately 22.0% and 22.4%, respectively, during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 ranged from 6.4% to 15.0% and from 9.2% to 17.6%, respectively, as measured by the MSCI World, Emerging Market and EAFE Indices. The redemption rate for non-U.S. back-end load shares was 33.7% and 33.9%, respectively, during the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007. 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

## 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, the AllianceBernstein-sponsored mutual funds ("U.S. Funds") that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("Investment Company Act"), 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 of 1933, as amended ("Advisers Act"). Plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of compensatory damages and rescission of the U.S. Funds' contracts with AllianceBernstein, including recovery of all fees paid to AllianceBernstein pursuant to such contracts.

Following October 2, 2003, 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. 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 federal 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 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") by participants in the Profit Sharing Plan for Employees of AllianceBernstein. All four complaints included substantially identical factual allegations, which appear to be based in large part on the Order of the SEC dated December 18, 2003 (as amended and restated January 15, 2004, "SEC Order") and the New York State Attorney General Assurance of Discontinuance dated September 1, 2004 ("NYAG AoD").

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 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 (\$30 million), which we previously accrued and disclosed, has been disbursed. The derivative claims brought on behalf of Holding, in which plaintiffs seek an unspecified amount of damages, remain pending.

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 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 25, 2006, AllianceBernstein and Holding moved to vacate the Summary Order. In early September 2006, the court denied this motion, and the Supreme Court of Appeals in West Virginia denied our petition for appeal. On September 22, 2006, we filed an answer and moved to dismiss the Summary Order with the WV Securities Commissioner.

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 the U.S. Funds, and unnamed Doe 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 alleged, 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 asserted 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.

On February 2, 2005, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended class action complaint ("Aucoin Consolidated Amended Complaint") that asserted claims substantially similar to the Aucoin Complaint and nine additional subsequently-filed lawsuits. On October 19, 2005, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 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, which was subsequently withdrawn subject to plaintiffs' right to reinstate it at a later date. On June 30, 2007, plaintiffs' time to file an appeal expired. On July 11, 2007, the parties submitted a fully executed Stipulation Withdrawing Appeal to the court, resulting in a final termination of the case.

We are involved in various other matters, including employee arbitrations, regulatory inquiries, administrative proceedings, and litigation, some of which allege material 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.

## 5. Qualified Employee Benefit Plans

We maintain a qualified profit sharing plan covering U.S. employees and certain foreign employees. Employer 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 we deduct for federal income tax purposes.

We contributed \$2.6 million to the Retirement Plan through July 2007 and currently intend to contribute an additional \$1.3 million to the Retirement Plan later this year. 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:

	Th	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2007		2006		2007			2006	
		(in thousa				ıds)			
Service cost	\$	993	\$	1,127	\$	1,986	\$	2,254	
Interest cost on projected benefit obligations		1,231		1,167		2,462		2,334	
Expected return on plan assets		(1,075)		(948)		(2,150)		(1,896)	
Amortization of prior service credit		(15)		(15)		(30)		(30)	
Amortization of transition asset		(36)		(36)		(72)		(72)	
Recognized actuarial loss		_		99		_		198	
Net pension charge	\$	1,098	\$	1,394	\$	2,196	\$	2,788	

## 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 with separate state and local income tax returns being 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 would become subject to corporate income tax which would reduce materially Holding's net income and its quarterly distributions to Holding Unitholders.

Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), "*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*". FIN 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. As a result of adopting FIN 48, we recognized a \$442,000 decrease in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, which was accounted for as a cumulative-effect adjustment to the January 1, 2007 balance of partners' capital. The adjustment reflects the difference between the net amount of liabilities recognized in our consolidated statement of financial position prior to the application of FIN 48 and the net amount of liabilities recognized as a result of applying the provisions of FIN 48. As of January 1, 2007, the balance of unrecognized tax benefits was \$17.9 million. There have been no material changes to this balance during the first half of 2007. All unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, would be recorded in the income tax provision and affect the effective tax rate.

Interest and penalties, if any, relating to tax positions are recorded in income tax expense on the consolidated statements of income. The total amount of accrued interest recorded on the consolidated statement of financial condition as of January 1, 2007, the date of adoption of FIN 48, is \$1.7 million. There were no accrued penalties as of January 1, 2007.

The company is no longer subject to U.S federal, or state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for any year prior to 2003. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") commenced an examination of our domestic corporate subsidiaries' federal tax returns for 2003 and 2004 in the second quarter of 2006 that is anticipated to be completed in early 2008. In addition, an examination of AllianceBernstein's New York City tax returns for 2003 through 2005 commenced in the second quarter of 2007. Subject to the results of the examinations for the tax year 2003, the possible recognition of previously established unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$7.5 million over the next 12 months could occur.

We currently have no income tax examinations at our significant non-U.S. subsidiaries. Years that remain open and may be subject to examination vary under local law, and range from one to seven years.



## 8. Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income was comprised of:

	Т	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2007			2006		2007		2006		
				(in thou						
Net income	\$	334,929	\$	261,102	\$	602,630	\$	488,675		
Other comprehensive income (loss):										
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net of tax		691		(1,050)		(454)		(447)		
Employee benefit accounts, net of tax		(50)				(101)				
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax		7,851		5,348		10,700		2,372		
		8,492		4,298		10,145		1,925		
Comprehensive income	\$	343,421	\$	265,400	\$	612,775	\$	490,600		

## 9. Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, FASB issued SFAS No. 157 ("SFAS No. 157"), "*Fair Value Measurements*". Among other requirements, SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2007, FASB issued SFAS No. 159 ("SFAS No. 159"), "*Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*". SFAS No. 159 expands the use of fair value measurement by permitting entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. Both SFAS No. 157 and SFAS No. 159 are effective beginning the first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. We are required to adopt both standards on January 1, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact these pronouncements will have on our consolidated financial statements.

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 ("AllianceBernstein") as of June 30, 2007, the related condensed consolidated statements of income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 and 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 (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 accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in partners' capital and comprehensive income, and cash flows for the year then ended, and in our report dated February 27, 2007, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2006 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated statement of financial condition from which it has been derived.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York August 3, 2007

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

#### **Executive Overview**

During the second quarter of 2007, investment results for clients were generally quite good. Equity returns were robust, driven by strong gains in stock prices throughout the world. Value equity and hedge fund services performed especially well, with the majority exceeding benchmarks. While an environment of rising global interest rates negatively affected fixed income returns, relative returns were still favorable in many key services, most notably certain retail services. In addition, the performance of our global and international blend strategies was particularly strong. On the other hand, our growth equity services, while producing strong absolute returns, generally trailed their benchmarks for the quarter, especially in our Retail Services. However, for the month of July, performance of our growth equity services is ahead of benchmarks.

While total assets under management ("AUM") grew 6.9% during the second quarter, organic growth slowed. AUM growth was strongest in the retail channel owing to an acceleration of inflows in non-U.S. markets as compared to the last few quarters. Due to seasonal factors, however, growth in our private client channel slowed.

Institutional Investment Services AUM rose 6.9%, crossing the half-trillion dollar mark to \$500.6 billion. Global and international services produced approximately 90% of all new assets. Fixed income services were the largest contributor to new assets representing 40% of the total, while value and blend strategies each contributed over 20%. The pipeline of won but unfunded mandates remains substantial.

Our Retail Services had a solid quarter, with AUM up \$12 billion, or 7.2%, to \$185.4 billion. Retail posted the strongest organic growth rate for the quarter among all of our distribution channels for the first time since the first quarter of 2001. Growth in sales of U.S. funds continued to build while non-U.S. fund sales rebounded from a weak first quarter. Most notable were increases in Luxembourg fund net inflows, which were driven primarily by fixed income sales in Asia. Also, after reaching the \$10 billion milestone last quarter, Wealth Strategies services continued their impressive growth, up 20% during the second quarter to nearly \$13 billion.

Our Private Client Services AUM grew 6.6% during the quarter to \$106.9 billion despite a deceleration in net inflows that was largely driven by seasonal factors, as clients sourced liquidity from their accounts to pay income taxes. Assets also grew by 29.1% over the last twelve months, driven by record gross inflows of \$16.6 billion. Our global financial advisors headcount now stands at 317 advisors, a 13.2% increase versus June 30, 2006.

Our Institutional Research Services revenues were up 0.2% compared to the second quarter of 2006. In addition, revenues were up 3.9% compared to the first quarter of 2007, as double-digit growth in the European business more than offset a modest decrease in U.S. revenues. Our firm received strong marks in two leading European research client surveys for client services and research.

In summary, we believe that the second quarter of 2007 was another strong quarter for the firm, with AUM increasing at a solid rate across all channels and services. Most notably, our value equity, fixed income and international and global blend strategies provided strong relative returns for our clients. Once again, AUM growth was driven by global and international services and non–U.S. clients. Despite continued weakness during the second quarter, we have seen recent signs of relative performance improvement in our growth equity services. Net income for the quarter was \$334.9 million, up 28.3% from the second quarter of 2006, and operating margin improved by 280 basis points to 31.0%. Most importantly, we remain unwaveringly committed to placing the interests of our clients first and providing them with world class investment performance and services.

#### Earnings Guidance

Our earnings are becoming more seasonal, primarily due to the increasing amount of AUM subject to performance fee arrangements, as well as other factors affecting expense ratios. To clarify this point, in our first quarter 2007 Earnings Release we provided full year 2007 earnings guidance estimates that earnings of AllianceBernstein would be at levels that result in Holding's full year 2007 earnings being approximately \$4.65 - \$5.00 per Unit, with the fourth quarter accounting for a disproportionate share of the total. In our second quarter 2007 Earnings Release, we estimated that AllianceBernstein's earnings would be at levels that result in Holding's full year 2007 earnings being approximately \$4.90 – \$5.25 per Unit. This estimate, which is not being updated in this Report, was based on information available at the time of the Earnings Release and on the assumptions that equity and fixed income market returns would be at annual rates of 8% and 5%, respectively, for the second half of 2007 and that our net asset inflows would continue during the second half of 2007 at levels similar to rates experienced during the first half of 2007. It is important to stress that our earnings are subject to considerable uncertainty including, but not limited to, capital market volatility, the effect of which can be amplified by the aforementioned increase in assets under management subject to performance fee arrangements. Earnings guidance should be evaluated in this context.



# Assets Under Management

Effective January 1, 2006, we transferred certain client accounts among distribution channels to reflect changes in the way we service these accounts (shown as transfers in the tables below).

Assets under management by distribution channel were as follows:

	 As of J	une 30 <sub>5</sub>	,		
	2007		2006	\$ Change	% Change
	 (in bi	llions)		 	
Institutional Investment	\$ 500.6	\$	396.0	\$ 104.6	26.4%
Retail	185.4		146.4	39.0	26.7
Private Client	 106.9		82.8	 24.1	29.1
Total	\$ 792.9	\$	625.2	\$ 167.7	26.8

Assets under management by investment service were as follows:

		As of J	une 30,		
		2007	2006	\$ Change	% Change
		(in bi	llions)		
Equity:					
Value					
U.S.	\$	119.8	\$ 107.7	\$ 12.1	11.3%
Global & international		268.4	164.7	103.7	63.0
		388.2	272.4	115.8	42.6
Growth					
U.S.		73.1	77.7	(4.6)	(5.9)
Global & international		112.8	79.3	33.5	42.2
		185.9	157.0	28.9	18.4
Total Equity		574.1	429.4	144.7	33.7
Fixed Income:					
U.S.		111.5	105.8	5.7	5.3
Global & international		76.4	60.0	16.4	27.4
		187.9	165.8	22.1	13.3
Index/Structured:					
U.S.		25.2	24.7	0.5	2.1
Global & international		5.7	5.3	0.4	7.7
		30.9	30.0	0.9	3.1
Total:					
U.S.		329.6	315.9	13.7	4.3
Global & international		463.3	309.3	154.0	49.8
Total	\$	792.9	\$ 625.2	\$ 167.7	26.8
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Changes in assets under management for the three months ended June 30, 2007 were as follows:

		Dis	tribution	Cha	nnel			Investment Service									
	 itutional estment	ŀ	Retail		rivate Client	-	Fotal	E	/alue quity illions)	-	rowth Equity		Fixed ncome		ndex/ uctured	,	Total
Balance as of April 1, 2007	\$ 468.4	\$	173.0	\$	100.3	\$	741.7	\$	352.2	\$	175.9	\$	183.0	\$	30.6	\$	741.7
Long-term flows:																	
Sales/new accounts	14.7		13.6		4.3		32.6		14.8		7.3		10.3		0.2		32.6
Redemptions/terminations	(5.4)		(9.2)		(1.1)		(15.7)		(5.0)		(6.3)		(3.4)		(1.0)		(15.7)
Cash flow/unreinvested dividends	(5.2)		(0.6)		(1.6)		(7.4)		(3.0)		(2.0)		(1.7)		(0.7)		(7.4)
Net long-term inflows(outflows)	4.1		3.8		1.6		9.5		6.8		(1.0)		5.2		(1.5)		9.5
Market appreciation(depreciation)	 28.1		8.6		5.0		41.7		29.2		11.0		(0.3)		1.8		41.7
Net change	32.2		12.4		6.6		51.2		36.0		10.0		4.9		0.3		51.2
Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$ 500.6	\$	185.4	\$	106.9	\$	792.9	\$	388.2	\$	185.9	\$	187.9	\$	30.9	\$	792.9

Changes in assets under management for the six months ended June 30, 2007 were as follows:

		Distribution	Channel		Investment Service								
	Institutional Investment	Retail	Private Client	Total	Value Equity (in billions)	Growth Equity	Fixed Income	Index/ Structured	Total				
Balance as of January 1, 2007	\$ 455.1	\$ 166.9	\$ 94.9	\$ 716.9	\$ 335.5	\$ 174.1	\$ 177.0	\$ 30.3	\$ 716.9				
Long-term flows:													
Sales/new accounts	34.0	26.5	10.2	70.7	34.9	15.4	20.1	0.3	70.7				
Redemptions/terminations	(13.4)	(18.7)	(2.1)	(34.2)	(11.6)	(13.8)	(7.6)	(1.2)	(34.2)				
Cash flow/unreinvested dividends	(10.2)	(0.6)	(2.9)	(13.7)	(5.6)	(4.0)	(3.4)	(0.7)	(13.7)				
Net long-term inflows (outflows)	10.4	7.2	5.2	22.8	17.7	(2.4)	9.1	(1.6)	22.8				
Transfers	(0.7)		0.7	_	—	—	—						
Market appreciation	35.8	11.3	6.1	53.2	35.0	14.2	1.8	2.2	53.2				
Net change	45.5	18.5	12.0	76.0	52.7	11.8	10.9	0.6	76.0				
Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$ 500.6	\$ 185.4	\$ 106.9	\$ 792.9	\$ 388.2	\$ 185.9	<u>\$ 187.9</u>	\$ 30.9	\$ 792.9				

Changes in assets under management for the twelve months ended June 30, 2007 were as follows:

			Dis	tribution	Cha	nnel		Investment Service									
	-	titutional /estment	ŀ	Retail		rivate Client	Fotal (	E	/alue /quity illions)	-	rowth quity		Fixed ncome		ndex/ nctured		Fotal
Balance as of July 1, 2006	\$	396.0	\$	146.4	\$	82.8	\$ 625.2	\$	272.4	\$	157.0	\$	165.8	\$	30.0	\$	625.2
Long-term flows:																	
Sales/new accounts		61.1		46.3		16.6	124.0		62.8		28.3		32.4		0.5		124.0
Redemptions/terminations		(25.9)		(34.4)		(3.6)	(63.9)		(20.5)		(23.4)		(16.7)		(3.3)		(63.9)
Cash flow/unreinvested		(12.7)		(1.0)		(4.7)	(10.4)		(0, 2)		(5.0)				(1,0)		(10.4)
dividends	_	(12.7)		(1.0)		(4.7)	(18.4)	_	(8.2)		(5.9)	_	(2.4)		(1.9)	_	(18.4)
Net long-term inflows (outflows)		22.5		10.9		8.3	41.7		34.1		(1.0)		13.3		(4.7)		41.7
Transfers		(0.7)				0.7			0.8		(0.8)				_		
Market appreciation		82.8		28.1		15.1	 126.0		80.9		30.7		8.8		5.6		126.0
Net change		104.6		39.0		24.1	 167.7		115.8		28.9		22.1		0.9		167.7
Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$	500.6	\$	185.4	\$	106.9	\$ 792.9	\$	388.2	\$	185.9	\$	187.9	\$	30.9	\$	792.9

Average assets under management by distribution channel and investment service were as follows:

	Three Months Ended					Six Months Ende								
	6/	30/07	6	/30/06	\$ (	Change	% Change		6/30/07	(	6/30/06	\$	Change	% Change
							(in bill	lions	5)					
Distribution Channel:														
Institutional Investment	\$	489.3	\$	395.9	\$	93.4	23.6%	\$	475.3	\$	387.2	\$	88.1	22.7%
Retail		181.1		146.9		34.2	23.3		175.8		145.7		30.1	20.7
Private Client		104.3		82.6		21.7	26.4		100.9		80.6		20.3	25.2
Total	\$	774.7	\$	625.4	\$	149.3	23.9	\$	752.0	\$	613.5	\$	138.5	22.6
Investment Service:														
Value Equity	\$	374.5	\$	270.4	\$	104.1	38.5%	\$	359.0	\$	261.2	\$	97.8	37.5%
Growth Equity		183.1		158.8		24.3	15.3		179.2		156.4		22.8	14.6
Fixed Income		186.0		165.4		20.6	12.5		183.0		165.2		17.8	10.7
Index/Structured		31.1		30.8		0.3	1.1		30.8		30.7		0.1	0.2
Total	\$	774.7	\$	625.4	\$	149.3	23.9	\$	752.0	\$	613.5	\$	138.5	22.6

# **Consolidated Results of Operations**

	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended									
	6	/30/07	6	/30/06	\$ C	Change	% Change	(	6/30/07	(	6/30/06	\$	Change	% Change
						(in r	nillions, except	per	unit amou	nts)				
Net revenues	\$	1,158.8	\$	933.3	\$	225.5	24.2%	\$	2,203.1	\$	1,829.0	\$	374.1	20.5%
Expenses		799.1		669.8		129.3	19.3		1,557.0		1,325.7		231.3	17.4
Operating income		359.7	_	263.5		96.2	36.5		646.1	_	503.3		142.8	28.4
Non-operating income		4.0		9.7		(5.7)	(58.7)		8.2		13.2		(5.0)	(37.7)
Income before income taxes		363.7		273.2		90.5	33.1		654.3		516.5		137.8	26.7
Income taxes		28.8		12.1		16.7	137.1		51.7		27.8		23.9	85.8
Net income	\$	334.9	\$	261.1	\$	73.8	28.3	\$	602.6	\$	488.7	\$	113.9	23.3
Diluted net income per unit	\$	1.27	\$	0.99	\$	0.28	28.3	\$	2.28	\$	1.86	\$	0.42	22.6
Distributions per unit	\$	1.27	\$	0.99	\$	0.28	28.3	\$	2.28	\$	1.86	\$	0.42	22.6
(1)														
Operating margin <sup>(1)</sup>		31.0%		28.2%				_	29.3%	·	27.5%	)		

<sup>(1)</sup>Operating income as a percentage of net revenues.

Net income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased 28.3% and 23.3%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006. This increase was primarily due to higher investment advisory and services fee revenues resulting from higher assets under management, partially offset by higher employee compensation and benefits expenses.

# Net Revenues

The following table summarizes the components of total net revenues:

	Three Months Ended						Six Months Ended								
	6,	/30/07	6	/30/06	\$ (	Change	% Cha	nge	(	6/30/07	6	/30/06	\$ C	hange	% Change
								(in mill	ions	s)					
Investment advisory and															
services fees:															
Institutional Investment:	*		*		<i>*</i>				<i>•</i>		*		*		
Base fees	\$	352.9	\$	271.5	\$	81.4		30.0%	\$	673.4	\$	523.3	\$	150.1	28.7%
Performance fees		21.2		36.6		(15.4)		42.1)		39.3		50.1		(10.8)	(21.6)
		374.1		308.1		66.0		21.4		712.7		573.4		139.3	24.3
Retail:															
Base fees		236.7		192.9		43.8		22.7		457.2		379.6		77.6	20.4
Performance fees		_		(0.1)		0.1	1	00.0		_		(0.2)		0.2	100.0
		236.7		192.8		43.9		22.7		457.2		379.4		77.8	20.5
Private Client:	_		-		-						_		-		
Base fees		232.8		189.0		43.8		23.2		450.1		364.4		85.7	23.5
Performance fees		1.6		0.3		1.3	5	87.3		0.7		(0.3)		1.0	n/m
		234.4		189.3		45.1		23.8		450.8		364.1		86.7	23.8
Total:	_		-		-								_		
Base fees		822.4		653.4		169.0		25.9		1,580.7		1,267.3		313.4	24.7
Performance fees		22.8		36.8		(14.0)	(	38.1)		40.0		49.6		(9.6)	(19.3)
		845.2		690.2		155.0		22.5		1,620.7		1,316.9		303.8	23.1
									-						
Distribution revenues		118.9		104.5		14.4		13.9		231.1		207.3		23.8	11.5
Institutional research services		102.8		102.6		0.2		0.2		201.8		198.4		3.4	1.7
Dividend and interest income		70.1		61.5		8.6		14.0		138.4		116.8		21.6	18.5
Investment gains (losses)		32.1		(15.5)		47.6		n/m		41.6		10.7		30.9	289.4
Other revenues		44.6		35.9		8.7		24.0		78.5		69.5		9.0	12.9
Total revenues	_	1,213.7		979.2		234.5		24.0		2,312.1		1,919.6		392.5	20.4
Less: Interest expense		54.9		45.9		9.0		19.8		109.0		90.6		18.4	20.3
Net Revenues	\$	1,158.8	\$	933.3	\$	225.5		24.2	\$	2,203.1	\$	1,829.0	\$	374.1	20.5

# **Investment Advisory and Services Fees**

Investment advisory and services fees, the largest component of our revenues, consist primarily of base fees. These fees are generally calculated as a percentage of the value of assets under management and vary with the type of investment service, 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 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 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 and seasonality of our revenues and earnings.

For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, our investment advisory and services fees increased 22.5% and 23.1%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006. These increases were primarily due to increases of 23.9% and 22.6%, respectively, in average assets under management resulting from net asset inflows and market appreciation. For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, performance fees aggregated \$22.8 million and \$40.0 million, respectively, a decrease of \$14.0 million and \$9.6 million, respectively, in comparison with the corresponding periods in 2006.

Institutional investment advisory and services fees for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$66.0 million, or 21.4%, and \$139.3 million, or 24.3%, respectively, from the corresponding periods ended June 30, 2006, primarily as a result of increases of 23.6% and 22.7%, respectively, in average assets under management.

Retail investment advisory and services fees for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased by \$43.9 million, or 22.7%, and \$77.8 million, or 20.5%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006, reflecting increases of 23.3% and 20.7%, respectively, in average assets under management.

Private client investment advisory and services fees for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased by \$45.1 million, or 23.8%, and \$86.7 million, or 23.8%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006, primarily as a result of increases of 22.8% and 24.7%, respectively, in billable assets under management.

### **Distribution Revenues**

AllianceBernstein Investments and AllianceBernstein Luxembourg (both wholly-owned subsidiaries of AllianceBernstein) act as distributor and/or placement agent of company-sponsored mutual funds and receive distribution services fees from certain of those funds as partial reimbursement of the distribution expenses they incur. Distribution revenues for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$14.4 million, or 13.9%, and \$23.8 million, or 11.5%, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in 2006, principally due to higher average mutual fund AUM.

# Institutional Research Services

Institutional Research Services revenue consists principally of brokerage transaction charges received for providing in-depth independent, fundamental research and brokerage-related services to institutional investors.

Revenues from institutional research services for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 reflect an increase of \$0.2 million, or 0.2%, and \$3.4 million, or 1.7%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006. These increases were the result of higher revenues in London, primarily due to increased volumes. U.S. revenues decreased in the second quarter of 2007 due to reductions in market share and pricing, partially offset by an increase in volumes, and were essentially flat during the first half of 2007 as compared to the first half of 2006.

Recent declines in commission rates charged by broker-dealers are likely to continue and may accelerate. Increasing use of electronic trading systems and algorithmic trading strategies (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, interest earned on United States Treasury Bills and interest earned on collateral given for securities borrowed from brokers and dealers. Interest expense includes interest accrued on cash balances in customers' brokerage accounts and on collateral received for securities loaned. Dividend and interest income, net of interest expense, for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 decreased \$0.4 million and increased \$3.2 million, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006. The increase for the six-month period was due primarily to increased stock borrowing activity as a result of higher brokerage balances in 2007.

#### Investment Gains (Losses)

Investment gains (losses), consisting of realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments related to deferred compensation plan obligations and other investments, increased \$47.6 million and \$30.9 million, respectively, for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 compared to the corresponding periods in 2006. The increases were due primarily to significant mark-to-market gains on investments related to deferred compensation plan obligations. The impact of these gains on our obligations to plan participants is amortized over the vesting period of the awards, or immediately for fully vested awards.

#### Other Revenues

Other revenues consist of fees earned for transfer agency services provided to our mutual funds, fees earned for administration and recordkeeping services provided to our mutual funds and the general accounts of AXA and its subsidiaries, our equity in the earnings of investments made in limited partnership hedge funds that we sponsor and manage, and other miscellaneous revenues. Other revenues for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$8.7 million and \$9.0 million, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006 due primarily to higher equity in earnings of new and existing hedge funds due to improved market performance in 2007, as well as higher investment balances.

The following table summarizes the components of expenses:

	ſ	Three Mor	nths H	Ended				Six Mont	hs E	nded		
	6	/30/07	6	/30/06	\$ Change	% Change	6	6/30/07	(	6/30/06	\$ Change	% Change
					 	(in mill	ions	5)				
Employee compensation and												
benefits	\$	475.9	\$	373.8	\$ 102.1	27.3%	\$	916.4	\$	744.1	\$ 172.3	23.2%
Promotion and servicing		172.5		156.3	16.2	10.3		333.5		302.6	30.9	10.2
General and administrative		138.5		127.7	10.8	8.4		282.2		254.3	27.9	11.0
Interest		7.0		6.8	0.2	2.7		14.5		14.3	0.2	1.7
Amortization of intangible												
assets		5.2		5.2	—	0.1		10.4		10.4	—	0.1
Total	\$	799.1	\$	669.8	\$ 129.3	19.3	\$	1,557.0	\$	1,325.7	\$ 231.3	17.4

### Employee Compensation and Benefits

We had 5,179 full-time employees at June 30, 2007 compared to 4,588 at June 30, 2006. Employee compensation and benefits, which represented approximately 60% and 59% of total expenses in the respective three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, include base compensation, cash and deferred incentive compensation, commissions, fringe benefits, and other employment costs.

Base compensation, fringe benefits and other employment costs for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$26.5 million, or 20.0%, and \$52.0 million, or 20.1%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006, primarily as a result of increased headcount, annual merit increases, higher severance, and higher fringe benefits. Incentive compensation for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$55.5 million, or 37.8%, and \$80.7 million, or 26.5%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006, primarily as a result of the increase in full-time employees, higher estimated annual bonus payments due to higher earnings, and higher deferred compensation expense. In comparison with the corresponding periods in 2006, commission expense for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 was higher by \$20.1 million, or 21.3%, and by \$39.6 million, or 21.8%, respectively, due to higher sales volume across all distribution channels.

### Promotion and Servicing

Promotion and servicing expenses, which represented approximately 22% and 21% of total expenses in the respective three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, include distribution plan payments to financial intermediaries for distribution of company-sponsored mutual funds and amortization of deferred sales commissions paid to financial intermediaries for the sale of back-end load shares of our sponsored mutual funds. *See Capital Resources and Liquidity in this Item 2 and Note 5 to AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1* of this Form 10-Q for further discussion 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, 2007 increased \$16.2 million, or 10.3%, and \$30.9 million, or 10.2%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006, primarily due to higher distribution plan payments and travel.

#### General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses, which represented approximately 17% and 18% of total expenses for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007, respectively, are costs related to operations, including technology, professional fees, occupancy, communications, minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries, and similar expenses. General and administrative expenses for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 increased \$10.8 million, or 8.4%, and \$27.9 million, or 11.0%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in 2006. The increase was primarily due to higher occupancy and technology costs, partially offset by lower legal costs.

### Non-Operating Income

Non-operating income consists of contingent purchase price payments earned from the disposition in 2005 of our cash management services. Non-operating income for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2007 decreased \$5.7 million, or 58.7%, and \$5.0 million, or 37.7 %, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in 2006. The decrease reflects the recognition of a \$7.5 million gain contingency during the second quarter of 2006 (resulting from the expiration of a "clawback" provision).



### 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, 2007 increased \$16.7 million, or 137.1%, and \$23.9 million, or 85.8%, respectively, from the corresponding periods in June 30, 2006, primarily as a result of increased earnings and a higher effective tax rate reflecting higher earnings by our foreign subsidiaries (primarily in the U.K. and Japan).

Congress recently proposed tax legislation that would cause certain partnerships whose partnership interests are traded in a public market and that derive income from investment adviser or asset management services to be taxed as corporations, thus subjecting their income to a higher level of income tax. In its current form, the proposed legislation would not affect AllianceBernstein, which is a private partnership.

# CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

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

	Si	x Months E	nded	June 30,	
		2007		2006	% Change
		(in mi	llions	)	
Partners' capital, as of June 30	\$	4,550.3	\$	4,375.8	4.0%
Cash flow from operations		805.9		749.9	7.5
Proceeds from sales (purchases) of investments, net		11.1		(41.0)	n/m
Capital expenditures		(55.4)		(49.6)	11.6
Distributions paid		(684.1)		(517.2)	32.3
Purchases of Holding Units		(13.9)		(18.4)	(24.1)
Issuance of Holding Units				47.2	(100.0)
Additional investments by Holding with proceeds from exercise of compensatory options to buy					
Holding Units		36.8		45.6	(19.4)
Issuance of commercial paper, net		(29.1)		5.4	n/m
Available Cash Flow		598.5		484.1	23.6
Distributions per AllianceBernstein Unit		2.28		1.86	22.6

Cash and cash equivalents of \$772.0 million as of June 30, 2007 increased \$79.3 million from \$692.7 million at December 31, 2006. Cash inflows are primarily provided by operations, proceeds from sales of investments, and additional investments by Holding using proceeds from exercises of compensatory options to buy Holding Units. Significant cash outflows include cash distributions paid to the General Partner and unitholders, capital expenditures, the repayment of commercial paper, purchases of investments, and purchases of Holding Units to fund deferred compensation plans.



# **Contingent Deferred Sales Charge**

See Note 5 to 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, 2007 and December 31, 2006 were as follows:

		Ju	ne 30, 2007			Ι	)eceı	nber 31, 2006	
	Credit ailable	Οι	Debt utstanding	Interest Rate		redit ailable	0	Debt utstanding	Interest Rate
				(in mill	ions)				
Senior Notes	\$ 200.0	\$	_	—%	\$	200.0	\$		—%
Commercial paper <sup>(1)</sup>	800.0		319.7	5.4		800.0		334.9	5.3
Revolving credit facility <sup>(1)</sup>	_		_	_		_		_	_
Extendible commercial notes	100.0		—	_		100.0			_
Other	 _		_	_		_			—
Total	\$ 1,100.0	\$	319.7	5.4	\$	1,100.0	\$	334.9	5.3

(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 that originally permitted us to issue up to \$600 million in senior debt securities. The Senior Notes matured in August 2006 and were retired using cash flow from operations and proceeds from the issuance of commercial paper. We currently have \$200 million available under the shelf registration statement for future issuances.

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, 2007. To supplement this revolving credit facility, in April 2007 we entered into a \$100 million three-month, renewable uncommitted loan agreement with a major bank.

We currently maintain 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 line of credit facility agreements with various banks, each for \$100 million. During January and February of 2007, SCB LLC increased three of the agreements to \$200 million each and entered into an additional agreement for \$100 million with a new bank. As of June 30, 2007, no amounts were 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.

# 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 to 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.



Management believes that the critical accounting policies and estimates discussed below involve 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, 2007, 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 range from 22% to 25% for U.S. fund shares and 22% to 34% for non-U.S. fund shares, determined by reference to actual redemption experience over the five-year, three-year, one-year and current periods ended June 30, 2007, 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 determined that the deferred sales commission asset was not impaired as of June 30, 2007. 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 managem

### 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, 2006, the impairment test indicated that goodwill was not impaired. Management also believes that goodwill was not impaired as of June 30, 2007. 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. Management believes that intangible assets were not impaired as of June 30, 2007. 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, 2006. 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 50% to 70% for equity securities, 20% to 40% for debt securities, and 0% to 10% for real estate investment trusts. Exposure of the total portfolio to cash equivalents on average is not expected to exceed 5% of the portfolio's value on a market value basis. The plan seeks to provide a rate of return that exceeds applicable benchmarks over rolling five-year periods. The benchmark for the plan's large cap domestic equity investment strategy is the S&P 500 Index; the small cap domestic equity investment strategy is measured against the MSCI EAFE Index; and the fixed income investment strategy is measured against the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index. The actual rate of return on plan assets was 9.0%, 13.7%, and 9.0% in 2006, 2005, and 2004, 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 2006 net pension charge of \$4.9 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, 2006 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 5.90% discount rate as of December 31, 2006 represents the approximate mid-point (to the nearest five basis points) of the single rate under two independently constructed yield curves, one of which, prepared by Mercer Human Resources, produced a rate of 5.94%; the other, prepared by Citigroup, produced a rate of 5.89%. The discount rate as of December 31, 2005 was 5.65%, which was used in developing the 2006 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 2006 net pension charge of \$4.9 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 SFAS No. 5, which requires a loss contingency to be recorded if it is probable and reasonably estimable as of the date of the financial statements. *See Note 5 to AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1* of this Form 10-Q.

### ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 9 to AllianceBernstein's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Item 1 of this Form 10-Q.

# 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, and the manner in which the earnings of publicly traded partnerships are taxed. 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, 2006 and *Part II, Item 1A* of 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" and those listed below 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. 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 with respect to a legal proceeding could be significant, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

The forward-looking statements referred to above also include a description of estimated earnings guidance and related assumptions provided for full year 2007, which was included in our second quarter 2007 Earnings Release, and which is not being updated in this Report. That earnings guidance was based on information available as of the date of the Earnings Release and on a number of assumptions, including, but not limited to, the following: net inflows of client assets under management continuing during the second half of 2007 at levels similar to rates experienced during the first half of 2007, and equity and fixed income market returns being at annual rates of 8% and 5%, respectively, during the second half of 2007. Net inflows of client assets are subject to domestic and international securities market conditions, competitive factors, and relative investment performance, each of which may have a negative effect on net inflows; capital market performance is inherently unpredictable. Our expectation that the fourth quarter will account for a disproportionate share of total earnings is based on the relative amount of assets under management subject to performance fees that are calculated at the end of the fourth quarter. In view of these factors, and particularly given the volatility of capital markets (and the effect of such volatility on performance fees and the value of investments in respect of incentive compensation) and the difficulty of predicting client asset inflows and outflows, our earnings estimates should not be relied on as predictions of actual performance, but only as estimates based on information available at the time they were made and on assumptions that may or may not be correct. There can be no assurance that we will be able to meet the investment and service goals and needs of our clients or that, even if we do, it will have a positive effect on the company's financial performance.

# **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, 2007, 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 3, 2007 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 registration statements 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 quarterly period ended June 30, 2007.

### 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 in our reports under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported in a timely manner, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, to permit timely decisions regarding our disclosure.

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 2007 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

