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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**for the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number: 014140**

GLEACHER & COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22-2655804
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10104
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 273-7100**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	The NASDAQ Global Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None
(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes No

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-accelerated Filer Smaller Reporting Company
(Do not check if a
smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the shares of common stock of the Registrant held by non-affiliates based upon the closing price of Registrant's shares as reported on The NASDAQ Global Market on June 30, 2012, which was \$0.80 per share, was \$100,584,912. This calculation is based on the number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2012, excluding shares of the Registrant's common stock held by any officer or director of the Company or by any person known by the Company to own 5% or more of the Registrant's outstanding shares of common stock. Exclusion of shares held by any person should not be construed as a conclusion by the Company, or an admission by any such person, that such person is an "affiliate" of the Company, as defined by applicable securities laws.

As of February 28, 2013, 123,242,192 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's definitive proxy statement for the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the extent stated herein.

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PART I

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that involve risks and uncertainties. These statements are not historical facts but instead represent the Company's belief or plans regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of the Company's control. The Company often, but not always, identifies forward-looking statements by using words or phrases such as "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "project," "target," "expect," "continuing," "ongoing," "believe" and "intend." The Company's forward-looking statements are based on facts as the Company understands them at the time the Company makes any such statement as well as estimates and judgments based on these facts. The Company's forward-looking statements may turn out to be inaccurate for a variety of reasons, many of which are outside of its control. Factors that could render the Company's forward-looking statements subsequently inaccurate include the conditions of the securities markets, generally, and demand for the Company's services within those markets, the risk of further credit rating downgrades of the U.S. government by major credit rating agencies, the impact of international and domestic sovereign debt uncertainties, the possibilities of localized or global economic recession and other risks and factors identified from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update any of its forward-looking statements.

You should review the "Risk Factors" section of this Report for a discussion of the important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this Report.

In particular, the Company has recently experienced several adverse events that have significantly affected our business operations and have resulted in a recent and serious decline in our financial results. In order to address these issues, the Company is seeking, and may continue to seek a strategic transaction with a third party that could result, for example, in an acquisition of the Company or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. Whether the Company can effect such a transaction, and if so, the terms of any such transaction, will greatly affect the Company's future and, as a result, the ultimate accuracy of our forward-looking statements.

As used herein, the terms "Company," "Gleacher," "we," "us," or "our" refer to Gleacher & Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Item 1. Business

Overview

Gleacher & Company, Inc. (the "Parent," and together with its subsidiaries, the "Company") is an independent investment bank that provides corporate and institutional clients with strategic and financial advisory services. The Company also provides capital raising, research-based investment analysis, and securities brokerage services. The Company offers a range of products through its Investment Banking, Mortgage Backed Securities & Rates ("MBS & Rates") and Credit Products divisions. The Company was originally incorporated in 1985 in the state of New York and re-incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware in 2010 and its common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Market ("NASDAQ") under the symbol "GLCH."

The Company also provided residential mortgage lending services through its subsidiary, ClearPoint Funding Inc. ("ClearPoint"). On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of the assets of ClearPoint to Homeward Residential, Inc. (the "Homeward Transaction"). This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down. Refer to Note 29 within the footnotes to the

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consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

In recent years, we have incurred losses and experienced significant turnover, including among our senior management and business leaders of our operating segments, as well as a number of departures, generally, throughout the ranks of our organization. Recently we have experienced several events that have adversely affected our business operations and resulted in a further deterioration in our financial results. In August 2012 we announced that we were engaged in exploring and evaluating strategic alternatives for the Company, including partnering with one or more equity investors, strategic acquisitions and divestitures or a business combination involving the Company. In this process we explored a wide variety of potential strategic transactions. By February 2013, we had not yet been presented with a suitable strategic alternative. We intended, however, to continue to examine strategic alternatives should appropriate opportunities arise. We announced this update on February 15, 2013. As would be expected, our strategic review introduced uncertainty with our trading partners and employees and consumed significant amounts of our senior management's time and attention. This uncertainty increased after our February 15 update.

In January 2013, Eric J. Gleacher, our then-chairman and a significant stockholder, resigned as a director and executive officer of the Company.

In mid-February, 20 sales and trading professionals from our Credit Products group left together to join another securities firm, reducing the headcount of this group to approximately 70. As a result, revenues from this group have declined significantly.

In a letter dated February 23, 2013, four current directors of the Company, Henry S. Bienen, Robert A. Gerard, Bruce Rohde and Robert S. Yingling, informed the Company that they do not intend to stand for re-election at the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be held on May 23, 2013 (the "Annual Meeting"). These directors stated that their decision was based on communications from MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC, a significant holder of the Company's common stock ("MatlinPatterson"), indicating that MatlinPatterson would oppose their re-election. These directors further stated that they had reason to believe that Mr. Gleacher would also vote his shares against them were they to run and that, as a result, it is a virtual certainty that if they were to stand for re-election, they would not be re-elected. The letter also stated that, should the situation change in the interim, they may be willing to reconsider their decision not to stand. The directors' decision not to stand for re-election was not the result of any disagreement with the Company relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Also on February 23, 2013, the Company received a submission by MatlinPatterson of a slate of eight nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. In their proposal, MatlinPatterson nominated current directors Marshall Cohen, Mark R. Patterson and Christopher Pechock, as well as nominees Carl McKinzie, Jaime Lifton, Edwin Banks, Keith B. Hall and Nasir A. Hasan.

Uncertainties regarding the implications of our net losses and management and employee turnover have been aggravated by these more recent events, resulting in further questions regarding the stability and strategic direction of the Company and adversely affecting relations with both our clients and our employees. A number of our trading customers have reduced or suspended trading activities with us. Moreover, at least in part because of the perceived instability of our business, new investment banking mandates have dwindled. These events have weakened employee morale, which may lead to additional resignations. As a result, we have experienced a significant decline in revenue in the first quarter of 2013, and we cannot predict when, or if, we will be able to reduce or reverse this decline and associated losses.

In order to address these issues and preserve value for our stockholders, the Company is seeking, and may continue to seek, a strategic transaction with a third party that could result, for example, in an

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acquisition of the Company or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. Subsequent to our February 15 update on our review of strategic alternatives, we have been approached by third parties regarding potential strategic alternatives. If we are unable to consummate a strategic transaction, we will consider such alternatives, if any, as may be available to us at such time. In doing so, we will consider all relevant factors, including our financial condition and operating results, our access to financial resources, the market environment and our financial and operational prospects. Depending on the circumstances, courses of action could consist of expeditious reduction of operating and overhead expenses and/or monetization of assets, among other steps.

As of March 15, 2013, the Company had approximately 220 employees.

The Company's Gleacher & Company Securities, Inc. ("Gleacher Securities") and Gleacher Partners, LLC ("Gleacher Partners") subsidiaries are registered as broker-dealers with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and are members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and various exchanges. Gleacher Securities is also a member of the National Futures Association ("NFA"). ClearPoint remains under the regulatory oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), as well as various regulatory bodies in the states in which it conducts business until it's business activities are wound down.

The Company's headquarters are located at 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10104. The telephone number at that address is (212) 273-7100, and our internet address is www.gleacher.com.

Business Segments

As of December 31, 2012 we operated through the following four business segments:

Investment Banking

This division provides financial advisory and capital raising services in connection with mergers, acquisitions and other strategic matters. The division is being realigned around existing M&A expertise, expanded capital markets capabilities and key industry verticals, including real estate, leveraged finance, financial services, aerospace and defense, technology, media and telecom, paper and packaging, general industrial and financial sponsor coverage.

MBS & Rates

This division provides sales, trading, research and advisory services on a wide range of mortgage and asset-backed securities, U.S. Treasury and government agency securities, structured products such as CLOs and CDOs, whole loans, and other securities. Revenues are currently generated from spreads on principal transactions executed to facilitate trades for clients, including on a riskless principal basis. Revenues are also generated from changes in fair value and interest income on securities held in inventory. In addition, this division is integrating its advanced analytics and quantitative research capabilities through its platform acquired from RangeMark Financial Services, Inc. ("RangeMark"). RangeMark's integration may also provide for revenues earned through advisory services.

Credit Products

This division provides analysis, sales and trading on a wide range of debt securities including bank debt and loans, investment grade debt, high-yield debt, treasuries, convertibles, distressed debt, preferred debt, emerging market debt and reorganization equities to corporate and institutional investor clients. The division also provides trade execution services, liability management, corporate debt repurchase programs and new issue distributions. Revenues are generated primarily from spreads on riskless principal transactions, and to a lesser extent, principal trading and commissions on trades executed on behalf of clients. In addition, revenues are also generated on a smaller scale from interest income on securities held in inventory.

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This division originated, processed and underwrote single and multi-family residential mortgage loans within a number of states across the country. The loans were underwritten using standards prescribed by conventional mortgage lenders and loan buyers such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Revenues were generated primarily from the sale of the residential mortgage loans with servicing released. On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into the Homeward Transaction, an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward Residential, Inc. ("Homeward"). This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down.

Other Activities

The Company also recognizes investment gains/(losses) and earns fees related to the Company's investment in and management of FA Technology Ventures L.P. ("FATV" or the "Partnership") a fund that holds investments in privately held companies. The Company's results also include expenses not directly associated with specific reportable segments, including goodwill impairment charges, costs related to corporate overhead and support, such as various fees associated with financing, legal and consulting expenses and amortization of certain intangible assets from business acquisitions not reported within discontinued operations.

Sources of Revenues

Set forth in the table below is information regarding the amount and percentage of net revenues derived from each of our principal revenue sources (excluding net revenues from discontinued operations) for the years ended December 31:

(Dollars in thousands)	2012		2011		2010	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Principal transactions	\$ 52,771	25.9%	\$ 89,108	34.1%	\$ 79,433	32.0%
Commissions	71,418	35.1%	71,347	27.3%	76,817	30.9%
Investment banking	30,553	15.0%	33,069	12.7%	43,400	17.5%
Investment banking revenues from related party		0.0%		0.0%	1,947	0.8%
Investment gains, net	1,233	0.6%	2,996	1.1%	7	0.0%
Interest income	48,796	24.0%	66,194	25.3%	57,292	23.0%
Gain from bargain purchase ClearPoint Funding, Inc. acquisition		0.0%	2,330	0.9%		0.0%
Fees and other	11,651	5.7%	8,041	3.1%	1,004	0.4%
Total revenues	\$ 216,422	106.3%	\$ 273,085	104.6%	\$ 259,900	104.6%
Interest expense	12,827	6.3%	11,913	4.6%	11,318	4.6%
Net revenues	\$ 203,595	100.0%	\$ 261,172	100.0%	\$ 248,582	100.0%

The financial results set forth in the foregoing table may not be representative of future results due to recent developments described in Item 1, "Business Overview" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. For information regarding the Company's reportable segments, refer to Note 27 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Principal Transactions

For the periods presented, principal transactions revenues were generated primarily by the Company's MBS & Rates and ClearPoint divisions, and to a lesser extent, the Credit Products division. The MBS & Rates division generates revenues from spreads on customer trading activities and changes in fair value on financial instruments held in inventory, including agency mortgage-backed securities, debt issued by U.S. Government and federal agency obligations, commercial mortgage-backed debt, residential mortgage-backed debt, other debt obligations, CDOs, corporate debt securities, equity securities, preferred stock and derivatives. The Company's ClearPoint division originated mortgage loans and entered into related hedging instruments in connection with its residential lending activities. Changes in the fair value of such loans and hedging are also reflected in principal transactions.

Commissions

Commission income is primarily comprised of commission equivalents earned on riskless principal transactions generated in both the Company's Credit Products and MBS & Rates divisions.

Investment Banking

Investment banking fees are generated from financial advisory services in regards to mergers and acquisitions, restructurings and recapitalizations and from acting as an underwriter or placement agent in debt, equity and convertible securities offerings.

Set forth in the table below is information regarding investment banking revenues by area for the periods indicated:

(In thousands)	For the years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Investment banking transactions			
Advisory services	\$ 24,388	\$ 24,341	\$ 32,383
Capital markets	6,165	8,728	12,964
Total Investment banking revenues	\$ 30,553	\$ 33,069	\$ 45,347

Investment gains (losses)

Investment gains (losses) primarily represent the changes in fair value of the Company's investment in FATV, which is comprised of 19 holdings primarily in 7 privately held companies. Refer to Note 10 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Interest Income & Expense

Interest income is recognized principally within the Company's MBS & Rates division on its portfolio of fixed income securities. The Company incurs interest expense primarily as a result of funding its trading portfolio through its clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, through the repurchase markets. The Company's ClearPoint division recognized interest income in connection with its residential mortgage lending activities and incurred interest expense on its short-term secured mortgage warehouse lines of credit. The decrease in net interest income during the year ending December 31, 2012 compared to the prior years is primarily due to reduced inventory levels.

Fees and Other

Fees and other revenues generally relate to miscellaneous fees earned in connection with ClearPoint's residential mortgage lending activities and to investment management fees earned by FA Technology Ventures Corporation. Fees and other revenues, during the year ended December 31, 2012,

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also include \$2.6 million related to the clawback of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition provisions (Refer to Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" herein for additional information).

Bargain Purchase Gain

The Company recorded a bargain purchase gain during the year ended December 31, 2011 related to its acquisition of ClearPoint on January 3, 2011.

Recent Developments

Departure of Executive Officer

Effective January 28, 2013, Mr. Gleacher resigned as a director and executive officer of the Company. Mr. Gleacher agreed to continue to provide services to the Company in connection with a pending investment banking transaction. In return for these continued services, Mr. Gleacher will receive a payment in an amount determined in accordance with an existing formula for payments to employees relating to advisory fees that may be received by the Company in respect of the client transaction, as well as related costs and expenses.

Departure of Professionals in the Credit Products Division

On February 20, 2013, the Company confirmed the departure of approximately 20 professionals previously employed in the Company's Credit Products division, reducing this division's headcount to approximately 70. As a result, revenues from this group have declined significantly.

Prospective Departure of Certain Members of the Board of Directors

In a letter dated February 23, 2013, four current directors of the Company, Henry S. Bienen, Robert A. Gerard, Bruce Rohde and Robert S. Yingling, informed the Company that they do not intend to stand for re-election at the Company's Annual Meeting. These directors stated that their decision was based on communications from MatlinPatterson indicating that MatlinPatterson would oppose their re-election. These directors further stated that they had reason to believe that Mr. Gleacher would also vote his shares against them were they to run and that, as a result, it is a virtual certainty that if they were to stand for re-election, they would not be re-elected. The letter also stated that should the situation change in the interim, they may be willing to reconsider their decision not to stand. The directors' decision not to stand for re-election was not the result of any disagreement with the Company relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Director Nominations by MatlinPatterson

Also on February 23, 2013, the Company received a submission by MatlinPatterson of a slate of eight nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. In their proposal, MatlinPatterson nominated current directors Marshall Cohen, Mark R. Patterson and Christopher Pechock, as well as nominees Carl McKinzie, Jaime Lifton, Edwin Banks, Keith B. Hall and Nasir A. Hasan.

Decline in Business Operations and Revenue

We have recently experienced a significant decline in our business operations and revenue. We cannot predict when, or if, we will be able to reduce or reverse this decline and associated losses. See Item 7, "Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Note 1 of the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Operations

The Company's broker-dealer subsidiaries clear customers' securities transactions primarily through a third party under a clearing agreement. Under this agreement, transactions are deemed to be either receive versus payment, delivery versus payment or cash transactions. Gleacher Securities self-clears its trading activities in U.S. government securities (the "Rates business"), and as a result became a member of the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Securities Clearing Corporation ("FICC").

Discontinued Operations

The Company has classified the results of the Equities division as discontinued operations due to the exit of this business on August 22, 2011.

Competition

As an investment bank, all aspects of the Company's business are intensely competitive. The Company competes with other investment banks, commercial banks or bank holding companies, brokerage firms, merchant banks and financial advisory firms. The Company competes with firms nationally as well as on a regional, product or business line basis. Many of the Company's competitors have substantially greater capital and resources and offer a broader range of financial products. The Company believes that the principal factors affecting competition in its businesses include client relationships, reputation, quality and price of our products and services, market focus and the ability of our professionals. Competition is intense for the recruitment and retention of qualified professionals. The Company's ability to compete effectively in its businesses will depend upon its continued ability to retain and motivate its existing professionals and attract new professionals.

Regulation

The securities industry in the United States is subject to extensive regulation under federal and state laws. The SEC is the federal agency charged with administration of the federal securities laws. Much of the direct oversight of broker-dealers, however, has been delegated to self-regulatory organizations, principally FINRA, NFA and the U.S. securities exchanges. These self-regulatory organizations adopt rules (subject to approval by the SEC) that govern the securities industry and conduct periodic examinations of member broker-dealers. Securities firms are also subject to substantial regulation by state securities authorities in the U.S. jurisdictions in which they are registered. Gleacher Securities and Gleacher Partners are registered as broker-dealers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Gleacher Securities is also registered in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The U.S. regulations to which broker-dealers are subject cover many aspects of the securities business, including sales and trading practices and financial responsibility, the safekeeping of customers' funds and securities, the capital structure of securities firms, books and record keeping, and the conduct of associated persons. Salespeople, traders, investment bankers and others are required to pass examinations administered by FINRA and all principal exchanges as well as state securities authorities in order to both obtain and maintain their securities license registrations. Certain employees of our broker-dealer subsidiaries are required to be registered with FINRA and to participate annually in the firm's continuing education program.

As a mortgage originator, ClearPoint is licensed and authorized to conduct lending activities in a number of states. Its activities included the origination, processing and underwriting of single and multi-family mortgage loans. ClearPoint is under the regulatory oversight of the HUD, as well as various regulatory bodies in the states in which it conducts business. In connection with the Homeward Transaction, ClearPoint will be winding down its operations, including surrendering its licenses to conduct business and voluntarily withdrawing from HUD related activities.

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Regulatory scrutiny of the financial services industry has increased in recent years, including through the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank") which was signed into law in July 2010. Dodd-Frank was passed to address (i) the perceived insufficient oversight and regulation of the U.S. financial system, (ii) the unregulated over-the-counter derivatives market and (iii) the lack of a consumer protection authority. Dodd-Frank covers a broad spectrum of reforms aimed at bringing accountability to the U.S. financial system and limiting those risks considered to have contributed to the economic crisis of 2008-2009. This legislation, as well as other federal and state laws, changes in rules promulgated by the SEC and by self-regulatory organizations as well as changes by state securities authorities, and/or changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules often directly affect the method of operation and profitability of broker-dealers. In light of the uncertainty of future regulatory developments, the full extent of the impact of any new requirements on our Company's business is unknown at this time. Any new or amendments to existing regulations resulting from Dodd-Frank may impact the Company's profitability, business practices or activities, obligations concerning capital, liquidity or leverage, and potential liabilities. Any changes in the regulatory requirements may also necessitate changes to the Company's policies, procedures or practices in order to comply with new requirements, which may require additional capital investment and attention from Company management. The SEC, self-regulatory organizations, and state securities regulators have broad authority to conduct examinations and inspections and to initiate administrative proceedings which can result in censure, fine, suspension, or expulsion of a broker-dealer, its officers, or employees. The principal purpose of U.S. broker-dealer regulation is the protection of customers and the securities markets rather than protection of stockholders of broker-dealers.

Regulatory Requirements

As broker-dealers, Gleacher Securities and Gleacher Partners are subject to the net capital requirements of Rule 15c3-1 promulgated under the Exchange Act. Gleacher Securities is also subject to the net capital requirements promulgated under the Commodity Futures Trading Commissions (Regulation 1.16). These net capital rules are designed to measure the general financial condition and liquidity of a broker-dealer, and they impose a required minimum amount of net capital deemed necessary to meet a broker-dealer's continuing commitments to its customers.

Compliance with these net capital rules may limit those operations that require the use of capital, such as trading in securities and underwriting securities. Net capital changes from day to day, based in part on the Company's inventory positions and the portion of the inventory value that the net capital rules require the firm to exclude from its capital. (Refer to Note 22 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.)

At December 31, 2012, net capital and excess net capital of the Company's broker-dealer subsidiaries were as follows:

(In millions)	Net Capital	Excess Net Capital
Gleacher Securities	\$ 56.2	\$ 55.9
Gleacher Partners	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.5

ClearPoint is subject to net worth requirements mandated by HUD. At December 31, 2012, minimum net worth required and adjusted net worth of ClearPoint was as follows:

(In millions)	Net Worth	Net Worth above amount Required
ClearPoint	\$ 10.3	\$ 9.3

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Business Continuity Plan

The Company maintains a Business Continuity Plan ("BCP") to allow for an effective response to a significant business disruption, either internal or external, in order to (i) safeguard our employees' lives and Company property, (ii) make a financial and operational assessment and quickly recover and resume operations, (iii) protect the Company's books and records, and (iv) allow our customers to continue to transact business.

The BCP provides for the following:

alternative physical locations for employees,

internal and external communication channels,

customers' access to trade execution, funds and securities,

Company access to liquidity, and

recovery of books and records.

In addition, many of the Company's mission-critical systems, which are those that ensure prompt and accurate processing of securities transactions, are external. These include systems through which the Company clears its customers securities transactions and our contracts with these clearing firms provide that they also maintain a business continuity plan.

The Company reviews the BCP at least annually and updates it whenever there is a material change to our operations, structure and /or business.

Available Information

The Company files with the SEC current, annual and quarterly reports, proxy statements and other information as required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an internet website at www.sec.gov from which interested persons can electronically access the Company's SEC filings.

The Company will make available free of charge, through its internet site www.gleacher.com, its annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and other information. These filings and information will become available as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC.

The Company also makes available, on the Corporate Governance page of its website, (i) its Corporate Governance Guidelines, (ii) its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, (iii) the charters of the Audit, Executive Compensation, and Directors and Corporate Governance Committees of its Board of Directors, and (iv) its Procedures for Reporting Violations of Compliance Standards. These documents are also available in print without charge to any person who requests them by writing or telephoning: Gleacher & Company, Inc., 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10104, U.S.A., Attn: Investor Relations, telephone number (212) 273-7100.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our business and operations face a variety of serious risks and uncertainties. You should carefully consider the risk factors described below and in our other public reports. If any of the following risks actually occur, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary from what we projected and our financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. These risk factors are intended to highlight factors that may affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and are not meant to be an exhaustive discussion. Additional risks and uncertainties of which we are currently unaware or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also adversely affect us.

We have organized the risk factor discussion below around certain categories, although there is some overlap of specific risk factor disclosure between categories. The order of the categories set forth below, and the order of particular risk factors within each category, is not necessarily indicative of the likelihood of the occurrence of any of the risks described below or the magnitude of the effect on us in the event any such risks should occur.

Risks Specific to our Company

Recent developments have adversely affected our relations with customers and employees, and relations may worsen. We have experienced several events in the recent past that have adversely affected relations with both our clients and our employees. As discussed above under Item 1, "Business Overview," uncertainties regarding the implications of our net losses and management and employee turnover have been aggravated by the absence of a strategic transaction, the departure of Mr. Gleacher, the departures of key personnel and a prospective turnover on our Board, resulting in further questions regarding the stability and strategic direction of the Company. For example, a number of our clients have reduced or suspended trading operations with us. Moreover, at least in part because of the perceived instability of our business, new investment banking mandates have dwindled. Employee morale has also been weakened. These uncertainties may exacerbate themselves by causing additional employees to resign or additional customers to reduce or suspend trading activities with us. The Company's ability to recruit new personnel, build new or strengthen existing customer relations and generally conduct business are also greatly impaired by these circumstances, which could result in further significant declines in the level of the Company's business operations despite the efforts of management to restore confidence and recruit personnel.

We have a history of losses and may not return to profitability in the near future or at all. We have incurred losses in recent years, including net losses of approximately \$77.7 million, \$82.1 million and \$20.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Moreover, the recent events described above have resulted in a further decline in our business operations and resulting revenue. This decline will result in significantly greater losses than we had previously anticipated. We cannot predict with certainty when or if we will be able to reduce or reverse these losses and return to profitable operations. If we are not successful in eliminating our recurring losses and achieving profitable operations, or are not able to consummate a strategic transaction, we would need to wind down our business and, ultimately, cease operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to reduce or reverse our operating losses or consummate a strategic transaction.

Our ability to hire and retain our senior professionals is critical to the success of our business. In order to operate our business successfully, we rely heavily on key professionals. Their personal reputation, judgment, business generation capabilities and project execution skills are a critical element in obtaining and executing client engagements. Any loss of professionals, particularly key senior professionals or groups of related professionals, could impair our ability to secure or successfully complete engagements, result in loss of sales and trading business, materially and adversely affect our revenues and make it more difficult to operate profitably.

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In the past, we have lost investment banking, brokerage, research, and other senior professionals and executives. For example, in February 2013, approximately 20 professionals previously employed in our Credit Products division resigned and began working for a competitor. We also experienced approximately 70 departures in our MBS & Rates division since April 2012, which were subsequently replaced by the hiring of approximately 50 professionals. In addition, over the past three years, we have experienced significant turnover of senior management, including multiple chief executive and chief financial officers, as well as the heads of our divisions. The several events in the recent past discussed above under Item 1, "Business Overview" have weakened employee morale, which may lead to additional resignations. Such turnover can result, and has resulted, in disruptions and inefficiencies in our business. As a result, we have experienced a significant decline in revenue in the first quarter of 2013, and we cannot predict when, or if, we will be able to reduce or reverse this decline in associated losses. Moreover, this type of turnover forces us to commit greater amounts of resources to recruiting. These factors have adversely impacted our stock price, our client relationships, our business and operating results, and may make recruiting for future management positions more difficult.

We also encounter intense competition to recruit qualified employees. Companies with which we compete for employees include those in the investment banking industry as well as from businesses outside the investment banking industry, such as hedge funds, private equity funds and venture capital funds. At any time, there could be a shortage of qualified personnel whom we could hire. Recent adverse developments and publicity involving the Company have made hiring particularly challenging. These challenges may hinder our ability to expand or cause a backlog in our ability to conduct our business, including the handling of investment banking transactions and the processing of brokerage orders.

Our financial results may fluctuate substantially from period to period, which may impact our stock price. In recent years, we have incurred losses and experienced significant turnover, including among our senior management and business leaders of our operating segments, as well as a number of departures, generally, throughout the ranks of our organization. Recently, as discussed under Item 1, "Business Overview," we have experienced several events that have adversely affected our business operations and resulted in a further deterioration of our financial results. We cannot predict when, or if, we will be able to reduce or reverse this decline in our results.

In addition, variations in our financial results are also attributed in part to trading activity and the fact that our investment banking revenues are typically earned upon the successful completion of a transaction, the timing of which is uncertain and beyond our control. Our business is highly dependent on market conditions and the interest in the market for the products and services we trade and offer, as well as the decisions and actions of our clients and interested third parties. This risk may be intensified by focusing on companies in specific industries or sectors. For example, our investment banking segment focuses on companies in the real estate, leveraged finance, financial services, aerospace and defense, technology, media and telecom, paper and packaging, general industrial and financial sponsor coverage industries. Concentrating in a specific sector or industry exposes us to volatility in that area that may not affect the broader markets. In addition, our results of operations experience some seasonality, with the third quarter typically being less robust than other quarters, because of typical summer month activity slow-down in July and August of each year for our sales and trading operations, as well as the impact of the holiday season on fourth quarter operating results.

Our business is subject to significant credit risk, and the financial difficulty of another prominent financial institution could adversely affect financial markets. In the normal course of our businesses, we are involved in the execution and settlement of various customer transactions and financing of various principal securities transactions. These activities are transacted on a cash or delivery-versus-payment basis and are subject to the risk of counterparty or customer nonperformance. Although transactions are generally collateralized by the underlying security or other securities, we still face the risks associated with changes in the market value of securities that we may be obligated to purchase or have

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purchased in principal or riskless principal trades where a counterparty or customer fails to perform. We may also incur credit risk in our derivative transactions to the extent such transactions result in uncollateralized credit exposure to our counterparties. We seek to control the risk associated with these transactions by establishing and periodically monitoring credit limits, collateral and transaction levels.

Our assets include illiquid investments in private equity funds, which we may not be able to monetize in the near term or at all. We have made principal investments in private equity funds and may make additional investments in future funds. These investments are typically made in securities that are not publicly traded and therefore are subject to an inherent liquidity risk. At December 31, 2012, \$20.4 million of our total assets consisted of relatively illiquid private equity investments. (Refer to Note 10 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.) Our interests in these private equity funds are susceptible to changes in the financial condition or prospects of the portfolio companies in which investments are made, changes in national or international economic conditions or changes in laws, regulations, fiscal policies or political conditions of countries in which investments are made. It takes a substantial period of time to identify attractive investment opportunities and then to realize the cash value of the investments through resale. Even if a private equity investment proves to be profitable, it may be several years or longer before any profits can be realized in cash. If we choose or are required to accelerate an exit in one or more of these investments, we would likely realize substantially less in proceeds than if we had sold any such investment at a more opportune time.

We may be unable to fully capture the expected value from acquisitions and investments and personnel. To the extent that we make acquisitions or enter into business combinations, we face numerous risks and uncertainties. We might not be able to complete an announced business combination, and even if completed the acquisition or combination might not provide sufficient earnings power or other value to justify its cost. Moreover, we could experience expensive and time-consuming problems integrating the relevant operations, accounting and data processing systems, management controls, relationships with clients and business partners and other systems and operations of the acquired or combined business. In addition, acquisitions may involve the issuance of shares of our common stock, which would dilute our stockholders' ownership of our firm, or we may borrow funds or use cash on hand, which may impact our funding and liquidity. Furthermore, acquisitions entail a number of risks or other problems, including the inability to maintain key pre-acquisition business relationships, increased operating costs, exposure to unanticipated liabilities and difficulties in realizing projected efficiencies, synergies and cost savings. If we are not able to integrate acquisitions successfully, our results of operations may be materially and adversely affected. Also, expansions or acquisitions divert our management's attention from our other operations.

Our trading in mortgage backed securities exposes us to prepayment risk. The majority of our securities owned are related to our MBS & Rates division and are primarily comprised of agency mortgage backed securities. Our holdings in these securities are subject to prepayment risk, which have resulted and may continue to result in losses or lower returns than originally anticipated. The low interest rate environment and government initiatives to help underwater homeowners refinance their mortgages subject us to prepayment risk. In addition, other industry developments such as delinquent loan buy-backs at par, or modifications to mortgage loans, including those that may reduce the principal balance owed, could have an adverse impact on our trading revenues.

Certain of our businesses focus principally on specific sectors of the economy. Deterioration in the business environment in these sectors generally or decline in the market for securities of companies within these sectors could materially and adversely affect our business. Our investment banking business focuses principally on the real estate, leveraged finance, financial services, aerospace and defense, technology, media and telecom, paper and packaging, general industrial and financial sponsor coverage industries. Volatility in the business environment in these sectors, or in the market for securities of companies within these sectors, could substantially affect our financial results and the market value of our

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common stock. The market for securities in each of our target sectors may also be subject to industry-specific risks. Underwriting transactions, strategic advisory engagements and trading activities in our target sectors represent a significant portion of our business. This concentration exposes us to the risk of substantial declines in revenues in the event of downturns in these sectors of the economy. Any future downturns in our target sectors could materially and adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our principal trading and investments expose us to risk of loss. We maintain securities trading positions primarily in our MBS & Rates division and may incur significant losses from these positions due to market fluctuations. For example, to the extent that we own securities, a downturn in the value of those securities would result in losses. Conversely, to the extent that we have sold securities we do not own, an upturn in value could expose us to potentially unlimited losses. We seek to minimize market risk associated with these positions by trading out of them as quickly as possible and/or through hedging strategies. Certain positions, however, may be held by us for longer periods of time while we are seeking buyers for those positions, thereby exposing us to greater risk of loss. The risk of loss is accentuated, both in terms of likelihood and amount, in times of market volatility such as experienced over the past few years. In addition, our hedging strategies may not successfully mitigate losses in our principal positions. If our hedging strategies are not successful, we could suffer significant losses.

Our risk management policies and procedures may leave us exposed to unidentified or unanticipated financial risk. Our risk management strategies and techniques may not be fully effective in mitigating our risk exposure in all market environments or against all types of risk.

Our risk-hedging strategies also expose us to the risk that counterparties that owe us money, securities or other assets will not perform on their obligations. These counterparties may default on their obligations to us due to bankruptcy, lack of liquidity, operational failure, breach of contract or other reasons. Although we review credit exposures to specific clients and counterparties and to specific industries and regions that we believe may present credit concerns, default risk may arise from events or circumstances that are difficult to detect or foresee. In addition, concerns about, or a default by, one institution could lead to significant liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other institutions, which in turn could adversely affect us. If any of the strategies we utilize to manage our exposure to risk are not effective, we may incur significant losses.

Our operations and infrastructure may malfunction or fail. Our businesses are highly dependent on our ability to process, on a daily basis, a large number of transactions across diverse markets, and the transactions we process have become increasingly complex and involve many different types of securities with a wide variety of terms. Our financial, accounting or other data processing systems may fail to operate properly or become disabled as a result of events that are wholly or partially beyond our control, including a disruption of electrical or communications services or our inability to occupy one or more of our buildings. The inability of our systems to accommodate an increasing volume of transactions could also constrain our ability to expand our businesses. If any of these systems do not operate properly or are disabled or if there are other shortcomings or failures in our internal processes, people or systems, we could suffer impairment to our liquidity, financial loss, a disruption of our businesses, liability to clients, regulatory intervention or reputational damage.

We also face the risk of operational failure or termination of any of the clearing agents, exchanges, clearing houses or other financial intermediaries we use to facilitate our securities transactions. Any such failure or termination could adversely affect our ability to execute transactions and to manage our exposure to risk.

In addition, our ability to conduct business may be adversely impacted by a disruption in the infrastructure that supports our businesses and the communities in which we are located. This may include a disruption involving electrical, communications, transportation or other services used by us or third parties, including our customers, with which we conduct business, whether due to fire, other

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natural disaster, power or communications failure, act of terrorism or war or otherwise. Nearly all of our employees in our primary locations, including New York, NY and Roseland, NJ, work in close proximity to each other. If a disruption occurs in one location and our employees in that location are unable to communicate with or travel to other locations, our ability to service and interact with our clients may suffer and we may not be able to implement successfully contingency plans that depend on communication or travel.

Our operations also rely on the secure processing, storage and transmission of confidential and other information in our computer systems and networks. Although we take protective measures and endeavor to modify them as circumstances warrant, our computer systems, software and networks may be vulnerable to unauthorized access, computer viruses or other malicious code and other events that could have a security impact. If one or more of such events occur, this could potentially jeopardize our clients' or our counterparties' confidential and other information processed and stored in, and transmitted through, our computer systems and networks, or otherwise cause interruptions or malfunctions in the operations of our clients, our counterparties or third parties. We may be required to expend significant additional resources to modify our protective measures or to investigate and remediate vulnerabilities or other exposures, and we may be subject to litigation and financial losses that are either not insured against or not fully covered through any insurance maintained by us.

We seek to manage these risks through our Business Continuity Plan. See Item 1 under the heading "Business Continuity" for additional information.

Our exposure to legal liability is significant. Damages that we may be required to pay and the reputational harm that could result from legal action against us could materially adversely affect our businesses. Due to the nature of the Company's business, the Company and its subsidiaries are exposed to risks associated with a variety of legal proceedings and claims. These include litigations, arbitrations and other proceedings initiated by private parties and arising from underwriting, financial advisory, securities trading or other transactional activities, client account activities, mortgage lending, employment matters and stockholder claims. Third parties who assert claims may do so for monetary damages that are substantial, particularly relative to the Company's financial position. These proceedings and claims typically involve associated legal costs incurred by the Company in connection with defending against these matters, which could be significant. We face significant legal risks in our businesses and, in recent years, the volume of claims and amount of damages sought in litigation and regulatory proceedings against financial institutions have been increasing. We have been in the past, and are currently, subject to a variety of litigation arising from our business, most of which we consider to be routine. Risks in our business include potential liability under securities, mortgage lending or other laws. We are also subject to claims by employees alleging discrimination, harassment or wrongful discharge, among other things, and seeking recoupment of compensation claimed to be owed (whether for cash or forfeited equity awards), and other damages. These risks often may be difficult to assess or quantify, and their existence and magnitude often remain unknown for substantial periods of time.

As a brokerage and investment banking firm, we depend on our reputation to help attract and retain clients. As a result, an unsatisfied client could be more damaging to us than if we operated in other industries. Moreover, our role as underwriter on underwritings or as advisor for mergers and acquisitions and other transactions involves complex analysis and the exercise of professional judgment, including rendering "fairness opinions" in connection with mergers and other transactions. Therefore, our activities may subject us to the risk of significant legal liabilities to our clients and aggrieved third parties, including stockholders of our clients who could bring securities class action lawsuits against us. As a result, we may incur significant legal and other expenses in defending against litigation and may be required to pay substantial damages for settlements and adverse judgments. Substantial legal liability or significant regulatory action against us could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or cause significant reputational harm to us, which could seriously harm our business and prospects.

See also Item 3, "Legal Proceedings."

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Risks Common to Companies in the Financial Services Industry

Operating in the financial services industry exposes us to particular risks unlike those attendant to operating in other segments of the economy. We summarize the most significant of these risks below.

Difficult market conditions have adversely affected and may continue to adversely affect our business in many ways. Our businesses, by their nature, do not produce predictable earnings and are materially affected by conditions in the financial markets and economic and geopolitical conditions generally, both in the U.S. and around the world. Ongoing events relating to the European debt crisis and the budget debates in Congress, combined with continuing uncertainties about the global economic outlook, have led to volatile global markets and challenging economic conditions. Market volatility can lead to unanticipated, severe and rapid depreciation in asset values accompanied by a reduction in asset liquidity. Market uncertainty and unfavorable economic conditions may also cause clients to curtail their investment activities or even cease doing business. Such adverse conditions could also negatively affect our ability to retain our clients and attract new clients. It is impossible to predict the long-term impact of this market and economic environment, whether it will persist or recur, or the extent to which our markets, products and businesses will be adversely affected. In addition, the passing and implementation of Dodd-Frank has and will continue to result in various programs, initiatives and actions being implemented in the U.S. and other markets in order to stabilize the markets, increase liquidity and restore investor confidence. It is unclear whether such initiatives will in fact be positive or negative for the financial markets over either the short or long-term.

If the economic recovery remains weak and uncertain, our operations, including sales and trading and investment banking, could be negatively impacted by a reduction of trading volumes, continued tightening of spreads, fewer completed investment banking transactions, a reduced backlog and decreased size of transactions, and our diminished role in these businesses, resulting in reduced principal transactions and investment banking revenues. In the event of extreme market events, such as a recurrence of the global credit crisis, we could incur substantial loss on the value of our securities due to market volatility.

Our business is also significantly affected by interest rates, which can change suddenly and unexpectedly. The Federal Reserve (the "Fed") continues to implement programs designed to further stimulate the economy by keeping interest rates low. However, the long-term impact of such programs, and the extent to which the Fed will continue these programs, remains uncertain. These programs, as well as other possible changes to the Fed's monetary policy, could significantly impact interest rates. An increase in interest rates could decrease the level of customer activity, increase our cost of funding, likely decrease new issues in the debt capital markets, decrease the value of securities owned by us and create a business environment in which mergers and acquisitions activity decreases.

Any or all of these conditions could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The financial services industry and the markets in which we operate are subject to systemic risk that could adversely affect our business and results. Participants in the financial services industry and markets increasingly are closely interrelated as a result of credit, trading, clearing, technology and other relationships. A significant adverse development with one participant (such as a bankruptcy or default) may spread to others and lead to significant concentrated or market-wide problems (such as defaults, liquidity problems or losses) for other participants, including the clearing organizations, clearing houses, banks, exchanges and other intermediaries with which we conduct business. This was evident during the credit crisis of 2008-2009, and the resulting events had a negative impact on many other industry participants. Dodd-Frank and other legislation, intended to prevent or minimize another financial crisis as a result of systemic risk, may not be effective in doing so. Systemic risk is inherently difficult to assess and quantify, and its form and magnitude can remain unknown for significant periods of time and could have a negative impact on us.

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The volume of anticipated investment banking transactions may differ from actual results. Our investment banking revenues are typically earned upon the completion of a transaction. In most cases, we receive little or no payment for investment banking engagements that are not successfully completed. Furthermore, the completion of investment banking transactions for which we have been engaged is uncertain and beyond our control. For example, a client's transaction may be delayed or terminated because of a failure to agree upon final terms with the counterparty, failure to obtain necessary regulatory consents or board or stockholder approvals, failure to secure necessary financing, adverse market conditions or unexpected financial or other problems in the client's or counterparty's business. If parties fail to complete a transaction on which we are advising or an offering in which we are participating, we earn little or no revenue but may incur significant expenses (for example, travel and legal expenses) associated with the transaction. Accordingly, our business is highly dependent on market conditions as well as the decisions and actions of our clients and third parties, many of which have no interest in, or are adverse to, the completion of a given transaction. The number of transactions for which we have been engaged is subject to change and is not necessarily indicative of future revenues.

Financing and advisory services engagements are singular in nature and do not generally provide for subsequent engagements. Even though we work to represent our clients at every stage of their lifecycle, we are typically retained on a short-term, engagement-by-engagement basis in connection with specific capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, or advisory engagements. As a result, high activity levels in any period are not necessarily predictive of continued high levels of activity in any subsequent period. If we are unable to generate a substantial number of new engagements and generate fees from the successful completion of those transactions, our business and results of operations will likely be adversely affected.

Pricing pressures may negatively impact the revenues and profitability of our brokerage business. In recent years, we have experienced pricing pressures on commissions and trading margins. The Dodd-Frank legislation may result in further pricing pressures and even lower margins. We believe that pricing pressures in these and other areas will continue as institutional investors continue to implement cost-reduction strategies, including reducing the number of brokerage firms they use, and some of our competitors seek to obtain market share by reducing fees, commissions, spreads or other margins.

Increases in capital commitments in our trading, underwriting and other businesses increases the potential for significant losses. Capital commitment needs in the capital markets industry may result in larger and more frequent commitments of capital by financial services firms in many of their activities. Relative to many of our competitors, we have limited access to additional capital, which could put us at a competitive disadvantage. As a result, we may be forced to commit greater percentages of capital, relative to our competitors, to facilitate our business activities.

Our underwriting activities may place our capital at risk. We may incur losses and be subject to reputational harm to the extent that, for any reason, we are unable to sell at anticipated price levels, securities we purchase as an underwriter. As an underwriter, we also are subject to heightened standards regarding liability for material misstatements or omissions in prospectuses and other offering documents relating to offerings we underwrite.

Increased competition, including from larger firms, may adversely affect our revenues and profitability. The brokerage and investment banking industries are intensely competitive, and we expect them to remain so. We compete directly with other investment firms, brokers and dealers, and commercial banks, many of which are much larger. In addition to competition from firms currently in the securities business, there has been increased competition from others offering financial services, including automated trading and other services based on technological innovations.

We compete on the basis of a number of factors, including client relationships, reputation, the abilities of our professionals, market focus and the relative quality and price of our services and

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products. We have experienced price competition in our MBS & Rates and Credit Products divisions, particularly in the form of compression in trading commissions and spreads. In addition, pricing and other competitive pressures in investment banking, have continued and could adversely affect our revenues. We will likely experience competitive pressures in these and other areas in the future, as competitors seek to obtain market share by competing on the basis of price.

Many of our competitors in the brokerage and investment banking industries have a broader range of products and services, greater financial and marketing resources, larger client bases, greater name recognition, more professionals to serve their clients' needs, greater global reach and more established relationships with clients than we have. These larger and better-capitalized competitors may be better able to respond to changes in the brokerage and investment banking industries, to compete for skilled professionals, to finance acquisitions, to fund internal growth and to compete for market share generally. They also have the ability to support investment banking with commercial banking, insurance and other financial services in an effort to gain market share, which has resulted, and could further result, in pricing pressure in our businesses. For example, many of our larger competitors have in the past provided bridge lending and equity participation and otherwise committed their own capital to facilitate transactions. The ability to provide financing is an important advantage for some of our larger competitors, and if this trend continues, it would adversely affect us competitively because we do not regularly provide such financing. Additionally, these broader, more robust investment banking and financial services platforms may be more appealing to investment banking professionals than our business, making it more difficult for us to recruit new employees and retain those we have.

If we are unable to compete effectively in our markets, our business, financial condition and results of operations will be adversely affected.

Financial services firms have been subject to increased scrutiny and enforcement activity over the last several years, increasing the risk of financial liability and reputational harm resulting from adverse regulatory actions. The financial services industry has experienced increased scrutiny and enforcement activity from a variety of regulators, including the SEC, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, FINRA, NYSE, NFA, NASDAQ, HUD, the state securities commission and state attorneys general. This regulatory environment has created uncertainty with respect to a number of transactions that had historically been entered into by financial services firms and that were generally believed to be permissible and appropriate. We may be adversely affected by changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules by these governmental authorities and self-regulatory organizations. We also may be adversely affected as a result of new or revised legislation or regulations imposed by Congress, individual state legislatures, the SEC, other U.S. or foreign governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations that supervise the financial markets, such as the Dodd-Frank legislation, as well as proposals that have been made both domestically and internationally, including additional capital and liquidity requirements. For example, we could be fined, prohibited from engaging in some of our business activities or subject to limitations or conditions on our business activities. Moreover, penalties and fines sought by regulatory authorities have increased substantially over the last several years.

We are also involved, from time to time, in other reviews, investigations, examinations and proceedings (both formal and informal) by governmental and self-regulatory agencies regarding our business, including, among other things, accounting and operational matters, certain of which may result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, injunctions or other relief. The Company's broker-dealer subsidiaries are subject to routine audits by FINRA and the NFA. If these audits result in any adverse findings by FINRA or the NFA, we may incur fines or other censure. In the ordinary course of business, the Company and its subsidiaries receive inquiries and subpoenas from the SEC, state securities regulators and self-regulatory organizations. The Company does not always know the purpose behind these communications or the status or target of any related investigation. The responses to these communications have in the past resulted in the Company and/or its subsidiaries

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being cited for regulatory deficiencies, although to date these communications have not had a material adverse effect on the Company's business. Substantial legal liability or significant regulatory action against us could have material adverse financial effects or cause significant reputational harm to us, which could seriously harm our business prospects.

In addition, financial services firms are subject to numerous conflicts or perceived conflicts of interests. The SEC and other federal and state regulators have increased their scrutiny of potential conflicts of interest. We have adopted various policies, controls and procedures to address or limit actual or perceived conflicts and regularly seek to review and update our policies, controls and procedures. However, appropriately dealing with conflicts of interest is complex and difficult, and our reputation could be damaged if we fail, or appear to fail, to deal appropriately with conflicts of interest. Our policies and procedures to address conflicts may also result in increased costs, additional operational personnel and increased regulatory risk. Failure to adhere to these policies and procedures may result in regulatory sanctions or client litigation.

Extensive regulation of public companies in the U.S. could reduce our revenues and otherwise adversely affect our business. Highly publicized financial scandals in past years have led to investor concerns over the integrity of the U.S. financial markets and have prompted Congress and various regulatory agencies to significantly expand corporate governance, internal control over financial reporting and public disclosure requirements. In addition, the Dodd-Frank legislation is leading to more regulation of both public companies and the financial services industry. Any new corporate governance rules may divert a company's attention away from capital markets/investment banking transactions, including securities offerings and acquisition and disposition transactions. These factors, in addition to adopted or proposed accounting and disclosure changes, may have an adverse effect on our business.

Our business and results of operations could be adversely affected by governmental fiscal and monetary policies. Our cost of funds for borrowing, investment activities and capital raising are affected by the fiscal and monetary policies of the U.S. and foreign governmental and banking authorities, changes to which are not within our control or wholly predictable. Such changes may also affect the value of the securities we hold.

Employee misconduct could harm us and is difficult to detect and deter. There have been a number of highly publicized cases involving fraud or other misconduct by employees in the financial services industry in recent years. We also are exposed to the risk of employee misconduct. For example, misconduct by employees could involve the improper use or disclosure of confidential information or inappropriate sales techniques or engaging in unauthorized trading or other business. Any of these events could result in regulatory sanctions and serious reputational or financial harm. It is not always possible to deter employee misconduct, and the precautions we take to detect and prevent this activity may not be fully effective.

Risks Relating to our Liquidity and Access to Capital

The financial services industry is characterized by transacting in very large sums of money. It is typical for companies like ours to finance their operations in part through credit lines and other short-term financing arrangements. This dynamic gives rise to serious risks in the event that we or another participant in this industry loses a source of financing or otherwise is required to satisfy a substantial payment obligation at a time when adequate capital is not otherwise available to it. The risk factors below describe many of the different varieties of this risk, some specific to us and others facing most or all participants in the financial services industry. For more information, see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources" herein for more information.

Limitations on our access to capital could impair our liquidity and our ability to conduct our businesses. Liquidity, or ready access to funds, is essential to financial services firms. Recent failures of financial

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institutions have often been directly attributable to a very sudden and unexpected need for large amounts of cash, which was not available. Liquidity is of particular importance to our trading business, and perceived liquidity issues may affect the willingness of our clients and counterparties to engage in brokerage transactions with us. Our liquidity could be impaired due to circumstances that we are unable to control, such as a general market disruption, negative views about the financial services industry generally or an operational problem that affects our trading clients, third parties or us. We currently do not have committed sources of borrowing through bank financing arrangements. We rely on cash and assets that have historically traded in readily active markets, such as our securities held in inventory, to collateralize and finance our operations generally and to maintain our margin requirements, particularly with our principal clearing firm, Pershing LLC. Our broker-dealer's inventory is financed by our clearing firm and periodically through repurchase agreements. The recent adverse events could result, at a minimum, in a reduction in the amount we are able to borrow with our clearing firm or through the repurchase agreements. Our ability to continue to draw on these forms of liquidity could also be terminated in their entirety. To the extent any such events were to occur, they would have a material adverse effect on our ability to operate our sales and trading businesses, which could have a material and adverse effect on the Company.

In connection with the sale of substantially all of the Clear Point's assets to Homeward, we became subject to certain indemnification provisions, and retain the risk of loan putbacks and other related matters, for loans originated by ClearPoint existing prior to the closing of the Homeward Transaction. On February 14, 2013, the Company and certain of its affiliates, including ClearPoint, entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement") with Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Homeward acquired substantially all of ClearPoint's assets and assumed certain liabilities of ClearPoint. The Purchase Agreement provides for customary indemnification provisions. In connection with the indemnification provisions, the Company is required to maintain an escrow account of \$5.0 million for a three-year period following the closing date, and the Parent has also provided for a guarantee of ClearPoint's indemnification obligations to Homeward, up to a maximum of an additional \$2.5 million. Indemnity claims, if any, will be paid first from the escrow amount, and then, to the extent necessary, drawn upon the guarantee. If during the three-year period following the closing date, the payment of sums from the escrow amount is not permitted, indemnity claims of Homeward will be paid under the guarantee, up to a maximum of \$7.5 million. Any amounts paid under the guarantee will be released to the Company from the escrow amount on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

ClearPoint is also subject to loan putback risk in connection with representations and warranties made to purchasers of mortgage loans originated prior to the Homeward Transaction. ClearPoint is required to indemnify its loan purchasers under certain circumstances and may be required to repurchase the loans under others. The Company believes its exposure under these indemnifications, under the most likely scenarios, will not have a material adverse impact on the Parent and/or its subsidiaries. This belief is based in large part on recent past experience, as well as the expectation of ClearPoint (or the Parent) ultimately receiving the proceeds from the sale of these loans to finance, or offset, any payments made to the parties to which the guaranties were provided.

Regulatory capital requirements may impede our ability to conduct our business. Gleacher Securities and Gleacher Partners, our broker-dealer subsidiaries, are subject to the net capital requirements of the SEC and various self-regulatory organizations of which they are members. These requirements typically specify the minimum level of net capital a broker-dealer must maintain. Gleacher Securities is also subject to the customer reserve requirements in connection with its self-clearing activities associated with its Rates business, which requires a certain amount of cash or qualifying securities to be maintained in a segregated bank account. Any failure to comply with such regulatory requirements could impair our ability to conduct these related business activities.

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We are a holding company and depend on payments from our subsidiaries. We depend on dividends, distributions and other payments from our subsidiaries to fund our obligations. Regulatory and other legal restrictions limit our ability to transfer funds freely, either to or from our subsidiaries. In particular, our broker-dealer subsidiaries are subject to laws and regulations that authorize regulatory bodies to monitor and/or restrict the flow of funds to the parent holding company, or that prohibit such transfers altogether in certain circumstances. The most restrictive of these regulations is FINRA Rule 4110(c)(2). Under this rule, our broker-dealer subsidiaries may not make an unsecured advance or loan, pay a dividend or otherwise effect a similar distribution to the Parent and/or its affiliates in any rolling 35-calendar-day period, on a net basis, in excess of 10% of their excess "net capital," as defined under Rule 15c3-1 of the Exchange Act, without prior written FINRA approval. These laws and regulations may hinder our ability to access funds that we may need to make payments on our obligations. In addition, because our interests in the Company's subsidiaries consist of equity interests, our rights may be subordinated to the claims of the creditors of these subsidiaries.

Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock

Our common stock may be delisted from The NASDAQ Global Market, which could have an adverse impact on the liquidity and market price of our common stock. Our common stock currently is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market. In order to maintain that listing, we must satisfy certain requirements. On June 19, 2012, we received a letter from the listing qualifications department staff of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC notifying the Company that it was not in compliance with the \$1.00 minimum closing bid price per share required by NASDAQ Listing Rule 5450(a)(1) (the "Rule"). Under NASDAQ's rules, we had until December 17, 2012 to regain compliance with the Rule. We did not regain compliance at that time.

On December 18, 2012, the Company received a delisting notification from NASDAQ that it had not regained compliance with the Rule during the applicable period and that the Company's common stock is therefore subject to delisting unless it requested a hearing with NASDAQ's Hearings Panel (the "Panel"). The Company requested a hearing with the Panel which was held on February 21, 2013. At the hearing, the Company presented its plan to regain compliance with the Rule, pursuant to which the Company intends to seek approval for a reverse stock split from stockholders at its 2013 annual stockholders' meeting. The Company requested that the Panel allow it to remain listed on The NASDAQ Global Market for an additional 180 calendar days from the date of the NASDAQ Staff's delisting notification, the maximum allowed under the NASDAQ Rules, while it executes its plan to implement a reverse stock split.

On February 26, 2013, the Company received notice from NASDAQ informing the Company that the Panel had granted the Company's request to remain listed on The NASDAQ Global Market for an additional 180 calendar days, or until June 17, 2013, subject to the condition that on or before that date the Company shall have evidenced a closing bid price of \$1.00 or more for a minimum of ten consecutive trading days. The Panel stated that depending on particular facts and circumstances, it may, in its discretion, require that the Company evidence a bid price of at least \$1.00 per share for a period in excess of ten consecutive trading days. The Panel also reserved the right to reconsider its decision based on any event, condition or circumstance that might make the Company's continued listing on NASDAQ inadvisable or unwarranted.

While we are preparing for the Company's Annual Meeting, there can be no assurance that we will implement the reverse stock split or, even if implemented, that we will be able to regain compliance during the applicable time period set forth above or keep our listing on The NASDAQ Global Market.

If our common stock were to be delisted from The NASDAQ Global Market and our trading price remained below \$5.00 per share, trading in our common stock also might become subject to the requirements of certain rules promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which require broker-dealers to disclose additional information in connection with any trade involving a

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stock defined as a "penny stock." The delisting of our common stock could adversely affect the trading activity, liquidity and price of our common stock, decrease analyst coverage and investor demand and information available concerning trading prices and volume of our common stock and make it more difficult for investors to buy or sell shares of our common stock.

Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, agreements to which we are a party, regulations to which we are subject and provisions of our equity incentive plans could delay or prevent a change in control of our company and entrench current management. Our charter and bylaws contain provisions whose application could have the effect of deterring a takeover or other offer for our securities. Any such actions, together with provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, as well as Delaware law and compensation arrangements with our employees, could make efforts by stockholders to change our Board of Directors or management more difficult.

Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide:

for limitations on the personal liability of our directors to the Company and to our stockholders to the fullest extent permitted by law, which may reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their duty of care;

that special meetings of stockholders can be called only by our Chairman of the Board, by resolution of the Board of Directors, or by our Chief Executive Officer, President or Secretary (and do not provide our stockholders with the right to call a special meeting or to require the Board of Directors to call a special meeting); and

that subject to the rights of any series of preferred stock or any other series or class of stock set forth in our Certificate of Incorporation, any vacancy on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause or newly created directorships, may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, and a director can be removed from office without cause only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock, voting together as a single class.

In addition, certain of the Company's compensation arrangements provide for payments or acceleration of equity vesting under certain circumstances involving a change of control of the Company. For example, we have agreements with four of our executive officers that would require us to make cash payments to these executives of approximately \$10 million in the aggregate should their employment with the Company terminate under certain circumstances, including an acquisition of the Company or the sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or a liquidation of the Company. These arrangements could make an acquisition of the Company more expensive, and therefore less attractive, to a potential acquirer.

Also, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which may, unless other criteria are met, prohibit large stockholders, in particular those owning 15% or more of the voting rights of our common stock, from merging or combining with us for a prescribed period of time.

In addition, our brokerage businesses are heavily regulated, and some of our regulators require that they approve transactions, that could result in a change of control, as defined by the then-applicable rules of our regulators. The requirement that this approval be obtained may prevent or delay transactions that would result in a change of control.

Our stock price may fluctuate as a result of several factors, including but not limited to, changes in revenues and operating results. We have experienced, and expect to experience in the future, fluctuations in the market price of our common stock due to factors that relate to the nature of our business generally, including but not limited to changes in our revenues and operating results. Our

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business, by its nature, does not produce steady and predictable earnings on a quarterly basis, which causes fluctuations in our stock price that may be significant. Other factors that have affected, and may further affect, our stock price include the recent adverse events described above under Item 1, "Business Overview," as well as changes in news related to economic or market events or conditions, changes in market conditions in the financial services industry, including developments in regulation affecting our business, departures of personnel, changes in our business strategies or operations, rumors about us or other participants in our industry, failure to meet the expectations of market analysts, changes in recommendations or outlook by market analysts, and aggressive short selling.

Because MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("MatlinPatterson"), and Eric J. Gleacher each controls a significant percentage of the voting power of our common stock, they can exert considerable influence over the Company. As of February 28, 2013, MatlinPatterson controlled approximately 29% of the voting power of our common stock and Mr. Gleacher controlled approximately 11% of the voting power of our common stock. Either MatlinPatterson or Mr. Gleacher, acting together or alone, can exert considerable influence over corporate actions requiring stockholder approval. As a result, it may be difficult for other investors to affect the outcome of any stockholder vote.

In addition, if any of our stockholders, including MatlinPatterson and Mr. Gleacher, that in the aggregate own a majority of our common stock choose to act together, they will be able to direct the election of all of the members of our Board of Directors and determine the outcome of most matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders, including matters involving mergers or other business combinations, the acquisition or disposition of assets, the incurrence of indebtedness, the issuance of any additional shares of common stock or other equity securities and the payment of dividends on common stock. These stockholders might choose to take actions that are favorable to them but not to our other stockholders.

On February 23, 2013, four of the Company's independent directors notified the Company that they would not seek re-election at the Company's Annual Meeting. In a letter to the Company, these directors stated that they were aware that the opposition of MatlinPatterson and Mr. Gleacher to their re-election meant that it was a virtual certainty that they would not be re-elected. On the same day, the Company received a submission from MatlinPatterson proposing a slate of eight nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors at the Company's Annual Meeting. Of these eight nominees, three are currently directors of the Company. Any influence that MatlinPatterson is able to exert over these persons (if elected) would increase MatlinPatterson's ability to impact the policies and business operations of the Company.

Future sales or anticipated future sales of our common stock in the public market, by us, by MatlinPatterson or Mr. Gleacher, by management, by our employees or by others, could cause our stock price to decline. The sale or anticipated future sale of a significant number of shares of our common stock in the open market by MatlinPatterson, Mr. Gleacher or others, whether pursuant to a resale prospectus or pursuant to Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. Any such decline could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities at a price we deem appropriate.

We have granted to certain of our stockholders, rights with respect to registration under the Securities Act of the offer and sale of our common stock. These rights include both "demand" registration rights, which require us to file a registration statement if asked by such holders, as well as incidental, or "piggyback," registration rights granting the right to such holders to be included in a registration statement filed by us. As of February 28, 2013, there were approximately 50.0 million shares of our common stock to which these rights pertain. These sales might impact the liquidity of our common stock making it more difficult for us to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future at a time and price that we deem appropriate.

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In addition, we may in the future issue additional shares of common stock or securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, common stock. The issuance of any additional shares of common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or that represent the right to receive common stock, or the exercise of such securities, could be substantially dilutive to holders of our common stock. Such sales or offerings could result in increased dilution to our stockholders. The market price of our common stock could decline as a result of sales of, or an expectation of sales of, shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for common stock.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties

The Company currently leases all of its office space. The Company's lease for its current headquarters in New York, New York (approximately 84,000 square foot space) expires on April 30, 2025.

A list of principal office locations as of December 31, 2012 is as follows:

New York, NY
Roseland, NJ
Westborough, MA

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company is not a party to any legal proceeding required to be disclosed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K per applicable SEC regulations. Moreover, based on currently available information, the Company does not believe that any current litigation, proceeding, claim or other matter to which it is a party or otherwise involved, including any associated defense costs, will have a material adverse effect on its financial position or cash flows, although an adverse development, or an increase in associated legal fees, could be material to the Company's results of operations in a particular period, depending in part on the Company's operating results in that period.

For further discussion, refer to Note 19 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None

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The Company's common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "GLCH." As of February 28, 2013 there were approximately 3,000 holders of record of the Company's common stock. No dividends have been declared or paid on our common stock since February 2005. We do not anticipate that we will pay any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices for the common stock during each quarter for the fiscal years ended.

	Quarter Ended			
	Mar 31	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31
2012				
Stock Price Range				
High	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.39	\$ 0.98	\$ 0.82
Low	1.25	0.53	0.65	0.63
2011				
Stock Price Range				
High	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.72
Low	1.64	1.74	0.99	1.00

The Company has received written notice that its common stock is subject to delisting from the NASDAQ Global Market as a result of its failure to meet the minimum bid price requirement under the NASDAQ Listing Rules. On February 21, the Company presented a plan of compliance to a NASDAQ Hearings Panel. The purpose of that hearing was to consider the Company's request that it be allowed to remain listed on the NASDAQ Global Market until June 17, 2013, during which time it intends to seek stockholder approval for, and if approved, implement, a reverse stock split. The reverse stock split is expected to result in the Company's compliance with the NASDAQ minimum bid price requirement. On February 26, the Company received notice from NASDAQ that the Hearings Panel had approved its request.

Information relating to compensation plans under which our common stock is authorized for issuance will be set forth in our definitive proxy statement for our Annual Meeting and is incorporated herein by reference.

Issuance of Unregistered Securities

There were no undisclosed issuances of unregistered equity securities during 2012. Any such issuances have been previously disclosed in a previously filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

We did not repurchase any shares of our common stock in the fourth quarter of 2012. For information regarding the repurchase of shares of our common stock during previous quarters in 2012, refer to Note 18 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained within Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Refer to Note 18 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained within Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for information regarding the renewal of this share

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repurchase program and repurchases, if any, of our common stock since the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

Stockholder Return Performance Presentation

Set forth below are line graphs comparing the yearly change in cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock against cumulative total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 and Standard & Poor's 500 Financials Indices, assuming an investment of \$100 on December 31, 2007.

The following table has been included for the period of five fiscal years, commencing December 31, 2007 and ending December 31, 2012:

Shareholder Returns (5 years)

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The following selected financial data has been derived from the consolidated financial statements of the Company. This information should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included within Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The financial results set forth in the following table may not be representative of future results due to recent developments described under Item 1, "Business Overview" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

For the years ended December 31, (In thousands, except for per share amounts)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Statement of Operations Data:					
Total revenues	\$ 216,422	\$ 273,085	\$ 259,900	\$ 331,139	\$ 134,472
Interest expense	12,827	11,913	11,318	12,523	10,712
Net revenues	203,595	261,172	248,582	318,616	123,760
Expenses (excluding interest)	256,948	323,049	274,365	257,260	129,352
(Loss)/income before income taxes, discontinued operations	(53,353)	(61,877)	(25,783)	61,356	(5,592)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	24,602	2,207	(9,778)	6,757	665
(Loss)/income from continuing operations	(77,955)	(64,084)	(16,005)	54,599	(6,257)
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	265	(18,040)	(4,616)	321	(11,105)
Net (loss)/income	\$ (77,690)	\$ (82,124)	\$ (20,621)	\$ 54,920	\$ (17,362)
Basic (loss)/earnings per share:					
Continuing operations	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.56	\$ (0.09)
Discontinued operations		(0.15)	(0.04)	0.00	(0.16)
Net (loss)/income per share	\$ (0.65)	\$ (0.67)	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.57	\$ (0.25)
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share:					
Continuing operations	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.52	\$ (0.09)
Discontinued operations		(0.15)	(0.04)	0.00	(0.16)
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share	\$ (0.65)	\$ (0.67)	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.53	\$ (0.25)
December 31, (In thousands)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Balance Sheet Data:					
Total assets	\$ 1,229,638	\$ 3,303,556	\$ 1,657,932	\$ 1,216,163	\$ 694,271
Mandatorily redeemable preferred stock				24,419	24,187
Subordinated debt	595	801	909	1,197	1,662
Stockholders' equity	180,995	259,123	346,159	328,985	98,290
Other data:					
Cash dividend per share					
Book value per share	1.45	2.14	2.65	2.65	1.23

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Reclassification

Certain amounts in operating results for 2008 through 2011 have been reclassified to conform to the 2012 presentation with no impact to previously reported net (loss) / income or stockholders' equity. This includes professional fees, which have previously been reported within Other expenses, now reported as its own line item within the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Discontinued Operations and Business Combinations

During the past several years, the Company has restructured certain components of its operations. As previously mentioned, the Company exited the Equities business in August 2011. The results of these operations have been reclassified within Discontinued operations within the Selected Financial Data.

In addition, during the past several years, the Company completed certain acquisitions. In November 2012, the Company acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities from RangeMark Financial Services, Inc. and certain of its affiliates and other parties ("RangeMark"), which specializes in providing quantitative research, advanced analytics and customizing solutions for its clients. In January 2011, the Company acquired ClearPoint. In June 2009, the Company acquired Gleacher Partners, Inc., a financial advisory boutique. In October 2008, the Company acquired American Technology Research, Inc., a broker-dealer specializing in institutional research, sales and trading in the information technology, clean tech and defense areas. In March 2008, the Company hired the employees of the Fixed Income Division of BNY Capital Markets, Inc. and acquired certain related assets.

On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. As a result of this transaction, the residential mortgage lending business conducted by ClearPoint will be reported as a discontinued operation in the first quarter of 2013. Refer to Note 29 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

As a result of these discontinued operations and business combinations, period-to-period comparisons of the Company's financial results may not, in any given case, be meaningful.

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**GLEACHER & COMPANY, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This document contains or incorporates by reference "forward-looking statements." These statements are not historical facts but instead represent the Company's belief or plans regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of the Company's control. The Company often, but not always, identifies forward-looking statements by using words or phrases such as "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "project," "target," "expect," "continuing," "ongoing," "believe" and "intend." The Company's forward-looking statements are based on facts as the Company understands them at the time the Company makes any such statement as well as estimates and judgments based on these facts. The Company's forward-looking statements may turn out to be inaccurate for a variety of reasons, many of which are outside of its control. Factors that could render the Company's forward-looking statements subsequently inaccurate include the conditions of the securities markets, generally, and demand for the Company's services within those markets, the risk of further credit rating downgrades of the U.S. government by major credit rating agencies, the impact of international and domestic sovereign debt uncertainties, the possibilities of localized or global economic recession and other risks and factors identified from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake to update any of its forward-looking statements.

In addition, the Company has recently experienced several adverse events that have significantly affected our business operations and have resulted in a recent and serious decline in our financial results. In order to address these issues, the Company is seeking, and may continue to seek a strategic transaction with a third party that could result, for example, in an acquisition of the Company or sale of substantially all of our assets. Whether the Company can effect such a transaction, and if so, the terms of any such transaction, will greatly affect the Company's future and, as a result, the ultimate accuracy of our forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement should be read and interpreted together with these documents, including the following:

the description of our business contained in this report under Item 1, "Business,"

the risk factors contained in this report under Item 1A, "Risk Factors,"

the discussion of our legal proceedings contained in this report under Item 3, "Legal Proceedings,"

the discussion of our analysis of financial condition and results of operations contained in this report under this Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,"

the discussion of market, credit, operational and other risks impacting our business contained in this report under Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk,"

the notes to the consolidated financial statements contained in this report under Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data," and

cautionary statements we make in our public documents, reports and announcements.

As used herein, the terms "Company," "Gleacher," "we," "us," or "our," refer to Gleacher & Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

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Business Overview

The Company is an independent investment bank that provides corporate and institutional clients with strategic and financial advisory services. The Company also provides capital raising, research-based investment analysis, and securities brokerage services. The Company offers a range of products through its Investment Banking, MBS & Rates and Credit Products divisions.

The Company also provided residential mortgage lending services through ClearPoint. On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward, with the remaining business activities being wound down. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. Refer to "Sale of ClearPoint" below, as well as Note 29 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Our business is dependent on our ability to attract, develop and retain highly skilled employees who are motivated and committed to providing the highest quality service and guidance to our clients. The Company is well capitalized, with no significant long-term debt.

During the year ended December 31, 2012 we operated through the following four business segments:

Investment Banking This division provides financial advisory and capital raising services in connection with mergers, acquisitions and other strategic matters. The division is being realigned around existing M&A expertise, expanded capital markets capabilities and key industry verticals, including real estate, leveraged finance, financial services, aerospace and defense, technology, media and telecom, paper and packaging, general industrial and financial sponsor coverage.

MBS & Rates This division provides sales, trading, research and advisory services on a wide range of mortgage and asset-backed securities, U.S. Treasury and government agency securities, structured products such as CLOs and CDOs, whole loans, and other securities. Revenues are currently generated from spreads on principal transactions executed to facilitate trades for clients, including on a riskless principal basis. Revenues are also generated from changes in fair value and interest income on securities held in inventory. In addition, this division is integrating its advanced analytics and quantitative research capabilities through its platform acquired from RangeMark. RangeMark's integration may also provide for revenues earned through advisory services.

Credit Products This division provides analysis, sales and trading on a wide range of debt securities including bank debt and loans, investment grade debt, high-yield debt, treasuries, convertibles, distressed debt, preferred debt, emerging market debt and reorganization equities to corporate and institutional investor clients. The division also provides trade execution services, liability management, corporate debt repurchase programs and new issue distributions. Revenues are generated primarily from spreads on riskless principal transactions, and to a lesser extent, principal trading and commissions on trades executed on behalf of clients. In addition, revenues are also generated on a smaller scale from interest income on securities held in inventory.

ClearPoint This division originated, processed and underwrote single and multi-family residential mortgage loans within a number of states across the country. The loans were underwritten using standards prescribed by conventional mortgage lenders and loan buyers such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Revenues were generated primarily from the sale of the residential mortgage loans with servicing released. As previously mentioned, the Company entered into an agreement on February 14, 2013 to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down.

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Other Activities

The Company also recognizes investment gains/(losses) and earns fees related to the Company's investment in and management of FA Technology Ventures L.P. ("FATV" or the "Partnership") a fund that holds investments in privately held companies. The Company's results also include expenses not directly associated with specific reportable segments, including goodwill impairment charges, costs related to corporate overhead and support, such as various fees associated with financing, legal and consulting expenses and amortization of certain intangible assets from business acquisitions not reported within discontinued operations.

Recent Adverse Events

In recent years, we have incurred losses and experienced significant turnover, including among our senior management and business leaders of our operating segments, as well as a number of departures, generally, throughout the ranks of our organization. Most recently, we have experienced several events that have adversely affected business operations and resulted in a further deterioration of our financial results. As discussed above under Item 1, "Business Overview," uncertainties regarding the implications of our net losses and management and employee turnover have been aggravated by the absence of a strategic alternative, the departure of Mr. Gleacher, the departures of key personnel and a prospective turnover on our Board, resulting in further questions regarding the stability and strategic direction of the Company and adversely affecting relations with both our clients and our employees. A number of our trading customers have reduced or suspended trading activities with us, adversely impacting our revenues. Moreover, at least in part because of the perceived instability of our business, new investment banking mandates have dwindled. These events have weakened employee morale, which may lead to additional resignations. As a result, we have experienced a significant decline in revenue, and we cannot predict when, or if, we will be able to reduce or reverse this decline and associated losses.

In order to address these issues and preserve value for our stockholders, the Company is seeking, and may continue to seek, a strategic transaction with a third party that could result, for example, in an acquisition of the Company or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. Subsequent to our February 15 update on our review of strategic alternatives, we have been approached by third parties regarding potential strategic alternatives. If we are unable to consummate a strategic transaction, we will consider such alternatives, if any, as may be available to us at such time. In doing so, we will consider all relevant factors, including our financial condition and operating results, our access to financial resources, the market environment and our financial and operational prospects. Depending on the circumstances, courses of action could consist of expeditious reduction of operating and overhead expenses and/or monetization of assets, among other steps.

Sale of ClearPoint (February 2013)

On January 3, 2011, the Company acquired ClearPoint with the intent to add an element of competitive differentiation for the Company's MBS Business. That differentiation was to have been achieved by offering customers of the Company's MBS Business, institutional investors, the ability to purchase mortgage backed securities backed by loans that conformed to customized specified pool characteristics. ClearPoint intended to originate loans according to customers' desired specifications, deliver those loans to a Government Sponsored Enterprise (GSE, or FNMA, FHLMC, or GNMA) in exchange for a security backed by those loans, and sell that security to the Company's MBS unit for onward sale to the MBS unit's customers. The strategy required ClearPoint to have GSE seller servicer approvals, the application for which required the development of adequate infrastructure, and sustained profitability in the ClearPoint subsidiary as a standalone business unit.

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ClearPoint is a "wholesale third party originator" of conforming residential loans. The original business strategy included three options for the sale of loans that ClearPoint originates, namely: 1. sell to "aggregators" (who may retain the loans for their balance sheets, or deliver them to a "GSE window"); 2. sell to a GSE "window" for cash; 3. sell to a GSE window and receive a GSE security in return for onward sale, as described above, through the Company or other broker dealers, to MBS buyers. Since inception, without GSE approvals, ClearPoint has been forced to sell all the loans it originates to aggregators.

Since implementing our mortgage origination strategy, beginning with the acquisition of ClearPoint, market dynamics have changed dramatically. As the effects of the mortgage crisis have rippled through the market, representation and warranty risk became an intense focus. Moreover, as mentioned above, without GSE approvals, ClearPoint is confined to selling loans to a limited universe of aggregators, thus providing no benefit to the Company's MBS customers. These factors led the Company to conclude that the commercial prospects for its mortgage origination activity have greatly diminished. As a result, on February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. Refer to Note 29 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

The Company estimates it will recognize a loss of approximately \$5.0 million in connection with this disposition. ClearPoint will be reclassified as a discontinued operation in the first quarter of 2013.

Realignment of Investment Banking and Exit from the Equities Business (August 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, the Company appointed a new Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Operating Officer ("COO") with a mandate to engage in a comprehensive review of the Company's business operations, its resources and competitive landscape. The focus of this review included:

an assessment of each of the Company's business segments in order to determine how to best take advantage of the opportunities in the market and produce the best return for its stockholders;

a reduction in the Company's overall compensation to revenue ratio; and

an evaluation of the proportion of stock-based compensation paid to the Company's revenue generators and management relative to total compensation to assure they are optimally incented.

In August 2011, the Company announced the implementation of a new strategic plan. The plan elements included the continued service to clients through the fixed income business and the realignment and investment in the core investment banking practice.

As part of this strategic plan, the Company exited the Equities business, effective August 22, 2011 impacting 62 employees. (Refer to Notes 25 and 26 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.) The Company also terminated 32 investment banking employees as well as certain administrative positions.

Financial Position

At December 31, 2012, we held over \$1 billion of financial instruments in inventory of primarily highly liquid securities which are sensitive to market movements. We do not have any significant direct exposure to the sub-prime or European sovereign debt markets, but we are subject to market fluctuations resulting from news and corporate events in such markets, associated write-downs by other financial services firms and interest rate and prepayment speed fluctuations. The financial instruments are financed by our clearing agent and, to a lesser extent, through repurchase agreements.

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The Company had no material open commitments to fund FATV's portfolio at December 31, 2012 and 2011. The fair value of the Company's investment at December 31, 2012 and 2011 was approximately \$17.1 million and \$15.9 million, respectively with gains of \$1.2 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

2012 Business Environment and Impact on Us

Unfavorable or uncertain economic and market conditions impact our results and can be caused by a number of factors, including declines in economic growth, business activity or investor confidence, limitations on the availability or increases in the cost of credit and capital, increases in inflation, interest rates, outbreaks of hostilities or other geopolitical instability, corporate, political or other scandals that reduce investor confidence in the capital markets, or a combination of these or other factors. Such factors influence levels of debt and equity security issuance and merger and acquisition activity, which affects our investment banking business. The same factors also affect trading volumes and valuations in secondary financial markets, which affect our sales and trading businesses. Commission rates, market volatility and other factors also affect our sales and trading revenues and may cause these revenues to vary from period to period.

Ongoing uncertainties about the global economic outlook including those stemming from the most recent presidential election together with long-term domestic fiscal challenges such as continued debt ceiling, budget and tax reform debates, the ongoing European debt crisis, prolonged weakness in the housing markets and high levels of unemployment, both of which are beginning to show improvement, and the after-effects of Hurricane Sandy, have led to volatile global markets and challenging economic conditions. The lingering effects of these macroeconomic headwinds have led to a persistent risk-averse market environment, resulting in spread compression and lower trading volumes, as well as sustained pressures on investment banking activities.

We have no direct exposure to European sovereign debt. The majority of our financial instruments owned are agency mortgage-backed securities which are susceptible to prepayment and interest rate risk. Ongoing housing-rescue efforts including programs aimed at helping struggling homeowners refinance their homes, coupled with the low interest rate environment, has caused these securities to experience a high level of prepayments and thus put pressure on the valuation of these securities. We also hold to a lesser extent, non-agency mortgage backed securities positions.

A substantial portion of our revenues are derived from trading in agency mortgage-backed securities within our MBS & Rates division and riskless principal trading in fixed income within our Credit Products divisions. Our MBS & Rates division experienced lower volumes compared to the prior year due to among other things, the challenging market conditions, as well as the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing program which has the effect of removing supply from the market and hampering volatility. Volumes in our Credit Products division improved as a result of the low interest rate environment and investors continuing search for attractive yields.

High yield and high grade new issue volumes in the financial markets also improved compared to the prior year. However, M&A advisory activities continued to be adversely impacted by the global economic environment. The total M&A global dollar deal volume in 2012 was roughly in-line with 2011 and was hampered by the prolonged lack of confidence in the financial markets. It is quite possible that these trends will continue into 2013.

The year ended December 31, 2012 proved to be challenging. Given the continued uncertainties both domestically and abroad, the results of our operations, which are largely dependent on the environment in which our businesses operates, may not necessarily be indicative of what may be recognized in the future.

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The Company prepares its consolidated financial statements using accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). These consolidated financial statements are contained within Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The financial results set forth in the foregoing table may not be representative of future results due to recent developments described under Item 1, "Business Overview" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Results of Operations

(In thousands of dollars)	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<i>Revenues</i>			
Principal transactions	\$ 52,771	\$ 89,108	\$ 79,433
Commissions	71,418	71,347	76,817
Investment banking	30,553	33,069	43,400
Investment banking revenues from related party			1,947
Investment gains, net	1,233	2,996	7
Interest income	48,796	66,194	57,292
Gain from bargain purchase ClearPoint Funding, Inc. acquisition (Refer to Note 11 contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K)		2,330	
Fees and other	11,651	8,041	1,004
Total revenues	216,422	273,085	259,900
Interest expense	12,827	11,913	11,318
Net revenues	203,595	261,172	248,582
<i>Expenses (excluding interest)</i>			
Compensation and benefits	143,414	162,537	222,833
Clearing, settlement and brokerage	40,281	35,203	4,314
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets (Refer to Note 12 contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K)	21,096	80,244	
Professional fees	15,504	8,135	7,966
Communications and data processing	12,806	13,471	11,464
Occupancy, depreciation and amortization	8,919	8,455	11,941
Business development	3,719	4,620	4,825
Loss from extinguishment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock (Refer to Note 17 contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K)			1,608
Other	11,209	10,384	9,414
Total expenses (excluding interest)	256,948	323,049	274,365
Loss before income taxes and discontinued operations	(53,353)	(61,877)	(25,783)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	24,602	2,207	(9,778)
Loss from continuing operations	(77,955)	(64,084)	(16,005)
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	265	(18,040)	(4,616)
Net loss	\$ (77,690)	\$ (82,124)	\$ (20,621)

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Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

For the year ended December 31, 2012, net revenues from continuing operations were \$203.6 million, compared to \$261.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The 22.0% decrease in net revenues was primarily due to decreased net revenues in the MBS & Rates segment. Non-interest expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 of \$256.9 million decreased \$66.1 million, or 20.5%, compared to \$323.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, principally due to the goodwill and intangible impairment charge of \$80.2 million recorded in the third quarter of 2011, compared to a goodwill impairment charge of \$21.1 million recorded in the second quarter of 2012.

The Company reported a net loss from continuing operations of \$78.0 million and \$64.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Net loss per diluted share from continuing operations was \$0.66 and \$0.52 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$0.3 million and (\$18.1) million, respectively.

Net Revenues

For the year ended December 31, 2012, net revenues from continuing operations were \$203.6 million, compared to \$261.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Commissions and principal transactions revenues decreased \$26.3 million, or 22.6%, to \$124.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 from \$160.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 due to a decrease of \$46.4 million in the MBS & Rates segment, partially offset by an increase in ClearPoint of \$6.5 million and the Credit Products segment of \$3.4 million. Investment banking revenues decreased \$2.5 million, or 7.6%, to \$30.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. Investment gains/(losses), which represent the change in the value of the Company's investment in FATV, were gains of \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to gains of \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Net interest income of \$36.0 million as of December 31, 2012, decreased \$18.3 million compared to \$54.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. This was primarily due to lower average inventory and coupon interest received. Fees and other revenues of \$11.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 increased \$3.6 million primarily due \$2.6 million related to the clawback of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition provisions and an increase in fees earned in connection with the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint, partially offset by the ClearPoint bargain purchase gain of \$2.3 million recorded in the prior-year period.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 of \$256.9 million decreased \$66.1 million, or 20.5%, compared to \$323.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Compensation and benefits expense was \$143.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decline of \$19.1 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The decline was primarily attributable to lower net revenues in the MBS & Rates division. Compensation and benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012 was also reduced by \$4.1 million related to stock-based compensation forfeitures, which included \$2.9 million related to employees within the MBS & Rates division recognized during the second quarter of 2012 (Refer to "Segment Highlights MBS & Rates"). These declines were partially offset by the Company's decision to pay year-end bonus compensation primarily in the form of cash. In making this determination, the Company considered a variety of factors including the significant discount to which the Company's stock trades in relation to its book value. The cash bonuses were fully vested awards and entirely recognized during the year ending December 31, 2012. Compensation expense was also impacted by \$1.6 million of compensation guarantees principally incurred in the MBS & Rates division in connection with the division's rebuild.

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Compensation and benefits expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 included severance and stock-based compensation expense of \$1.9 million recognized in connection with the Investment Banking division realignment, as well as compensation expense of \$1.7 million recognized in the second quarter of 2011 due to the resignation of the former interim CEO. In addition, annual compensation expense in 2011 for members of senior management included an element of stock-based compensation, which is recognized over a future vesting period, which is generally three years.

Compensation and benefits expense from continuing operations, as a percentage of net revenues, was 70.4% for the year ended December 31, 2012, compared to 62.2% for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase in the ratios year-over-year is directly related to the lower net revenues, as well as the Company's election to pay primarily cash compensation in the current year, compared to a mix of cash and stock in the prior year.

Clearing, settlement and brokerage costs of \$40.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 increased by \$5.1 million, or 14.4%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase was primarily due to ClearPoint broker fees resulting from higher loan commitment volumes.

The Company recorded a goodwill and intangible impairment charge of \$21.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2012 (recognized in the second quarter) due to the duration and severity of the decline in the Company's stock price in relation to its book value. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$80.2 million as a result of the previously mentioned Investment Banking realignment (Refer to Notes 12 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information).

Professional fees of \$15.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 increased by \$7.4 million, or 90.6%, primarily due to higher legal, consulting and advisory fees incurred in connection with our strategic alternatives process, as well as costs incurred in connection with the Company's asset management initiative.

Communications and data processing expense of \$12.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 remained relatively unchanged compared to the year ended December 31, 2011.

Occupancy and depreciation expense of \$8.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 remained relatively unchanged compared to the year ended December 31, 2011.

Business development expense of \$3.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 decreased by \$0.9 million, or 19.5%, compared to the year ended December 31, 2011, primarily due to the realignment of the Investment Banking division which took place in the third quarter of 2011 and the resulting decreased headcount.

Other expenses of \$11.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 increased \$0.8 million, or 7.9% compared to the year ended December 31, 2011, primarily due to ClearPoint loan processing fees from increased loan commitment volumes.

Income Taxes

Year Ended December 31, 2012

The Company's effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2012 was negative 46.1%, resulting in income tax expense of approximately \$24.6 million. The abnormal tax rate differs from the federal statutory tax rate of 35% primarily due to the establishment of a valuation allowance against substantially all of the Company's deferred tax assets (negative 61%), as well as the non-deductible discrete item attributable to the write-off of goodwill (negative 14%) and tax expense associated with stock-based compensation shortfalls (negative 6%).

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In the second quarter of 2012, the Company established a valuation allowance against substantially all of the Company's deferred tax assets. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company considered both positive and negative evidence related to the likelihood of realization of the deferred tax assets. The weight given to the positive and negative evidence is commensurate with the extent to which the evidence can be objectively verified. GAAP states that a cumulative loss in recent years is a significant piece of negative evidence that is difficult to overcome in determining that a valuation allowance is not needed against deferred tax assets. As such, it is generally difficult for positive evidence regarding projected future taxable income exclusive of reversing taxable temporary differences to outweigh objective negative evidence of recent financial reporting losses.

During the second quarter of 2012, the Company entered into a three-year cumulative loss position. This cumulative loss position, along with other evidence, merited the establishment of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets.

Year Ended December 31, 2011

The Company's effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2011 of negative 3.6% resulted in income tax expense of approximately \$2.2 million. The Company's tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to non-deductible items primarily associated with the write-off of goodwill related to the Investment Banking segment.

Discontinued Operations

The Company has classified the results of the Equities division as discontinued operations due to the Company's decision to exit this business on August 22, 2011. The results for the year ended December 31, 2011 include a restructuring charge of approximately \$7.1 million and a goodwill and intangible impairment charge of \$14.3 million.

Refer to Notes 25 and 26 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

For the year ended December 31, 2011, net revenues from continuing operations were \$261.2 million, compared to \$248.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. The 5.1% increase in net revenues was primarily attributable to ClearPoint net revenues of \$46.9 million, which commenced operations at the Company on January 3, 2011, and higher investment gains of \$3.0 million, resulting primarily from the change in value of the Company's FATV investment. These increases were partially offset by decreased net revenues of \$16.2 million in the Credit Products segment, \$14.8 million in the MBS & Rates segment and \$10.8 million in the Investment Banking segment. The year ended December 31, 2011 also included a gain from bargain purchase of approximately \$2.3 million related to the acquisition of ClearPoint. Non-interest expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011 of \$323.0 million increased \$48.7 million, or 17.7%, compared to \$274.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to a goodwill and intangible asset impairment charge of \$80.2 million related to the Investment Banking division, partially offset by lower compensation expense of \$73.5 million, excluding ClearPoint. Non-interest expenses also include expenses related to ClearPoint of \$50.6 million.

The Company reported a net loss from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 of \$64.1 million and \$16.0 million, respectively. Net loss per diluted share from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.52 and \$0.13, respectively. Losses from discontinued operations, net of taxes for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 were \$18.0 million and \$4.6 million, respectively.

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Net Revenues

For the year ended December 31, 2011, net revenues from continuing operations were \$261.2 million, which included the ClearPoint acquisition gain from bargain purchase of approximately \$2.3 million, compared to \$248.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. Commissions and principal transactions revenues increased \$4.2 million, or 2.7%, to \$160.5 million from \$156.3 million primarily due to \$46.9 million related to the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint, which was partially offset by a decrease in the MBS & Rates segment of \$23.1 million and \$12.7 million in the Credit Products segment. Investment banking revenues decreased \$12.3 million, or 27.1%, to \$33.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 and is comprised of advisory fees of \$24.4 million and capital markets fees of \$8.7 million. Investment gains were \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, resulting primarily from the change in value of the Company's FATV investment, as well as gains from the sale of an investment security. There were no investment gains during the year ended December 31, 2010. Net interest income of \$54.3 million as of December 31, 2011, increased \$8.3 million, or 18.0%, compared to the prior year. This was due to higher average inventory levels which were partially offset by lower coupon interest received. In addition, the year ended December 31, 2010 included interest expense related to our mandatorily redeemable preferred stock which was redeemed on September 28, 2010. Fees and other revenues of \$8.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased \$7.0 million primarily due to fees earned in connection with the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint.

Non-Interest Expense

Non-interest expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011 of \$323.0 million increased \$48.6 million, or 17.7%, compared to \$274.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Compensation and benefits expense for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$162.5 million, a decrease of \$60.3 million, or 27.1%, over 2010. This was primarily due to lower variable compensation expense as a result of lower net revenues in the MBS & Rates and Credit Products segments, as the Company pays many of its professional personnel with a percentage of, or otherwise based on, the net revenues generated by that professional or his or her business unit. Variable compensation expense also decreased in the Investment Banking segment as a result of the realignment which occurred in the third quarter of 2011. This action better aligned compensation as a percentage of revenue with management's goals. In addition, annual compensation expense in 2011 for members of senior management was lower and compensation expense for certain leaders of the Company's business segments was weighted more heavily toward stock-based compensation (which is recognized over the future vesting period, generally three years) when compared to the prior year. Compensation expense related to ClearPoint partially offset these decreases.

Compensation and benefits expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 of \$222.8 million included approximately \$13.3 million of expense related to the separations of our former CEO and our former CFO from the Company. Compensation and benefits expense was also impacted by \$12.7 million related to the recognition of 100% of stock-based compensation expense associated with equity awards granted in connection with 2010 year-end bonuses. It was determined in the fourth quarter of 2010 that the vesting terms for those awards would exclude continued employment as a condition to vesting. Outstanding awards granted in connection with year-end bonuses for years prior to 2010 were modified to include the same vesting terms, which resulted in the acceleration of expense associated with those awards. This compensation methodology was changed in the third quarter of 2011, at the recommendation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer hired in May of 2011, with the expectation that the terms of equity awards to be granted in connection with future annual bonuses will generally provide for continued employment as a vesting condition, resulting in expensing awards over the future vesting period rather than immediately.

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Also included within compensation and benefits expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 was (i) \$2.3 million of non-cash compensation expense associated with a modification to a senior executive's unvested restricted stock units and options and (ii) \$1.9 million from the restructuring of an employment arrangement.

The Company recorded a goodwill and intangible asset impairment charge of \$80.2 million as a result of the realignment of its Investment Banking division. (Refer to Note 12 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.)

Clearing, settlement and brokerage costs of \$35.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased by \$30.9 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was due primarily to broker fees incurred related to the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint, as ClearPoint pays originating mortgage brokers a fee, consisting of a percentage of the loan amount, when the loan closes.

Communications and data processing expense of \$13.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased by \$2.0 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was due to enhancements to our communications systems and increased market data services expense.

Occupancy, depreciation and amortization expenses of \$8.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 decreased by \$3.5 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to a \$3.2 million charge recorded during the year ended December 31, 2010 related to the termination of the Company's lease of its prior headquarters. Cost savings realized due to the consolidation of our offices were offset by occupancy expense related to ClearPoint.

Professional fees of \$8.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 remained relatively unchanged compared to the year ended December 31, 2010.

Business development expense of \$4.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 decreased by \$0.2 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to decreases in Credit Products and Investment Banking related activities, partially offset by expense related to ClearPoint.

Loss from extinguishment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock of approximately \$1.6 million is related to the Company's early redemption of its mandatorily redeemable preferred stock ("Series B Preferred Stock") on September 28, 2010. (Refer Note 17 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.)

Other expenses of \$10.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased by \$1.0 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to loan processing fees related to ClearPoint and to lower intangible amortization expense resulting from the impairment recorded in connection with the realignment of the Investment Banking division. Other expenses for the year ended December 31, 2010 also includes \$0.7 million related to a partial revaluation of an indemnification receivable from the former stockholders of Gleacher Partners, Inc.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit)

Year Ended December 31, 2011

The Company's effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2011 of negative 3.6% resulted in income tax expense of approximately \$2.2 million. The Company's tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to non-deductible items primarily associated with the write-off of goodwill related to the Investment Banking segment.

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Year Ended December 31, 2010

The effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the year ended December 31, 2010 of 37.9% resulted in an income tax benefit of approximately \$9.8 million. The effective rate differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due non-deductible Series B Preferred Stock dividends recognized through September 2010 and the related non-deductible loss on early redemption. This was partially offset by state and local income taxes and a reduction in unrecognized tax benefits which is primarily a result of settlements during the year.

Discontinued Operations

The Company has classified the results of the Equities division as discontinued operations as a result of its decision to exit the business on August 22, 2011. The results for the year ended December 31, 2011 include a restructuring charge of approximately \$7.1 million and a goodwill and intangible impairment charge of \$14.3 million. (Refer to Notes 25 and 26 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.)

Segment Highlights

For presentation purposes, net revenues within each of the businesses are classified, if applicable, into commissions, principal transactions, investment banking, investment gains/(losses), net interest, and other. Commissions represent revenues primarily earned on a riskless principal basis, and to a lesser extent, revenues earned on agency transactions. Principal transactions represent gains and losses from sales and trading activities, other than riskless principal trading. Investment banking includes revenues generated from capital raising through underwritings and private placements of equity and debt securities, and financial advisory service fees in regards to mergers and acquisitions, restructuring and corporate finance related matters. Investment gains/(losses) reflect gains and losses on the Company's FATV investment. Other revenues reflect management fees received from FATV, fees earned related to the residential mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint, and other miscellaneous revenues, including clawbacks of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition provisions. Net interest includes interest income net of interest expense and reflects the effect of funding rates on the Company's inventory levels.

The Company's Equities segment results have been reclassified as discontinued operations and are therefore no longer reported below. In connection with this development, the goodwill and intangible asset impairment related to the Equities segment and any previously reported intangible asset amortization related to the Equities segment, which was previously included within "Other," has also been reclassified within discontinued operations. The realignment of the Investment Banking segment had no impact on comparability to prior period results.

In addition, on February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. As a result of this transaction, the residential mortgage lending business conducted by ClearPoint will be reported as a discontinued operation in the first quarter of 2013.

The financial results set forth and discussed below may not be representative of future results due to recent developments described under Item 1, "Business Overview" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Refer to Note 27 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for information on assets by segment.

	Year Ended December 31,		
Investment Banking (In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
<i>Net revenues</i>			
Investment banking	\$ 27,441	\$ 26,610	\$ 37,276
Other			90
Total net revenues	\$ 27,441	\$ 26,610	\$ 37,366
Operating expenses	22,863	24,320	39,586
Pre-tax contribution/(loss)	\$ 4,578	\$ 2,290	\$ (2,220)

Years Ended December 31, 2012 vs. 2011

Net revenues of the Investment Banking segment were \$27.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an improvement of \$0.8 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. Net revenues were comprised of \$24.3 million and \$3.1 million of advisory and capital markets revenues, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to \$21.0 million and \$5.6 million of advisory and capital markets revenues, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Operating expenses were \$22.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decline of \$1.5 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. Included within the prior-year period is compensation and other charges of \$2.5 million incurred in connection with the previously mentioned investment banking realignment. Pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$4.6 million, compared to \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Years Ended December 31, 2011 vs. 2010

Net revenues of the Investment Banking segment were \$26.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decline of \$10.7 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. Net revenues were comprised of \$21.0 million and \$5.6 million of advisory revenues and capital markets revenues, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2011, compared to \$30.8 million and \$6.5 million of advisory and capital markets revenues, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Operating expenses were \$24.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decline of \$15.3 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease was primarily due to lower compensation expense resulting from the realignment of the investment banking division, which occurred in the third quarter of 2011. This action better aligned compensation expense as a percentage of revenue with management's goals. The lower compensation expense was partially offset by \$2.3 million of severance and stock-based compensation expense and other non-compensation expenses resulting from the termination of 32 investment banking employees in connection with the realignment. In addition, compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 was impacted by \$2.3 million of non-cash compensation expense resulting from the previously mentioned changes in the vesting provisions to equity compensation awards to be granted in connection with 2010 year-end bonuses and the related impact of the changes to certain outstanding equity awards granted in connection with

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year-end bonuses for prior years. Pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$2.3 million, compared to a pre-tax loss of (\$2.2) million for the year ended December 31, 2010.

	Year Ended December 31,		
MBS & Rates (In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
<i>Net revenues</i>			
Principal transactions	\$ 1,685	\$ 47,550	\$ 72,344
Commissions	5,663	6,203	4,552
Investment banking	682	3,924	1,513
Net interest	30,152	46,166	40,030
Other	2,456	15	218
Total net revenues	\$ 40,638	\$ 103,858	\$ 118,657
Operating expenses	40,511	70,738	85,310
Pre-tax contribution	\$ 127	\$ 33,120	\$ 33,347

Years Ended December 31, 2012 vs. 2011

Net revenues of the MBS & Rates segment were \$40.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decline of \$63.2 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in net revenues was largely attributable to the leadership transition which occurred in the second quarter of 2012. This turnover led to a disruption in sales and trading activities and a re-positioning of inventory. The division experienced approximately 70 personnel departures since April 2012 (primarily within the second and third quarter), which were subsequently replaced by the hiring of approximately 50 professionals. Headcount stood at approximately 60 professionals at December 31, 2012, and the Company views the division now as substantially rebuilt. In addition, the division recognized lower investment banking revenues, as well as lower net interest income year-over-year on reduced average inventory levels and lower coupon interest received and the prior year also includes non-agency asset-backed securities gains of approximately \$26.5 million. Partially offsetting these declines were approximately \$2.3 million of other revenues recorded during the year ended December 31, 2012, related to the clawback of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition and/or other forfeiture provisions.

Operating expenses were \$40.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decline of \$30.2 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease was primarily due to lower compensation expense due to the lower revenues, as well as a reduction in compensation expense of \$2.6 million related to stock-based compensation forfeitures recorded during the second quarter of 2012 due to the previously mentioned leadership transition and voluntary terminations experienced during that quarter. These declines were partially offset by \$1.6 million of compensation guarantees principally incurred in connection with the division's rebuild. Pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$0.1 million, compared to \$33.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Years Ended December 31, 2011 vs. 2010

Net revenues of the MBS & Rates segment were \$103.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decline of \$14.8 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease was primarily due to lower principal transaction revenues, due to net revenue declines on non-agency asset-backed securities and lower trading volumes. Net interest income increased \$6.1 million due to increased average inventory levels, partially offset by lower coupon interest received.

Operating expenses were \$70.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decline of \$14.6 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease was primarily due to lower variable compensation expense due to the lower revenues. Compensation expense for the year ended

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December 31, 2010 was also impacted by \$5.7 million of non-cash compensation expense resulting from the previously mentioned changes in the vesting provisions to equity compensation awards to be granted in connection with 2010 year-end bonuses and the related impact of the changes to certain outstanding equity awards granted in connection with year-end bonuses for prior years. Pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$33.1 million, compared to \$33.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Credit Products (In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<i>Net revenues</i>			
Principal transactions	\$ 4,884	\$ 1,544	\$ 7,092
Commissions	65,755	65,144	72,265
Investment banking	2,430	2,535	6,558
Net interest	386	1,266	1,246
Other	977	567	73
Total net revenues	\$ 74,432	\$ 71,056	\$ 87,234
Operating expenses	70,687	61,318	81,898
Pre-tax contribution	\$ 3,745	\$ 9,738	\$ 5,336

Years Ended December 31, 2012 vs. 2011

Net revenues of the Credit Products segment were \$74.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an improvement of \$3.4 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase was primarily due to higher commissions and principal transaction revenues, due to higher volumes and an expanded product profile, partially offset by spread compression. On February 20, 2013, the Company confirmed the departure of approximately 20 professionals previously employed within this division (current headcount within this division is approximately 70). As a result, revenues from this group have declined significantly.

Operating expenses were \$70.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$9.4 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase is primarily due to higher variable cash compensation expense. These increases were partially offset by a reduction of compensation expense of \$1.1 million related to stock-based compensation forfeitures. Pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$3.7 million, compared to \$9.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Years Ended December 31, 2011 vs. 2010

Net revenues of the Credit Products segment were \$71.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decline of \$16.2 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease was primarily due to lower commissions and principal transaction revenues, primarily due to a decrease in spreads during the year, partially offset by higher volumes. Investment banking revenue also declined \$4.0 million compared to the prior year.

Operating expenses were \$61.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decline of \$20.6 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease was a result of a larger portion of compensation expense expected to be paid in stock-based compensation compared to the prior year. In addition, compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 was also impacted by \$4.7 million of non-cash compensation expense resulting from the previously mentioned changes in the vesting provisions to equity compensation awards to be granted in connection with 2010 year-end bonuses and the related impact of the changes to certain outstanding equity awards granted in

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connection with year-end bonuses for prior years. Pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$9.7 million, compared to \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010.

ClearPoint (In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<i>Net revenues</i>			
Principal transactions	\$ 46,283	\$ 40,120	\$
Net interest	(196)	519	
Other	7,288	6,285	
Total net revenues	\$ 53,375	\$ 46,924	\$
Operating expenses	59,266	50,610	
Pre-tax loss	\$ (5,891)	\$ (3,686)	\$

Year Ended December 31, 2012 vs. 2011

Net revenues were \$53.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$6.5 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase was due to higher daily loan commitments primarily arising in the first quarter of 2012, prior to origination limits implemented late in the second quarter in order to align ClearPoint's daily average loan commitments with its distribution capabilities. Revenues resulting from prior loan commitment levels were not commercially sustainable.

Operating expenses were \$59.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$8.7 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. Operating expenses include \$39.2 million and \$33.1 million of broker and loan processing fees for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which are variable expenses directly related to the level of loan commitments for each particular period. Pre-tax loss for the year ended December 31, 2012 of \$5.9 million increased \$2.2 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011 and was primarily due to the limits placed on loan origination activities as a result of liquidity constraints experienced in the first quarter of 2012 and fully disclosed within the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down. The Company estimates it will recognize a loss of approximately \$5.0 million in connection with this disposition. Refer to "Sale of ClearPoint" within the "Business Overview" discussion above, as well as Note 29 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Other (In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<i>Net revenues</i>			
Principal transactions	\$ (81)	\$ (106)	\$ (3)
Investment gains	1,233	2,996	7
Net interest	5,627	6,330	4,698
Gain from bargain purchase ClearPoint Funding, Inc. acquisition		2,330	
Other	930	1,174	623
Total net revenues	\$ 7,709	\$ 12,724	\$ 5,325
Operating expenses	63,621	116,063	67,571
Pre-tax loss	\$ (55,912)	\$ (103,339)	\$ (62,246)

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Years Ended December 31, 2012 vs. 2011

Net revenues were \$7.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decline of \$5.0 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The decline was primarily attributable to the ClearPoint bargain purchase gain of \$2.3 million recorded during the prior year, as well as lower revenues resulting from the changes in value of the Company's FATV investment.

Operating expenses were \$63.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decline of \$52.4 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease was primarily a result of the previously mentioned \$80.2 million goodwill and intangible asset impairment charge related to the Investment Banking division realignment which occurred in the third quarter of 2011, partially offset by the previously mentioned goodwill impairment charge of \$21.1 million recognized in the second quarter of 2012. This decrease was partially offset by higher legal, consulting and advisory fees, including costs incurred in connection with our strategic review process. Operating expenses also increased as a result of costs incurred in connection with the Company's asset management initiative. Pre-tax loss was \$55.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 compared to \$103.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Years Ended December 31, 2011 vs. 2010

Net revenues were \$12.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, an increase of \$7.4 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The increase in net revenue was attributable to higher investment gains from the change in value of the Company's investment in FATV and a gain of \$0.9 million resulting from the sale of an investment security. Net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2011 also include the gain from bargain purchase of \$2.3 million related to the ClearPoint acquisition. Net interest income increased by \$1.6 million, primarily due to interest expense no longer being incurred on the Series B Preferred Stock, which was redeemed in September 2010.

Operating expenses were \$116.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, an increase of \$48.5 million compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. Operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011 include a goodwill and intangible asset impairment charge related to the investment banking division of \$80.2 million in connection with the realignment of the division in the third quarter of 2011 and \$1.7 million of severance expense due to the resignation of the former interim CEO. These items were partially offset by lower variable compensation costs compared to the prior year, for members of senior management.

Operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2010 includes the previously mentioned (i) \$13.3 million of compensation expense related to the separations of the former CEO and the former CFO from the Company during the first quarter of 2010 (ii) \$3.9 million of occupancy expense related to lease terminations associated with the consolidation of certain of the Company's offices to its current location in New York City (iii) \$2.3 million of non-cash compensation expense associated with the modification to a senior executive's unvested share-based compensation awards, (iv) the \$1.6 million loss on extinguishment of the Series B Preferred Stock and (v) the partial revaluation of an indemnification receivable of \$0.7 million.

Pre-tax loss for the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$103.3 million, compared to \$62.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2010.

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Explanation and Reconciliation of the Company's Use of Non-GAAP Financial Results

The Company has included in this Annual Report certain financial metrics that were not prepared in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP financial results, which include presentations of net revenues, compensation and benefits, non-compensation expenses, income before income taxes from continuing operations, provision for income taxes, net income from continuing operations, compensation expense ratios, pre-tax margin, return on average tangible equity and diluted earnings per share, are presented as an additional aid in understanding and analyzing the Company's financial results for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Specifically, the Company believes that the non-GAAP results provide useful information by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of the Company's core operating results or business outlook and also to emphasize information that the Company believes is important in understanding the Company's performance. These non-GAAP amounts exclude items reflected as adjustments within the "Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP (Loss)/Income from Continuing Operations" table below. The Company believes these non-GAAP results will allow for a better evaluation of the operating performance of the Company's business and facilitate a meaningful comparison of the Company's results in the current period to those in prior periods and future periods. References to these non-GAAP results should not be considered a substitute for results that are presented in a manner consistent with GAAP.

A limitation of utilizing these non-GAAP financial results is that the GAAP accounting effects of these excluded items do in fact reflect the underlying financial results of the Company's business, and these effects should not be ignored in evaluating and analyzing its financial results. Therefore, the Company believes that non-GAAP results should always be considered together with their corresponding GAAP results.

The non-GAAP financial results set forth below have not been adjusted for the recent developments described under Item 1, "Business Overview" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and may not be representative of future results.

Table of Contents**Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP (Loss)/Income from Continuing Operations**

(In thousands, except per share and ratio data)	Year Ended December 31, 2012			Year Ended December 31, 2011		
	GAAP	Adjustments	Non-GAAP	GAAP	Adjustments	Non-GAAP
Net revenues	\$ 203,595	\$	\$ 203,595	\$ 261,172	\$ (2,330)(1)	\$ 258,842
Non-interest expenses:						
Compensation and benefits	143,414	(330)(2)	143,084	162,537	(3,632)(3)	158,905
Non-compensation expenses	113,534	(24,084)(4)	89,450	160,512	(80,842)(5)	79,670
Total non-interest expense	256,948	(24,414)	232,534	323,049	(84,474)	238,575
(Loss)/income from continuing operations						
before income taxes	(53,353)	24,414	(28,939)	(61,877)	82,144	20,267
Provision for income taxes	24,602	(29,144)(6)	(4,542)	2,207	5,928(7)	8,135
Net (loss)/income from continuing operations	\$ (77,955)	\$ 53,558	\$ (24,397)	\$ (64,084)	\$ 76,216	\$ 12,132
Earnings per share:						
Diluted continuing operations	\$ (0.66)		\$ (0.21)(8)	\$ (0.52)		\$ 0.09(8)
As a percentage of net revenues:						
Compensation and benefits	70.4%		70.3%	62.2%		61.4%
(Loss)/income from continuing operations before income taxes	(26.2)%		(14.2)%	(23.7)%		7.8%

- (1) Represents the bargain purchase gain related to the ClearPoint acquisition on January 3, 2011.
- (2) Represents severance expense recognized during the first quarter of 2012.
- (3) Includes (i) severance and stock-based compensation expense of \$1.9 million, related to the investment banking realignment which resulted in the termination of 32 investment banking employees and certain administrative positions and (ii) \$1.7 million due to the resignation of the former interim CEO in the second quarter of 2011.
- (4) Represents the goodwill impairment charge recognized during the second quarter of 2012 of \$21.1 million, as well as \$3.0 million of legal, consulting and advisory fees incurred in connection with our strategic review process.
- (5) Includes goodwill and intangible impairment charges of \$80.2 million and other non-compensation expenses of \$0.6 million as a result of the investment banking realignment.
- (6) Represents the change in the valuation allowance on the Company's deferred tax assets.
- (7) The effective income tax rate of 7.2% differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to non-tax deductible goodwill, the non-taxable bargain purchase gain and state and local taxes.
- (8) Non-GAAP net (loss)/income from continuing operations divided by 119.0 million and 129.5 million dilutive shares for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Table of Contents**Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP (Loss)/Income from Continuing Operations (Continued)**

(In thousands, except per share and ratio data)	Year Ended December 31, 2011			Year Ended December 31, 2010		
	GAAP	Adjustments	Non-GAAP	GAAP	Adjustments	Non-GAAP
Net revenues	\$ 261,172	\$ (2,330)(1)	\$ 258,842	\$ 248,582	\$	\$ 248,582
Non-interest expenses:						
Compensation and benefits	162,537	(3,632)(2)	158,905	222,833	(23,184)(3)	199,649
Non-compensation expenses	160,512	(80,842)(4)	79,670	51,532	(6,130)(5)	45,402
Total non-interest expense	323,049	(84,474)	238,575	274,365	(29,314)	245,051
(Loss)/income from continuing operations						
before income taxes	(61,877)	82,144	20,267	(25,783)	29,314	3,531
Provision for income taxes	2,207	5,928(6)	8,135	(9,778)	13,292(7)	3,514
Net (loss)/income from continuing operations	\$ (64,084)	\$ 76,216	\$ 12,132	\$ (16,005)	\$ 16,022	\$ 17
Earnings per share:						
Diluted continuing operations	\$ (0.52)		\$ 0.09(8)	\$ (0.13)		\$ 0.00(8)
As a percentage of net revenues:						
Compensation and benefits	62.2%		61.4%	89.6%		80.3%
(Loss)/income from continuing operations before income taxes	(23.7)%		7.8%	(10.4)%		1.4%

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- (1) Represents the bargain purchase gain related to the ClearPoint acquisition on January 3, 2011.
- (2) Includes (i) severance and stock-based compensation expense of \$1.9 million, related to the investment banking realignment which resulted in the termination of 32 investment banking employees and certain administrative positions and (ii) \$1.7 million due to the resignation of the former interim CEO in the second quarter of 2011.
- (3) Includes (i) \$13.3 million of severance expense related to the separations of our former CEO and former CFO from the Company recorded in the first quarter of 2010 (ii) \$5.7 million in non-cash compensation resulting from a modification to the vesting terms of certain outstanding equity awards granted in connection with year-end bonuses for prior years (iii) \$2.3 million related to the modification of a senior executive's unvested share based compensation awards and (iv) \$1.9 million from the restructuring of an employment arrangement.
- (4) Includes goodwill and intangible impairment charges of \$80.2 million and other non-compensation expenses of \$0.6 million as a result of the investment banking realignment.

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- (5) Includes (i) \$3.9 million of occupancy expense associated with the consolidation of certain of the Company's offices to its current location in New York City (ii) \$1.6 million loss on extinguishment of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock and (iii) \$0.6 million related to the partial revaluation of the previously mentioned indemnification receivable which occurred during the third quarter of 2010.
- (6) The effective income tax rate of 7.2% differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to non-tax deductible goodwill, the non-taxable bargain purchase gain and state and local taxes.
- (7) The effective income tax rate of 45.3% differs from the federal statutory rate of 35% primarily due to state and local taxes and the \$1.6 million loss on extinguishment of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, which is not deductible for tax.
- (8) Non-GAAP net (loss)/income from continuing operations divided by 129.5 million and 121.3 million dilutive shares for the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Return on Average Tangible Stockholders' Equity (Non-GAAP)

Presented below is information on the Company's annualized return on average tangible stockholders' equity (Non-GAAP):

(Dollars in thousands)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net (loss)/income from continuing operations (non-GAAP)	\$ (24,397)(1)	\$ 12,132(1)	\$ 17(1)
Plus: Amortization of intangibles, net of tax	278	1,540	2,108
Net (loss)/income from continuing operations, adjusted (non-GAAP)	\$ (24,119)	\$ 13,672	\$ 2,125
Average total stockholders' equity (GAAP)	\$ 215,356	\$ 314,313	\$ 344,699
Less: Average intangible assets	(13,042)	(79,938)	(123,254)
Average tangible stockholders' equity (non-GAAP)	\$ 202,314	\$ 234,375	\$ 221,445
Annualized return on tangible stockholders' equity (non-GAAP)	(11.9)%	5.8%	1.0%

Return on Average Stockholders' Equity (GAAP)

Presented below is information on the Company's annualized return on average stockholders' equity, which is the most directly comparable GAAP metric to the Non-GAAP metric above:

(Dollars in thousands)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net loss from continuing operations	\$ (77,955)	\$ (64,084)	\$ (16,005)
Average stockholders' equity	215,356	314,313	344,669
Annualized return on stockholders' equity	NM(2)	NM(2)	(4.6%)

- (1) Designates non-GAAP financial results. A reconciliation of the Company's GAAP results to non-GAAP financial results is set forth above under the caption "Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Income from Continuing Operations."
- (2) Not meaningful, as these respective periods include substantial goodwill and deferred tax impairment charges.

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The Company's matched book repurchase activities were wound down during the year ended December 31, 2012 (and comprised approximately 47.1% of the Company's total assets at December 31, 2011). The unwinding of these activities did not have a material impact to the Company's results of operations.

The Company's financial instruments owned at December 31, 2012 were \$1.1 billion, a decline of \$458.5 million, or 29.5%, since December 31, 2011. Contributing to this decline were reduced loan balances in connection with the previously mentioned loan origination limits implemented by ClearPoint.

Financial instruments owned and securities sold, but not yet purchased consisted of the following at December 31:

(In thousands)	2012		2011	
	Owned	Sold, but not yet Purchased	Owned	Sold, but not yet Purchased
Financial Instruments				
Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$ 905,038	\$	\$ 1,085,621	\$
Loans	77,573		228,226	
Federal agency obligations	46,021		158,774	11,796
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities	28,124		56,573	
Corporate debt securities	30,246	2,520	14,524	12,254
U.S. Government obligations	2,096	128,504	5,789	158,059
Preferred stock	2,439		1,617	914
Equities	703	2	1,001	2
Other debt obligations	2,745		839	
Derivatives	1,196	1,704	1,696	1,971
Total	\$ 1,096,181	\$ 132,730	\$ 1,554,660	\$ 184,996

Refer to Notes 1 and 8 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information regarding the Company's accounting policy over valuation of these financial instruments and classification of such financial instruments in accordance with ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820").

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity is of paramount importance to the success of our operations. The Company manages its liquidity by monitoring its funding and cash flow needs daily and measuring them against available cash levels in order to maintain available cash at its clearing agents so there is liquidity available for operations and for meeting financial obligations even under stressful market conditions. The Company also maintains conservative leverage ratios and generally holds inventory that is traded in active markets. The majority of the Company's inventory is financed by our clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, through repurchase agreements. We use these financing sources, and periodically consider others in order to reduce funding/liquidity risk.

The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$44.9 million and \$36.7 million, respectively at December 31, 2012 and 2011. In addition, the Company's securities positions in trading accounts that are readily marketable and actively traded were approximately \$960.5 million and \$1.3 billion at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These financial instruments are substantially financed by the Company's payable to its clearing broker and secured borrowings. The level of assets and liabilities will fluctuate due to changing market conditions and customer demand.

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The majority of the cash and readily marketable securities are assets of Gleacher Securities, a regulated broker-dealer, which is subject to various laws and regulations including those that authorize regulatory bodies to monitor and/or restrict the flow of funds, in certain circumstances, to the parent holding company or any other affiliates. Such regulations may prevent the Parent from withdrawing capital from Gleacher Securities when and as needed to conduct business activities or satisfy the obligations of the Parent and/or any of its subsidiaries. The most restrictive of these regulations is FINRA Rule 4110(c)(2). Under this rule, Gleacher Securities may not make an unsecured advance or loan, pay a dividend or otherwise effect a similar distribution to the Parent and/or its affiliates in any rolling 35-calendar-day period, on a net basis, in excess of 10% of Gleacher Securities' excess "net capital," as defined under Rule 15c3-1 of the Exchange Act, without prior written FINRA approval. These capital withdrawal limitations do not limit Gleacher Securities from using its cash resources to manage its own capital needs.

Recent Adverse Events

The Company does not believe that the previously discussed recent adverse events will have a significant near-term impact on its liquidity. The Company's available liquidity, which consists primarily of cash and financial instruments that are traded in active markets, net of financing from our clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, through repurchase agreements, is sufficient to meet its ongoing financial obligations for a reasonable period of time. However, our ability to operate our sales and trading businesses is critically dependent on financing made available principally by our clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, the repurchase markets. To the extent these sources of financing were to be reduced, or in a more extreme scenario, terminated, our ability to operate our sales and trading businesses would be adversely effected, which could have a material and adverse effect on the Company.

ClearPoint and Related Matters

As previously mentioned, on February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. As a result of this transaction, the Company will improve its liquidity through the expected recapture of approximately \$20 million of cash currently held in the ClearPoint business. This cash will become available to the Company as ClearPoint sells down its mortgage loan inventory as part of its general wind down. An additional \$5.0 million of cash currently held in the ClearPoint business was deposited into an escrow account for a three-year period following the closing date in order to satisfy indemnification claims of Homeward, if any. The Parent has also guaranteed ClearPoint's indemnification obligations to Homeward, up to a maximum of \$2.5 million. If during the three-year period following the closing date, the payment of sums from the escrow amount is not permitted, indemnity claims of Homeward will be paid under the guaranty, up to a maximum of \$7.5 million. Any amounts paid under the guaranty will be released to the Company from the escrow amount on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

In connection with the Homeward Transaction, the Company entered into Consent and Wind-down Agreements in favor of ClearPoint's warehouse lenders, pursuant to which any funded loan that has not been purchased by the thirty-first day following the closing date of the Homeward Transaction shall become immediately due and payable under the respective credit facilities. As of March 15, 2013, ClearPoint had no remaining exposure to these credit facilities. In addition, the separate limited guaranties entered into by the Parent on February 29, 2012 and amended as of March 15, 2012, with ClearPoint's warehouse lenders ("Curtailed Guaranties") have terminated.

In connection with the Homeward Transaction, ClearPoint has agreed to provide transition services which includes loan origination services in Massachusetts and Virginia, currently through the earlier of March 31, 2013 or such date as Homeward receives the applicable licenses required to originate loans in these states. ClearPoint has arranged for a temporary credit facility in order to finance this

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origination activity. Capacity under this credit facility is \$10 million and the facility can be terminated with five days written notice, or otherwise expires on September 30, 2013. Homeward will reimburse ClearPoint for the costs of providing the loan origination services and has provided a payment and performance guaranty of ClearPoint's obligations to the lender of this facility.

Refer to Note 29 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Share Repurchases

During the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company had repurchased 1.3 million and 5.3 million shares of its common stock, respectively, for approximately \$1.2 million and \$10.6 million, respectively, under its previously announced stock-repurchase program. In February 2013, the Board of Directors renewed this share repurchase program, authorizing up to \$10 million in additional repurchases of Company common stock through the date on which the Company publicly releases its results of operations for fiscal 2013. No additional shares have been repurchased since the renewal of this program.

In addition, on November 22, 2011, the Company closed its modified "Dutch auction" tender offer. The Company accepted for purchase 6,601,313 shares of its common stock at a purchase price of \$1.25 per share, or approximately \$8.3 million in the aggregate. Included within the shares accepted for purchase were 601,313 additional common shares that the Company elected to purchase pursuant to its option to increase the size of the offering by up to 2% of the outstanding shares of common stock. The shares repurchased represented 5.17% of the shares immediately outstanding prior to the consummation of the tender offer.

Restructuring and Strategic Plan

In August 2011, the Company announced the implementation of a new strategic plan, which included the closure of the Company's Equities business, effective on the date of announcement, and realignment of the Investment Banking division. This resulted in the termination of 62 employees of the Equities division and 32 employees of the Investment Banking division as well as certain administrative positions. In connection with these actions, during the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded (i) a restructuring charge of approximately \$7.3 million (of which approximately \$1.6 million was a non-cash charge) related to the closure of the Equities business, which was reported as a component of discontinued operations and (ii) approximately \$2.5 million of expenses in connection with the realignment of the Investment Banking division (of which approximately \$1.0 million was a non-cash charge). The Company's remaining liability resulting from the restructuring and realignment is not material as of December 31, 2012, and therefore, such actions are not expected to have a significant adverse effect on our liquidity or future sources and uses of capital.

Series B Preferred Stock Redemption

On September 28, 2010, the Company redeemed all of the issued and outstanding shares of its Series B Preferred Stock at a redemption price of approximately \$26.6 million, representing par value, plus all unpaid dividends accruing subsequent to June 30, 2010 (the last payment date), multiplied by a premium call factor of 1.035. This redemption was funded by an increase in the Company's payable to its clearing broker and will favorably impact the Company's effective income tax rate in future reporting periods as the Series B Preferred Stock dividends, which were accruing at 14% per annum, were non-deductible for tax purposes.

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Regulatory

As of December 31, 2012, each of the Company's registered broker-dealer subsidiaries, Gleacher Securities and Gleacher Partners, were in compliance with the net capital requirements of FINRA and, in the case of Gleacher Securities, the NFA. The net capital rules restrict the amount of a broker-dealer's net assets that may be distributed. Also, a significant operating loss or extraordinary charge against net capital could compel the Company to make additional contributions to one or more of these subsidiaries or adversely affect the ability of the Company's broker-dealer subsidiaries to expand or maintain their present levels of business and the ability to support the obligations or requirements of the Company. As of December 31, 2012, Gleacher Securities had net capital of \$56.2 million, which exceeded minimum net capital requirements of FINRA and the NFA by \$55.9 million, and Gleacher Partners had net capital of \$0.8 million, which exceeded net capital requirements of FINRA by \$0.5 million.

Derivatives

The Company utilizes derivatives for various economic hedging strategies to actively manage its market and liquidity exposures. In addition, ClearPoint entered into mortgage loan interest rate lock commitments ("IRLCs") in connection with its mortgage lending activities, which are being discontinued as a result of the Homeward Transaction. Refer to Note 9, within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company and its subsidiaries are involved in legal proceedings or disputes (See Part I Item 3, Legal Proceedings).

Due to the nature of the Company's business, the Company and its subsidiaries are exposed to risks associated with a variety of legal proceedings and claims. These include litigations, arbitrations and other proceedings initiated by private parties and arising from underwriting, financial advisory, securities trading or other transactional activities, client account activities, mortgage lending, employment matters and stockholder claims. Third parties who assert claims may do so for monetary damages that are substantial, particularly relative to the Company's financial position. These proceedings and claims typically involve associated legal costs incurred by the Company in connection with defending against these matters, which could be significant. The Company has been in the past, and currently is, subject to a variety of claims and litigations arising from its business, most of which it considers to be routine.

Expenses associated with investigating and defending against legal proceedings can put a strain on our cash resources. In addition, any fines, penalties, or damages assessed against us, could also impact materially our liquidity. The Company and its subsidiaries are also subject to both routine and unscheduled regulatory examinations of their respective businesses and investigations of securities industry practices by governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations. In recent years, securities and mortgage lending firms have been subject to increased scrutiny and regulatory enforcement activity. Regulatory investigations can result in substantial fines being imposed on the Company and/or its subsidiaries. In the ordinary course of business, the Company and its subsidiaries receive inquiries and subpoenas from the SEC, FINRA, state regulators and other regulatory organizations. The Company does not always know the purpose behind these communications or the status or target of any related investigation. Some of these communications have, in the past, resulted in disciplinary actions which have sometimes included monetary sanctions, and in the Company and/or its subsidiaries being cited for regulatory deficiencies. To date, none of these communications have had a material adverse effect on the Company's business nor does the Company believe that any pending communications are likely

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to have such an effect. Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that any pending or future communications will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. In addition, the Company is also subject to claims by employees alleging discrimination, harassment or wrongful discharge, among other things, and seeking recoupment of compensation claimed (whether for cash or forfeited equity awards), and other damages.

Based on currently available information, the Company does not believe that any current litigation, proceeding, claim or other matter to which it is a party or otherwise involved, including any associated defense costs, will have a material adverse effect on its financial position or cash flows, although an adverse development, or an increase in associated legal fees, could be material to the Company's results of operations in a particular period, depending in part on the Company's operating results in that period.

Deferred Tax Assets

Liquidity also arises from the Company's ability to utilize its net deferred tax assets in order to reduce current tax obligations. During the second quarter of 2012, the Company entered into a three-year cumulative loss position. This cumulative loss position, along with other evidence, merited the establishment of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets. As of December 31, 2012, the valuation allowance was \$33.3 million.

A sustained period of profitability is required before the Company would change its judgment regarding the need for a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets. The realization of the net deferred tax assets is ultimately dependent upon the Company's ability to produce sufficient future taxable income prior to their expiration and the Company's stock price.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

Certain liabilities or commitments of the Company that are not recorded on the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2012 are identified or described in the "Contractual Obligations" section which follows, and within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In addition, refer to "Risk Factors Risks Relating to Liquidity and Access to Capital" as well as Note 29 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for discussion regarding the Parent's obligations under certain guaranties issued with respect to ClearPoint.

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The following table sets forth the contractual obligations which require us to make future cash payments which are described below by year:

(In thousands)	Total	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Thereafter	All Others
Amounts related to off-balance sheet obligations								
ClearPoint loan commitments(1)	\$ 125,111	\$ 125,111	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating leases (net of sublease rental income)(2)	68,594	6,989	6,062	5,791	5,850	5,538	38,364	
Employment commitment(3)	363	363						
Amounts related to on-balance sheet obligations								
ClearPoint secured borrowings(4)	64,908	64,908						
Merger agreement commitment(5)	594		160					434
Asset Purchase RangeMark Financial Services(6)	2,500	500	1,000	1,000				
Liabilities from unrecognized tax benefits(7)	3,755	3,029	464	262				
Subordinated debt(8)	593	185	320	63	25			
Total	\$ 266,418	\$ 201,085	\$ 8,006	\$ 7,116	\$ 5,875	\$ 5,538	\$ 38,364	\$ 434

(1) Represents the amount of ClearPoint's committed loans (of which \$100.1 million are expected to fund). These commitments will be funded by ClearPoint's secured mortgage warehouse lines of credit to the extent there is available capacity and ClearPoint's lenders extend financing, as the lenders have no firm financing commitment.

(2) The Company's headquarters and sales offices, and certain office and communication equipment, are leased under non-cancelable operating leases, certain of which contain renewal options, free rent periods and escalation clauses which expire at various times through 2025. Refer to Note 19 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(3) In connection with the Company's acquisition of ClearPoint on January 3, 2011, the former stockholder of ClearPoint is entitled to receive payments consisting of no more than \$2.0 million payable in installments and reduced for certain matters for which the Company is indemnified. In connection with the closing of the Homeward Transaction, the Company settled its remaining obligation with a payment to the former stockholder of \$0.1 million on March 1, 2013 (\$0.3 million was paid in connection with the second installment in January 2013) and the indemnification arrangement from the former stockholder has been terminated.

(4) Represents the amount borrowed by ClearPoint on its secured mortgage warehouse lines of credit, which is collateralized by approximately \$77.6 million of loans.

(5) In connection with the acquisition of Gleacher Partners Inc., the Company agreed to pay \$10 million to the selling parties five years after closing the Transaction. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company paid \$4.4 million of this obligation (\$4.9 million was paid during the year ended December 31, 2010). The remaining \$0.7 million is recorded within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(6) In connection with the Company's acquisition of certain assets and the assumption of certain liabilities from RangeMark Financial Services, Inc. and certain of its affiliates and other parties ("RangeMark"), the Company agreed to pay \$2.5 million, payable in installments commencing September 20, 2013 through March 31, 2015.

- (7) At December 31, 2012, the Company had a reserve for unrecognized tax benefits including related interest of \$3.8 million. We currently anticipate that total unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by an amount between \$0.0 million and \$2.3 million in the next twelve months.
- (8) A select group of management and highly compensated employees were eligible to participate in the Key Employee Plan. The employees entered into subordinated loans with Gleacher Securities to provide for the deferral of compensation and employer allocations under the Key Employee Plan. Maturities of the subordinated debt were based on the distribution election made by each participant, which may be deferred to a later date by the participant. The Company no longer permits any new amounts to be deferred under the Key Employee Plan.

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Critical Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the Company's critical accounting policies. For a full description of these and other accounting policies, refer to Note 1 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Preparing financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Due to their nature, estimates and assumptions involve judgments, which management makes based upon available information. In making these judgments, there is often a range of reasonable estimates or assumptions that could, appropriately, be made under GAAP. The estimates and assumptions chosen by management affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results or amounts could differ from estimates and judgments, and the difference could be material. Therefore, understanding these policies, and estimates and assumptions they require, is important in understanding the reported results of operations and the financial position of the Company.

The Company believes that accounting for the topics listed below requires the greatest amount of, and therefore is most sensitive to, estimates and assumptions made by management:

valuation of securities and other assets,

goodwill and intangible assets,

contingencies,

income taxes, and

stock-based compensation.

Valuation of Securities and Other Assets

Substantially all of the financial instruments of the Company are reported on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at fair value, or at carrying amounts that approximate fair value, because of their short term nature, with the exception of the subordinated debt. Financial instruments recorded at carrying amounts approximating fair value consist largely of Receivables from and Payables to brokers, dealer and clearing organizations, related parties and others, Securities purchased under agreements to resell and Securities sold under agreements to repurchase. The fair value of the subordinated debt at December 31, 2012 and 2011 approximated fair value based on current rates available.

Securities transactions in regular-way trades and the related profit and loss arising from such transactions are recorded on their trade date as if they had settled. Unrealized gains and losses from valuing investments at fair value, as determined by management (including the Company's investment in FATV), are included as revenues from investment gains/(losses). Financial instruments owned and securities sold, but not yet purchased, are recorded at fair value, which is the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. These financial instruments are primarily comprised of holdings in fixed income securities, mortgage loans originated by ClearPoint, and the Company's investment in FATV.

Fixed income securities include securities traded in active markets, such as on-the-run treasuries, federal agency obligations, agency mortgage-backed securities, corporate debt, certain preferred stock, asset-backed and non-agency residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities and certain other debt obligations. In determining fair value for these financial instruments, management considers recent purchases or sales of the financial assets, benchmark securities and yields, discounted cash flow

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techniques, recently executed market transactions of comparable size, issuer spreads and bids/offers. These inputs relate either directly to the financial assets being evaluated or indirectly to a similar security (for example, another bond of the same issuer or a bond of a different issuer in the same industry with similar maturity, terms and conditions).

Fixed income securities also include certain securities not traded in active markets such as certain non-agency commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities positions and certain other debt obligations. In determining fair value for these financial instruments, management maximizes the use of market observable inputs when available. Management considers factors such as recent purchases or sales of the financial assets, discounted cash flow techniques, bids that were received, and various benchmarking techniques, including spread comparisons to other similar financial assets recently traded, or spreads to observable factors such as yield curves. Management considers its valuation methodologies consistent with the assumptions made by other market participants in valuing similar financial assets.

Fair value of residential mortgage loans originated by ClearPoint are determined primarily based upon the prospective investor buy price. For the Company's investment in FATV, which includes holdings in illiquid and privately held securities that do not have readily determinable fair values, the general partner applies certain valuation techniques, including consideration of comparable market transactions and the use of valuation models to determine the discounted value of estimated future cash flows, adjusted as appropriate for market and/or other risk factors.

Financial instruments owned and investments include, at December 31, 2012 and 2011, \$23.4 million and \$80.8 million, respectively, of financial instruments whose fair value is determined predominantly by unobservable inputs that reflects management's own assumptions (i.e., Level 3 classification as defined by ASC 820).

Refer to Note 8 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information regarding the Company's financial instruments and classification of such financial instruments in accordance with ASC 820.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company amortizes intangible assets over their estimated useful life, which is the period over which the assets are expected to contribute directly or indirectly to the future cash flows of the Company, and tests for impairment at the time of a triggering event, if one were to occur. Goodwill is not amortized; instead, it is reviewed on an annual basis for impairment. Goodwill may be impaired when the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the reporting unit, which is determined based upon significant unobservable inputs. A reporting unit is defined by the Company as an operating segment or a component of an operating segment provided that the component constitutes a business for which discrete financial information is available and management regularly reviews the operating results of that component. For impairment testing purposes, goodwill has been allocated to each reporting unit based upon the goodwill derived from each specific acquisition.

The Company generally uses a combination of the market and income approaches to determine the fair value of the reporting unit. Key assumptions utilized in the market approach include the use of multiples of earnings before interest and taxes and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization based upon available comparable company market data. The income approach, which is a discounted cash flow analysis, utilizes a discount rate which includes an estimated cost of debt and cost of equity and capital structure based upon observable market data. There is a degree of uncertainty associated with the key assumptions utilized within the annual goodwill impairment tests. The discounted cash flow assumptions includes an estimated growth rate which may not be indicative of actual future results. In addition, a downturn in the market may widen credit spreads resulting in a

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larger discount rate being utilized in the discounted cash flow analysis and could also have an adverse effect on the market multiples of our guideline companies.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded impairments of \$75.7 million of goodwill and \$4.6 million of intangible assets allocated to the Investment Banking reporting unit and impairments of all of the goodwill and intangible assets of the Equities reporting unit (classified as part of discontinued operations). These impairments were recognized in connection with Company's realignment of its core investment banking practice and the underperformance of the Company's equities division (the Company exited the Equities business, effective August 22, 2011). In addition, during the second quarter of 2012, the Company determined that all of its then remaining goodwill of approximately \$21.1 million had been impaired, due to the duration and severity of the decline in the Company's stock price in relation to its book value.

Goodwill of approximately \$1.2 million remaining on the Company's consolidated statements of financial condition relates to the Company's acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities from RangeMark, which closed on November 7, 2012. This goodwill has been allocated to the Company's MBS & Rates segment and the annual impairment testing date has been designated to be November 1.

Refer to Note 12 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Contingencies

The Company is subject to contingencies, including judicial, regulatory and arbitration proceedings, tax and other claims. The Company will recognize a liability in its financial statements related to legal and other claims in Accrued expenses within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K when incurrence of a loss is probable and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. The determination of these amounts requires significant judgment on the part of management. Management considers many factors including, but not limited to the amount of the claim; the amount of the loss, if any, incurred by the other party; the basis and validity of the claim; the possibility of wrongdoing on the part of the Company; likely insurance coverage (to the extent collection is probable); previous results in similar cases; and legal precedents and case law. Pending legal proceedings and potential claims are reviewed with counsel in each accounting period and the reserve, if any, is adjusted as deemed appropriate by management. Any change in the reserve amount is recorded in the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and is recognized as a charge/credit to earnings in that period. The assumptions of management in determining the estimates of reserves may prove to be incorrect, which could materially affect results in the period the claims are ultimately resolved.

Income Taxes

Significant judgment is required in determining whether a valuation allowance should be provided against the Company's deferred tax assets ("DTAs"), which is provided when it is more likely than not that such DTAs will not be realized. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company considers both the positive and negative evidence related to the likelihood of realization of the DTAs. The weight given to the positive and negative evidence is commensurate with the extent to which the evidence can be objectively verified. GAAP states that a cumulative loss in recent years is a significant piece of negative evidence that is difficult to overcome in determining that a valuation allowance is not needed against DTAs. As such, it is generally difficult for positive evidence regarding projected future taxable income exclusive of reversing taxable temporary differences to outweigh objective negative evidence of recent financial reporting losses.

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During the second quarter of 2012, the Company entered into a three-year cumulative loss position. This cumulative loss position, along with other evidence, merited the establishment of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets. As of December 31, 2012, the Company carried a valuation allowance of \$33.3 million. A sustained period of profitability is required before the Company would change its judgment regarding the need for a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets.

Stock-Based Compensation

The cost of employee services received in exchange for a stock-based compensation award is measured based upon the grant-date fair value of the award. Option grants to employees include judgments with respect to inputs utilized to calculate grant date fair value, including volatility, expected term and related discount rate assumptions. Compensation expense for awards that contain performance conditions are recognized when it becomes probable that such performance conditions will be met. Awards that do not require future service are expensed immediately. Such awards that require future service are amortized over the relevant service period on a straight-line basis. Expected forfeitures are included in determining stock-based employee compensation expense.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2013-01 "Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" ("ASU 2013-01"). The main objective of ASU 2013-01 is to address implementation issues about the scope of ASU No. 2011-11 "Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" ("ASU 2011-11"), which requires new disclosures about balance sheet offsetting and related arrangements. For derivative financial assets and liabilities, the amendments require disclosure of gross asset and liability amounts, amounts offset on the balance sheet, and amounts subject to offsetting requirements but not offset in the balance sheet. ASU 2013-01 clarifies that the scope of ASU 2011-11 applies to derivatives, including embedded bifurcated derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing and securities lending transactions that are offset in accordance with applicable accounting literature or subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 and is to be applied retrospectively. This guidance does not amend the existing guidance on when it is appropriate to offset, and since these amended principles require only additional disclosures, the adoption of ASU 2011-11 will not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, "Presentation of Comprehensive Income" ("ASU 2011-05"), in order to improve the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and to increase prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. The amendments in this ASU include the requirement that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements, and eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. ASU 2011-05 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011, except for new presentation requirements about reclassification of items out of accumulated other comprehensive income which are currently deferred indefinitely. ASU 2011-05 is not applicable to the Company as it has no items reported as other comprehensive income.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04 "Fair Value Measurements: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS" ("ASU 2011-04"), in order to develop common requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with GAAP and International Financial

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Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The amendments in this ASU include clarification of (i) the application of the highest and best use valuation premise concepts and specifies that such concepts are relevant only when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets, (ii) the requirement to measure certain instruments classified in stockholders' equity at fair value, such as equity interests issued as consideration in a business combination and (iii) disclosure requirements regarding quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in a fair value measurement that is categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. In addition, ASU 2011-04 changes particular principles or requirements for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements, including (a) measuring the fair value of financial instruments that are managed within a portfolio by permitting entities to measure such financial instruments on a net basis if such entities manage such financial instruments on the basis of their net exposure, (b) clarifying that premiums or discounts related to size as a characteristic of the reporting entity's holding (specifically, a blockage factor) rather than as a characteristic of the asset or liability (for example, a control premium) are not permitted in a fair value measurement and (c) the expansion of disclosures about fair value measurements, including the valuation processes of financial instruments categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy and sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs, if any. ASU 2011-04 is effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-04 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 8 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K which includes the disclosures as required by this ASU.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-03 "Transfers and Servicing: Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements" ("ASU 2011-03"), in order to improve the accounting for repurchase agreements and other agreements that both entitle and obligate a transferor to repurchase or redeem financial assets before their maturity. The amendments in this ASU remove from the assessment of effective control (i) the criterion requiring the transferor to have the ability to repurchase or redeem financial assets on substantially the agreed terms, even in the event of default by the transferee, and (ii) the collateral maintenance implementation guidance related to that criterion. ASU 2011-03 is effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-03 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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**GLEACHER & COMPANY, INC.
QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Given the amount of capital we deploy, the financial products we trade and the large number of counterparties we deal with in our daily transactions, management believes that comprehensive and effective risk management is a key component for our success.

Our risk management mission includes: (i) proactively avoiding/minimizing risk events that would have negative impact on the Company's earnings and value objectives and (ii) enabling more efficient allocation of capital and other resources based on performance and risk attribution quantification, which entails properly sizing our risk appetite/limits based upon Company-wide objectives.

These risks and our risk management processes and procedures are summarized below.

Risk and Risk Management

Senior management is responsible for the day-to-day management of risk, while the Company's Board, as a whole and through its committees, has responsibility for the oversight of risk management. Management directly participates in setting risk limits and allocating risk capital and intervenes if significant risk issues arise. Our risk oversight manager understands the products and markets and is independent of the business units, which promotes an unbiased analysis of our risk exposures.

Our risk management process sets risk capital and risk parameters for each business, approves new businesses and products, monitors daily business activities and inventory exposure and intervenes when risk issues arise. Daily risk reports are generated and distributed to trading management as well as senior management. Whenever risk issues arise, those responsible for risk oversight will initiate discussions with the business units, trading management and/or senior management.

Our risk management process measures, monitors and manages various types of risks we encounter in our business activities, including market, credit, liquidity, funding, operational, legal and reputational risks.

Market Risk

Market risk represents the risk of loss that may result from the potential change in the value of our trading or investment positions, or loans held for sale as a result of fluctuations in interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit spreads and equity prices, as well as changes in the implied volatility of interest rates and equity prices. The Company's exposure to market risk is primarily related to securities transactions in its MBS & Rates division, and to a lesser extent, loans related to the residential mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint.

The Company maintains inventory in agency mortgage-backed securities, debt securities issued by U.S. Government and federal agency obligations, non-agency residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, corporate debt, listed equities, preferred stock and certain other debt obligations. In addition, the Company originates residential mortgage loans for resale through ClearPoint, the activities of which are being discontinued as a result of the Homeward Transaction. In order to mitigate exposure to market risk, the Company enters into derivatives including the sale of TBAs and exchange traded treasury futures contracts, or by selling short U.S. Government securities.

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The following table categorizes the Company's market risk sensitive financial instruments.

(In thousands)	Market Value (net)	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Trading risk		
Interest rate	\$ 962,572	\$ 1,368,484
Equity		
Foreign exchange		
Commodity		
Total trading risk	\$ 962,572	\$ 1,368,484
Other than trading risk		
Equity	\$ 21,180	\$ 19,910
Interest rate	177	180
Foreign exchange		
Commodity		
Total other than trading risk	21,357	20,090
Total market value, net	\$ 983,929	\$ 1,388,574

Refer to Note 1 and Note 8 within the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information regarding the Company's accounting policy for valuation of these financial instruments and classification of such financial instruments in accordance with ASC 820.

The following is a discussion of the Company's primary market risk exposures as of December 31, 2012, including a discussion of how those exposures are currently managed.

Interest Rate Risk and Related Prepayment Risk

In connection with trading and residential mortgage lending activities, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk arising from changes in the level or volatility of interest rates or the shape and slope of the yield curve. Interest rate risk exposure is a result of maintaining inventory positions (including originated residential mortgage loans) and trading in interest-rate-sensitive financial instruments. These financial instruments include agency mortgage-backed securities, debt securities issued by U.S. Government and federal agency obligations, non-agency residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities, corporate debt, preferred stock, certain other debt obligations and residential mortgage loans.

Prepayment risk arises from the possibility that the rate of principal repayment on mortgages will fluctuate, affecting the value of mortgage-backed securities. Prepayments are the full or partial repayment of principal prior to the original term to maturity of a mortgage loan and typically occur due to refinancing of mortgage loans and turnover in housing ownership. Prepayment rates on mortgage-related securities vary from time to time and may cause changes in the amount of the Company's net interest income, the valuations of mortgage-backed securities in inventory and the effectiveness of our interest rate hedging. Prepayments of mortgage loans usually can be expected to increase when mortgage interest rates fall below the then-current interest rates on such loans and decrease when mortgage interest rates exceed the then-current interest rate on such loans, although such effects are uncertain. Prepayment experience also may be affected by the conditions in the housing and financial markets, including the Government Sponsored Entities buying back delinquent loans at par value, general economic conditions and the relative interest rates on fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgage loans underlying mortgage-backed securities. The purchase prices of mortgage-backed

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securities are generally based in part upon assumptions regarding the expected rates of prepayments. The Company's mortgage loans related to the residential mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint are subject to prepayment risk, however, these loans tend to be sold within a short period of time subsequent to origination which mitigates this risk to the Company.

The Company economically hedges its exposure to interest rate risk by shorting mortgage pass-through TBAs, government securities and exchange traded treasury futures contracts. Hedging using government securities and exchange traded treasury futures contracts protects the Company from movements in the yield curve and changes in general levels of interest rates. Hedging using TBAs reduces the basis risk between the mortgage-backed securities market and government securities market.

A large portion of the Company's inventory consists of specified mortgage-backed securities pass-through pools, whose prices are linked to TBAs, which also, however, display their own idiosyncratic pricing behavior based on their underlying mortgage loan characteristics. The Company believes that TBAs are the best hedging tool for these pools, but as with most hedges they cannot completely eliminate risk.

The fair market value of securities exposed to interest rate and related prepayment risk included in the Company's inventory at December 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$1.0 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively. Interest rate risk is measured as the potential loss in fair value resulting from a hypothetical one-half percent increase in interest rates across the yield curve, including its related effect on prepayment speeds. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the potential change in fair value under this stress scenario was a loss of \$3.3 million and \$4.1 million, respectively. Interest rates may increase more than the amount assumed above and consequently, the actual change in fair value may exceed the change computed above.

The following table shows a breakdown of our interest rate exposure on December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

Market value change per one hundredth of one percent interest rate increase

(In thousands)	2012	2011
U.S. government and federal agency obligations	\$ 22	\$ 17
Agency mortgage-backed securities	(58)	(85)
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities	(8)	(12)
Corporate debt securities	(19)	(1)
Preferred stock	(2)	(1)
 Total	 \$ (65)	 \$ (82)
 Average duration (years)	 1.16	 0.82

Credit Spread and Credit Rating Risk

The Company actively makes markets in various credit instruments, including corporate bonds (both high yield and investment grade), emerging market debt and structured securities (MBS/ABS/CMBS/CDO/CLO). As a consequence, the Company is exposed to credit spread and credit rating changes in these markets. Credit spread and credit rating risk results from changes in the level or volatility of credit spreads, either as a result of macro market conditions (e.g., risk aversion sentiment) or from idiosyncratic development of certain debt issuers or their sectors. The Company has generally not been exposed to significant credit risk related to the residential mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint as the loans are underwritten using standards prescribed by conventional mortgage lenders

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and loan buyers such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

The Company believes the optimum strategy to manage credit spread and credit rating risk is high inventory turnover, thereby minimizing the amount of time during which we hold these types of securities, in some cases by arranging the sale before committing to the purchase. Given this strategy, the Company maintains a low inventory level in these securities relative to the Company's total securities owned.

The following tables show a breakdown of our exposure in these markets on December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

Credit Sensitive Holdings Market Value as of December 31, 2012

(In thousands)	Non-agency mortgage- backed securities	Corporate debt securities, net	Preferred stock	Other debt obligations	Total
Investment grade	\$ 7,927	\$ 19,904	\$ 1,150	\$ 2,074	\$ 31,055
Non-investment grade	20,197	7,822	1,289	671	29,979
Total	\$ 28,124	\$ 27,726	\$ 2,439	\$ 2,745	\$ 61,034

Credit Sensitive Holdings Market Value as of December 31, 2011

(In thousands)	Non-agency mortgage- backed securities	Corporate debt securities, net	Preferred stock	Other debt obligations	Total
Investment grade	\$ 19,250	\$ 224	\$ 871	\$ 192	\$ 20,537
Non-investment grade	37,323	2,046	(168)	647	39,848
Total	\$ 56,573	\$ 2,270	\$ 703	\$ 839	\$ 60,385

Equity Price Risk

The Company is exposed to equity price risk to the extent it holds equity securities in inventory. Equity price risk results from changes in the level or volatility of equity prices, which affect the value of equity securities or instruments that derive their value from equity securities. The Company attempts to reduce the risk of loss inherent in its inventory of equity securities by monitoring those security positions throughout each day.

The Company had no significant net long or short positions in marketable equity securities at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. The Company's investment in FATV at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 had a fair market value of \$17.1 million and \$15.9 million, respectively. Equity price risk is estimated as the potential loss in fair value resulting from a hypothetical 10% adverse change in equity security prices or valuations of the underlying portfolio companies. This risk measure, for the Company's investment in FATV amounted to \$1.7 million at December 31, 2012 and \$1.6 million at December 31, 2011. Equity prices may increase more than the amount assumed above, and consequently, the actual change in fair value may exceed the change computed above.

Counterparty Credit Risk

Counterparty credit risk is the risk of loss due to failure of our counterparty to meet its obligations. The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities whose counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the

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credit worthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. In order to mitigate this risk, credit exposures are monitored in light of changing counterparty and market conditions.

Agency and principal securities transactions with customers of the Company's subsidiaries, other than the Rates business, are cleared through a third party clearing agreement on a fully disclosed basis. Under this agreement, transactions are deemed to be either receive versus payment, delivery versus payment or cash transactions.

In the normal course of business, Gleacher Securities guarantees certain service providers, such as clearing and custody agents, trustees, and administrators, against specified potential losses in connection with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company or its affiliates. Gleacher Securities also indemnifies some clients against potential losses incurred in the event of non-performance by specified third-party service providers, including sub-custodians. The maximum potential amount of future payments that Gleacher Securities could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, Gleacher Securities has historically made no material payments under these arrangements and believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments in the future. Therefore, the Company has not recorded any contingent liability in the consolidated financial statements contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for these indemnifications.

In the ordinary course of business, ClearPoint indemnified counterparties, including under its loan sale and warehouse line agreements, against potential losses incurred by such parties in connection with particular arrangements. Reserves for the exposure to these obligations is included within Accrued expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Amounts reserved as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 are not material. In connection with the Company's acquisition of ClearPoint in January 2011, the Company was indemnified for any such losses with respect to any loans presented to ClearPoint or originated on or prior to January 3, 2011. In connection with the closing of the Homeward Transaction, the Company settled its remaining obligation with a payment to the former stockholder of \$0.1 million on March 1, 2013 and the indemnification arrangement from the former stockholder has been terminated.

The Company is required to maintain a deposit at the FICC in connection with the self-clearing activities associated with the Rates business. The size of the deposit is subject to change from time to time and is dependent upon the volume of business transacted. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company had a deposit with the FICC of approximately \$8.8 million and \$15.2 million, respectively, which is recorded within Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Liquidity and Funding Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that it takes longer or it is more costly than anticipated to sell inventory to raise cash due to adverse market conditions. Funding risk is the risk that we are unable to meet margin calls or cash flow needs due to lack of cash or are unable to maintain leveraged positions due to margin calls.

Liquidity is of paramount importance to our success and operations. Lack of liquidity tends to be the biggest contributor to the rapid failure of financial institutions. The Company has various strategies, policies and processes in place to monitor and mitigate liquidity risk.

Our liquidity risk management consists of the following components:

maintaining excess liquidity;

maintaining conservative leverage ratios;

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diversifying our funding sources; and

managing the assets/liability terms of our trading business.

Excess Liquidity

Having ample access to cash is critical for financial firms in times of crisis and market turmoil and is critical to allow us to take advantage of market opportunities whenever they arise. We monitor our funding and cash flow needs daily and measure them against available cash levels in order to maintain available cash at our clearing agents so we have liquidity for operations and for meeting financing obligations even under stressful market conditions.

Leverage Ratios

Leverage increases the risks (and potential rewards) we take. To balance this risk/reward equation, we maintain weighted average target leverage ratios well below 10x, so that the risk from leveraging would still be manageable even in the event of market crisis. This target excludes securities purchased under agreements to resell, as they are generally self-financed through matched book repurchase transactions and are therefore considered lower risk. We view the resulting measure of adjusted leverage, also a non-GAAP financial measure, as a more relevant measure of financial risk when comparing financial services companies.

(In thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Total assets	\$ 1,229,638	\$ 3,303,556
Less: Securities purchased under agreements to resell		(1,523,227)
Adjusted assets (non-GAAP)	1,229,638	1,780,329
Stockholders' equity	\$ 180,995	\$ 259,123
Leverage ratio(1)	6.8x	12.7x
Leverage ratio adjusted (non-GAAP)(2)	6.8x	6.9x

(1) Leverage ratio equals total assets divided by total Stockholders' equity.

(2) Adjusted leverage ratio equals adjusted assets divided by total Stockholders' equity.

Diversified Funding Sources

The Company funds its trading operations through secured borrowings, mainly from our clearing firm. The Company has also diversified by accessing the repurchase market as an additional funding source.

Asset/Liability Management

The risk of being forced to sell leveraged positions in a down market as a result of a loss of short-term financing sources is limited, as the majority of our inventory is financed through our clearing broker, which provides for no defined maturity. We also periodically finance our inventory through the repurchase market on a short term basis. To the extent we no longer have access to this market, we would generally be able to obtain equivalent financing with our clearing broker.

Refer to "Liquidity and Capital Resources" in Part II, Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information about our liquidity.

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Operating Risk

Operating risk is the potential for loss arising from limitations in the Company's financial systems and controls, deficiencies in legal documentation and the execution of legal and fiduciary responsibilities, deficiencies in technology and the risk of loss attributable to operational problems. These risks are less direct than credit and market risk, but managing them is critical, particularly in a rapidly changing environment with increasing transaction volumes. In order to reduce or mitigate these risks, the Company has established and maintains an internal control environment that incorporates various control mechanisms at different levels throughout the organization and within such departments as Finance, Information Technology, Operations, Legal, Compliance and Internal Audit. These control mechanisms are designed to ensure that operational policies and procedures are being followed and that the Company's various businesses are operating within established corporate policies and limits.

Other Risks

Other risks encountered by the Company include political, regulatory and tax risks. These risks reflect the potential impact that changes in local laws, regulatory requirements or tax statutes have on the economics and viability of current or future transactions. In an effort to mitigate these risks, the Company reviews new and pending regulations and legislation and their potential impact on its business.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Gleacher & Company, Inc.:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(1) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gleacher & Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As more fully discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, a combination of events have impacted the Company's ongoing business activities.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, NY
March 18, 2013

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GLEACHER & COMPANY, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except for per share amounts)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Revenues			
Principal transactions	\$ 52,771	\$ 89,108	\$ 79,433
Commissions	71,418	71,347	76,817
Investment banking	30,553	33,069	43,400
Investment banking revenues from related party			1,947
Investment gains, net	1,233	2,996	7
Interest income	48,796	66,194	57,292
Gain from bargain purchase ClearPoint Funding, Inc. acquisition (Refer to Note 11)		2,330	
Fees and other	11,651	8,041	1,004
Total revenues	216,422	273,085	259,900
Interest expense	12,827	11,913	11,318
Net revenues	203,595	261,172	248,582
Expenses (excluding interest)			
Compensation and benefits	143,414	162,537	222,833
Clearing, settlement and brokerage	40,281	35,203	4,314
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets (Refer to Note 12)	21,096	80,244	
Professional fees	15,504	8,135	7,966
Communications and data processing	12,806	13,471	11,464
Occupancy, depreciation and amortization	8,919	8,455	11,941
Business development	3,719	4,620	4,825
Loss from extinguishment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock (Refer to Note 17)			1,608
Other	11,209	10,384	9,414
Total expenses (excluding interest)	256,948	323,049	274,365
Loss before income taxes and discontinued operations	(53,353)	(61,877)	(25,783)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	24,602	2,207	(9,778)
Loss from continuing operations	(77,955)	(64,084)	(16,005)
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes (Refer to Note 26)	265	(18,040)	(4,616)
Net loss	\$ (77,690)	\$ (82,124)	\$ (20,621)
Per share data:			
Basic loss per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.13)
Discontinued operations		(0.15)	(0.04)
Loss per share	\$ (0.65)	\$ (0.67)	\$ (0.17)
Diluted loss per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.52)	\$ (0.13)
Discontinued operations		(0.15)	(0.04)

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Loss per share	\$	(0.65)	\$	(0.67)	\$	(0.17)
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Weighted average shares of common stock:

Basic	118,977	123,439	121,301
Diluted	118,977	123,439	121,301

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

(In thousands, except for share and per share amounts)

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
<i>Assets</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,868	\$ 36,672
Cash and securities segregated for regulatory and other purposes	13,000	9,612
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		1,523,227
Receivables from:		
Brokers, dealers and clearing organizations	12,824	58,776
Related parties	1,474	1,337
Others	12,563	16,161
Financial instruments owned, at fair value (includes financial instruments pledged of \$1,095,431 and \$1,553,610 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively)	1,096,181	1,554,660
Investments	20,478	18,310
Office equipment and leasehold improvements, net	5,311	6,735
Goodwill	1,212	21,096
Intangible assets	5,303	4,311
Income taxes receivable	7,394	12,102
Deferred tax assets, net		30,766
Other assets	9,030	9,791
Total Assets	\$ 1,229,638	\$ 3,303,556
<i>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</i>		
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Payables to:		
Brokers, dealers and clearing organizations	\$ 638,009	\$ 1,108,664
Related parties	2,944	4,939
Others	2,251	3,243
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	159,386	1,478,081
Securities sold, but not yet purchased, at fair value	132,730	184,996
Secured borrowings	64,908	213,611
Accrued compensation	34,199	26,274
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,866	18,223
Income taxes payable	3,755	3,979
Deferred tax liabilities		1,622
Subordinated debt	595	801
Total Liabilities	1,048,643	3,044,433
<i>Commitments and Contingencies (Refer to Note 19)</i>		
<i>Stockholders' Equity</i>		
Common stock; \$.01 par value; authorized 200,000,000 shares, issued 133,769,219 and 133,714,786 shares; and outstanding 124,440,655 and 120,883,601 shares, at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively	1,337	1,337
Additional paid-in capital	453,938	463,497
Deferred compensation	124	161
Accumulated deficit	(263,577)	(185,887)
Treasury stock, at cost (9,328,564 shares and 12,831,185 shares, at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)	(10,827)	(19,985)

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Total Stockholders' Equity	180,995	259,123
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,229,638	\$ 3,303,556

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the Years Ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

(In thousands, except for number of shares)	Common Stock		Additional	Accumulated	Treasury Stock		Total	
	Shares	Amount	Paid-In Capital	Deficit	Shares	Amount	Compensation	Equity
Balance December 31, 2009	125,056,247	\$ 1,251	\$ 411,633	\$ (83,142)	(699,084)	\$ (1,291)	\$ 534	\$ 328,985
Issuance of common stock for stock-based compensation	5,875,577	59	(59)					
Common stock issued into treasury to satisfy share based compensation exercises and vesting	180,719	2			(180,719)	(2)		
Common stock issued for grants of restricted stock								
Amortization of stock-based compensation			41,890					41,890
Reclassification of prior year liability classified stock-based compensation upon issuance of awards			1,499					1,499
Excess net tax benefit related to stock-based compensation			308					308
Issuance of treasury stock for restricted stock grants, restricted stock unit settlements and option exercises			(5,213)		2,462,846	5,213		
Forfeitures of restricted stock			2,533		(1,210,560)	(2,533)		
Shares withheld for minimum withholding taxes for vested restricted stock, restricted stock units and options exercises			(4,699)		(670,802)	(2,035)		(6,734)
Settlement of contingent consideration related to the American Technology Holdings, Inc. acquisition (Refer to Note 28)	345,043	3	1,514					1,517
Shares reclaimed from escrow Gleacher Partners, Inc. indemnification (Refer to Note 28)					(308,701)	(685)		(685)
Shares returned as excess collateral from clearing broker			189		(105,066)	(189)		
Distributions of deferred compensation related to the employee stock trust			159		64,368	99	(258)	
Net loss				(20,621)				(20,621)
Balance December 31, 2010	131,457,586	\$ 1,315	\$ 449,754	\$ (103,763)	(647,718)	\$ (1,423)	\$ 276	\$ 346,159

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GLEACHER & COMPANY, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

For the Years Ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010

(In thousands, except for number of shares)	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Accumulated		Treasury Stock		Total Deferred Stockholders' Equity	
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Shares	Amount	Compensation	Equity
Balance December 31, 2010	131,457,586	\$ 1,315	\$ 449,754	\$ (103,763)	(647,718)	\$ (1,423)	\$ 276	\$ 346,159
Issuance of common stock for stock based compensation	2,257,200	22	(22)					
Purchases of treasury stock					(11,935,513)	(18,898)		(18,898)
Common stock issued into treasury to satisfy share based compensation exercises and vesting								
Amortization of stock-based compensation			15,074					15,074
Reclassification of prior year liability classified stock-based compensation upon issuance of awards			12,446					12,446
Net tax benefits/(shortfalls) related to stock-based compensation			(5,480)					(5,480)
Issuance of treasury stock for restricted stock grants, restricted stock unit settlements and option exercises			(4,763)		2,401,443	4,763		
Forfeitures of restricted stock			1,514		(1,055,200)	(1,514)		
Shares withheld for minimum withholding taxes for vested restricted stock, restricted stock units and options exercises			(4,907)		(1,613,139)	(2,694)		(7,601)
Payment of expenses to purchase treasury stock						(257)		(257)
Shares reclaimed from escrow Gleacher Partners, Inc. indemnification (Refer to Note 28)								
Distributions of deferred compensation related to the employee stock trust			77		18,942	38	(115)	
Other			(196)					(196)
Net loss				(82,124)				(82,124)
Balance December 31, 2011	133,714,786	\$ 1,337	\$ 463,497	\$ (185,887)	(12,831,185)	\$ (19,985)	\$ 161	\$ 259,123

(In thousands, except for number of shares)	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Accumulated		Treasury Stock		Total Deferred Stockholders' Equity	
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Shares	Amount	Compensation	Equity
Balance December 31, 2011	133,714,786	\$ 1,337	\$ 463,497	\$ (185,887)	(12,831,185)	\$ (19,985)	\$ 161	\$ 259,123
Purchases of treasury stock					(1,329,400)	(1,151)		(1,151)
Amortization of stock-based compensation			6,800					6,800
Reclassification of prior year liability classified stock-based compensation upon issuance of awards								
Net tax shortfalls related to stock-based compensation			(377)					(377)
Issuance of treasury stock for restricted stock grants and restricted stock unit settlements			(15,856)		10,481,753	15,856		
Forfeitures of restricted stock			4,199		(4,728,578)	(4,199)		
Clawback of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition provisions			(2,630)					(2,630)
Shares withheld for minimum withholding taxes for vested restricted stock, restricted stock units and options exercises			(1,695)		(925,402)	(1,310)		(3,005)
Payment of expenses to purchase treasury stock						(75)		(75)
Distributions of deferred compensation related to the employee stock trust					4,248	37	(37)	
Other	54,433							

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Net loss				(77,690)				(77,690)
Balance December 31, 2012	133,769,219	1,337	453,938	(263,577)	(9,328,564)	(10,827)	124	180,995

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands of dollars)

	For the years ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>			
Net loss	\$ (77,690)	\$ (82,124)	\$ (20,621)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</i>			
Deferred income taxes	29,144	1,394	(17,444)
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets Investment Banking	3,732	80,244	
Impairment of goodwill MBS & Rates	17,364		
Amortization of stock-based compensation	6,800	15,074	54,338
Clawback of stock-based compensation awards subject to non-competition provisions	(2,630)		
Investment gains, net	(1,233)	(2,996)	(7)
Depreciation and amortization	1,882	1,936	1,624
Amortization of intangible assets	538	2,099	3,698
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets Equities		14,311	
Gain from bargain purchase ClearPoint Funding, Inc. acquisition		(2,330)	
Loss from extinguishment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock			1,608
Loss from disposal of office equipment and leasehold improvements		316	419
Amortization of discount of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock			173
Amortization of debt issuance costs			125
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</i>			
Cash and securities segregated for regulatory purposes	(3,388)	(9,512)	
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	1,523,227	(1,436,743)	(86,484)
Net receivable/payable from/to related parties		861	(1,349)
Net receivable from others	2,712	4,019	(1,787)
Financial instruments owned, at fair value	458,479	(226,574)	(301,542)
Income taxes receivable/payable, net	4,099	(2,526)	(16,105)
Other assets	707	2,482	1,763
Net payable to brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	(424,703)	(25,831)	404,021
Securities sold, but not yet purchased, at fair value	(52,266)	72,348	39,287
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(1,318,695)	1,478,081	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(8,893)	5,868	1,411
Accrued compensation	7,925	(35,853)	(7,477)
Drafts payable	(2)	(847)	388
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	167,109	(146,303)	56,039
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>			
Purchases of office equipment and leasehold improvements	(458)	(2,230)	(5,627)
Payment to former stockholders of Gleacher Partners, Inc. (Refer to Note 28)	(4,373)		(4,920)
Purchase of investments	(950)	(1,462)	(691)
ClearPoint acquisition net cash acquired (Refer to Note 11)		626	
Return of capital investments		3,385	1,819
Payment to sellers of American Technology Holdings, Inc.			(1,382)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(5,781)	319	(10,801)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities:</i>			
Proceeds from secured borrowings	1,492,063	1,645,217	
Repayments of secured borrowings	(1,640,766)	(1,475,945)	
Purchases of treasury stock	(1,151)	(18,898)	
Extinguishment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock			(25,905)
Payments for employee tax withholding on stock-based compensation	(3,005)	(7,601)	(6,735)
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	8	239	2,702
Payment of expenses to purchase treasury stock	(75)	(257)	
Repayment of subordinated debt	(206)	(108)	(288)

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Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	\$ (153,132)	\$ 142,647	\$ (30,226)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,196	\$ (3,337)	\$ 15,012
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	36,672	40,009	24,997
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	\$ 44,868	\$ 36,672	\$ 40,009

SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES

Cash paid during the year for:

Income taxes	\$ 382	\$ 735	\$ 17,016
Interest	\$ 12,827	\$ 11,174	\$ 11,256

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

(In thousands of dollars)

NON CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company issued approximately 5.8 million, 1.3 million and 1.2 million shares of treasury stock, net of forfeitures, respectively, for stock-based compensation exercises and vesting and distributions of deferred compensation related to the employee stock trust.

During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company issued approximately 0.0 million, 2.3 million and 5.9 million shares of common stock for settlement of stock-based compensation awards.

The fair value of non-cash assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the ClearPoint Funding, Inc. acquisition on January 3, 2011 were \$51.6 million and \$49.9 million, respectively (Refer to Note 11).

The fair value of non-cash assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities from RangeMark Financial Services, Inc. and certain affiliates and other parties ("RangeMark") on November 8, 2012 were \$2.9 million and \$2.9 million, respectively (Refer to Note 11).

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company reclaimed approximately 0.3 million shares of common stock from escrow, related to the indemnification from Gleacher Partners, Inc. in connection with certain pre-acquisition tax liabilities.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, approximately 0.1 million shares of common stock were returned from a clearing broker as excess collateral.

During the year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Company issued approximately 15,000 and 345,000 shares of common stock, respectively to the former stockholders of American Technology Holdings, Inc. ("AmTech") in connection with a contingent consideration arrangement (Refer to Note 28).

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NOTE 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Nature of Business

Gleacher & Company, Inc. (the "Parent" and together with its subsidiaries, the "Company") is an independent investment bank that provides corporate and institutional clients with strategic and financial advisory services. The Company also provides capital raising, research-based investment analysis, and securities brokerage services. The Company offers a range of products through its Investment Banking, Mortgage Backed Securities & Rates ("MBS & Rates"), Credit Products and ClearPoint divisions. The Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Company's common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Market ("NASDAQ") under the symbol "GLCH."

The Company also provided residential mortgage lending services through its subsidiary ClearPoint Funding Inc. ("ClearPoint"). On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward Residential, Inc. ("Homeward Transaction"). This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down. ClearPoint's results will be reclassified as discontinued operations in the first quarter of 2013. Refer to Note 29 herein for additional information.

Recent Developments

In recent years, we have incurred losses and experienced significant turnover, including among our senior management and business leaders of our operating segments, as well as a number of departures, generally, throughout the ranks of our organization. Recently we have experienced several events that have adversely affected our business operations and resulted in a further deterioration in our financial results. In August 2012 we announced that we were engaged in exploring and evaluating strategic alternatives for the Company, including partnering with one or more equity investors, strategic acquisitions and divestitures or a business combination involving the Company. In this process we explored a wide variety of potential strategic transactions. By February 2013, we had not yet been presented with a suitable strategic alternative. We intended, however, to continue to examine strategic alternatives should appropriate opportunities arise. We announced this update on February 15, 2013. As would be expected, our strategic review introduced uncertainty with our trading partners and employees and consumed significant amounts of our senior management's time and attention. This uncertainty increased after our February 15 update.

In January 2013, Eric J. Gleacher, our then-chairman and a significant stockholder, resigned as a director and executive officer of the Company.

In mid-February, 20 sales and trading professionals from our Credit Products group left together to join another securities firm, reducing the headcount of this group to approximately 70. As a result, revenues from this group have declined significantly.

In a letter dated February 23, 2013, four current directors of the Company, Henry S. Bienen, Robert A. Gerard, Bruce Rohde and Robert S. Yingling, informed the Company that they do not intend to stand for re-election at the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 23, 2013 (the "Annual Meeting"). These directors stated that their decision was based on communications from MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC, a significant holder of the Company's common stock, indicating that MatlinPatterson would oppose their re-election. These directors further stated that they had reason to believe that Mr. Gleacher would also vote his shares against them were they to run and that, as a result, it is a virtual certainty that if they were to stand for re-election, they

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NOTE 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

would not be re-elected. The letter also stated that, should the situation change in the interim, they may be willing to reconsider their decision not to stand. The directors' decision not to stand for re-election was not the result of any disagreement with the Company relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Also on February 23, 2013, the Company received a submission by MatlinPatterson of a slate of eight nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. In their proposal, MatlinPatterson nominated current directors Marshall Cohen, Mark R. Patterson and Christopher Pechock, as well as nominees Carl McKinzie, Jaime Lifton, Edwin Banks, Keith B. Hall and Nasir A. Hasan.

Uncertainties regarding the implications of our net losses and management and employee turnover have been aggravated by these more recent events, resulting in further questions regarding the stability and strategic direction of the Company and adversely affecting relations with both the Company's clients and its employees. A number of the Company's trading customers have reduced or suspended trading activities with us. Moreover, at least in part because of the perceived instability of our business, new investment banking mandates have dwindled. These events have weakened employee morale, which may lead to additional resignations. As a result, the Company has experienced a significant decline in revenue, and it cannot predict when, or if, it will be able to reduce or reverse this decline and associated losses.

In order to address these issues and preserve value for our stockholders, the Company is seeking, and may continue to seek, a strategic transaction with a third party that could result, for example, in an acquisition of the Company or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets. Subsequent to our February 15 update on our review of strategic alternatives, we have been approached by third parties regarding potential strategic alternatives. If we are unable to conclude a strategic transaction, the Company will consider such alternatives, if any, as may be available to it at such time. In doing so, the Company will consider all relevant factors, including its financial condition and operating results, its access to financial resources, the market environment and our financial and operational prospects. Depending on the circumstances, courses of action could consist of expeditious reduction of operating and overhead expenses and/or monetization of assets, among other steps.

The Company does not believe that these recent adverse events will have a significant near-term impact on its liquidity. The Company's available liquidity, which consists primarily of cash and financial instruments that are traded in active markets, net of financing from our clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, through repurchase agreements, is sufficient to meet its ongoing financial obligations for a reasonable period of time. However, our ability to operate our sales and trading businesses is critically dependent on financing made available principally by our clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, the repurchase markets. To the extent these sources of financing were to be reduced, or in a more extreme scenario, terminated, our ability to operate our sales and trading businesses would be adversely affected, which could have a material and adverse effect on the Company.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Gleacher & Company, Inc. and all other entities in which it has a controlling financial interest. This includes Gleacher & Company Securities, Inc. ("Gleacher Securities"), Gleacher Partners, LLC ("Gleacher Partners") and ClearPoint, which are regulated, wholly owned subsidiaries. Gleacher Securities is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

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NOTE 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

("FINRA"), the National Futures Association ("NFA") and various exchanges. Gleacher Partners, which was acquired by the Company in 2009, is a broker-dealer registered with the SEC and is a member of FINRA. ClearPoint is under the regulatory oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), as well as various regulatory bodies in the states in which it conducts business. The Company also consolidates any variable interest entities ("VIEs"), if it is ultimately determined to be the primary beneficiary based upon applicable authoritative guidance. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company has defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments, with original maturities of less than 90 days that are not segregated for regulatory purposes or held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

Financial Instruments & Investments

Securities transactions in regular-way trades and the related profit and loss arising from such transactions are recorded on their trade date as if they had settled.

Securities owned and securities sold, but not yet purchased, are recorded at fair value, which is the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. These financial instruments are primarily comprised of holdings in fixed income securities, mortgage loans originated by ClearPoint, and the Company's investment in FA Technology Ventures, L.P. ("FATV" or the "Partnership").

Resale and Repurchase Agreements

Transactions involving sales of securities under agreements to repurchase ("repurchase agreements") or purchases of securities under agreements to resell ("resale agreements") are presented on a net-by-counterparty basis when a legal right of offset exists and are accounted for as collateralized financing transactions and recorded at their contracted amounts plus accrued interest. The Company is required to provide securities to counterparties in order to collateralize repurchase agreements and receives securities from counterparties as collateral under resale agreements. The Company's agreements with counterparties generally contain contractual provisions allowing for additional collateral to be provided, or excess collateral returned, when necessary. The Company values the collateral daily and retrieves or returns excess collateral from/to counterparties, when appropriate.

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Loans

The Company accounts for all of ClearPoint's originated residential mortgage loans under the fair value option ("FVO") as prescribed by Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820"). Upfront costs and fees related to the loans are immediately recognized. Fees earned are recorded within Fees and other within the Consolidated Statements of Operations. All mortgage loans are sold on a servicing-released basis pursuant to various sale contracts. These contracts include recourse provisions related to loan repurchases if certain events occur.

Mortgage loans and any related hedging instruments are recorded within Financial instruments owned and Securities sold, but not yet purchased within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Conditions. Changes in the fair value of these items are recorded within Principal transactions within the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company amortizes intangible assets over their estimated useful life, which is the period over which the assets are expected to contribute directly or indirectly to the future cash flows of the Company, and tests for impairment at the time of a triggering event, if one were to occur. Goodwill is not amortized; instead, it is reviewed on an annual basis for impairment. Goodwill may be impaired when the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the implied fair value of the reporting unit. A reporting unit is defined by the Company as an operating segment or a component of an operating segment provided that the component constitutes a business for which discrete financial information is available and management regularly reviews the operating results of that component. For impairment testing purposes, goodwill has been allocated to each reporting unit based upon the goodwill derived from each specific acquisition. The Company has designated November 1st as its annual impairment testing date for the goodwill related to the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of RangeMark.

The Company uses a combination of the market and income approaches to determine the fair value of the reporting unit. The income approach utilizes a discounted cash flow analysis based on management's projections, while the market approach derives the fair value of the reporting unit by applying market multiples of a group of selected publicly traded companies that can be used for comparison to the operating performance of the reporting unit. Goodwill and intangible assets are also tested for impairment at the time of a triggering event requiring a re-evaluation, if one were to occur.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition and are included within Financial instruments owned and Securities sold, but not yet purchased. Derivatives entered into by the Company include purchase and sale agreements of to-be-announced securities ("TBAs"), which are forward mortgage-backed securities whose collateral remain "to be announced" until just prior to the trade settlement. The settlement of these transactions is not expected to have a material effect upon the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company also enters into interest rate lock commitments ("IRLCs") in connection with the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint (which are being discontinued in the year 2013 as a result of the Homeward Transaction). To a lesser extent, the Company enters into exchange traded futures and options contracts. Derivatives are primarily utilized for economic hedging and trading related purposes.

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Derivatives involve varying degrees of off-balance sheet risk, whereby changes in the level or volatility of interest rates, or market values of the underlying financial instruments may result in changes in the value of a particular financial instrument in excess of its carrying amount. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recorded in Principal transactions in the Consolidated Statements of Operations on a trade date basis.

Office Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Office equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset (generally 2 to 5 years). Leasehold improvements are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized on a straight-line basis over the initial term of the lease.

Principal Transactions

Principal transaction revenues are recorded on a trade date basis and primarily relate to trading activities in financial instruments owned, securities sold, but not yet purchased, derivative transactions and mortgage loans originated by ClearPoint, all of which are accounted for at fair value.

Commission Income

Commission income is recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur. This income is primarily comprised of commission equivalents earned on riskless principal transactions.

Investment Banking

Investment banking revenues are derived from debt, equity and convertible securities offerings in which the Company acts as an underwriter or placement agent and from financial advisory services rendered in connection with client mergers, acquisitions, restructurings, recapitalizations and other strategic transactions. Investment banking revenues are recorded net of transaction-related expenses. Fees from underwriting activities are recognized in earnings when the services related to the underwriting transaction are completed under the terms of the assignment and when the income has been determined and is not subject to any other contingencies. Financial advisory fees are recognized when earned.

Interest Income and Expense

Interest income and expense is recorded on an accrual basis which is calculated based on contractual interest rates.

Fees and Other Revenues

Other revenues are recognized when the services have been performed and collection is reasonably assured. Other revenues also include revenues related to the clawback of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition provisions.

Stock-Based Compensation

The cost of employee services received in exchange for a stock-based compensation award is measured based upon the grant-date fair value of the award. Compensation expense for awards that contain performance conditions are recognized when it becomes probable that such performance

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conditions will be met. Awards that do not require future service are expensed immediately. Awards that require future service are amortized over the relevant service period on a straight-line basis. Expected forfeitures are included in determining stock-based employee compensation expense.

Contingencies

The Company is subject to contingencies, including judicial, regulatory and arbitration proceedings, tax, stockholder claims and other claims. The Company will recognize a liability related to legal and other claims in Accrued expenses within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition when incurrence of a loss is probable and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. The determination of these amounts requires significant judgment on the part of management. Management considers many factors including, but not limited to the amount of the claim; the amount of the loss, if any, incurred by the other party; the basis and validity of the claim; the possibility of wrongdoing on the part of the Company; likely insurance coverage (to the extent collection is probable); previous results in similar cases; and legal precedents and case law. Pending legal proceedings and potential claims are reviewed with counsel in each accounting period and the reserve, if any, is adjusted as deemed appropriate by management. Any change in the reserve amount is recorded in the consolidated financial statements and is recognized as a charge/credit to earnings in that period.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are determined under the asset and liability method and are recognized for the tax consequences of "temporary differences" by applying enacted statutory tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the periods in which the deferred tax liability or asset is expected to be settled or realized. The effect of tax rate changes on deferred taxes is recognized in the income tax provision in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company provides a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that such deferred tax assets ("DTAs") will not be realized.

The Company recognizes tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only when tax positions meet the minimum probability threshold, as defined by ASC 740, "Income Taxes," which is a tax position that is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority. The Company's continuing practice is to recognize interest and penalties related to income tax matters as a component of income tax.

Comprehensive Income

The Company has no components of other comprehensive income, and therefore, comprehensive income equals net income.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2013-01 "Clarifying the Scope of Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" ("ASU 2013-01"). The main objective of ASU 2013-01 is to address implementation issues about the scope of ASU No. 2011-11 "Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" ("ASU 2011-11"), which requires new disclosures about balance sheet offsetting and related arrangements. For derivative financial assets and liabilities, the amendments require disclosure of gross asset and liability amounts, amounts offset on the balance sheet, and amounts subject to offsetting requirements but not

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NOTE 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

offset in the balance sheet. ASU 2013-01 clarifies that the scope of ASU 2011-11 applies to derivatives, including embedded bifurcated derivatives, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, and securities borrowing and securities lending transactions that are offset in accordance with applicable accounting literature or subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013 and is to be applied retrospectively. This guidance does not amend the existing guidance on when it is appropriate to offset, and since these amended principles require only additional disclosures, the adoption of ASU 2011-11 will not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, "Presentation of Comprehensive Income" ("ASU 2011-05"), in order to improve the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and to increase prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. The amendments in this ASU include the requirement that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements, and eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. ASU 2011-05 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011, except for new presentation requirements about reclassification of items out of accumulated other comprehensive income which are currently deferred indefinitely. ASU 2011-05 is not applicable to the Company as it has no items reported as other comprehensive income.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04 "Fair Value Measurements: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS" ("ASU 2011-04"), in order to develop common requirements for measuring fair value and for disclosing information about fair value measurements in accordance with GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The amendments in this ASU include clarification of (i) the application of the highest and best use valuation premise concepts and specifies that such concepts are relevant only when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets, (ii) the requirement to measure certain instruments classified in stockholders' equity at fair value, such as equity interests issued as consideration in a business combination and (iii) disclosure requirements regarding quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in a fair value measurement that is categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. In addition, ASU 2011-04 changes particular principles or requirements for measuring fair value or for disclosing information about fair value measurements, including (a) measuring the fair value of financial instruments that are managed within a portfolio by permitting entities to measure such financial instruments on a net basis if such entities manage such financial instruments on the basis of their net exposure, (b) clarifying that premiums or discounts related to size as a characteristic of the reporting entity's holding (specifically, a blockage factor) rather than as a characteristic of the asset or liability (for example, a control premium) are not permitted in a fair value measurement and (c) the expansion of disclosures about fair value measurements, including the valuation processes of financial instruments categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy and sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs, if any. ASU 2011-04 is effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-04 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 8 herein which includes the disclosures as required by this ASU.

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In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-03 "Transfers and Servicing: Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements" ("ASU 2011-03"), in order to improve the accounting for repurchase agreements and other agreements that both entitle and obligate a transferor to repurchase or redeem financial assets before their maturity. The amendments in this ASU remove from the assessment of effective control (i) the criterion requiring the transferor to have the ability to repurchase or redeem financial assets on substantially the agreed terms, even in the event of default by the transferee, and (ii) the collateral maintenance implementation guidance related to that criterion. ASU 2011-03 is effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after December 15, 2011. The adoption of ASU 2011-03 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Reclassification

Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation with no impact to previously reported net loss or stockholders' equity. This includes professional fees, which have previously been reported within Other expenses, now reported as its own line item with the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

NOTE 2. (Loss)/Earnings Per Common Share

The Company calculates its basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share in accordance with ASC 260, "Earnings Per Share." Basic (loss)/earnings per share is computed based upon weighted-average shares outstanding during the period. Dilutive (loss)/earnings per share is computed consistently with the basic computation while giving effect to all dilutive potential common shares and common share equivalents that were outstanding during the period. The Company uses the treasury stock method to reflect the potential dilutive effect of unvested stock awards, warrants, and unexercised options. The weighted-average shares outstanding were calculated as follows at December 31:

(In thousands of shares)	2012	2011	2010
Weighted average shares for basic (loss)/earnings per share	118,977	123,439	121,301
Effect of dilutive common share equivalents			
Weighted average shares and dilutive common share equivalents for dilutive (loss)/earnings per share	118,977	123,439	121,301

The Company was in a net loss position for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and therefore excluded approximately 9.1 million, 10.1 million and 8.3 million, respectively, of shares underlying stock options and warrants, 6.8 million, 6.1 million and 11.4 million, respectively, shares of restricted stock, and 3.3 million, 6.1 million and 6.2 million, respectively, shares underlying restricted stock units ("RSUs") from its computation of dilutive loss per share because they were anti-dilutive.

NOTE 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, cash equivalents were approximately \$3.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively. Cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$21.8 million and \$18.4 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, were held at one financial institution.

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The Company self-clears its trading activities in U.S. government securities (the "Rates business") and is therefore subject to the Customer Protection rules under Rule 15c3-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company segregated cash of \$1.0 million and \$4.0 million respectively, in a special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of customers pertaining to the results of the activities of the Company's Rates business and outstanding checks issued to customers and vendors when the Company was previously conducting self-clearing in prior years.

Cash segregated also includes \$12.0 million and \$1.0 million of cash on deposit in connection with ClearPoint's secured borrowings at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

Cash segregated as of December 31, 2011 also includes approximately \$4.6 million of cash received in connection with a working capital loan agreement between an unaffiliated borrower and certain lenders. In connection with this agreement, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, acting as agent, has a commitment to pay funding advances on behalf of the lenders with respect to any unfunded commitments drawn upon by the borrower under the working capital loan agreement. An equal and offsetting liability is recorded within Accounts payable and accrued expenses within the Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition.

NOTE 5. Resale and Repurchase Agreements

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the fair value of financial instruments held as collateral by the Company that it was permitted to deliver or repledge in connection with resale agreements was approximately \$137.9 million and \$1.5 billion, respectively, of which \$137.9 million and \$1.5 billion, respectively was repledged at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

The following tables provide detail on the composition of the outstanding repurchase agreements at December 31, 2012 and 2011:

(In thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2012				On Demand	Total
	Overnight	< 30 days	30-90 days	> 90 days		
Collateral Type						
U.S. Government and federal agency obligations	\$ 106,991	\$ 50,052	\$	\$	\$ 2,343	\$ 159,386

(In thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2011				On Demand	Total
	Overnight	< 30 days	30-90 days	> 90 days		
Collateral Type						
U.S. Government and federal agency obligations	\$ 1,204,641	\$	\$	\$	\$ 273,440	\$ 1,478,081

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Amounts Receivable from and Payable to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations consists of the following at December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Deposits with clearing organizations	\$ 9,566	\$ 16,467
Receivable from clearing organizations	2,001	2,950
Underwriting and syndicate fees receivable	1,020	
Receivable for unsettled trading activities	237	14,705
Fails to deliver		24,654
Total receivables	\$ 12,824	\$ 58,776
Payable to clearing organizations	\$ 638,009	\$ 1,093,518
Fails to receive		15,146
Total payables	\$ 638,009	\$ 1,108,664

Included within deposits with clearing organizations at December 31, 2012 and 2011 is a deposit with the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") of approximately \$8.8 million and \$15.2 million, respectively, related to the Company's self-clearing activities associated with the Rates business.

Securities transactions are recorded on their trade date as if they had settled. The related amounts receivable and payable for unsettled securities transactions are recorded net, by clearing organization, in Receivables from or Payables to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

The clearing organization may re-hypothecate all securities held on behalf of the Company.

NOTE 7. Receivables from and Payables to Others

Amounts Receivable from or Payable to others consists of the following at December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Principal paydown Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$ 5,744	\$ 4,468
Interest receivable	4,370	7,250
Loans and advances	234	280
Management fees receivable	189	140
Investment banking and advisory fees receivable	144	1,713
Others	1,882	2,310
Total receivables from others	\$ 12,563	\$ 16,161
Payable to employees for the Employee Investment Funds (Refer to Note 10)	\$ 941	\$ 972
Customer deposits held in escrow ClearPoint	360	849
Draft payables	133	135
Others	817	1,287
Total payables to others	\$ 2,251	\$ 3,243

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NOTE 7. Receivables from and Payables to Others (Continued)

The Company maintains a group of "zero balance" bank accounts which are included in Payables to others on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. Drafts payable represent the balance in these accounts related to outstanding checks that have not yet been presented for payment at the bank. The Company has sufficient funds on deposit to clear these checks, and these funds will be transferred to the "zero-balance" accounts upon presentation of these checks.

NOTE 8. Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments are recorded within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at fair value. ASC 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" defines fair value as the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid upon the transfer of a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the reliability of inputs as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets that the Company has the ability to access at the reporting date, for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Directly or indirectly observable prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices for identical or similar items in markets that are not active; inputs other than quoted prices (e.g., interest rates, yield curves, credit risks, volatilities); or "market corroborated inputs."

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would make.

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Prices are not adjusted for the effects, if any, of the Company holding a large block relative to the overall trading volume (referred to as a "blockage factor").

The availability of observable inputs can vary from product to product and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of product, whether the product is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by management in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

ASC 820 also provides (i) general guidance on determining fair value when markets are inactive including the use of judgment in determining whether a transaction in a dislocated market represents fair value, the inclusion of market participant risk adjustments when an entity significantly adjusts observable market data based on unobservable inputs, and the degree of reliance to be placed on

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broker quotes or pricing services as well as (ii) additional guidance for estimating fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly declined and guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly.

Fair Valuation Methodology

Cash Equivalents These financial assets represent cash in banks or cash invested in highly liquid investments with original maturities less than 90 days that are not segregated for regulatory purposes or held for sale in the ordinary course of business. These investments are valued at par, which represent fair value, and are considered Level 1. Refer to Note 3 herein for additional information.

Financial Instruments Owned/Securities Sold But Not Yet Purchased These financial instruments primarily consist of investments in fixed income securities, as well as holdings in equity securities. The Company has no direct exposure to European sovereign debt.

Level 1 Cash Instruments

Level 1 cash instruments generally include U.S. government obligations and actively traded listed preferred stock and equity securities (if not subject to legal restriction on transfer). These instruments are generally traded in active, quoted and highly liquid markets.

Level 2 Cash Instruments

Level 2 cash instruments generally include agency mortgage-backed securities, federal agency obligations, corporate debt, mortgage loans originated by ClearPoint for which the fair value option ("FVO") has been elected and certain preferred stock, asset-backed and non-agency residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities and certain other debt obligations.

In determining fair value for Level 2 financial instruments, management considers recent purchases or sales of the financial assets, benchmark securities and yields, discounted cash flow techniques, recently executed market transactions of comparable size, issuer spreads and bids/offers. Fair value for ClearPoint's loans is determined primarily based upon the prospective investor buy price.

Level 3 Cash Instruments

Level 3 cash instruments generally include non-agency commercial and residential mortgage backed securities positions, collateralized debt obligations, certain agency mortgage-backed securities and certain other debt obligations. In determining fair value for Level 3 financial instruments, management maximizes the use of market observable information when available. Management considers factors such as recent purchases of the financial assets, discounted cash flow techniques, bids that were received, and various benchmarking techniques, including spread comparisons to other similar financial assets recently traded, or spreads to observable factors such as yield curves. Management considers its valuation methodologies consistent with how other market participants value similar financial assets.

Level 3 cash instruments also includes the Company's investment in FATV, further described below.

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Derivatives These financial instruments primarily consist of TBAs, forward sales, exchange traded futures and options contracts and interest rate lock commitments ("IRLCs").

TBAs and forward sales: The Company utilizes derivatives for trading strategies and economic hedging strategies. The Company economically hedges certain of its mortgage-backed and U.S. government securities trading. The Company also economically hedges the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint (the activities of which are being discontinued in the year 2013 in connection with the Homeward Transaction), through the use of TBAs and forward sale agreements. A TBA is a forward mortgage-backed security whose collateral remains "to-be-announced" until just prior to the trade settlement. Forward sale agreements are entered into by ClearPoint and are valued based upon the TBA. TBAs are traded in an active quoted market and therefore generally classified as Level 1.

Exchange traded futures and options contracts: The Company also uses these financial instruments primarily for hedging strategies. These contracts are traded in active quoted markets and therefore are also generally classified as Level 1.

IRLCs: ClearPoint entered into mortgage loan IRLCs in connection with its mortgage lending activities. The activities are being discontinued in 2013 as a result of the Homeward Transaction. The fair value of the IRLCs were determined on an individual loan basis and are based on investor pricing tables stratified by product, note rate and term and considers the servicing release premium, expected loan origination fees and costs and loan pricing adjustments specific to each loan. The Company also applied an estimated rate of closure based on historical experience in determining the notional amount of the loans expected to be funded. All of these factors combined results in the classification of the IRLCs as Level 3.

Investments These financial assets primarily represent the Company's investment in FATV, a venture capital limited partnership which provides early stage growth capital to companies in the information and new energy technology sectors. Valuation techniques applied by FATV GP LLC (the "General Partner") to the underlying portfolio companies predominantly include consideration of comparable market transactions and the use of valuation models to determine the discounted value of estimated future cash flows, adjusted as appropriate for market and/or other risk factors. Historically, FATV held equity securities in public companies which were valued based upon quoted market prices. This investment is classified as Level 3 as the majority of the valuation techniques involve some level of management estimation and judgment, the degree of which is dependent on the price transparency for the instruments or market and the instruments' complexity.

Valuation Processes and Controls

Our sales and trading professionals in our revenue producing units are responsible for pricing our financial instruments. The Company employs an independent control process in order to validate these prices. This control process, which involves both the Company's risk management and finance personnel, is designed to ensure that the values used for financial reporting are based on observable inputs wherever possible. In the event that observable inputs are not available, the control processes are designed to assure that the valuation approach utilized is appropriate and consistently applied and that the assumptions are reasonable.

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Fair value is generally determined through a variety of factors, such as recent purchases or sales of the financial assets, bids that were received, and various benchmarking techniques, including spread comparisons to other similar assets recently traded or spreads to other observable factors such as yield curves. The Company's independent control process includes leveraging pricing information obtained from external data providers to assess the reasonableness of its marks, generally for the Company's most highly liquid financial instruments, as this data tends to be generally reliable for positions that are actively traded. For the Company's less liquid financial instruments, the Company's independent control process includes comparing month-end marks to recent trading activity, benchmarking price changes to observable market indices, reviewing benchmarking techniques and analyzing external pricing data for trends. These independent procedures are critical to ensuring our financial instruments are properly valued.

The following table summarizes the categorization of the financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy including those for which the Company accounts for under the FVO at December 31, 2012:

(In thousands)	Assets at Fair Value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial instruments owned				
Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$	\$ 903,928	\$ 1,110	\$ 905,038
Loans		77,573		77,573
Federal agency obligations		46,021		46,021
Corporate debt securities		30,246		30,246
Residential mortgage-backed securities		23,077	149	23,226
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		4,880	18	4,898
Preferred stock	2,439			2,439
U.S. Government obligations	1,996	100		2,096
Other debt obligations		2,074		2,074
Equity securities	675		28	703
Collateralized debt obligations			671	671
Derivatives	232		964	1,196
Investments			20,478	20,478
Total financial assets at fair value	\$ 5,342	\$ 1,087,899	\$ 23,418	\$ 1,116,659

(In thousands)	Liabilities at Fair Value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Securities sold but not yet purchased				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 128,504	\$	\$	\$ 128,504
Corporate debt securities		2,520		2,520
Equity securities	2			2
Derivatives	1,704			1,704
Total financial liabilities at fair value	\$ 130,210	\$ 2,520	\$	\$ 132,730

Included below is a discussion of the characteristics of certain of the Company's Level 2 and Level 3 holdings at December 31, 2012. Unless otherwise stated, fair value of Level 2 assets are

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determined based upon observable third party information including recent trading activity, broker quotes and other relevant market data as noted above. Fair values for Level 3 assets are based predominantly on management's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would make.

Financial Instruments Classified as Level 2

The Company's agency mortgage-backed securities positions classified as Level 2, of approximately \$903.9 million, have a weighted average loan size of approximately \$0.2 million paying interest of 4.9%, with a weighted average FICO score of 728. This portfolio has a weighted average coupon remitting payment of 4.3% and has a weighted average annualized constant prepayment rate of approximately 17.4%. Fair value is determined through a combination of matrix pricing as well as the information noted in the preceding paragraph.

The Company's Level 2 federal agency obligations of approximately \$46.0 million have a weighted average coupon of 3.5% and a weighted average maturity of 2019.

The Company's Level 2 loans of approximately \$77.6 million (unpaid principal of approximately \$75.2 million), which are related to the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint and for which the FVO has been elected, have a weighted average loan size of approximately \$0.2 million and have a weighted average coupon remitting payment of 3.6%. Unrealized losses arising from fair value changes were approximately \$0.3 million as of December 31, 2012 and have been recorded within Principal transactions within the Consolidated Statements of Operations. There are no loans 90 days or more past due and no loans are in non-accrual status. The loans are underwritten using standards prescribed by conventional mortgage lenders and loan buyers such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

The Company's net holdings of corporate debt securities classified as Level 2 of approximately \$27.7 million have a weighted average credit rating of BBB, have a weighted average issuance year of 2009 and a weighted average maturity of 2024.

The Company's Level 2 non-agency residential mortgage backed securities of approximately \$23.1 million have a weighted average credit rating of CCC- and a weighted average issuance year of 2005.

The Company's Level 2 commercial mortgage-backed securities of approximately \$4.9 million have a weighted average credit rating of AA+ and a weighted average vintage of 2007.

The Company's other debt obligations of approximately \$2.1 million have a weighted average credit rating of AAA and a weighted average vintage of 2012.

Financial Instruments Classified as Level 3

Interest Rate Lock Commitments Disclosure About Significant Unobservable Inputs

IRLCs are reported as derivatives and are classified Level 3. The significant unobservable input is ClearPoint's estimated rate of closure of 80.0%, representing the percentage of ClearPoint's loan commitments expected to fund, which is based on historical experience. A reduction in this unobservable input would result in a lower fair value for these financial instruments. Refer to Note 9 for additional information.

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Investments Quantitative Disclosure About Significant Unobservable Inputs

The Company's investments of approximately \$20.5 million classified as Level 3, includes the Company's investment in FATV of approximately \$17.1 million, which is comprised of 19 holdings primarily in 7 privately held companies. Refer to Note 10 for additional information.

Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
Market comparable companies	Enterprise value/Revenue multiple	4.3x 6.7x (5.7x)
	Discount applied to multiples	25% 40.0% (22.0%)

An increase in the enterprise value/revenue multiple would result in a higher fair value for these investments, whereas, an increase in the discounts applied to these multiples would reduce fair value.

Nonrecurring Fair Value Measurements Quantitative Disclosure About Significant Unobservable Inputs

The Company's assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis solely relate to Goodwill arising from various business combinations which would be classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 12 for additional information.

The following table summarizes the categorization of the financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy including those for which the Company accounts for under the FVO at December 31, 2011:

(In thousands)	Assets at Fair Value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Financial instruments owned				
Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$	\$ 1,084,254	\$ 1,367	\$ 1,085,621
Loans		228,226		228,226
Federal agency obligations		158,774		158,774
Commercial mortgage-backed securities			38,154	38,154
Residential mortgage-backed securities			18,419	18,419
Corporate debt securities		14,524		14,524
U.S. Government obligations	5,789			5,789
Preferred stock	316		1,301	1,617
Other debt obligations			192	192
Collateralized debt obligations			647	647
Equity securities	889		112	1,001
Derivatives			1,696	1,696
Investments			18,310	18,310
Total financial assets at fair value	\$ 6,994	\$ 1,485,778	\$ 80,198	\$ 1,572,970

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(In thousands)	Liabilities at Fair Value			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Securities sold but not yet purchased				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 158,059	\$	\$	\$ 158,059
Corporate debt securities		12,254		12,254
Federal agency obligations		11,796		11,796
Preferred stock	184		730	914
Equity securities	2			2
Derivatives	1,971			1,971
Total financial liabilities at fair value	\$ 160,216	\$ 24,050	\$ 730	\$ 184,996

Included below is a discussion of the characteristics of certain of the Company's Level 2 and Level 3 holdings at December 31, 2011. Unless otherwise stated, fair value of Level 2 assets are determined based upon observable third party information including recent trading activity, broker quotes and other relevant market data as noted above. Fair value for Level 3 assets are based predominantly on management's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would make.

The Company's agency mortgage-backed securities positions classified as Level 2, of approximately \$1.1 billion, have a weighted average loan size of approximately \$0.2 million paying interest of 6.2%, with a weighted average FICO score of 700. This portfolio has a weighted average coupon remitting payment of 5.49% and has a weighted average annualized constant prepayment rate of approximately 19.0%. Fair value is determined through a combination of matrix pricing as well as the information noted in the preceding paragraph.

The Company's Level 2 federal agency obligations of approximately \$147.0 million have a weighted average coupon of 2.3% and a weighted average maturity of 2022.

The Company's Level 2 loans of approximately \$228.2 million (unpaid principal of approximately \$221.6 million), which are related to the mortgage lending activities of ClearPoint and for which the FVO has been elected, have a weighted average loan size of approximately \$0.3 million and have a weighted average coupon remitting payment of 4.1%. Unrealized gains arising from fair value changes were approximately \$0.6 million as of December 31, 2011 and have been recorded within Principal transactions within the Consolidated Statements of Operations. There are no loans 90 days or more past due and no loans are in non-accrual status. The loans are underwritten using standards prescribed by conventional mortgage lenders and loan buyers such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

The Company's net holdings of corporate debt securities classified as Level 2 of approximately \$2.3 million have a weighted average credit rating of BBB, have a weighted average issuance year of 2007 and a weighted average maturity of 2017.

The Company's Level 3 agency mortgage-backed securities positions of approximately \$1.4 million have a weighted average loan size of \$0.1 million paying interest of 6.8%, with a weighted average coupon of 5.5% and a weighted average vintage of 2007.

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The Company's portfolio of Level 3 commercial mortgage backed securities of approximately \$38.2 million are primarily mezzanine, have a weighted average credit rating of BBB and a weighted average vintage of 2006.

The Company's portfolio of Level 3 non-agency residential mortgage backed securities of approximately \$18.4 million are primarily mezzanine, have a weighted average credit rating of CCC and have experienced, on average, a weighted average default rate of 5.9% and 58.6% severity.

The Company's investments of approximately \$18.3 million classified as Level 3 include the Company's investment in FATV of approximately \$15.9 million. The Company has classified its entire investment as Level 3, as FATV is predominantly comprised of holdings in private companies.

The Company reviews its financial instrument classification on a quarterly basis. As the observability and strength of valuation attributes change, the Company may reclassify certain financial assets or liabilities between levels. The Company's policy is to utilize an end-of-period convention for determining transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2 and 3. During the year ended December 31, 2012, there were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2.

The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2012:

(In thousands)	Balance at December 31, 2011	Total gains or (losses) (realized and unrealized)(1)	Purchases	Sales	Settlements	Transfers in and/or out of Level 3(2)	Balance at December 31, 2012	Changes in unrealized gains/(losses) on Level 3 assets still held at the reporting date(1)
Agency mortgage-backed securities	\$ 1,367	\$ (350)	\$ 222	\$ (1,232)	\$ (2)	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,110	\$ (181)
Collateralized debt obligations	647	24	61	(61)			671	28
Residential mortgage-backed securities	18,419	(623)	303	(17,329)	(621)		149	14
Equities	112	(84)					28	(85)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	38,154	(6,938)	8,393	(37,432)	(58)	(2,101)	18	\$ (58)
Other debt obligations	192		3,784	(3,976)				
Preferred stock	571	870	4,942	(6,383)				
Investments	18,310	1,235	950		(17)		20,478	1,767
Derivatives	1,696	6,539			(7,271)		964	964
Total	\$ 79,468	\$ 673	\$ 18,655	\$(66,413)	\$(7,969)	\$(996)	\$ 23,418	\$ 2,449

(1) Realized and unrealized gains/(losses) are reported in Principal transactions in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(2) During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company transferred approximately \$2.1 million of commercial mortgage-backed securities from Level 3 to Level 2 due to price discovery resulting from Company trading activity occurring in close proximity to the respective quarter-end. In addition, \$1.1 million of agency mortgage-backed securities were transferred into Level 3 (from Level 2) due to limited price discovery at year-end.

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The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2011:

(In thousands)	Balance at December 31, 2010	Total gains or (losses) (realized and unrealized)(1)	Purchases	Sales	Settlements	Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	Balance at December 31, 2011	Changes in unrealized gains/(losses) on Level 3 assets still held at the reporting date(1)
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	\$ 46,571	\$ 4,745	\$ 79,432	\$ (92,425)	\$ (169)	\$	\$ 38,154	\$ (10,820)
Residential mortgage-backed securities	33,604	(625)	28,250	(39,610)	(3,200)		18,419	86
Other debt obligations	5,843	(4)	3,847	(9,431)	(63)		192	
Agency mortgage-backed securities	806	(64)	1,608	(982)	(1)		1,367	(148)
Collateralized debt obligations	23,235	18,624	5,488	(46,175)	(525)		647	63
Equities	60	52					112	(108)
Preferred stock			1,301	(730)			571	
Investments	18,084	2,149	1,200		(3,123)		18,310	2,123
Derivatives		6,304			(4,608)		1,696	1,696
Total	\$ 128,203	\$ 31,181	\$ 121,126	\$ (189,353)	\$ (11,689)	\$	\$ 79,468	\$ (7,108)

(1) Realized and unrealized gains/(losses) are reported in Principal transactions in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

NOTE 9. Derivatives

The Company utilizes derivatives for trading strategies and economic hedging strategies to actively manage its market and liquidity exposures. In addition, ClearPoint enters into mortgage loan IRLCs in connection with its mortgage lending activities (which are being discontinued in the year 2013 as a result of the Homeward Transaction). The following table summarizes the Company's derivative instruments as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

(In thousands)	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Number of Contracts	Notional	Fair Value	Number of Contracts	Notional	Fair Value
<i>Purchase Contracts</i>						
TBA purchase agreements	19	\$ 202,646	\$ 54	1	\$ 589	\$
Eurodollar futures contracts						
IRLCs	512	100,079	964	708	127,227	1,696
Total	531	302,725	\$ 1,018	709	\$ 127,816	\$ 1,696

Sale Contracts

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TBA sale agreements	27	\$ 708,076	\$ (1,511)	17	\$ 371,000	\$ (1,183)
Forward sale agreements				11	120,900	(788)
Eurodollar futures contracts	268	268,000	(15)			
Total	295	\$ 976,076	\$ (1,526)	28	\$ 491,900	\$ (1,971)

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Total gains/(losses) associated with these activities, which are recorded within Principal transactions within the Consolidated Statements of Operations were (\$13.8) million and (\$21.1) million, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

NOTE 10. Investments

The Company's investment portfolio includes interests in publicly and privately held companies and private equity securities. Fair value information regarding these investments has been aggregated and is presented below as of and for the years ended December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Investment in FATV	\$ 17,110	\$ 15,863
Employee Investment Funds net of Company's ownership interest	1,218	1,247
Other investment	2,150	1,200
Total Investments	\$ 20,478	\$ 18,310

Investment gains and losses were comprised of the following:

(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Investments (realized and unrealized gains)	\$ 1,233	\$ 2,996	\$ 7

The Company has an investment in FATV of approximately \$17.1 million and approximately \$15.9 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. FATV's primary purpose is to provide investment returns consistent with the risk of investing in venture capital. FA Technology Ventures Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is the investment advisor to FATV. There are no material open commitments to fund this portfolio at December 31, 2012. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, total Partnership capital for all investors in FATV equaled \$70.9 million and \$63.7 million, respectively. The Partnership was scheduled to end in July 2011, subject to extension by the vote of a majority of the limited partners, as provided in the limited partnership agreement applicable to the Partnership (the "Partnership Agreement"). The term of the Partnership was extended pursuant to such provision and is now scheduled to terminate on July 19, 2013. The Partnership is considered a variable interest entity. The Company is not the primary beneficiary, due to other investors' level of investment in the Partnership. Accordingly, the Company has not consolidated the Partnership in these consolidated financial statements, but has only recorded the fair value of its investment, which also represented the Company's maximum exposure to loss in the Partnership at December 31, 2012 and 2011. The Company's share of management fee income derived from the Partnership for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were \$0.7 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

The Employee Investment Funds ("EIF") are limited liability companies, established by the Company for the purpose of having select employees invest in private equity securities. The EIF is managed by Broadpoint Management Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, which has contracted with FATV to act as an investment advisor with respect to funds invested in parallel with the Partnership. The Company has consolidated EIF resulting in approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.2 million of Investments and a corresponding Payable to others being recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Management fees are not material.

Other investment is an investment in a privately held company.

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On November 7, 2012, a subsidiary of the Company acquired certain assets and assumed certain liabilities from RangeMark Financial Services, Inc. and certain of its affiliates and other parties ("RangeMark"). RangeMark specializes in providing quantitative research, advanced analytics and customizing solutions for its clients. These business activities will be reported within the Company's MBS & Rates segment. The aggregate purchase consideration was \$2.5 million, payable in four installments commencing September 30, 2013 through March 31, 2015. In addition, 14 employees of RangeMark were hired by the Company.

This transaction is being accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, "Business Combinations." Goodwill of \$1.2 million (all of which is expected to be deductible for tax purposes) is calculated as the purchase premium after adjusting for the fair value of net assets acquired and primarily represents the value attributable to the assembled workforce which is subsumed into the reported goodwill. The following condensed statement of net assets acquired reflects the value assigned to RangeMark's net assets as of the acquisition date:

Condensed Statement of Net Assets Acquired (In thousands of dollars)	November 7, 2012
Assets	
Receivables	\$ 106
Intangible assets*	1,530
Other assets	40
Total assets acquired	\$ 1,676
Liabilities	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 538
Total liabilities assumed	\$ 538
Net assets acquired	\$ 1,138
Purchase price (present value)	2,350
Goodwill resulting from transaction	\$ 1,212

*

Consists primarily of intellectual property and the trade name with estimated useful lives of 5 years and 10 years, respectively.

ClearPoint Funding, Inc. Acquisition

On January 3, 2011, the Company completed its acquisition of ClearPoint. Pursuant to the related Stock Purchase Agreement, a newly formed subsidiary of the Company, Descap Mortgage Funding, LLC ("Descap LLC"), paid approximately \$0.3 million of cash as transaction consideration for all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of ClearPoint. Descap LLC is also obligated to pay the former stockholder of ClearPoint no more than approximately \$2.0 million payable in installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the closing date, contingent upon the continued employment of the former stockholder and certain indemnification matters. The Company recorded a bargain purchase gain of approximately \$2.3 million, as the majority of the consideration potentially payable to the former stockholder will be recognized as compensation expense for future

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services. Therefore, no goodwill was recognized. In connection with the closing of the Homeward Transaction, the Company settled its remaining obligation with a payment to the former stockholder of \$0.1 million on March 1, 2013 and the indemnification arrangement from the former stockholder has been terminated.

The ClearPoint acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, "Business Combinations." The following condensed statement of net assets acquired reflects the value assigned to ClearPoint's net assets as of the acquisition date:

Condensed Statement of Net Asset Acquired (In thousands)	January 3, 2011
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 876
Loans	45,726
Derivative assets	1,117
Intangible assets*	803
Other assets	3,994
Total assets acquired	\$ 52,516
Liabilities	
Secured borrowings	\$ 44,339
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	5,597
Total liabilities assumed	\$ 49,936
Net assets acquired	\$ 2,580

*
Consists primarily of customer relationships with an estimated useful life of 8 years.

The following table presents unaudited prior period pro forma information as if the acquisition of ClearPoint had occurred on January 1, 2010:

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information (In thousands)	Year Ended December 31, 2010
Net revenues	\$ 281,482
Total expenses (excluding interest)	(314,310)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes and discontinued operations	(32,828)
Income tax benefit	(12,765)
Loss from continuing operations	\$ (20,063)

Pro forma information for the year ended December 31, 2011 has not been provided given the proximity of the acquisition date to the beginning of the year. The unaudited prior period pro forma results include the impact of amortizing certain purchase accounting adjustments such as intangible assets, as well as compensation expense related to the transaction consideration payable to the former stockholder of ClearPoint, contingent upon continued employment. The prior period pro forma financial information does not indicate the impact of possible

business model changes nor does it consider any potential impacts of current market conditions, or other factors. Refer to Note 27 herein for additional information regarding ClearPoint's current year financial information.

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On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into the Homeward Transaction, an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward Residential, Inc. ("Homeward"). This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down. Refer to Note 29 herein for additional information.

NOTE 12. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The following table sets forth the roll-forward of goodwill for the years ending December 31, 2012 and 2011:

Goodwill

(In thousands)	Segment MBS & Rates	Segment Equities(1)	Segment Investment Banking	Total
Goodwill				
Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 17,364	\$ 8,928	\$ 79,402	\$ 105,694
Impairment of goodwill		(8,928)	(75,670)	(84,598)
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 17,364	\$	\$ 3,732	\$ 21,096
Impairment of goodwill	(17,364)		(3,732)	(21,096)
RangeMark acquisition	1,212			1,212
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 1,212	\$	\$	\$ 1,212

(1)

Discontinued operation

As previously disclosed within Note 11 herein, the Company recorded approximately \$1.2 million of goodwill associated with the acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of RangeMark on November 7, 2012.

During the second quarter of 2012, the Company performed an interim goodwill impairment test which was triggered as a result of the Company's market capitalization trading at levels significantly below book value during the three months ended June 30, 2012. The Company determined that all of its then remaining goodwill of approximately \$21.1 million had been impaired, due to the duration and severity of the decline in the Company's stock price in relation to its book value.

On August 22, 2011, the Company announced that it was implementing a new strategic plan, which included the realignment of its core investment banking practice and the termination of 32 investment banking employees as well as certain administrative positions. As a result of the realignment of the business and associated employee terminations, the Company performed an interim goodwill impairment test related to the Investment Banking reporting unit, which resulted in an impairment of approximately \$75.7 million.

In addition, during the three months ended June 30, 2011, the Company performed an interim goodwill impairment test related to the Equities reporting unit as a result of the impact of the current market environment on the segment's net revenues coupled with the higher operating costs associated with the expansion of our equities trading and sales trading capabilities announced in the third quarter of 2010. These factors resulted in a shortfall of actual revenues and operating results in relation to current year projections and as a result, all of the goodwill of the Equities reporting unit (classified as part of discontinued operations) was written off during the year ended December 31, 2011.

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NOTE 12. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (Continued)

Intangible Assets

(In thousands)	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Intangible assets (amortizable):		
MBS & Rates segment Customer relationships		
Gross carrying amount	\$ 641	\$ 641
Accumulated amortization	(463)	(410)
Net carrying amount	178	231
MBS & Rates segment (RangeMark) Intellectual Property		
Gross carrying amount	1,050	
Accumulated amortization	(35)	
Net carrying amount	1,015	
MBS & Rates segment (RangeMark) Trade Name		
Gross carrying amount	480	
Accumulated amortization	(8)	
Net carrying amount	472	
Credit Products segment Customer relationships		
Gross carrying amount	795	795
Accumulated amortization	(768)	(610)
Net carrying amount	27	185
Equities segment Customer relationships		
Gross carrying amount	1,614	6,960
Accumulated amortization	(1,614)	(1,614)
Impairment of intangible asset June 1, 2011		(5,346)
Net carrying amount		
Equities segment Covenant not to compete		
Gross carrying amount	293	330
Accumulated amortization	(293)	(293)
Impairment of intangible asset June 1, 2011		(37)
Net carrying amount		
Investment Banking segment Trade name		
Gross carrying amount	4,066	7,300
Accumulated amortization	(1,057)	(874)
Impairment of intangible asset September 1, 2011		(3,234)
Net carrying amount	3,009	3,192
Investment Banking segment Covenant not to compete		
Gross carrying amount	522	700

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Accumulated amortization	(522)	(522)
Impairment of intangible asset September 1, 2011		(178)
Net carrying amount		
Investment Banking segment Customer relationships		
Gross carrying amount	5,338	6,500
Accumulated amortization	(5,338)	(5,338)
Impairment of intangible asset September 1, 2011		(1,162)
Net carrying amount		
ClearPoint segment Customer relationships		
Gross carrying amount	803	803
Accumulated amortization	(201)	(100)
Net carrying amount		
Total Intangible assets	\$ 5,303	\$ 4,311

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In connection with the previously mentioned goodwill impairment tests related to the Investment Banking and Equities reporting units during the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company evaluated the recoverability of the intangible assets allocated to these reporting units, by comparing the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of such assets to their carrying amounts. These outcomes resulted in the write-off of approximately \$4.6 million of the intangible assets allocated to the Investment Banking reporting unit and all of the intangible assets allocated to the Equities reporting unit (classified as part of discontinued operations) during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Customer-related intangible assets are being amortized from 3 to 12 years and trademark assets are being amortized over 10 to 20 years. Excluding the impairment related to the intangible assets allocated to the Investment Banking and Equities reporting units discussed above, total amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 was approximately \$0.5 million, \$1.8 million and \$3.0 million, respectively and is recorded within Other in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Future amortization expense is estimated as follows:

(In thousands)	
2013	\$ 622
2014	595
2015	595
2016	559
2017	507
Thereafter	2,425
Total	\$ 5,303

NOTE 13. Office Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Office equipment and leasehold improvements consists of the following at December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Communications and data processing equipment	\$ 5,149	\$ 4,968
Furniture and fixtures	3,334	3,251
Leasehold improvements	1,802	1,766
Software	850	692
Total	11,135	10,677
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(5,824)	(3,942)
Total office equipment and leasehold improvements, net	\$ 5,311	\$ 6,735

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010 was \$1.9 million, \$1.9 million, and \$1.6 million, respectively.

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NOTE 14. Other Assets

Other assets consist of the following at December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Collateral deposits	\$ 5,165	\$ 5,180
Prepaid expenses	2,761	2,959
Other	1,104	1,652
Total other assets	\$ 9,030	\$ 9,791

Collateral deposits are predominantly cash balances collateralizing stand-by letters of credit executed primarily in connection with office leases.

NOTE 15. Secured Borrowings

Pursuant to certain master repurchase agreements, ClearPoint was extended secured mortgage warehouse lines of credit in order to fund mortgage originations. These lines of credit carry floating rates of interest and are collateralized by ClearPoint's mortgage loans.

(In thousands of dollars)	Description	Expiration Date	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
			Facility Limit	Outstanding Balance	Facility Limit	Outstanding Balance
	Credit Facility No. 1	March 10, 2012	\$	\$	\$ 75,000	\$ 68,756
	Credit Facility No. 2	See below	45,000	32,510	75,000	49,704
	Credit Facility No. 3	See below	45,000	32,398	100,000	92,802
			\$ 90,000(1)	\$ 64,908	\$ 250,000(1)	\$ 211,262
	Accelerated Purchase Facility	March 10, 2012			50,000	2,349
	Total		\$ 90,000	\$ 64,908	\$ 300,000	\$ 213,611

- (1) Committed capacity under the facilities was \$0 million and \$100 million as of December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into the Homeward Transaction, an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. Refer to Note 29 herein for additional information. In connection with the Homeward Transaction, the Company entered into Consent and Wind-down Agreements in favor of the lenders to Credit Facilities No. 2 and No. 3, pursuant to which any funded loan that has not been purchased by the thirty-first day following the closing date of the Homeward Transaction shall become immediately due and payable under the respective credit facilities. As of March 15, 2013, ClearPoint had no remaining exposure to these credit facilities. In addition, the separate limited guaranties entered into by the Parent on February 29, 2012 and amended as of March 15, 2012, with the lenders to Credit Facilities No. 2 and No. 3 ("Curtailed Guaranties") have terminated. Refer to Note 19 for additional information with respect to the Curtailed Guaranties.

In connection with the Homeward Transaction, ClearPoint has agreed to provide transition services which includes loan origination services in Massachusetts and Virginia, currently through the earlier of March 31, 2013 or such date as Homeward receives the applicable licenses

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required to originate loans in these states. ClearPoint has arranged for a temporary credit facility in order to finance this origination activity. Capacity under this credit facility is \$10 million and the facility can be terminated with five days written notice, or otherwise expires on September 30, 2013. Homeward will reimburse ClearPoint for the costs of providing the loan origination services and has provided a payment and performance guaranty of ClearPoint's obligations to the lender of this facility.

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The advances under Credit Facility No. 1 and the Accelerated Purchase Facility were paid in full as of April 24, 2012, and pursuant to an amendment to the master repurchase agreement, those warehouse covenants are no longer in force, and ClearPoint has no further continuing reporting or notice obligations to this lender.

NOTE 16. Subordinated Debt

A select group of management and highly compensated employees were eligible to participate in the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan for Key Employees (the "Key Employee Plan"). The employees entered into subordinated loans with Gleacher Securities to provide for the deferral of compensation and employer allocations under the Key Employee Plan. The accounts of the participants of the Key Employee Plan are credited with earnings and/or losses based on the performance of various investment benchmarks selected by the participants. Maturities of the subordinated debt were based on the distribution election made by each participant, which may be deferred to a later date by the participant. As of February 28, 2007, the Company no longer permits new amounts to be deferred under the Key Employee Plan.

Principal debt repayment requirements, which occur on about April 15th of each year, as of December 31, 2012, are as follows:

(In thousands)

2013	\$ 185
2014	320
2015	63
2016	27
Total	\$ 595

FINRA has approved the net capital treatment of the Company's subordinated debt agreements disclosed above. Pursuant to these approvals, these amounts are allowable in Gleacher Securities' computation of net capital.

NOTE 17. Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Stock ("Series B Preferred Stock")

On September 28, 2010, the Company redeemed all of the issued and outstanding shares of its Series B Preferred Stock at a redemption price of approximately \$26.6 million, representing par value plus all unpaid dividends accruing subsequent to June 30, 2010 (the last payment date), multiplied by a premium call factor of 1.035. In connection with this redemption, the Company recorded a loss on extinguishment of approximately \$1.6 million, which included the impact of the premium call factor and the write-off of the remaining discount and deferred financing costs related to the Series B Preferred Stock.

NOTE 18. Stockholders' Equity*Stock Repurchase (10b-18 Plan)*

On October 27, 2010, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program whereby the Company was authorized to purchase shares of its common stock for

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NOTE 18. Stockholders' Equity (Continued)

up to \$25 million, subject to the requirements of Rule 10b-18 promulgated under the Exchange Act. This program was originally scheduled to terminate on the date which the Company publicly released its results of operations for the year ending December 31, 2011 and was subsequently renewed for the fiscal year 2012. In February 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company again renewed of this stock repurchase program, authorizing up to \$10 million in annual repurchases of Company common stock. The program now expires on the date in which the Company publicly releases its results of operations for fiscal 2013. For the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company repurchased 1.3 million and 5.3 million shares, respectively, for approximately \$1.2 million and \$10.6 million, respectively, under this program. No repurchases were made during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Tender Offer

On November 22, 2011, the Company closed its modified "Dutch auction" tender offer. The Company accepted for purchase 6,601,313 shares of its common stock at a purchase price of \$1.25 per share, or approximately \$8.3 million in the aggregate. Included within the shares accepted for purchase were 601,313 additional common shares that the Company elected to purchase pursuant to its option to increase the size of the offering by 2% of the outstanding shares of common stock. The shares purchased represented 5.17% of the shares outstanding immediately prior to the consummation of the tender offer.

Registration Rights Agreement

On June 5, 2009, upon the closing of the Gleacher Partners, Inc. transaction, the Company and Eric J. Gleacher entered into a registration rights Agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). The Registration Rights Agreement entitles Mr. Gleacher, subject to limited exceptions, to have his shares included in any registration statement filed by the Company in connection with a public offering solely for cash, a right often referred to as a "piggyback registration right." Mr. Gleacher also has the right to require the Company to prepare and file a shelf registration statement to permit the sale to the public from time to time of the shares of Company common stock that Mr. Gleacher received on the closing of the transaction. The Company has agreed to pay all expenses in connection with any registration effected pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement. The Registration Rights Agreement may be amended with the consent of the Company and the written consent of the holders representing a majority of Company common stock that is registrable pursuant thereto.

Earnout American Technology Research Holdings, Inc.

In connection with an earnout payment associated with the Company's acquisition of AmTech in 2008, 345,043 shares of Company common stock were issued in 2010, for the year ended December 31, 2009. No further shares have been issued in connection with this arrangement due to the operating results for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. The earnout has since expired.

Warrants

Warrants issued on June 27, 2008 to Mast Credit Opportunities I Master Fund Limited ("Mast") to purchase 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share, expired on June 27, 2012.

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NOTE 18. Stockholders' Equity (Continued)

Deferred Compensation and Employee Stock Trust

The Company adopted the Key Employee Plan for the benefit of a select group of highly compensated employees who contribute significantly to the continued growth and development and future business success of the Company. Participants may elect under this plan to have the value of their plan accounts track the performance of one or more investment benchmarks available under the plans, including the Gleacher & Company Common Stock Investment Benchmark, which tracks the performance of the Company's common stock. With respect to the Gleacher & Company Common Stock Investment Benchmark, the Company contributed its common stock to a rabbi trust (the "Trust") that it has established in connection with meeting its related liability under the plans. As of February 28, 2007, the Company no longer permits any new amounts to be deferred under its current plans.

Assets of the Trust have been consolidated with those of the Company. The value of the Company's stock at the time contributed to the Trust has been classified in Stockholders' equity and generally accounted for in a manner similar to treasury stock.

The deferred compensation arrangement requires the related liability to be settled by delivery of a fixed number of shares of Company common stock. Accordingly, the related liability is classified in equity under deferred compensation and changes in the fair market value of the amount owed to the participant in the plan is not recognized.

Dividends

No dividends have been declared or paid on our common stock in the last two years.

NOTE 19. Commitments and Contingencies

Guarantees Relating to Certain Contractual Obligations of ClearPoint

On February 29, 2012 the Company entered into guaranties relating to certain contractual obligations of ClearPoint. Two of these guaranties were made for the benefit of certain of ClearPoint's lenders (the "Curtailment Guaranties"), and a third was made for the benefit of a purchaser of loans originated by ClearPoint. The Curtailment Guaranties were amended as of March 15, 2012, and the third guaranty was effectively terminated during the second quarter of 2012.

The Curtailment Guaranties related to loans which were financed under the warehouse lines on or about February 29, 2012 (substantially all of which have been sold) and new loans funded by the warehouse lines thereafter (the "new loans"). The Parent guaranteed certain payments with respect to these loans, ranging from 5% to 100% of the lesser of, in general, the market value or the principal amount of loans financed under the warehouse lines, depending on the length of time such loans persist on the warehouse lines, and only in the event ClearPoint cannot satisfy those payments itself.

The Parent's maximum potential liability under the Curtailment Guaranties has been substantially reduced resulting from the loan origination limits implemented by ClearPoint. The Company believes its remaining exposure under the Curtailment Guaranties, under the most likely scenarios, will not have a material impact on the Parent and/or its subsidiaries. This belief is based in large part on recent past experience, as well as the expectation of ClearPoint (or the Parent) ultimately receiving the proceeds

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from the sale of these loans to finance, or offset, any payments made to the parties to which the guaranties were provided.

As further disclosed within Note 29, the Curtailment Guaranties are being wound down in connection with the Homeward Transaction.

ClearPoint Acquisition

In connection with the Company's acquisition of ClearPoint on January 3, 2011, the former stockholder of ClearPoint is entitled to receive payments consisting of no more than approximately \$2.0 million payable in installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the closing date, contingent upon the continued employment of the former stockholder. These payments are to be reduced for certain matters for which the Company is indemnified, including losses resulting from any loan losses with respect to loans presented to ClearPoint or originated on or prior to January 3, 2011. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company has accrued approximately \$0.3 million (paid in January 2013) and \$0.8 million, respectively, in relation to this obligation which is recorded within Accrued compensation in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. The indemnification arrangement has since been terminated in connection with the closing of the Homeward Transaction. The Company settled its remaining obligation of \$0.1million on March 1, 2013.

AmTech Contingent Consideration

In connection with the Company's acquisition of AmTech in October 2008, the sellers have the right to receive earnout payments consisting of the profits earned by the Equities division for fiscal years through October 1, 2011 up to an aggregate of \$15 million in such profits, and 50% of such profits in excess of \$15 million. Based on the results of the Equities division for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, there was no contingent consideration recorded as additional purchase price in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

Leases

The Company's headquarters and sales offices, and certain office and communication equipment, are leased under non-cancelable operating leases, certain of which contain renewal options, free rent periods, and escalation clauses. These leases expire at various times through 2025. To the extent the Company is provided tenant improvement allowances funded by the lessor, they are amortized over the initial lease period and serve to reduce rent expense. The Company recognizes the rent expense over the entire lease term on a straight-line basis.

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NOTE 19. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Future minimum annual lease payments, and sublease rental income, are as follows:

(In thousands)	Future Minimum Lease Payments	Sublease Rental Income	Net Lease Payments
2013	\$ 8,789	\$ 1,800	\$ 6,989
2014	6,922	860	6,062
2015	6,293	502	5,791
2016	5,850		5,850
2017	5,538		5,538
Thereafter	38,364		38,364
Total	\$ 71,756	\$ 3,162	\$ 68,594

Rental expense, net of sublease rental income, for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 approximated \$4.8 million, \$4.8 million, and \$8.1 million, respectively. The year ended December 31, 2010, includes (i) a termination fee and related commissions of approximately \$3.2 million associated with the Company's termination of its lease of its former headquarters at 12 East 49th Street, New York, New York and (ii) approximately \$0.7 million representing the Company's remaining commitment associated with its Greenwich, Connecticut lease which has ceased being used as of November 2010.

Litigation and Other Claims

Due to the nature of the Company's business, the Company and its subsidiaries are exposed to risks associated with a variety of legal proceedings and claims. These include litigations, arbitrations and other proceedings initiated by private parties and arising from underwriting, financial advisory, securities trading or other transactional activities, client account activities, mortgage lending, employment matters and stockholder claims. Third parties who assert claims may do so for monetary damages that are substantial, particularly relative to the Company's financial position. These proceedings and claims typically involve associated legal costs incurred by the Company in connection with defending against these matters, which could be significant. The Company has been in the past, and currently is, subject to a variety of claims and litigations arising from its business, most of which it considers to be routine.

The Company and its subsidiaries are also subject to both routine and unscheduled regulatory examinations of their respective businesses and investigations of securities industry practices by governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations. In recent years, securities and mortgage lending firms have been subject to increased scrutiny and regulatory enforcement activity. Regulatory investigations can result in substantial fines being imposed on the Company and/or its subsidiaries. In the ordinary course of business, the Company and its subsidiaries receive inquiries and subpoenas from the SEC, FINRA, state regulators and other regulatory organizations. The Company does not always know the purpose behind these communications or the status or target of any related investigation. Some of these communications have, in the past, resulted in disciplinary actions which have sometimes included monetary sanctions, and in the Company and/or its subsidiaries being cited for regulatory deficiencies. To date, none of these communications have had a material adverse effect on the Company's business nor does the Company believe that any pending communications are likely to have

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NOTE 19. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

such an effect. Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that any pending or future communications will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. In addition, the Company is also subject to claims being made by employees alleging discrimination, harassment or wrongful discharge, among other things, and seeking recoupment of compensation claimed to be owed (whether for cash or forfeited equity awards), and other damages.

The Company recognizes a liability in its financial statements with respect to legal proceedings or claims when incurrence of a loss is probable and the amount of loss is reasonably estimable. However, accurately predicting the timing and outcome of legal proceedings and claims, including the amounts of any settlements, judgments or fines, is inherently difficult insofar as it depends on obtaining all of the relevant facts (which is sometimes not feasible) and applying to them often-complex legal principles. It is reasonably possible that the Company incurs losses pertaining to these matters in the form of settlements and/or adverse judgments and incurs legal and other expenses in defending against these matters. In either case, losses and/or expenses could be different in character or amount than anticipated by management when preparing the accompanying financial statements. Based on currently available information, the Company does not believe that any current litigation, proceeding, claim or other matter to which it is a party or otherwise involved, including any associated defense costs will have a material adverse effect on its financial position, or cash flows, although an adverse development, or an increase in associated legal fees, could be material to the Company's results of operations in a particular period, depending in part on the Company's operating results in that period.

Letters of Credit

The Company is contingently liable under bank stand-by letter of credit agreements, executed primarily in connection with office leases, totaling \$4.9 million and \$4.9 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These agreements were all collateralized by cash which is included within Other Assets within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

Other

The Company, in the normal course of business, provides guarantees to third parties with respect to the obligations of certain of its subsidiaries.

In the normal course of business, Gleacher Securities guarantees certain service providers, such as clearing and custody agents, trustees, and administrators, against specified potential losses in connection with their acting as an agent of, or providing services to, the Company or its affiliates. Gleacher Securities also indemnifies some clients against potential losses incurred in the event of non-performance by specified third-party service providers, including sub-custodians. The maximum potential amount of future payments that Gleacher Securities could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, Gleacher Securities has historically made no material payments under these arrangements and believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments in the future. Therefore, the Company has not recorded any contingent liability in the consolidated financial statements for these indemnifications.

The Company provides representations and warranties to counterparties in connection with a variety of transactions and occasionally agrees to indemnify them against potential losses caused by the breach of those representations and warranties and occasionally other liabilities. The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required under these indemnifications

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cannot be estimated. However, the Company has historically made no material payments under these agreements and believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments in the future; therefore it has not recorded any contingent liability in the consolidated financial statements for these indemnifications.

The Company is required to maintain a deposit at the FICC in connection with the self-clearing activities associated with the Rates business. The size of the deposit is subject to change from time to time and is dependent upon the volume of business transacted. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company had a deposit with the FICC of approximately \$8.8 million and \$15.2 million, respectively, which is recorded within Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

In the ordinary course of business, ClearPoint indemnifies counterparties, including under its loan sale and warehouse line agreements, against potential losses incurred by such parties in connection with particular arrangements. ClearPoint reserves for its exposures to these obligations which is included within Accrued expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. Amounts reserved as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 are not material. In connection with the Company's acquisition of ClearPoint, the Company was previously indemnified for any such losses with respect to any loans presented to ClearPoint or originated on or prior to January 3, 2011. This indemnification has since been terminated in connection with the Homeward Transaction.

At December 31, 2011, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, acting as agent, had a commitment to pay funding advances with respect to unfunded commitments pursuant to a working capital loan agreement between an unaffiliated borrower and certain lenders. This commitment was fully collateralized by \$4.6 million of funds which was transferred by the lenders to the Company to satisfy this obligation. The funds were included within Cash segregated for regulatory and other purposes with an equal and offsetting payable recorded in Accounts payable and accrued expenses in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

NOTE 20. Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense/(benefit) from continuing operations reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations are set forth below for the years ended December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Federal			
Current	\$ (3,649)	\$ (1,494)	\$ 3,209
Deferred	21,208	3,029	(10,985)
State and local			
Current	(893)	(457)	3,276
Deferred	7,936	1,129	(5,278)
Total income tax expense/(benefit) from continuing operations	\$ 24,602	\$ 2,207	\$ (9,778)

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A reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate to the Company's effective income tax rate is set forth below for the years ended December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Federal statutory rate 35%	\$ (18,673)	\$ (21,657)	\$ (9,024)
(Decrease)/increase of deferred tax asset valuation allowance	33,261		
Goodwill impairment	7,383	24,172	
Compensation	3,734	44	(565)
Change in estimated state tax rates	(656)	530	281
Meals and entertainment	230	222	250
Provision to return adjustments	(102)	(1,474)	645
State and local income taxes, net of federal income taxes	(97)	715	(1,797)
Uncertain tax positions	(36)	334	(1,205)
Gain on bargain purchase ClearPoint acquisition		(816)	
Series B Preferred Stock dividends			1,012
Loss on extinguishment of Series B Preferred Stock			563
Other	(442)	137	62
Total income tax expense/(benefit) from continuing operations	\$ 24,602	\$ 2,207	\$ (9,778)

The deferred tax assets and liabilities consisted of the following at December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Deferred tax assets, net		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 18,747	\$ 9,733
Stock-based compensation	12,061	17,259
Accrued liabilities	2,230	3,520
Investments	(863)	(2,252)
Uncertain tax positions	831	831
Fixed assets	(337)	732
Intangible assets	(823)	(645)
Deferred revenues	92	(33)
Other	1,323	1,621
Total net deferred tax asset before valuation allowance	33,261	30,766
Less: valuation allowance	(33,261)	
Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	\$ 30,766	
Deferred tax liabilities		
State effect of intangible assets	\$ (363)	
State effect of investments		(890)
Other		(369)
Total deferred tax liabilities	\$ (1,622)	

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During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company established a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, the Company considered both positive and negative evidence related to the likelihood of realization of the deferred tax assets. The weight given to the positive and negative evidence is commensurate with the extent to which the evidence can be objectively verified. GAAP states that a cumulative loss in recent years is a significant piece of negative evidence that is difficult to overcome in determining that a valuation allowance is not needed against deferred tax assets. As such, it is generally difficult for positive evidence regarding projected future taxable income exclusive of reversing taxable temporary differences to outweigh objective negative evidence of recent financial reporting losses.

The Company entered a three-year cumulative loss position during the year ended December 31, 2012. This cumulative loss position, along with other evidence, merited the establishment of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets. A sustained period of profitability is required before the Company would change its judgment regarding the need for a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets.

At December 31, 2012, the Company had federal net operating loss carryforwards of \$46 million, which expire between 2023 and 2032. These net operating loss carryforwards have been reduced by the impact of an annual limitation described in the Internal Revenue Code Section 382. In general, the Internal Revenue Code Section 382 places an annual limitation on the use of certain tax attributes such as net operating losses. The annual limitation arose as a result of an ownership change which occurred on September 21, 2007. For state and local tax purposes, the Company's net operating loss carryforwards have expiration periods between 1 and 20 years and are also subject to various apportionment factors and limitations on utilization.

The following table summarizes the activity related to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits:

(In thousands)

Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 3,273
Gross increases related to current year's tax positions	278
Balance December 31, 2011	\$ 3,551
Decreases related to settlements	(184)
Decreases related to expiration of statute of limitations	(133)
Gross increases related to current year's tax positions	285
Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 3,519

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate are \$2.4 million. We currently anticipate that total unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by up to \$2.3 million in the next twelve months, a portion of which will affect the effective tax rate, primarily as a result of the settlement of tax examinations.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties as a component of income tax expense. During the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company recognized \$0.4 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, of interest expense as a component of income tax expense. The Company had approximately \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million for the payment of interest and penalties accrued at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

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The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of multiple state and local jurisdictions. As of December 31, 2012, with few exceptions, the Company was no longer subject to U.S. federal tax or state and local income tax examinations for years before 2006. The Company began audits with the Internal Revenue Service and New York State in 2012. The Company has an ongoing audit with Massachusetts.

NOTE 21. Stock-Based Compensation and Other Plans

The Company has established the Incentive Plan and the 2003 Non-Employee Directors Plan ("2003 Directors Plan"), (referred to herein as the "Plans") pursuant to which employees and non-employees of the Company have been awarded stock options, restricted stock and/or restricted stock units, which expire at various times through 2018. The Company generally issues treasury shares in connection with option exercises, restricted stock awards or the settlement of vested restricted stock units to the extent there are adequate shares in treasury to satisfy such activity.

The following is a recap of all Plans as of December 31, 2012:

Shares authorized for issuance	48,785,164
Share awards used:	
Stock options granted and outstanding	8,114,148
Restricted stock awards granted and unvested	6,751,730
Restricted stock units granted and unvested	3,292,580
Restricted stock units granted and vested	764,643
Total share awards used	18,923,101
Shares available for future awards *	29,862,063

*

Awards above exclude options for 1.0 million shares and 0.7 million shares underlying RSUs granted to the Company's CEO outside of the Incentive Plan and pursuant to the "employee inducement" award exception of the NASDAQ rules in connection with his hiring in the second quarter of 2011.

For the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, total stock-based compensation expense was \$6.8 million, \$15.1 million and \$54.3 million, respectively, and the related tax benefit recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations was \$0.0 million, \$6.4 million and \$23.7 million, respectively. Included within stock-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 is approximately \$34.2 million related to specific matters occurring during the year as further discussed below.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company modified the vesting terms of restricted stock and restricted stock units previously granted in connection with year-end bonuses to allow for continued vesting of such awards so long as the grantee's employment is not terminated for "cause" and the grantee does not compete or engage in certain other actions potentially harmful to the Company. Previously, unvested equity awards granted in connection with year-end bonuses would be forfeited if the grantee's employment with the Company were to terminate before vesting, with limited exceptions. In addition, similar modifications were made to certain equity awards previously granted in connection with 2008 and 2009 year-end compensation (excluding outstanding awards held by executive officers of

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the Company), which is applicable to terminations of employment after December 31, 2010. These changes resulted in approximately \$6.7 million of expense that previously had been expected to be recognized in future periods instead being recognized in the fourth quarter of 2010. Subsequently, based upon the recommendation of the Company's newly hired Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") in the third quarter of 2011, the Board changed this general policy. As a result, future equity awards in general will provide for forfeiture of awards by employees who leave the Company which results in the related compensation expense being recorded ratably over the vesting period of the award, generally 3 years, rather than being expensed ratably during the year with respect to which the service was provided. This change did not affect the terms of, or accounting for, current outstanding awards.

In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of (i) approximately \$12.7 million related to the remaining amortization of the former CEO's and the former Chief Financial Officer's ("CFO") outstanding equity awards since the dates of their separations during the first quarter of 2010 and (ii) approximately \$2.3 million as a result of a modification to fully vest a senior executive's unvested restricted stock units and options in connection with a letter agreement regarding the senior executive's continued employment that was entered into with the Company on September 21, 2010.

Compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2010 also includes \$12.5 million of expense related to liability classified awards which is recorded within Accrued compensation in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. There was no expense related to liability classified awards during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

At December 31, 2012, the total compensation expense related to non-vested awards (which are expected to vest) not yet recognized is \$11.2 million, which is expected to be recognized over the remaining weighted average vesting period of 1.7 years.

The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions for share-based compensation was \$0.0 million, \$8.1 million and \$9.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Incentive Plan provides for awards in a variety of forms, including, incentive stock options (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code), nonqualified stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units. The Incentive Plan imposes a limit on the number of shares of the Company's common stock that may be subject to awards. On February 6, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized, and on June 5, 2008, the Company's stockholders approved, an additional 10,675,000 shares for issuance pursuant to the Incentive Plan. On April 16, 2009, in connection with amending and restating the Incentive Plan, the Company's Board of Directors authorized and on June 16, 2009, the Company's stockholders approved an additional 5,000,000 shares for issuance pursuant to the Incentive Plan. An award relating to shares may be granted if the aggregate number of shares subject to then-outstanding awards, under the Incentive Plan and under the pre-existing plans, plus the number of shares subject to the award being granted do not exceed the sum of (i) 25% of the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the grant plus (ii) 15.675 million shares.

The 2003 Directors Plan allows awards in the form of stock options and restricted shares. The 2003 Directors Plan imposes a limit on the number of shares of our common stock that may be subject to awards. On April 16, 2009, in connection with amending and restating the 2003 Directors Plan, the

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Company's Board of Directors authorized and on June 16, 2009, the Company's stockholders approved, increasing the number of shares available for issuance from 100,000 to 2,000,000 shares.

Options: Options have been granted with exercise prices not less than fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, as defined in each Plan, vest over a maximum of three years, and expire six years after grant date.

Unvested options are generally forfeited upon termination of employment, with limited exceptions. Option transactions for the three years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were as follows:

	Shares Subject to Option	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance at December 31, 2009	4,627,311	\$ 3.29
Options granted	2,722,092	2.55
Options exercised	(1,250,000)	2.31
Options forfeited/expired		
Balance at December 31, 2010	6,099,403	\$ 3.16
Options granted*	4,373,686	1.76
Options exercised		
Options forfeited/expired	(1,365,750)	2.51
Balance at December 31, 2011	9,107,339	\$ 2.58
Options granted	666,668	0.87
Options exercised		
Options forfeited/expired	(659,859)	3.94
Balance at December 31, 2012	9,114,148	\$ 2.36

*

Options granted above during the year ending December 31, 2011 include options for 1.0 million shares granted to the Company's CEO pursuant to the "employee inducement" award exception of the NASDAQ rules in connection with his hiring in the second quarter of 2011.

There were no options exercised for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$2.3 million. No cash was received from the exercise of options, as a result of cashless exercises where shares were withheld to cover the exercise amount and taxes. At December 31, 2012, outstanding options for 9.1 million shares had a remaining average contractual term of 3.8 years and an intrinsic value of \$0.0 million. At December 31, 2012, outstanding options for 6.1 million shares were exercisable, had a remaining average contractual term of 3.4 years and had an intrinsic value of zero as they were all out of the money.

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The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2012:

Exercise Price Range	Shares	Outstanding		Exercisable	
		Average Life (years)	Average Exercise Price	Shares	Average Exercise Price
\$0.87 - \$1.00	666,668	5.4	\$ 0.87	388,883	\$ 0.87
\$1.01 - \$1.50	1,000,000	4.6	1.46	333,333	1.46
\$1.51 - \$2.00	3,673,686	4.6	1.86	1,573,684	1.87
\$2.01 - \$3.00	2,200,000	2.6	2.85	2,200,000	2.85
\$3.01 - \$7.50	1,573,794	2.2	4.04	1,573,794	4.04
Total	9,114,148*	3.8	\$ 2.36	6,069,694	\$ 2.70

*

Options outstanding above include options for 1.0 million shares granted to the Company's CEO pursuant to the "employee inducement" award exception of the NASDAQ rules in connection with his hiring in the second quarter of 2011.

The Black-Scholes option pricing model is used to determine the fair value of options granted. For year ended December 31 of each respective year, significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value of share based compensation awards include the following:

	2012	2011*	2010
Expected term**	3.27	3.94	3.70
Expected volatility	73.6%	87.1%	89.9%
Expected dividends			
Risk-free interest rate	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%

*

Includes 1.0 million options granted to the Company's CEO pursuant to the "employee inducement" award exception of the NASDAQ rules in connection with his hiring in the second quarter of 2011.

**

The Company utilized the simplified method for calculating the expected term assumption for the years 2012, 2011 and 2010, as prescribed by ASC 718, due to insufficient historical stock option exercise experience.

Restricted Stock Awards/Restricted Stock Units: Restricted stock awards and restricted stock units have been valued at the market value of the Company's common stock as of the grant date and expensed over the service period, which is typically 3 years. Stock compensation expense associated with grants with performance conditions is recognized when it becomes probable that such performance conditions will be achieved. No awards with performance conditions were granted in 2012, 2011 or 2010.

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Restricted stock awards/restricted stock units for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 were as follows:

	Unvested Restricted Stock Awards	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value Restricted Stock	Unvested Restricted Stock Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Restricted Stock Units
Balance at December 31, 2009	11,204,545	\$ 3.72	7,073,709	\$ 3.05
Granted	3,715,133	3.36	3,521,315	3.08
Vested	(2,590,114)	3.57	(3,831,886)	2.58
Forfeited	(919,068)	4.23	(571,804)	4.39
Balance at December 31, 2010	11,410,496	\$ 3.60	6,191,334	\$ 3.22
Granted	2,583,084	1.92	6,547,866	1.96
Vested	(6,824,649)	3.02	(3,195,351)	2.87
Forfeited	(1,055,200)	2.75	(1,553,247)	2.53
Balance at December 31, 2011	6,113,731	\$ 3.68	7,990,602	\$ 2.47
Granted	8,174,565	1.39	1,600,000	0.86
Vested	(2,807,988)	2.62	(2,905,803)	2.90
Forfeited	(4,728,578)	3.22	(2,725,552)	2.01
Balance at December 31, 2012	6,751,730	\$ 1.67	3,959,247*	\$ 1.81

*

Unvested RSUs include 0.7 million shares underlying RSUs granted to the Company's CEO pursuant to the "employee inducement" award exception of the NASDAQ rules in connection with his hiring in the second quarter of 2011.

The total fair value of awards vested, based on the market value of the stock on the vest date, during the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, and 2010 was \$7.6 million, \$21.2 million and \$18.3 million, respectively.

Other Compensation Arrangements

In August 2012 the Company adopted a Senior Management Compensation and Retention Plan, and entered into related agreements with four of its executive officers. As a result, the Company would be required to make cash payments to these executives of \$10.0 million in the aggregate should their employment with the Company terminate under certain circumstances, including an acquisition of the Company, sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or a liquidation.

At December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, there was approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, of accrued compensation within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition related to deferred compensation plans provided by the Company, which will be paid out between 2013 and 2016. As of February 28, 2007, the Company no longer permits new amounts to be deferred under these plans.

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NOTE 22. Net Capital Requirements

Gleacher Securities is subject to the net capital requirements of Rule 15c3-1 promulgated under the Exchange Act (the "Net Capital Rule"), as well as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's net capital requirements ("Regulation 1.16"), which require the maintenance of a minimum net capital. Gleacher Securities has elected to use the alternative method permitted by the Net Capital Rule, which requires it to maintain a minimum net capital amount equal to the greater of 2% of aggregate debit balances arising from customer transactions (as defined) or \$0.25 million, subject to certain adjustments related to market making activities in certain securities. Based upon the activities of Gleacher Securities, its minimum requirement under Regulation 1.16 is the same as under the Net Capital Rule. As of December 31, 2012, Gleacher Securities had net capital, as defined by both the Net Capital Rule and Regulation 1.16, of \$56.2 million, which was \$55.9 million in excess of the \$0.25 million required minimum net capital.

Gleacher Partners, LLC is also subject to the Net Capital Rule. Gleacher Partners, LLC has also elected to use the alternative method permitted by the rule. As of December 31, 2012, Gleacher Partners, LLC had net capital, as defined by the Net Capital Rule, of \$0.8 million, which was \$0.5 million in excess of the \$0.25 million required minimum net capital.

The Company's ClearPoint subsidiary is subject to net worth requirements, as required by the HUD. At December 31, 2012, ClearPoint's net worth was \$10.3 million, which was \$9.3 million in excess of the \$1.0 million required minimum net worth.

NOTE 23. Concentrations of Credit and Liquidity Risk

Risks Related to ClearPoint and Other Related Matters

ClearPoint was subject to liquidity risk concentrations, as ClearPoint relied on a limited number of investors to purchase its originated mortgage loans and only two lenders to finance these activities. On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into the Homeward Transaction, an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013. Refer to Note 29 herein for additional information. As a result, the Company is no longer at risk to liquidity concentrations of ClearPoint.

Risks Related to the Company's Broker-Dealer Operations

Concentrations of credit risk can be affected by changes in political, industry, or economic factors. The Company's most significant industry credit concentration is with financial institutions. Financial institutions include other brokers and dealers, commercial banks, finance companies, insurance companies and investment companies. This concentration arises in the normal course of the Company's brokerage, trading, financing, and underwriting activities. To reduce the potential for concentration of risk, credit exposures are monitored in light of changing counterparty and market conditions.

The Company may also purchase securities that are individually significant positions within its inventory. Should the Company find it necessary to sell such a security, it may not be able to realize the full carrying value of the security due to the significance of the position sold.

The majority of securities transactions of customers of the Company's broker-dealer subsidiary, Gleacher Securities, are cleared through a third party under clearing agreement. Under this agreement, transactions are deemed to be either receive versus payment, delivery versus payment or cash

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transactions. In addition, the Company's inventory is financed principally by our clearing broker and, to a lesser extent, through repurchase agreements.

Refer to Note 19 herein within the section labeled "Other" for additional information regarding credit risks of the Company.

NOTE 24. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Substantially all of the financial instruments of the Company are reported on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition at market or fair value, or at carrying amounts that approximate fair value, because of their short term nature, with the exception of subordinated debt. Financial instruments recorded at carrying amounts approximating fair value consist largely of Receivables from and Payables to brokers, dealers and clearing organizations, related parties and others, Securities purchased under agreements to resell and Securities sold under agreements to repurchase. The carrying value of the subordinated debt at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 approximated fair value based on current rates available.

NOTE 25. Restructuring*Equities Business Exit on August 22, 2011*

On August 22, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a plan to exit the Equities business, effective immediately. The principal reasons for this decision were that the Equities division was an underperforming non-core asset, and that its closure would allow the Company to improve focus and invest in its core competencies. Exiting the Equities business impacted 62 employees. Refer to Note 26 herein for additional information.

The following table summarizes the restructuring charges incurred by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2011, which have been recorded as a component of discontinued operations:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31, 2011
<i>Cash charges</i>	
Severance and other compensation	\$ 2,578
Third party vendor contracts	1,613
Real estate exit costs	597
Legal and other related costs	595
<i>Non-cash charges</i>	
Stock-based compensation	1,395
Asset impairments	316
Total Restructuring expense*	\$ 7,094

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The Company has not incurred any additional material charges with respect to this restructuring.

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The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's liability related to this restructuring for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31, 2012	Year Ended December 31, 2011
Balance January 1	\$ 1,427	\$
Restructuring expense	(447)	7,094
Less: Non-cash charges	92	(1,711)
Payments for severance		(2,578)
Payments for real estate	(217)	(247)
Payments for third party vendor contracts	(747)	(541)
Payments for legal and other related costs		(590)
Restructuring reserve December 31	\$ 108	\$ 1,427

The restructuring reserve is included within Accrued expenses within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. The remaining reserve pertains to third party vendor contracts.

NOTE 26. Discontinued Operations

The Company has classified the results of the Equities division as discontinued operations due to its exiting the business on August 22, 2011. Refer to Note 25 herein for additional information.

Amounts reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Operations related to the Equities division are presented in the following table. No gain or loss has been recognized.

(In thousands)	For years ending December 31,		
	2012	2011	2010
Net revenues	\$ 54	\$ 13,064	\$ 22,302
Total expenses (excluding interest)	(349)	38,808*	30,137
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations before income taxes	403	(25,744)	(7,835)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	138	(7,704)	(3,219)
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ 265	\$ (18,040)	\$ (4,616)

*

Included within the table above for the year ended December 31, 2011 is (i) a restructuring charge of \$7.1 million and (ii) a goodwill and intangible impairment charge of approximately \$14.3 million.

NOTE 27. Segment Analysis

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we operated our businesses through the following four business segments:

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Investment Banking This division provides financial advisory and capital raising services in connection with mergers, acquisitions and other strategic matters. The division is being realigned around existing M&A expertise, expanded capital markets capabilities and key industry verticals, including real estate, leveraged finance, financial services, aerospace and defense, technology, media and telecom, paper and packaging, general industrial and financial sponsor coverage.

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NOTE 27. Segment Analysis (Continued)

MBS & Rates This division provides sales, trading, research and advisory services on a wide range of mortgage and asset-backed securities, U.S. Treasury and government agency securities, structured products such as CLOs and CDOs, whole loans, and other securities. Revenues are currently generated from spreads on principal transactions executed to facilitate trades for clients, including on a riskless principal basis. Revenues are also generated from changes in fair value and interest income on securities held in inventory. In addition, this division is integrating its advanced analytics and quantitative research capabilities through its platform acquired from RangeMark. RangeMark's integration may also provide for revenues earned through advisory services.

Credit Products This division provides analysis, sales and trading on a wide range of debt securities including bank debt and loans, investment grade debt, high-yield debt, treasuries, convertibles, distressed debt, preferred debt, emerging market debt and reorganization equities to corporate and institutional investor clients. The division also provides trade execution services, liability management, corporate debt repurchase programs and new issue distributions. Revenues are generated primarily from spreads on riskless principal transactions, and to a lesser extent, principal trading and commissions on trades executed on behalf of clients. In addition, revenues are also generated on a smaller scale from interest income on securities held in inventory.

ClearPoint This division originated, processed and underwrote single and multi-family residential mortgage loans within a number of states across the country. The loans were underwritten using standards prescribed by conventional mortgage lenders and loan buyers such as the Federal National Mortgage Association and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Revenues were generated primarily from the sale of the residential mortgage loans with servicing released. On February 14, 2013, the Company entered into the Homeward Transaction, an agreement to sell substantially all of ClearPoint's assets to Homeward. This transaction closed on February 22, 2013, and all remaining business activities of ClearPoint are being wound down. Refer to Note 29 herein for additional information.

The Company's sales and trading revenues consist of revenues derived from commissions, principal transactions and other fee related revenues. Investment banking consists of revenues derived from capital raising and financial advisory services. Investment gains/(losses) primarily reflect gains and losses on the Company's FATV investment. Other revenues reflect management fees received from FATV and other miscellaneous revenues, including clawbacks of certain stock-based compensation grants subject to non-competition provisions.

Prior period results have been revised to reclassify investment banking revenues and related expenses into the segments within which they are generated, as this is how the segments are currently evaluated. Such revenues were all previously presented within the Investment Banking reportable segment.

The Company's Equities segment results have been reclassified as discontinued operations and are therefore no longer reported below. In connection with this development, the goodwill and intangible asset impairment of related to the Equities segment and any previously reported intangible asset amortization related the Equities segment, which was previously included within "Other," has also been reclassified within discontinued operations. The realignment of the Investment Banking segment had no impact on comparability to prior period results.

Items of revenues and expenses not allocated to one of the reportable segments are aggregated under the caption "Other" in the table below. Included within "Other" are investment gains/(losses) and fees related to the Company's investment in and management of FATV. In addition, "Other" reflects expenses not directly associated with specific reportable segments, including goodwill impairment charges, costs related to corporate overhead and support, such as various fees associated with financing, legal and settlement expenses and amortization of certain intangible assets from business acquisitions not reported within discontinued operations.

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NOTE 27. Segment Analysis (Continued)

Information concerning operations in these segments is as follows for the year ended December 31:

(In thousands)	2012	2011	2010
Net revenues			
Investment Banking			
Investment banking	\$ 27,441	\$ 26,610	\$ 37,276
Other			90
Total Investment Banking	27,441	26,610	37,366
MBS & Rates			
Sales and trading	7,348	53,753	76,897
Investment banking	682	3,924	1,513
Interest income	42,910	60,920	55,565
Interest expense	(12,758)	(14,754)	(15,535)
Other revenue	2,456	15	217
Total MBS & Rates	40,638	103,858	118,657
Credit Products			
Sales and trading	70,639	66,688	79,357
Investment banking	2,430	2,535	6,558
Interest income	882	1,817	1,878
Interest expense	(496)	(551)	(632)
Other revenue	977	567	73
Total Credit Products	74,432	71,056	87,234
ClearPoint			
Sales and trading	46,283	40,119	
Interest income	4,935	3,446	
Interest expense	(5,131)	(2,927)	
Other revenue	7,288	6,286	
Total ClearPoint	53,375	46,924	
Total net revenues Reportable segments	195,886	248,448	243,257
Other			
Investment gains, net	1,233	2,996	7
Sales and trading	(81)	(104)	(3)
Gain from bargain purchase ClearPoint acquisition		2,330	
Interest income	69	11	(151)
Interest expense	(109)	(1,231)	(3,476)
Interest expense Intersegment allocations	5,667	7,550	8,325
Other revenue	930	1,172	623
Total Other	7,709	12,724	5,325

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Total net revenues	\$ 203,595	\$ 261,172	\$ 248,582
<i>(Loss)/income from continuing operations before income taxes</i>			
Investment Banking	\$ 4,578	\$ 2,290	\$ (2,220)
MBS & Rates	127	33,120	33,347
Credit Products	3,745	9,738	5,336
ClearPoint	(5,891)	(3,686)	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes Reportable segments	2,559	41,462	36,463
Other	(55,912)	(103,339)	(62,246)
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ (53,353)	\$ (61,877)	\$ (25,783)

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Information concerning the assets of these segments is as follows:

(In thousands)	2012	2011
Total Assets		
Investment Banking	\$ 15,907	\$ 10,916
MBS & Rates	1,026,987	2,929,879
Credit Products	40,952	29,930
ClearPoint	102,110	242,350
 Total assets Reporting segments	 1,185,956	 3,213,075
Other	95,345	126,358
Intersegment eliminations	(51,663)	(35,877)
 Total assets	 \$ 1,229,638	 \$ 3,303,556

The Company's segments financial policies are the same as those described in Note 1. Refer to Note 26 herein for information related to the Company's Equities segment which is being reported as a discontinued operation.

NOTE 28. Related Party Transactions

From time to time, in the ordinary course of its business, the Company provides investment banking services and brokerage services to MatlinPatterson, a significant stockholder of the Company, or its affiliated persons or entities.

Investment banking revenues from related parties reported in the Consolidated Statement of Operations represents \$1.9 million of fees earned for the year ended December 31, 2010 for underwriting and advisory engagements performed for MatlinPatterson or its affiliated persons or entities. There were no revenues from related parties for the years ending December 31, 2012 and 2011.

In connection with the Company's acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of RangeMark on November 7, 2012, the Company has agreed to pay to the selling parties (who are now current employees), \$2.5 million of purchase consideration, payable in four installments commencing on September 30, 2013 through March 31, 2015.

During the third quarter of 2009, the Company received a Notice of Proposed Tax Adjustments from the New York City Department of Finance for underpayment by Gleacher Partners, LLC of Unincorporated Business Tax. The Company has an off-setting claim against former pre-acquisition Gleacher stockholders for any pre-acquisition tax liabilities. This is substantially collateralized by shares of the Company's common stock held in an escrow account that was established at the closing of the Company's acquisition of Gleacher Partners, Inc. to satisfy any indemnification obligations. During the third quarter of 2010, the Company reduced this indemnification claim by approximately \$0.8 million based upon the resolution of certain tax years related to this matter. This amount is recorded within Other expenses within the Consolidated Statement of Operations, with an offsetting tax benefit recorded due to the reduction in the unrecognized tax benefit. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company reclaimed approximately \$0.7 million of shares of common stock from the escrow account in connection with the resolution of certain tax years in the third quarter of 2010. The Company does not believe, in any event, that the remaining open tax years or other pre-acquisition tax matters will have a material adverse effect on its financial position or results of operations. The Company's receivable for this indemnification claim at December 31, 2012 and 2011 was approximately \$1.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

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In connection with the acquisition of Gleacher Partners, Inc., the Company agreed to pay \$10 million to the selling parties over five years after closing the Transaction, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company paid \$4.4 million of this obligation (\$4.9 million was paid during the year ended December 31, 2010 and no payments were made during the year ended December 31, 2011). The Company's remaining obligation is recorded as a liability within the Company's Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

As further discussed in Note 19, in connection with the Company's acquisition of AmTech (which had comprised our Equities division, now reported as discontinued operations) the Company paid the former stockholders of AmTech, in the first quarter of 2010, approximately \$1.4 million and issued approximately 345,000 shares of common stock resulting in an increase of Additional paid-in capital of approximately \$1.5 million.

Details on the amounts receivable from or payable to these various related parties are below:

(In thousands)	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Receivables from related parties		
Former stockholders of Gleacher Partners, Inc.	\$ 1,474	\$ 1,337
Payables to related parties		
Former owners of RangeMark	\$ 2,350*	\$
Former stockholders of Gleacher Partners, Inc.	594	4,939*
Payables to related parties total	\$ 2,944	\$ 4,939

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Represents the present value of the Company's approximately \$2.5 million obligation to the former owners of RangeMark and \$5.0 million remaining obligation to the former stockholders of Gleacher Partners, Inc.

NOTE 29. Subsequent Events

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date of issuance of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. There were no events requiring disclosure other than the matters below.

Sale of ClearPoint

On February 14, 2013, the Company and certain of its affiliates, including ClearPoint, entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement") with Homeward. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Homeward acquired substantially all of ClearPoint's assets and assumed certain liabilities of ClearPoint. In connection with this transaction, which closed on February 22, 2013, ClearPoint paid Homeward approximately \$0.5 million, which was based primarily on the value of the loan pipeline, fixed assets and other costs and expenses.

The Purchase Agreement provides for customary termination and indemnification provisions. In connection with the indemnification provisions, the Company will maintain an escrow account of \$5.0 million for a three-year period following the closing date. The Parent has also provided for a guarantee of ClearPoint's indemnification obligations to Homeward, up to a maximum of \$2.5 million. If during the three-year period following the closing date, the payment of sums from the escrow amount is not permitted, indemnity claims of Homeward will be paid under the guaranty, up to a maximum of \$7.5 million. Any amounts paid under the guarantee will be released to the Company from the escrow amount on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Indemnity claims of Homeward, if any, will be paid first from the escrow amount, and then, to the extent necessary, drawn upon the guaranty.

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NOTE 29. Subsequent Events (Continued)

ClearPoint will be reclassified as a discontinued operation in the first quarter of 2013. The Company estimates it will recognize a pre-tax loss of approximately \$5.0 million in connection with this disposition.

Wind-Down of Curtailment Guaranties

On February 14, 2013 and in connection with entering the Purchase Agreement, the Company, ClearPoint and lenders under ClearPoint's Credit Facilities entered into Consent and Wind-down Agreements ("Consent and Wind-down Agreements"), pursuant to which the Curtailment Guaranties will be deemed terminated upon the repayment of the outstanding obligations under ClearPoint's Credit Facilities (provided that any funded loan that has not been purchased by the thirty-first day following the closing date of the Homeward Transaction shall be immediately due and payable under the respective credit facilities). As of March 15, 2013, ClearPoint had no remaining exposure to these credit facilities and the Curtailment Guaranties have terminated. Refer to Notes 15 and 19 herein for additional information.

ClearPoint Transition Services and Line of Credit Agreement

In connection with the Homeward Transaction, ClearPoint has agreed to provide transition services which includes loan origination services in Massachusetts and Virginia, currently through the earlier of March 31, 2013 or such date as Homeward receives the applicable licenses required to originate loans in these states. ClearPoint has arranged for a temporary credit facility in order to finance this origination activity. Capacity under this credit facility is \$10 million and the facility can be terminated with five days written notice, or otherwise expires on September 30, 2013. Homeward will reimburse ClearPoint for the costs of providing the loan origination services and has provided a payment and performance guaranty of ClearPoint's obligations to the lender of this facility.

Departure of Professionals within the Credit Products Division

On February 20, 2013, the Company confirmed the departure of approximately 20 professionals previously employed in the Company's Credit Products division (current headcount within this division is approximately 70). As a result, revenues from this group have declined significantly.

Departure of Executive Officer

On January 29, 2013, the Company announced that, effective January 28, 2013, Eric J. Gleacher, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, resigned as a director and executive officer of the Company.

Prospective Departure of Certain Members of the Board of Directors

In a letter dated February 23, 2013, four current directors of the Company, Henry S. Bienen, Robert A. Gerard, Bruce Rohde and Robert S. Yingling, informed the Company that they do not intend to stand for re-election at the Company's Annual Meeting. The letter also stated that, should the situation change in the interim, they may be willing to reconsider their decision not to stand. The directors' decision not to stand for re-election was not the result of any disagreement with the Company relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

Director Nominations by MatlinPatterson

Also on February 23, 2013, the Company received a submission by MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC, a significant holder of the Company's common stock, of a slate of eight nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors at the Company's Annual Meeting. In their proposal, MatlinPatterson nominated current directors Marshall Cohen, Mark R. Patterson and Christopher Pechock, as well as nominees Carl McKinzie, Jaime Lifton, Edwin Banks, Keith B. Hall and Nasir Hasan.

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SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA
(Unaudited)
(In thousands of dollars, except for per share data)

	Three Months Ended			
	Mar 2012	Jun 2012	Sep 2012	Dec 2012
Total revenues	\$ 69,362	\$ 48,138	\$ 45,479	\$ 53,443
Interest expense	4,619	3,492	2,149	2,567
Net revenues	64,743	44,646	43,330	50,876
Total expenses (excluding interest)	70,025	76,398	48,354	62,171
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes and discontinued operations	(5,282)	(31,752)	(5,024)	(11,295)
Income tax (benefit)/expense	(566)	27,198	(2,223)	193
Loss from continuing operations	(4,716)	(58,950)	(2,801)	(11,488)
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	32	(23)	33	223
Net loss	\$ (4,684)	\$ (58,973)	\$ (2,768)	\$ (11,265)
Loss per share:				
Basic loss per share				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.10)
Discontinued operations				
Net loss per share	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.10)
Dilutive loss per share				
Continuing operations	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.10)
Discontinued operations				
Net loss per share	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.10)

The sum of the quarter earnings per share amount does not always equal the full fiscal year's amount due to the effect of averaging the number of shares of common stock and common stock equivalents throughout the year.

Correction of an Error. During the preparation of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company determined that in the second quarter of 2012, we incorrectly provided for a valuation allowance on \$1.9 million of net operating losses ("NOLs") that were realizable by the Company. This had the effect of overstating income tax expense by approximately \$1.9 million in the Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and nine months ended September 30, 2012. We evaluated the effects of this error and concluded that it is not material to the Company's previously issued Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and nine months ended September 30, 2012. Nevertheless, we revised in this report, our Consolidated Statement of Operations to correct for the effect of this error in our financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and for the nine month ended September 30, 2012 and will include this revision in future filings. We determined that correcting the misstatement in the fourth quarter of 2012 would have been material to the results of the three months ended December 31, 2012 and thus revised the results of the three months ended June 30, 2012. The revision does not affect net operating, investing or financing cash flows reported within the

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and has an insignificant effect on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition for all periods.

The amounts on prior period Consolidated Statements of Operations and earnings per share ("EPS") that have been revised is summarized below:

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended June 30, 2012	Six Months Ended June 30, 2012	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
Net loss as previously reported	\$ (60,832)	\$ (65,516)	\$ (68,285)
Adjustment	1,859	1,859	1,859
Net loss as revised	\$ (58,973)	\$ (63,657)	\$ (66,426)
<i>EPS Basic and Diluted</i>			
EPS as previously reported	\$ (0.51)	\$ (0.55)	\$ (0.57)
EPS as revised	\$ (0.49)	\$ (0.53)	\$ (0.56)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	Mar 2011	Three Months Ended		Dec 2011
		Jun 2011	Sep 2011	
Total revenues	\$ 91,958	\$ 59,435	\$ 56,836	\$ 64,856
Interest expense	2,569	3,056	2,672	3,616
Net revenues	89,389	56,379	54,164	61,240
Total expenses (excluding interest)	74,661	53,963	132,949	61,476