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FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File Number 001-35355

MANNING & NAPIER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

45-2609100

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

290 Woodcliff Drive

Fairport, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

(585) 325-6880

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

14450

(Zip code)

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

Title of each class

Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value per share

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

None

Name of each exchange in which registered

New York Stock Exchange

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 Act.

Yes No

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 Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or

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In this Annual Report on Form 10-K, “we”, “our”, “us”, the “Company”, “Manning & Napier” and the “Registrant” refers to Manning & Napier, Inc. and, unless the context otherwise requires, its direct and indirect subsidiaries and predecessors on a consolidated basis.	

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which reflect our views with respect to, among other things, our operations and financial performance. Words like “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “estimates,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “intend” or “anticipates” or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, are used to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. Although we believe that we are basing our expectations and beliefs on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of what we currently know about our business and operations, there can be no assurance that our actual results will not differ materially from what we expect or believe. Some of the factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations or beliefs are disclosed in the “Risk Factors” as well as other sections of this report which include, without limitation: changes in securities or financial markets or general economic conditions; a decline in the performance of the Company’s products; client sales and redemption activity; any loss of an executive officer or key personnel; and changes of government policy or regulations. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and we undertake no duty to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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PART I

Item 1. Business.

Overview

Manning & Napier, Inc. provides a broad range of investment solutions through separately managed accounts, mutual funds, and collective investment trust funds, as well as a variety of consultative services that complement our investment process. Founded in 1970, we offer equity and fixed income portfolios as well as a range of blended asset portfolios, such as life cycle funds, that use a mix of stocks and bonds. Headquartered in Fairport, New York, we serve a diversified client base of high net worth individuals and institutions, including 401(k) plans, pension plans, Taft-Hartley plans, endowments and foundations.

The Company was incorporated on June 22, 2011 for the purpose of facilitating an initial public offering ("IPO") of 13,583,873 shares of its Class A common stock and to become the sole managing member of Manning & Napier Group, LLC and its subsidiaries ("Manning & Napier Group"), a holding company for the investment management businesses conducted by its operating subsidiaries. Prior to the series of transactions to reorganize our capital structure in advance of the IPO, we were a group of privately-held, affiliated companies, which we refer to as the "Manning & Napier Companies". The diagram below depicts our organization structure as of December 31, 2013.

(1) Manning & Napier, Inc. is the managing member of Manning & Napier Group. The operating subsidiaries of Manning & Napier Group are Manning & Napier Advisors, LLC ("MNA"), Manning & Napier Advisory Advantage Company, LLC ("AAC"), Exeter Advisors I, LLC, Manning & Napier Alternative Opportunities, LLC, Perspective Partners, LLC, Manning & Napier Information Services, LLC, Manning & Napier Benefits, LLC, Manning & Napier Investor Services, Inc. ("MNBD") and Exeter Trust Company. AAC transferred all of its business to MNA and was dissolved effective December 31, 2013.

As illustrated in the chart below, since 1999, we have achieved strong growth in discretionary assets under management, or AUM. From December 31, 1999 through December 31, 2013, our AUM has increased from \$6.9 billion to \$50.8 billion,

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representing a compound annual growth rate of 15.3% during a period that included over an 8 year long secular bear market. Our growth in AUM resulted in an increase in our revenues from \$50.2 million for the year ended December 31, 1999 to \$376.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. We believe this growth is primarily the result of our consultative, total-solutions approach to working with clients and our investment process that has yielded attractive long-term investment results.

Note: Reflects our AUM over the periods indicated. Data as of December 31 of each year.

Since our inception, we have taken the view that an active, team-based approach to portfolio management is the best way to manage risk for clients as market conditions change. Across our variety of equity, fixed income and blended asset portfolios, our goal is to provide competitive absolute returns over full market cycles. We employ disciplined processes that seek to avoid areas of speculation by focusing on investments with strong fundamentals at reasonable prices or stable fundamentals at attractive prices. To ensure a focus on absolute returns, we employ a compensation structure for our research team that rewards positive and above benchmark results and penalizes negative and below benchmark results. This active, absolute-returns based approach requires flexibility to invest where opportunities are and avoid speculation, regardless of the allocations within a comparative benchmark.

Initially, this approach helped us build a client base of high net worth individuals, small business owners and middle market institutions, and we maintain these relationships in many targeted geographic regions. This foundation allowed us to expand our business to serve the needs of larger institutions, investment consultants and other intermediaries, which has been a key driver of the growth reflected in the chart above.

In addition to a strong, team-based research engine, we have an internal organization of specialists to provide additional consultative services beyond investment management, which we believe helps us build close relationships with our clients through multiple service touch points and a solutions-oriented approach. We have designed solutions that are specific to our clients' needs, including: 401(k) plan design and participant education; family wealth management and trust services; and group health and ancillary benefits advisory services. Taken together with attractive long-term investment performance across portfolios, our consultative, total-solutions approach has allowed us to achieve a high average annual separate account retention rate. For the ten-year period ending December 31, 2013, our average annual separate account retention rate was approximately 94%.

Our commitment to team-based research, an absolute return focus and a flexible process that is benchmark-agnostic have been central to our success, and we believe are distinctive within the industry. Our mutual funds have earned a number of industry accolades over time, including a finalist ranking for Morningstar's international manager of the decade, multiple Lipper awards and a Gold Morningstar Analyst rating for several of our equity, life style and target date mutual funds. As of December 31, 2013, 26% of our total mutual fund AUM rated by Morningstar were in funds rated at least four stars, and 92% were in funds that were rated at least three stars. From January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2013, our core mutual funds, representing a majority of our mutual fund and collective investment trust AUM, have experienced attractive cumulative returns well in excess of the returns earned by broad equity market indexes.

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Note: Represents cumulative returns, net of fees, for the mutual funds set forth above from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2013. Percentages in parentheses represent allowable equity range for each mutual fund. We offer our investment management capabilities primarily through direct sales to high net worth individuals and institutions, as well as through third-party intermediaries, platforms and institutional investment consultants. Our AUM as of December 31, 2013 by investment vehicle and portfolio were as follows:

As of December 31, 2013, we had 507 employees, including William Manning, our Chairman and controlling stockholder, and other employee-owners, most of whom are based in Fairport, New York. Collectively, these employee-owners directly and indirectly own approximately 86% of our operating subsidiary, Manning & Napier Group, through which we conduct all of our business. We believe that our culture of employee ownership aligns our interests with those of our clients and shareholders by delivering strong long-term investment performance and solutions.

Our Strategy

Our approach for continued success is focused on the strategies described below.

Maintain a Strong, Team-Based Research Engine

With a research department of 95 people, we are committed to a team-based approach to portfolio management to ensure that success can be repeated over time. All of our investment products are managed by a team of individuals, so that stability of process takes precedence over any individual personality. Our Senior Research Group of 13 Managing Directors within our research department has oversight for all team-based decisions. This group averages 19 years tenure with our firm. We take a home-grown approach to maintaining this strong research engine. Analysts begin their employment with us as Research Assistants or Associates, and progress to the Analyst level only after learning our process and disciplines in a role that supports the portfolio management teams. We believe this ensures consistency with our time-tested philosophies and also provides a source of future analysts to address growth and turnover. This home-grown, team-based approach to portfolio management has been key to our success over time, and we will continue to invest in the growth and development of the research department as growth in AUM and/or product development warrants.

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Expand Distribution

We continue to focus on the depth of our multi-channel distribution structure, which includes both direct and intermediary channels. Within our intermediary channel, we recognize the growing influence and specialization of retirement plan advisors. To address this opportunity, we are identifying a specific Defined Contribution Investment Only wholesaling team to focus their sales efforts on retirement specialist advisors, who work with small-to-mid market defined contribution plans. Non-retirement plan advisors will continue to be focused on wealth management investment solutions.

Within our direct channel, our high-touch distribution strategy has allowed us to build strong relationships over time. Recent hires in Texas and California have added to our historical footprint, which was originally concentrated around New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio and more recently spanning the east coast. We plan to continue expanding our direct distribution sales force domestically to the west coast. In particular, we are looking to add a Taft Hartley presence on the west coast. Beyond deepening these current channels, we continue to look at ways to expand our global distribution, including leveraging our current relationships in Europe and expanding into new markets.

Innovative Product Development

Our on-going development of products and consultative services in response to current and prospective client needs historically has been a source of growth. Today's market environment presents new challenges for investors. Historically low yields on fixed income securities, the potential for rising interest rates and future inflation, and continued global uncertainty have created an investing landscape that requires new solutions to meeting objectives. We understand that we must stay relevant and competitive by ensuring that we are consistently providing innovative solutions that address today's challenges. Our global fixed income mutual fund, flexible income separate account strategy, inflation focused equity strategies, strategic income mutual funds, and emerging market mutual fund are all examples of newer products that may meet the needs and/or demands of investors in today's challenging environment. In addition to these new products, we continue to incubate new strategies, including some in the alternatives space, along with others such as large cap growth, large cap value and international fixed income. Today, we have more than 180 people dedicated to sales, service and product development and we will intend to add resources where solving key problems can strengthen our relationships with clients.

Enhanced Consultative Services

Offering consultative services alongside our team-based, process-driven investment management has been a source of both new business and client retention over our history. Currently, we offer a variety of consultative services to individual and institutional clients, including estate and tax planning, asset/liability modeling for defined benefit pension plans, retirement and health plan design analysis for employers, and donor relations and planned giving services for endowment and foundation clients.

Many of these services are offered through our Client Analytics Group, which consists of more than 20 internal consultants whose primary responsibilities include working with prospective and current clients to solve investment and planning-related problems. This group includes several chartered financial analysts, certified financial planners, an accredited investment fiduciary and professionals with law and masters degrees.

We also offer several technology-driven products and services aimed at the middle-market employer marketplace to assist both employers and employees with their health and wealth planning. Specifically, we offer technology that assists employers in offering and administering health benefit plans, including a web-based platform to educate employees about high deductible health benefit plans. We expect to continue to develop and may acquire products and services to help employers best address key issues regarding retirement and health benefit plans.

Products and Services

We manage a variety of equity, fixed income and blended asset strategies, using primarily traditional asset classes such as stocks and bonds. These strategies may include a mix of the different vehicles we offer, including separate accounts, mutual funds, and collective investment trusts. Our goal is to help our clients meet their investment objectives by providing competitive positive returns over full stock market cycles, including both bull and bear market environments. Three key elements of our investment process help to keep us focused on that goal:

• **Team-Based Research.** Our analysts and economists work together to understand market opportunities from both a broad, macro level and a more detailed industry and company level. This combination of both "top-down" and

"bottom-up" research allows us to identify trends, themes and company specific investment opportunities across the globe, and has been a key factor in our success. The use of a team rather than an individual to manage strategies means we emphasize repeatable processes over personalities.

A Focus on Absolute Returns. Whether investing in a country, industry or individual company, we hold a strong belief that price matters. We are focused on helping our clients avoid permanent loss of capital over their time horizon, which is different than day-to-day volatility, which could in fact present opportunities. To that end, we believe we have

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aligned the incentives of our analysts with the goals of our clients by structuring our analyst compensation system such that returns that are both negative and below benchmarks produce a negative bonus the analyst has to offset before earning a positive bonus. The analysts earn their largest bonus, which could be multiples of their salary and the largest part of their total compensation, when they earn returns that are both positive and above benchmarks for our clients. We believe this focus on price has provided capital preservation in many valuation-based bear markets during our history, and reduces the risk of permanent, downside price fluctuation from our buy price.

Flexibility to be Benchmark Agnostic. The flexibility to invest across sectors, countries and asset classes allows us to focus on companies we view as having greater upside potential than downside risk, and allows us to have a broad enough opportunity set to freely navigate away from areas of excess or speculation without limiting the number of investment opportunities. While this approach may often result in our strategies having meaningfully different allocations and exposures when compared to market benchmarks, we believe this type of differentiation is necessary to manage risk in many environments.

All strategies are managed under the oversight of our Senior Research Group. In total, we have 95 full-time employees in our research department, including 35 equity analysts/economists and four fixed income analysts/economists.

The table below summarizes the cumulative excess returns against industry benchmarks for our key investment strategies as of December 31, 2013. These strategies are used across separate account, mutual fund, and collective investment trust vehicles, and represent approximately 85% of our total AUM as of December 31, 2013.

Key Strategies	AUM as of December 31, 2013 (in thousands)	Inception Date	Cumulative Portfolio Return Since Inception	Benchmark Return Since Inception of Portfolio (1)	Cumulative Excess Return Since Inception
Long-Term Growth 30%-80% Equity Exposure	\$10,686,096	1/1/1973	4,898.9	% 3,922.3	%(2) 976.6
Growth with Reduced Volatility 20%-60% Equity Exposure	\$4,699,656	1/1/1973	3,695.7	% 3,334.3	%(3) 361.4
Aggregate Fixed Income Equity-Oriented	\$401,561	1/1/1984	876.9	% 836.1	%(4) 40.8
Core Equity (Unrestricted) 90%-100% Equity Exposure	\$4,452,553	1/1/1993	746.6	% 474.7	%(5) 271.9
Core Non-U.S. Equity	\$1,980,364	1/1/1995	755.9	% 425.1	%(6) 330.8
Core U.S. Equity	\$17,831,073	10/1/1996	351.3	% 161.7	%(7) 189.6
	\$3,383,169	7/1/2000	160.2	% 78.3	%(8) 82.0

(1) These benchmarks are based on the average equity exposure of the portfolio as well as the market for the underlying securities.

(2) Represents 55% from the S&P 500 Index and 45% from the Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index, or BGCB Index.

(3) Represents 40% from the S&P 500 Index and 60% from the BGCB Index.

(4) Represents the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, or BAB Index.

(5) Represents 65% from the Russell 3000® Index, 20% from the MSCI ACWI ex US Index, or the ACWIxUS Index, and 15% from the BAB Index.

(6) Represents 80% from the Russell 3000® Index and 20% from the ACWIxUS Index.

(7) Represents the ACWIxUS Index.

(8) Represents the Russell 3000® Index.

Sales and Distribution

We distribute our products and services through direct sales to high net worth individuals, middle market institutions and larger institutional clients that are working with consultants. In addition, we have dedicated efforts to sell through

financial intermediaries and platforms. In identifying prospective new business, we focus on individuals and institutions that have long-term objectives and needs, and are looking for a partner in addressing those objectives. We believe our problem-solving approach fosters strong relationships, and our focus on communicating our investment process helps to manage long-term expectations and minimize AUM turnover.

As of December 31, 2013, we have 54 sales and distribution professionals, with an average of approximately 17 years of industry experience. Our Managing Director of Sales, who has been with MNA since 1993, oversees 29 direct institutional and regional sales representatives. Our Managing Director of Regional Sales, Managing Director of Intermediary Distribution, and

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Managing Director of Portfolio Strategies Group, who have respectively been with MNA for 15, 4 and 24 years, report to our Managing Director of Sales and help to manage our various sales and service representatives. Specifically, we have eight direct national sales representatives that cover large, multiple state territories prospecting large plans. We have 18 direct regional sales representatives that cover smaller territories and pursue both individual and middle market institutional business opportunities. We have two regional service representatives that focus on serving individual and small institutional clients. Our Intermediary Channel includes nine external wholesalers, five internal wholesalers, two key account representatives and a sales representative who focuses on third party distribution. Lastly, we have five Portfolio Strategists who are primarily responsible for consultant relations. Sales representatives have different areas of focus in terms of client type, product and vehicle, but are highly knowledgeable about the investment markets, our investment process and our product and service offerings, so as to lessen the need for our research department personnel to assist in bringing new relationships on board. Our sales representatives are responsible for generating new business as well as maintaining existing business. Referrals are an important source of new business in both our direct and intermediary marketing efforts. To assist the sales representatives, we have 47 service professionals who are responsible for responding to client requests and questions. Our separate accounts are primarily distributed by direct sales representatives that market to individuals and institutions in defined territories within North America. Our regional sales representatives form separate account relationships with high net worth individuals that own businesses, sit on boards of endowments or foundations, or are generally well-connected in their communities, and leverage those relationships to obtain middle market, institutional separate account business. Our high net worth and middle market separate account clients also often use the consultative services of our Client Analytics Group, which includes a variety of planning services. Our regional sales representatives focus more on large institutional mandates across the U.S. We obtain a smaller portion of our separate account business through our external and internal wholesalers, who work with intermediaries, including national brokerage firm representatives and independent financial advisors working with high net worth individuals, and unaffiliated registered investment advisor platforms that select our strategies for inclusion in their investment programs.

Our mutual funds and collective investment trusts are distributed through intermediaries, platforms and investment consultants, as well as direct to institutional clients. Our internal and external wholesale professionals are focused on distributing through retirement plan advisors who work with defined contribution plans, as well as through brokers and advisors who work with retail clients. Our consultant relations specialists are dedicated to building relationships with investment consultants and our platform sales representative is focused on identifying new platform or sub-advisory opportunities. The primary responsibilities of these individuals are to educate consultants, platform providers and advisors on our investment products and process and to ensure our products are among those considered for placement within mutual fund advisory programs, on platforms' approved lists and in active searches conducted by consultants. Our direct institutional and regional sales representatives also contribute to mutual fund and collective investment trust distribution through sales and servicing of fund vehicles to large market retirement plan sponsors and institutions.

Competition

Historically, we have competed to attract assets to manage principally on the basis of:

- a broad portfolio and service offering that provides solutions for our clients;
- the disciplined and repeatable nature of our team-based investment processes;
- the quality of the service we provide to our clients and the duration of our relationships with them;
- the tenure and continuity of our management and team-based investment professionals; and
- our track record of long-term investment excellence.

Our ability to continue to compete effectively will also depend upon our ability to retain our current investment professionals and employees and to attract highly qualified new investment professionals and employees. We compete in all aspects of our business with a large number of investment management firms, commercial banks, broker-dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions.

Regulation

Our business is subject to extensive regulation in the United States at the federal level and, to a lesser extent, the state level, as well as by self-regulatory organizations and regulations outside the United States. Under certain of these laws and regulations, agencies that regulate investment advisers have broad administrative powers, including the power to limit, restrict or prohibit an investment adviser from carrying on its business in the event that it fails to comply with such laws and regulations. Possible sanctions that may be imposed include the suspension of individual employees, limitations on engaging in

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certain lines of business for specified periods of time, revocation of investment adviser and other registrations, censures and fines.

SEC Regulation

Manning & Napier Advisors, LLC and Exeter Advisors I, LLC are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, as investment advisers under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, ("the Advisers Act"). Additionally, the Manning & Napier Fund, Inc., (the "Fund"), and several of the third-party investment companies we sub-advise are registered under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, (the "1940 Act"). The Advisers Act and the 1940 Act, together with the SEC's regulations and interpretations thereunder, impose substantive and material restrictions and requirements on the operations of advisers and mutual funds. The SEC is authorized to institute proceedings and impose sanctions for violations of the Advisers Act and the 1940 Act, ranging from fines and censures to termination of an adviser's registration.

As an investment adviser, we have a fiduciary duty to our clients. The SEC has interpreted these duties to impose standards, requirements and limitations on, among other things:

- trading for proprietary, personal and client accounts;
- allocations of investment opportunities among clients;
- use of soft dollars;
- execution of transactions; and
- recommendations to clients.

We manage accounts for all of our clients on a discretionary basis, with authority to buy and sell securities for each portfolio, select broker-dealers to execute trades and negotiate brokerage commission rates. In connection with these transactions, we receive soft dollar credits from broker-dealers that have the effect of reducing certain of our expenses. All of our soft dollar arrangements are intended to be within the safe harbor provided by Section 28(e) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act"). If our ability to use soft dollars were reduced or eliminated as a result of statutory amendments or new regulations, our operating expenses would increase.

As a registered adviser, we are subject to many additional requirements that cover, among other things:

- disclosure of information about our business to clients;
- maintenance of formal policies and procedures;
- maintenance of extensive books and records;
- restrictions on the types of fees we may charge;
- custody of client assets;
- client privacy;
- advertising; and
- solicitation of clients.

The SEC has authority to inspect any investment adviser and typically inspects a registered adviser periodically to determine whether the adviser is conducting its activities (i) in accordance with applicable laws, (ii) consistent with disclosures made to clients and (iii) with adequate policies, procedures and systems to ensure compliance.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, 41% of our revenues were derived from our advisory services to investment companies registered under the 1940 Act, including 41% derived from our advisory services to the Fund. The 1940 Act imposes significant requirements and limitations on a registered fund, including with respect to its capital structure, investments and transactions. While we exercise broad discretion over the day-to-day management of the business and affairs of the Fund and the investment portfolios of the Fund and the funds we sub-advise, our own operations are subject to oversight and management by each fund's board of directors. Under the 1940 Act, a majority of the directors must not be "interested persons" with respect to us (sometimes referred to as the "independent director" requirement). The responsibilities of the board include, among other things, approving our investment management agreement with the Fund; approving other service providers; determining the method of valuing assets; and monitoring transactions involving affiliates. Our investment management agreements with the Fund may be terminated by the funds on not more than 60 days' notice, and are subject to annual renewal by the Fund board after the initial term of one to two years.

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The 1940 Act also imposes on the investment adviser to a mutual fund a fiduciary duty with respect to the receipt of the adviser's investment management fees. That fiduciary duty may be enforced by the SEC through administrative action or litigation by investors in the fund pursuant to a private right of action.

Under the Advisers Act, our investment management agreements may not be assigned without the client's consent. Under the 1940 Act, investment management agreements with registered funds (such as the mutual funds we manage) terminate automatically upon assignment. The term "assignment" is broadly defined and includes direct assignments as well as assignments that may be deemed to occur upon the transfer, directly or indirectly, of a controlling interest in us.

MNBD, our SEC-registered broker-dealer subsidiary, is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule, which requires that at least a minimum part of a registered broker-dealer's assets be kept in relatively liquid form. As of December 31, 2013, MNBD was in compliance with its net capital requirements.

ERISA-Related Regulation

We are a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or ERISA, with respect to assets that we manage for benefit plan clients subject to ERISA. ERISA, regulations promulgated thereunder and applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, impose certain duties on persons who are fiduciaries under ERISA, prohibit certain transactions involving ERISA plan clients and provide monetary penalties for violations of these prohibitions.

The fiduciary duties under ERISA may be enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor by administrative action or litigation and by our benefit plan clients pursuant to a private right of action. In addition, the IRS may assess excise taxes against us if we engage in prohibited transactions on behalf of or with our benefit plan clients.

New Hampshire Banking Department

Exeter Trust Company is a state-chartered non-depository trust company subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the New Hampshire Bank Commissioner.

Insurance-Related Regulation

Manning & Napier Benefits, LLC is a registered insurance broker in multiple states including the District of Columbia and, as such, is subject to various state insurance and health-related rules and regulations.

Non-U.S. Regulation

In addition to the extensive regulation our investment management industry is subject to in the United States, we are also subject to regulation by various Canadian regulatory authorities in the Canadian provinces where we operate pursuant to exemptions from registration. We are authorized to act as a non-resident sub-advisory investment manager to collective investment vehicles in Ireland. Our business is also subject to the rules and regulations of the more than 30 countries in which we currently buy and sell portfolio investments.

Employees

As of December 31, 2013, we had 507 employees, most of whom are based in Fairport, New York. None of our employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement. We believe that relations with our employees are good. We strive to attract and retain the best talent in the industry.

Available Information

All annual, quarterly and current reports, and amendments to those reports, proxy statements and other filings we file or furnish with the SEC are available free of charge from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov/> or from the Public Reference Room at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549; 1-800-SEC-0330. Such documents are available as soon as reasonably practicable after electronic filing of the material with the SEC.

We also make the documents listed above available without charge through the Investor Relations section of our website at <http://ir.manning-napier.com/>.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Risks Related to our Business

Our revenues are dependent on the market value and composition of our AUM, all of which are subject to fluctuation due to factors outside of our control.

We derive the majority of our revenue from investment management fees, typically calculated as a percentage of the market value of our AUM. As a result, our revenues are dependent on the value and composition of our AUM, all of

which are subject to fluctuation due to many factors, including:

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Declines in prices of securities in our portfolios. The prices of the securities held in the portfolios we manage may decline due to any number of factors beyond our control, including, among others, declining stock or commodities markets, changes in interest rates, a general economic downturn, political uncertainty or acts of terrorism. The U.S. and global financial markets continue to be subject to an unusual amount of uncertainty and instability. Such factors could cause an unusual degree of volatility and price declines for securities in the portfolios we manage. We are required to maintain cash held by brokers as collateral for managed futures and cash at brokers as collateral for securities sold, not yet purchased. If the market value of these securities decline in value, we may be required by the lender to provide additional collateral on minimal notice. Posting additional collateral will reduce our liquidity and limit our ability to leverage our assets, which could adversely affect our business.

Redemptions and other withdrawals. Our clients generally may withdraw their funds at any time, on very short notice and without any significant penalty. A substantial portion of our revenue is derived from investment advisory agreements that are terminable by clients upon short notice or no notice and investors in the mutual funds we advise can redeem their investments in those funds at any time without prior notice. Our growth in AUM in recent years has included new clients and portfolios that may not have the same client retention characteristics as we have experienced in the past. In addition, in a declining stock market, the pace of redemptions could accelerate.

Investment performance. If our portfolios perform poorly, even over the short-term, as compared with our competitors or applicable third-party benchmarks, or the rankings of mutual funds we manage decline, we may lose existing AUM and have difficulty attracting new assets.

If any of these factors cause a decline in our AUM, it would result in lower investment management revenues. If our revenues decline without a commensurate reduction in our expenses, our net income will be reduced and our business will be adversely affected.

The loss of key investment professionals or members of our senior management team could have an adverse effect on our business.

We depend on the skills and expertise of qualified investment professionals and our success depends on our ability to retain key employees, including members of our senior management team. Our investment professionals possess substantial experience in investing and have been primarily responsible for the historically attractive investment performance we have achieved. We particularly depend on our executive officers as well as our Senior Research Group, which is a team of 13 senior analysts who manage our portfolios. The loss of any of these key individuals could limit our ability to successfully execute our business strategy and could have an adverse effect on our business. Any of our investment or management professionals may resign at any time, subject to various covenants not to compete with us. In addition, employee-owners are subject to additional covenants not to compete. We do not carry key man insurance on any employees at this time.

Competition for qualified investment, management, marketing and client service professionals is intense and we may fail to attract and retain qualified personnel in the future. Our ability to attract and retain these personnel will depend heavily on the amount and structure of compensation and opportunities for equity ownership we offer. We utilize a compensation structure that uses a combination of cash and equity-based incentives as appropriate. We intend for overall compensation levels to remain commensurate with amounts paid to our named executive officers and other key employees in the past. However, our compensation may not be effective to recruit and retain the personnel we need, especially if our equity-based compensation does not return significant value to employees. Any cost-reduction initiative or adjustments or reductions to compensation could negatively impact our ability to retain key personnel. In addition, changes to our management structure, corporate culture and corporate governance arrangements could negatively impact our ability to retain key personnel.

We derive substantially all of our revenues from contracts and relationships that may be terminated upon short or no notice.

We derive substantially all of our revenues from investment advisory and sub-advisor agreements, all of which are terminable by clients upon short notice or no notice and without any significant penalty. Our investment management agreements with mutual funds, as required by law, are generally terminable by the funds' board of directors or a vote of the majority of the funds' outstanding voting securities on not more than 60 days' written notice. After an initial term, each fund's investment management agreement must be approved and renewed annually by such fund's board,

including by its independent members. In addition, all of our separate account clients and some of the pooled investment vehicles, including mutual funds, that we sub-advise have the ability to re-allocate all or any portion of the assets that we manage away from us at any time with little or no notice. These investment management agreements and mutual fund and collective investment trust client relationships may be terminated or not renewed for any number of reasons. The decrease in revenues that could result from the termination of a material client relationship or group of client relationships could have an adverse effect on our business.

We may be required to reduce the fees we charge, or our fees may decline due to changes in our AUM composition, which could have an adverse effect on our profit margins and results of operations.

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Our current fee structure may be subject to downward pressure due to a variety of factors, including a trend in recent years toward lower fees in the investment management industry. We may be required to reduce fees with respect to both the separate accounts we manage and the mutual funds and collective trust funds we advise. In addition, we may charge lower fees to attract future new business as compared to our existing business, which may result in us having to reduce our fees with respect to our existing business accordingly. The investment management agreements pursuant to which we advise mutual funds are terminable on short notice and, after an initial term, are subject to an annual process of review and renewal by the funds' boards. As part of that annual review process, the fund board considers, among other things, the level of compensation that the fund has been paying us for our services, and that process may result in the renegotiation of our fee structure or increase our obligations, thus increasing the cost of our performance. Any fee reductions on existing or future new business could have an adverse effect on our profit margins and results of operations.

Several of our portfolios involve investing principally in the securities of non-U.S. companies, which involve foreign currency exchange risk, and tax, political, social and economic uncertainties and risks.

As of December 31, 2013, approximately 44% of our AUM across all of our portfolios was invested in securities of non-U.S. companies. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could negatively affect the returns of our clients who are invested in these strategies. In addition, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to non-U.S. currencies is likely to result in a decrease in the U.S. dollar value of our AUM, which, in turn, could result in lower revenue since we report our financial results in U.S. dollars.

Investments in non-U.S. issuers may also be affected by tax positions taken in countries or regions in which we are invested as well as political, social and economic uncertainty. Declining tax revenues may cause governments to assert their ability to tax the local gains and/or income of foreign investors (including our clients), which could adversely affect clients' interests in investing outside their home markets. Many financial markets are not as developed, or as efficient, as the U.S. financial markets and, as a result, those markets may have limited liquidity and higher price volatility and may lack established regulations. Liquidity may also be adversely affected by political or economic events, government policies, social or civil unrest within a particular country, and our ability to dispose of an investment may also be adversely affected if we increase the size of our investments in smaller non-U.S. issuers. Non-U.S. legal and regulatory environments, including financial accounting standards and practices, may also be different, and there may be less publicly available information about such companies. These risks could adversely affect the performance of our strategies that are invested in securities of non-U.S. issuers and may be particularly acute in the emerging or less developed markets in which we invest.

We derive a substantial portion of our revenues from our Core Non-U.S. Equity portfolios.

As of December 31, 2013, approximately 35% of our AUM were invested in our Core Non-U.S. Equity portfolios. The World Opportunities Series alone represented approximately 15% of our total AUM as of December 31, 2013. As a result, a substantial portion of our operating results depends upon the performance of our Core Non-U.S. Equity portfolios, and our ability to retain client assets in such portfolios. If a significant portion of the investors in our Core Non-U.S. Equity portfolios decide to withdraw their investments or terminate their investment management agreements for any reason, including poor investment performance or adverse market conditions, our revenues from these portfolios would decline, which could have an adverse effect on our earnings and financial condition. The investment performance and/or the growth of our AUM may be constrained if appropriate investment opportunities are not available or if we close certain of our portfolios.

Our ability to deliver strong investment performance depends in large part on our ability to identify appropriate investment opportunities in which to invest client assets. If we are unable to identify sufficient appropriate investment opportunities for existing and new client assets on a timely basis, our investment performance could be adversely affected. The risk that sufficient appropriate investment opportunities may be unavailable is influenced by a number of factors, including general market conditions, and is likely to increase as and if our AUM increases, particularly if these increases occur very rapidly.

If we determine that sufficient investment opportunities are not available for some or all of our portfolios, or we believe that in order to remain competitive or continue to produce attractive returns from some or all of our portfolios we should limit the growth of those strategies, as we have done in the past, we may choose to limit the growth of the

portfolio by limiting the rate at which we accept additional client assets for management under the portfolio, closing the portfolio to all or substantially all new investors or otherwise taking action to limit the flow of assets into the portfolio. If we misjudge the point at which it would be optimal to limit access to or close a portfolio, the investment performance of the portfolio could be negatively impacted. In addition, if we close access to a portfolio, we may offer a new portfolio to our clients, but we cannot guarantee that such new portfolio will attract clients or perform in a manner consistent with the closed portfolio. Limiting access to or closing a portfolio, while designed to enable us to remain competitive or continue to produce attractive returns, may be seen by some investors in our Class A common stock solely as a loss of revenue growth opportunities in the short-term, which could lead to a decrease in the value of our Class A common stock and a loss on your investment.

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The significant growth we have experienced historically has been and may continue to be difficult to sustain, and we may have difficulty managing our growth effectively.

The rapid growth in our AUM has been and may continue to be difficult to sustain. In particular, as the absolute amount of our AUM increases, it will be more difficult to maintain levels of growth similar to those we have experienced in the past. The future growth of our business will depend on, among other things:

- our ability to retain key investment professionals;
- our ability to attract investment professionals as necessary;
- our ability to devote sufficient resources to maintaining existing portfolios and to selectively develop new portfolios;
- our success in achieving desired investment performance from our portfolios;
- our ability to maintain and extend our distribution capabilities;
- our ability to deal with changing market conditions;
- our ability to maintain adequate financial and business controls; and
- our ability to comply with new legal and regulatory requirements arising in response to both the increased sophistication of the investment management industry and the significant market and economic events of the last few years.

Unless our growth results in an increase in our revenues that is proportionate to the increase in our costs associated with this growth, our future profitability will be adversely affected. In addition, failure to successfully diversify into new asset classes may adversely affect our growth strategy and our future profitability.

Our portfolios may not obtain attractive returns under certain market conditions or at all.

The goal of our investment process is to provide competitive absolute returns over full market cycles. Accordingly, our portfolios may not perform well compared to benchmarks or other investment managers' strategies during certain periods of time or under certain market conditions. Short-term underperformance may negatively affect our ability to retain clients and attract new clients. We are likely to be most out of favor when the markets are running on positive or negative price momentum and market prices become disconnected from underlying investment fundamentals, as was the case during the late 1990s as the technology market and mega cap stocks fueled the broad market upward. During and shortly following such periods of relative under performance, we are likely to see our highest levels of client turnover, even if our absolute returns are positive. Loss of client assets and the failure to attract new clients could adversely affect our revenues and growth.

The historical returns of our existing portfolios may not be indicative of their future results or of the portfolios we may develop in the future.

The historical returns of our portfolios and the ratings and rankings we or the mutual funds that we advise have received in the past should not be considered indicative of the future results of these portfolios or of any other portfolios that we may develop in the future. The investment performance we achieve for our clients varies over time and the variance can be wide. The ratings and rankings we or the mutual funds we advise have received are typically revised monthly. The historical performance and ratings and rankings included in this report are as of December 31, 2013 and for periods then ended except where otherwise stated. The performance we have achieved and the ratings and rankings received at subsequent dates and for subsequent periods may be higher or lower and the difference could be material. Our portfolios' returns have benefited during some periods from investment opportunities and positive economic and market conditions. In other periods, such as in 2008 and the third quarter of 2011, general economic and market conditions have negatively affected our portfolios' returns. These negative conditions may occur again, and in the future we may not be able to identify and invest in profitable investment opportunities within our current or future portfolios.

We depend in part on third-party distribution sources to market our portfolios and access our client base.

Our ability to attract additional assets to manage is in part dependent on our access to third-party intermediaries. We gain access to mutual fund investors and some retail and institutional clients through third parties, including mutual fund platforms and financial intermediaries. As of December 31, 2013, the largest relationship we have with a third party represents 2.8% of our total AUM and the mutual fund platform representing the largest portion of our fund assets represents an additional 2.6% of our total AUM. We compensate most of the intermediaries through which we gain access to investors in our mutual funds by paying fees, most of which are based on a percentage of assets

invested in our mutual funds through that intermediary and with respect to which that intermediary provides services. These distribution sources and client bases may not continue to be accessible to us on terms we consider commercially reasonable, or at all. Limiting or the total absence of such access could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Many of these consultants review and evaluate our products and our firm

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from time to time. Poor reviews or evaluations of a particular product, portfolio or us as an investment management firm may result in client withdrawals or may impair our ability to attract new assets through these intermediaries. In addition, the industry trends toward consolidation in the broker-dealer industry may lead to reduced distribution access and increases in fees we are required to pay to intermediaries. If such increased fees should be required, refusal to pay them could restrict our access to those client bases while paying them could adversely affect our profitability. Our efforts to establish new portfolios or new products or services may be unsuccessful and could negatively impact our results of operations and our reputation.

As part of our growth strategy, we may seek to take advantage of opportunities to develop new portfolios consistent with our philosophy of managing portfolios to meet our clients' objectives and using a team-based investment approach. The costs associated with establishing a new portfolio initially likely will exceed the revenues that the portfolio generates. If any such new portfolio performs poorly or fails to attract sufficient assets to manage, our results of operations could be negatively impacted. Further, a new portfolio's poor performance may negatively impact our reputation and the reputation of our other portfolios within the investment community. In addition, we have developed and may seek from time to time to develop new products and services to take advantage of opportunities involving technology, insurance, participant and plan sponsor education and other products beyond investment management. The development of these products and services could involve investment of financial and management resources and may not be successful in developing client relationships, which could have an adverse effect on our business. The cost to develop these products initially will likely exceed the revenue they generate. If establishing new portfolios or offering new products or services requires hiring new personnel, to the extent we are unable to recruit and retain sufficient personnel, we may not be successful in further diversifying our portfolios, client assets and business, which could have an adverse effect on our business and future prospects.

Our lenders may require us to provide additional collateral, which may restrict us from leveraging our assets as fully as desired, and reduce our liquidity, earnings and cash available for distribution to our shareholders.

Certain of our corporate assets are invested in products that we leverage and are managed by external managers. As a result, our abilities may be limited with regard to (i) monitoring such investments, (ii) regularly obtaining complete, accurate and current information with respect to such investments and (iii) exercising control over such investments. In addition, we are required to maintain cash held by brokers as collateral for managed futures and cash at brokers as collateral for securities sold, not yet purchased. If the market value of these securities fluctuate, we may be required by the lender to provide additional collateral on minimal notice. Posting additional collateral will reduce our liquidity and limit our ability to leverage our assets, which could adversely affect our business. Additionally, we may be required to liquidate assets at a disadvantageous time, which could cause us to incur further losses and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition, and may impair our ability to make distributions to our shareholders.

Our failure to comply with investment guidelines set by our clients and limitations imposed by applicable law, could result in damage awards against us and a loss of our AUM, either of which could adversely affect our reputation, results of operations or financial condition.

When clients retain us to manage assets on their behalf, they generally specify certain guidelines regarding investment allocation that we are required to follow in managing their portfolios. We are also required to invest the mutual funds' assets in accordance with limitations under the 1940 Act, and applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Other clients, such as plans subject to ERISA, or non-U.S. funds, require us to invest their assets in accordance with applicable law. Our failure to comply with any of these guidelines and other limitations could result in losses to clients or investors in our products which, depending on the circumstances, could result in our obligation to make clients whole for such losses. If we believed that the circumstances did not justify a reimbursement, or clients believed the reimbursement we offered was insufficient, clients could seek to recover damages from us, withdraw assets from our products or terminate their investment management agreement with us. Any of these events could harm our reputation and adversely affect our business.

A change of control of our company could result in termination of our investment advisory agreements.

Under the 1940 Act, each of the investment advisory agreements for SEC registered mutual funds that our affiliate, MNA, advises automatically terminates in the event of its assignment, as defined under the 1940 Act. If such an assignment were to occur, MNA could continue to act as adviser to any such fund only if that fund's board of directors

and stockholders approved a new investment advisory agreement, except in the case of certain of the funds that we sub-advise for which only board approval would be necessary. In addition, under the Advisers Act each of the investment advisory agreements for the separate accounts we manage may not be assigned without the consent of the client. An assignment may occur under the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act if, among other things, MNA undergoes a change of control. In certain other cases, the investment advisory agreements for the separate accounts we manage require the consent of the client for any assignment. If such an assignment occurs, we cannot be certain that MNA will be able to obtain the necessary approvals from the boards and stockholders of the mutual funds that it advises or the necessary consents from separate account clients.

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Operational risks may disrupt our business, result in losses or limit our growth.

We are heavily dependent on the capacity and reliability of the communications, information and technology systems supporting our operations, whether developed, owned and operated by us or by third parties. Operational risks such as trading or operational errors or interruption of our financial, accounting, trading, compliance and other data processing systems, whether caused by fire, natural disaster or pandemic, power or telecommunications failure, act of terrorism or war or otherwise, could result in a disruption of our business, liability to clients, regulatory intervention or reputational damage, and thus adversely affect our business. Some types of operational risks, including, for example, trading errors, may be increased in periods of increased volatility, which can magnify the cost of an error. Although we have back-up systems in place, our back-up procedures and capabilities in the event of a failure or interruption may not be adequate, and the fact that we operate our business out of multiple physical locations may make such failures and interruptions difficult to address on a timely and adequate basis. As and if our client base, number of portfolios and/or physical locations increase, developing and maintaining our operational systems and infrastructure may become increasingly challenging, which could constrain our ability to expand our business. Any upgrades or expansions to our operations or technology to accommodate increased volumes of transactions or otherwise may require significant expenditures and may increase the probability that we will suffer system degradations and failures. In addition, if we are unsuccessful in executing any such upgrades or expansions, we may instead have to hire additional employees, which could increase operational risk due to human error. We also depend on our headquarters in Fairport, New York, where a majority of our employees, administration and technology resources are located, for the continued operation of our business. Any significant disruption to our headquarters could have an adverse effect on our business.

We depend on third-party service providers for services that are important to our business, and an interruption or cessation of such services by any such service providers could have an adverse effect on our business.

We depend on a number of service providers, including custodial and clearing firms, and vendors of communications and networking products and services. We cannot assure you that any of these providers will be able to continue to provide these services in an efficient manner or that they will be able to adequately expand their services to meet our needs. An interruption or malfunction in or the cessation of an important service by any third-party and our inability to make alternative arrangements in a timely manner, or at all, could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and operating results.

Employee misconduct could expose us to significant legal liability and reputational harm.

We operate in an industry in which integrity and the confidence of our clients are of critical importance. Accordingly, if any of our employees engage in illegal or suspicious activities or other misconduct, we could be subject to regulatory sanctions and suffer serious harm to our reputation, financial condition, client relationships and ability to attract new clients. For example, our business often requires that we deal with confidential information. If our employees were to improperly use or disclose this information, even if inadvertently, we could suffer serious harm to our reputation, financial condition and current and future business relationships. It is not always possible to deter employee misconduct, and the precautions we take to detect and prevent this activity may not always be effective. In addition, the SEC recently has increased its scrutiny of the use of non-public information obtained from corporate insiders by professional investors. Misconduct by our employees, or even unsubstantiated allegations of misconduct, could result in an adverse effect on our reputation and our business.

Failure to implement effective information and cyber security policies, procedures and capabilities could disrupt operations and cause financial losses that could result in a decrease in earnings.

We are dependent on the effectiveness of our information and cyber security policies, procedures and capabilities to protect our computer and telecommunications systems and the data that reside on or are transmitted through them. An externally caused information security incident, such as a hacker attack, virus or worm, or an internally caused issue, such as failure to control access to sensitive systems, could materially interrupt business operations or cause disclosure or modification of sensitive or confidential client or competitive information and could result in material financial loss, loss of competitive position, regulatory actions, breach of client contracts, reputational harm or legal liability, which, in turn, could cause a decline in the Company's earnings.

Failure to properly address conflicts of interest could harm our reputation, business and results of operations.

As we expand the scope of our business and our client base, we must continue to monitor and address any conflicts between our interests and those of our clients. The SEC and other regulators have increased their scrutiny of potential conflicts of interest, and we have implemented procedures and controls that we believe are reasonably designed to address these issues. However, appropriately dealing with conflicts of interest is complex and if we fail, or appear to fail, to deal appropriately with conflicts of interest, we could face reputational damage, litigation or regulatory proceedings or penalties, any of which could adversely affect our reputation, business and results of operations. If our techniques for managing risk are ineffective, we may be exposed to material unanticipated losses.

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In order to manage the significant risks inherent in our business, we must maintain effective policies, procedures and systems that enable us to identify, monitor and control our exposure to operational, legal and reputational risks. Our risk management methods may prove to be ineffective due to their design or implementation, or as a result of the lack of adequate, accurate or timely information or otherwise. If our risk management efforts are ineffective, we could suffer losses that could have an adverse effect on our financial condition or operating results. Additionally, we could be subject to litigation, particularly from our clients, and sanctions or fines from regulators. Our techniques for managing risks in client portfolios may not fully mitigate the risk exposure in all economic or market environments, or against all types of risk, including risks that we might fail to identify or anticipate.

The cost of insuring our business is substantial and may increase.

Our insurance costs are substantial and can fluctuate significantly from year to year. In addition, certain insurance coverage may not be available or may only be available at prohibitive costs. As we renew our insurance policies, we may be subject to additional costs resulting from rising premiums, the assumption of higher deductibles or co-insurance liability and, to the extent certain of our mutual funds purchase separate director and officer or errors and omissions liability coverage, an increased risk of insurance companies disputing responsibility for joint claims. Higher insurance costs and incurred deductibles, as with any expense, would reduce our net income.

We may elect to pursue growth in the United States and abroad through acquisitions or joint ventures, which would expose us to risks inherent in assimilating new operations, expanding into new jurisdictions, and making non-controlling minority investments in other entities.

In order to maintain and enhance our competitive position, we may review and pursue acquisition and joint venture opportunities. We cannot assure we will identify and consummate any such transactions on acceptable terms or have sufficient resources to accomplish such a strategy. In addition, any strategic transaction can involve a number of risks, including:

- additional demands on our staff;
- unanticipated problems regarding integration of investor account and investment security recordkeeping, operating facilities and technologies, and new employees;
- adverse effects in the event acquired intangible assets or goodwill become impaired;
- the existence of liabilities or contingencies not disclosed to or otherwise known by us prior to closing such a transaction; and
- dilution to our public stockholders if we issue shares of our Class A common stock, or units of Manning & Napier Group with exchange rights, in connection with future acquisitions.

Risks Related to our Industry

We are subject to extensive regulation.

We are subject to extensive regulation for our investment management business and operations, including regulation by the SEC under the 1940 Act and the Advisers Act, by the U.S. Department of Labor under ERISA, and by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA. The U.S. mutual funds we advise are registered with and regulated by the SEC as investment companies under the 1940 Act. The Advisers Act imposes numerous obligations on investment advisers including record keeping, advertising and operating requirements, disclosure obligations and prohibitions on fraudulent activities. The 1940 Act imposes similar obligations, as well as additional detailed operational requirements, on registered investment companies, which must be adhered to by their investment advisers. The U.S. mutual funds that we advise and our broker-dealer subsidiary are each subject to the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, which requires them to know certain information about their clients and to monitor their transactions for suspicious financial activities, including money laundering. The U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, has issued regulations requiring that we refrain from doing business, or allow our clients to do business through us, in certain countries or with certain organizations or individuals on a list maintained by the U.S. government. In addition, Manning & Napier Benefits, LLC is a registered insurance broker with the New York State Insurance Department and, as such, is subject to various insurance and health-related rules and regulations.

Our failure to comply with applicable laws or regulations could result in fines, censure, suspensions of personnel or other sanctions, including revocation of our registration as an investment adviser. Even if a sanction imposed against us or our personnel is small in monetary amount, the adverse publicity arising from the imposition of sanctions against

us by regulators could harm our reputation, result in withdrawal by our clients from our products and impede our ability to retain clients and develop new client relationships, which may reduce our revenues.

We face the risk of significant intervention by regulatory authorities, including extended investigation and surveillance activity, adoption of costly or restrictive new regulations and judicial or administrative proceedings that may result in substantial penalties. Among other things, we could be fined or be prohibited from engaging in some of our business activities.

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The requirements imposed by our regulators are designed to ensure the integrity of the financial markets and to protect customers and other third parties who deal with us, and are not designed to protect our stockholders. Accordingly, these regulations often serve to limit our activities, including through net capital, customer protection and market conduct requirements.

The regulatory environment in which we operate is subject to continual change, and regulatory developments designed to increase oversight could adversely affect our business.

The legislative and regulatory environment in which we operate has undergone significant changes in the recent past. We believe that significant regulatory changes in our industry are likely to continue on a scale that exceeds the historical pace of regulatory change, which is likely to subject industry participants to additional, more costly and generally more punitive regulation.

New laws or regulations, or changes in the enforcement of existing laws or regulations, applicable to us and our clients could adversely affect our business. Our ability to function in this environment will depend on our ability to constantly monitor and promptly react to legislative and regulatory changes. There have been a number of highly publicized regulatory inquiries that have focused on the investment management industry. These inquiries already have resulted in increased scrutiny of the industry and new rules and regulations for mutual funds and investment managers. This regulatory scrutiny may limit our ability to engage in certain activities that might be beneficial to our shareholders. Further, adverse results of regulatory investigations of mutual fund, investment advisory and financial services firms could tarnish the reputation of the financial services industry generally and mutual funds and investment advisers more specifically, causing investors to avoid further fund investments or redeem their account balances. Redemptions would decrease our AUM, which would reduce our advisory revenues and net income. Further, due to acts of serious fraud in the investment management industry and perceived lapses in regulatory oversight, U.S. and non-U.S. governmental and regulatory authorities may increase regulatory oversight of our business. We may be adversely affected as a result of new or revised legislation or regulations imposed by the SEC, other U.S. governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations that supervise the financial markets. We also may be adversely affected by changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and rules by these governmental authorities and self-regulatory organizations, as well as by U.S. courts. It is impossible to determine the extent of the impact of any new laws, regulations or initiatives that may be proposed, or whether any of the proposals will become law. Compliance with any new laws or regulations could make compliance more difficult and expensive and affect the manner in which we conduct business.

The investment management industry is intensely competitive.

The investment management industry is intensely competitive, with competition based on a variety of factors, including investment performance, investment management fee rates, continuity of investment professionals and client relationships, the quality of services provided to clients, corporate positioning and business reputation, continuity of selling arrangements with intermediaries and differentiated products. A number of factors, including the following, serve to increase our competitive risks:

- a number of our competitors have greater financial, technical, marketing and other resources, more comprehensive name recognition and more personnel than we do;
- potential competitors have a relatively low cost of entering the investment management industry;
- the recent trend toward consolidation in the investment management industry, and the securities business in general, has served to increase the size and strength of a number of our competitors;
- some investors may prefer to invest with an investment manager that is not publicly traded based on the perception that a publicly traded asset manager may focus on the manager's own growth to the detriment of investment performance for clients;
- some competitors may invest according to different investment styles or in alternative asset classes that the markets may perceive as more attractive than the portfolios we offer;
 - some competitors may have more attractive investment returns due to current market conditions;
- some competitors may operate in a different regulatory environment than we do, which may give them certain competitive advantages in the investment products and portfolio structures that they offer;

other industry participants, hedge funds and alternative asset managers may seek to recruit our investment professionals; and

some competitors charge lower fees, including those with passive investment products and exchange traded funds, for their investment services than we do.

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If we are unable to compete effectively, our revenues could be reduced and our business could be adversely affected. The investment management industry faces substantial litigation risks, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations or cause significant reputational harm to us.

We depend to a large extent on our network of relationships and on our reputation to attract and retain client assets. If a client is not satisfied with our services, its dissatisfaction may be more damaging to our business than client dissatisfaction would be to other types of businesses. We make investment decisions on behalf of our clients that could result in substantial losses to them. If our clients suffer significant losses, or are otherwise dissatisfied with our services, we could be subject to the risk of legal liabilities or actions alleging negligent misconduct, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, unjust enrichment and/or fraud. These risks are often difficult to assess or quantify and their existence and magnitude often remain unknown for substantial periods of time, even after an action has been commenced. We may incur significant legal expenses in defending against litigation whether or not we engaged in conduct as a result of which we might be subject to legal liability. Substantial legal liability or significant regulatory action against us could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations or cause significant reputational harm to us.

Catastrophic and unpredictable events could have an adverse effect on our business.

A terrorist attack, war, power failure, cyber-attack, natural disaster or other catastrophic or unpredictable event could adversely affect our future revenues, expenses and earnings by:

- decreasing investment valuations in, and returns on, the assets that we manage;
- causing disruptions in national or global economies that decrease investor confidence and make investment products generally less attractive;
- interrupting our normal business operations;
- sustaining employee casualties, including loss of our key members of our senior management team or our investment team;
- requiring substantial expenditures and expenses to repair, replace and restore normal business operations; and
- reducing investor confidence.

We have a disaster recovery plan to address certain contingencies, but we cannot be assured that this plan will be sufficient in responding or ameliorating the effects of all disaster scenarios. If our employees or vendors we rely upon for support in a catastrophic event are unable to respond adequately or in a timely manner, we may lose clients resulting in a decrease in AUM which may have an adverse effect on revenues and net income.

Risks Related to Our Structure

Control of a majority of the combined voting power of our capital stock by William Manning, and ownership of approximately 86% of Manning & Napier Group's ownership interests by our employee owners, including William Manning, may give rise to conflicts of interest; failure to properly address these or other conflicts of interests could harm our reputation, business and results of operations.

William Manning holds a majority of the combined voting power of our capital stock through his ownership of 100% of our outstanding Class B common stock. Accordingly, William Manning, acting alone, has the ability to approve or disapprove substantially all transactions and other matters submitted to a vote of shareholders, including those relating to the tax receivable agreement, the exchange agreement and other material corporate transactions, such as a merger, consolidation, dissolution or sale of all or substantially all of our assets, the issuance or redemption of certain additional equity interests, and the election of directors. These voting and class approval rights could enable William Manning to consummate transactions that may not be in the best interests of holders of our Class A common stock or, conversely, prevent the consummation of transactions that may be in the best interests of holders of our Class A common stock. In addition, although he has voting control of Manning & Napier, all of William Manning's economic interest in us is in the form of his indirect interests in Manning & Napier Group. Through William Manning's economic interest, he may receive payments from Manning & Napier under the tax receivable agreement entered into with him at the time of the reorganization transactions and the proceeds he may receive as a result of M&N Group Holdings, LLC ("M&N Group Holdings") and Manning & Napier Capital Company, LLC ("MNCC") exchanging the interests attributable to him in Manning & Napier Group for cash or, at our election, shares of our Class A common stock and, in the case of exchanges for shares of our Class A common stock, from selling such Class A common

stock. As a result, William Manning's economic interests may conflict with the interests of Manning & Napier and its public stockholders.

Our employee owners, including William Manning, directly and through their ownership of M&N Group Holdings and MNCC, indirectly hold approximately 86% of the ownership interests in Manning & Napier Group which, as discussed elsewhere, is our sole source of revenue. M&N Group Holdings and MNCC are entities controlled by William Manning, who, through his ownership indirectly owns a total of approximately 68% of the ownership interests in Manning & Napier Group. All of the other owners of interests in M&N Group Holdings and MNCC are current employees of ours, including our executive officers. Further, such employees have the right to cause M&N Group Holdings and MNCC to exchange their

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indirect interests in Manning & Napier Group for cash or shares of our Class A common stock. If they exercise this right in sufficient amounts, receive shares of our Class A common stock and do not resell such shares, it is possible that after the cancellation of our Class B common stock, these employees may control us. The interests of these employee owners may conflict with our interests and the interests of the holders of our Class A common stock. Decisions of our employee owners with respect to Manning & Napier Group, including those relating to the tax receivable agreement, the exchange agreement and the structuring of future transactions, may take into consideration these employee owners' tax or other considerations even where no similar benefit would accrue to us or the holders of our Class A common stock.

In addition, as we expand the scope of our business and our client base, we may have conflicts between our interests, those of the holders of our Class A common stock and those of our clients and fund investors. The SEC and other regulators have increased their scrutiny of potential conflicts of interest, and we have implemented procedures and controls that we believe are reasonably designed to address these issues. However, appropriately dealing with conflicts of interest is complex and if we fail, or appear to fail, to deal appropriately with conflicts of interest, we could face reputational damage, litigation or regulatory proceedings or penalties, any of which may adversely affect our results of operations.

We will continue to recognize substantial non-cash compensation expense through 2014

Upon the consummation of our initial public offering, certain Manning & Napier Companies adopted new vesting terms related to the pre-IPO ownership interests of our employees, including our named executive officers, other than William Manning. As a result, we have recognized and will continue to recognize substantial non-cash compensation expense through 2014. These expenses have significantly reduced our reported U.S. GAAP ("GAAP") net income for 2011, 2012 and 2013 and we expect these expenses will significantly reduce our reported GAAP net income in 2014. Because we are a "controlled company" within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange listing rules, our board of directors is not required to consist of a majority of independent directors, and our stockholders may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the New York Stock Exchange. William Manning has a controlling influence over our board, and the interests of William Manning may conflict with the interests of our other stockholders.

Because William Manning holds a majority of the combined voting power of our capital stock through his ownership of 100% of our outstanding Class B common stock, we are considered a "controlled company" for the purposes of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") listing requirements. As such, we are permitted to, and may, opt out of the corporate governance requirements that our board of directors, our compensation committee and our nominating and corporate governance committee meet the standard of independence established by the NYSE. As a result, our board of directors and compensation committee may have more directors who do not meet the independence standards than they would if those standards were to apply. In particular, so long as we are a "controlled company," we are exempt from the NYSE rule that requires that a board be comprised of a majority of "independent directors." Although we have a majority independent board at December 31, 2013, William Manning has a controlling influence over our board, and has sufficient voting power to elect the entire board, and our certificate of incorporation permits stockholders to remove directors at any time with or without cause. In addition, although we have established a nominating and corporate governance committee, we may opt out of the NYSE's requirement that such committee contain independent directors. Our stockholders may not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE, and circumstances may occur in which the interests of William Manning could conflict with the interests of our other stockholders.

Our ability to pay regular dividends to our stockholders is subject to the discretion of our board of directors and may be limited by our structure and applicable provisions of Delaware law.

We intend to declare cash dividends on our Class A common stock, however, our board of directors may, in its sole discretion, change the amount or frequency of dividends or discontinue the payment of dividends entirely. In addition, because of our structure, we will be dependent upon the ability of our subsidiaries to generate earnings and cash flows and distribute them to us so that we may pay dividends to our stockholders. We expect to cause Manning & Napier Group to make distributions to its members, including us, in an amount sufficient for us to pay dividends. However, its ability to make such distributions will be subject to its and its subsidiaries' operating results, cash requirements and

financial condition, the applicable laws of the State of Delaware, which may limit the amount of funds available for distribution, and its compliance with covenants and financial ratios related to any indebtedness it has or may incur in the future. As a consequence of these various limitations and restrictions, we may not be able to make, or may have to reduce or eliminate, the payment of dividends on our Class A common stock. Any change in the level of our dividends or the suspension of the payment thereof could adversely affect the market price of our Class A common stock.

We depend on distributions from Manning & Napier Group to pay taxes and expenses, including payments under the tax receivable agreement, but Manning & Napier Group's ability to make such distributions will be subject to various limitations and restrictions.

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We have no material assets other than our ownership of Class A units of Manning & Napier Group and have no independent means of generating revenue. Manning & Napier Group is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, as such, is not subject to U.S. federal income tax. Instead, taxable income is allocated to holders of its units, including us. Accordingly, we incur income taxes on our allocable share of any net taxable income of Manning & Napier Group. Under the terms of its operating agreement, Manning & Napier Group is obligated to make tax distributions to holders of its units, including us. In addition to tax expenses, we also incur expenses related to our operations, including expenses under the tax receivable agreement, which we expect to be significant. We intend, as its managing member, to cause Manning & Napier Group to make distributions in an amount sufficient to allow us to pay our taxes and operating expenses, including any payments due under the tax receivable agreement. However, Manning & Napier Group's ability to make such distributions is subject to various limitations and restrictions including, but not limited to, restrictions on distributions that would violate any contract or agreement to which Manning & Napier Group is then a party or any applicable law or that would have the effect of rendering Manning & Napier Group insolvent. If we do not have sufficient funds to pay tax or other liabilities to fund our operations, we may have to borrow funds, which could adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition and subject us to various restrictions imposed by any such lenders. To the extent that we are unable to make payments under the tax receivable agreement for any reason, such payments will be deferred and will accrue interest until paid. We are required to pay holders of units of Manning & Napier Group for certain tax benefits we may claim as a result of the tax basis step up we realize in connection with the future purchases or exchanges of those units for shares of our Class A common stock, and the amounts we may pay could be significant.

Our employee owners indirectly hold a substantial majority of the ownership interests in Manning & Napier Group. Any future purchases or exchanges of their units of Manning & Napier Group for cash or, at our election, shares of our Class A common stock are expected to produce favorable tax attributes for us. When we acquire such units from employee owners, both the existing basis and the anticipated basis adjustments are likely to increase, for tax purposes, depreciation and amortization deductions allocable to us from Manning & Napier Group and therefore reduce the amount of income tax we would otherwise be required to pay in the future. This increase in tax basis may also decrease gain, or increase loss, on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent the increased tax basis is allocated to those capital assets.

We entered into a tax receivable agreement with the other holders of Class A units of Manning & Napier Group, pursuant to which we are required to pay to such holder of such Class A units 85% of the applicable cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income tax that we actually realize, or are deemed to realize in certain circumstances, as a result of any step-up in tax basis in Manning & Napier Group's assets resulting from (i) our purchase of such Class A units from M&N Group Holdings with a portion of the net proceeds of the initial public offering, (ii) our purchases or exchanges of such Class A units from M&N Group Holdings and MNCC, respectively, for cash or, at our election, shares of our Class A common stock and (iii) payments under the tax receivable agreement, including any tax benefits related to imputed interest deemed to be paid by us as a result of such agreement.

We expect that the payments we will be required to make under the tax receivable agreement will be substantial. Assuming no material changes in the relevant tax law, that the purchase or exchange of Class A units would result in depreciable or amortizable basis and that we earn sufficient taxable income to realize all tax benefits that are subject to the tax receivable agreement, we expect that the reduction in tax payments for us associated with the purchase of the Class A units held by M&N Group Holdings aggregated approximately \$48.8 million as of December 31, 2013 over a 15-year period. Under such scenario, we would be required to pay the holders of such Class A units 85% of such amount, or approximately \$44.0 million over the same 15-year period. The actual amounts may materially differ from these estimated amounts, as potential future reductions in tax payments for us and tax receivable agreement payments by us will be calculated using the market value of our Class A common stock and the prevailing tax rates at the time of purchase or exchange and will be dependent on us generating sufficient future taxable income to realize the benefit. In general, increases in the market value of our shares or in prevailing tax rates will increase the amounts we pay under the tax receivable agreement.

The actual increase in tax basis, as well as the amount and timing of any payments under the tax receivable agreement, will vary depending upon a number of factors, including:

- the timing of exchanges by the holders of units of Manning & Napier Group, the number of units purchased or exchanged, or the price of our Class A common stock, as the case may be, at the time of the purchase or exchange;
- the amount and timing of the taxable income we generate in the future and the tax rate then applicable; and
- the portion of our payments under the tax receivable agreement constituting imputed interest and whether the purchases or exchanges result in depreciable or amortizable basis.

There is a possibility that not all of the 85% of the applicable cash savings will be paid to the selling or exchanging holder of Class A units at the time described above. If we determine that all or a portion of such applicable tax savings is in doubt, we will pay to the holders of such Class A units the amount attributable to the portion of the applicable tax savings that

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we determine is not in doubt and pay the remainder at such time as we determine the actual tax savings or that the amount is no longer in doubt.

Payments under the tax receivable agreement, if any, will be made pro rata among all tax receivable agreement holders entitled to payments on an annual basis to the extent we have sufficient taxable income to utilize the increased depreciation and amortization expense. The availability of sufficient taxable income to utilize the increased depreciation and amortization expense will not be determined until such time as the financial results for the year in question are known and tax estimates prepared.

In certain cases, payments under the tax receivable agreement to holders of Manning & Napier Group units may be accelerated and/or significantly exceed the actual benefits we realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement.

The tax receivable agreement provides that upon certain mergers, asset sales, other forms of business combinations or other changes of control, or if, at any time, we elect an early termination of the tax receivable agreement, our, or our successor's, obligations under the tax receivable agreement with respect to all Class A units of Manning & Napier Group, whether or not such units have been purchased or exchanged before or after such transaction, would be based on certain assumptions, including that we would have sufficient taxable income to fully utilize the deductions arising from the increased tax deductions and tax basis and other benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement. As a result, (i) we could be required to make payments under the tax receivable agreement that are greater than or less than the specified percentage of the actual benefits we realize in respect of the tax attributes subject to the tax receivable agreement and (ii) if we elect to terminate the tax receivable agreement early, we would be required to make an immediate payment equal to the present value of the anticipated future tax benefits, which payment may be made significantly in advance of the actual realization of such future benefits. In these situations, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement could have a substantial negative impact on our liquidity and could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing certain mergers, asset sales, other forms of business combinations or other changes of control. There can be no assurance that we will be able to finance our obligations under the tax receivable agreement. If we were to elect to terminate the tax receivable agreement immediately as of December 31, 2013, we estimate that we would be required to pay \$42.0 million in the aggregate under the tax receivable agreement.

If we were deemed an investment company under the 1940 Act as a result of our ownership of Manning & Napier Group, applicable restrictions could make it impractical for us to continue our business as contemplated and could have an adverse effect on our business.

We do not believe that we are an "investment company" under the 1940 Act. Because we, as the sole managing member of Manning & Napier Group, control the management of and operate Manning & Napier Group, we believe that our interest in Manning & Napier Group is not an "investment security" as such term is used in the 1940 Act. If we were to cease participation in the management of Manning & Napier Group or not be deemed to control Manning & Napier Group, our interest in Manning & Napier Group could be deemed an "investment security" for purposes of the 1940 Act. A person may be an "investment company" if it owns investment securities having a value exceeding 40% of the value of its total assets (exclusive of U.S. government securities and cash items). Our sole asset is our equity investment in Manning & Napier Group. A determination that such investment is an investment security could cause us to be deemed an investment company under the 1940 Act and to become subject to the registration and other requirements of the 1940 Act. In addition, we do not believe that we are an investment company under Section 3(b)(1) of the 1940 Act because we are not primarily engaged in a business that causes us to fall within the definition of "investment company." The 1940 Act and the rules thereunder contain detailed prescriptions for the organization and operations of investment companies. Among other things, the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder limit or prohibit transactions with affiliates, impose limitations on the issuance of debt and equity securities, prohibit the issuance of stock options, and impose certain governance requirements. We and Manning & Napier Group intend to conduct our operations so that we will not be deemed an investment company. However, if we nevertheless were to be deemed an investment company, restrictions imposed by the 1940 Act, including limitations on our capital structure and our ability to transact with affiliates, could make it impractical for us to continue our business as contemplated and could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Class A Common Stock

The market price and trading volume of our Class A common stock may be volatile, and your investment in our Class A common stock could suffer a decline in value.

The stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. These fluctuations have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may negatively affect the market price of our Class A common stock. The market price of our Class A common stock may fluctuate or decline

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significantly in the future. As such, you may not realize any return on your investment in us and may lose some or all of your investment.

Some of the factors that could negatively affect the price of our Class A common stock, or result in fluctuations in the price or trading volume of our Class A common stock, include:

• actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly operating results;

• failure to meet the market's earnings expectations;

• publication of negative research reports about us or the investment management industry, or the failure of securities analysts to cover our Class A common stock;

• a limited float and low average daily trading volume, which may result in illiquidity as investors try to buy and sell and thereby exacerbating positive or negative pressure on our stock;

• departures of any members of our senior management team or additions or departures of other key personnel;

• adverse market reaction to any indebtedness we may incur or securities we may issue in the future;

• changes in market valuations of similar companies;

• actual or anticipated poor performance in one or more of the portfolios we offer;

• changes or proposed changes in laws or regulations, or differing interpretations thereof, affecting our business, or enforcement of these laws and regulations, or announcements relating to these matters;

• adverse publicity about the investment management industry generally, or particular scandals, specifically;

• litigation and governmental investigations;

• consummation by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships or divestitures;

• actions by stockholders;

• exchange of units of Manning & Napier Group for shares of our Class A common stock or the expectation that such conversions or exchanges may occur; and

• general market and economic conditions.

William Manning and our other employee-owners directly and indirectly own interests in M&N Group Holdings and directly own interests in MNCC, and they will have the right to exchange and cause M&N Group Holdings and MNCC to exchange, as applicable, such interests for cash or an aggregate of 75,861,023 shares of our Class A common stock pursuant to the terms of an exchange agreement; future sales of such shares in the public market, or the perception that such sales may occur, could lower our stock price.

The market price of our Class A common stock could decline as a result of sales of a large number of shares of our Class A common stock available for sale, or the perception that such sales could occur. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also may make it more difficult for us to raise additional capital by selling equity securities in the future, at a time and price that we deem appropriate.

We have 13,634,246 shares of Class A common stock outstanding. We have entered into an exchange agreement with M&N Group Holdings and MNCC, and the other direct holders of the units of Manning & Napier Group that are not owned by us and, subject to certain restrictions, are entitled to exchange such units for an aggregate of up to 75,861,023 shares of our Class A common stock, subject to customary adjustments. In addition, the holders of any units of Manning & Napier Group will also become parties to the exchange agreement and, pursuant to the terms of the exchange agreement, we may also purchase or exchange such units for shares of our Class A common stock. We are party to a registration rights agreement pursuant to which the shares of Class A common stock issued upon such exchanges are eligible for resale, subject to certain limitations set forth therein.

We cannot predict the size of future issuances of our Class A common stock or the effect, if any, that future issuances and sales of shares of our Class A common stock may have on the market price of our Class A common stock. Sales or distributions of substantial amounts of our Class A common stock, including shares issued in connection with an acquisition, or the perception that such sales or distributions could occur, may cause the market price of our Class A common stock to decline.

The disparity in the voting rights among the classes of our capital stock may have a potential adverse effect on the price of our Class A common stock.

Each share of our Class A common stock entitles its holder to one vote on all matters to be voted on by stockholders generally, while the holder of our Class B common stock controls a majority of the vote on all matters submitted to a

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stockholders. The difference in voting rights could adversely affect the value of our Class A common stock if, for example, investors view, or any potential future purchaser of our company views, the superior voting rights of the Class B common stock to have value or to delay or deter a change of control.

Our Class A common stockholders may experience dilution in the future as a result of the issuance of Class A common stock or units of Manning & Napier Group in connection with future acquisitions and/or equity grants under our 2011 Equity Compensation Plan.

We may issue shares of our Class A common stock or units of Manning & Napier Group in connection with future acquisitions or grants under the 2011 Plan. If we grant exchange rights with respect to the issuance of the units of Manning & Napier Group that allow its holder to exchange such units for shares of our Class A common stock, stockholders will incur dilution in the percentage of the issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock that are owned at such time.

Fulfilling our public company financial reporting and other regulatory obligation has been and will be expensive and time consuming, may strain our resources and if we fail to comply with such obligation, our business, operating results and stock price could be adversely affected.

As a public company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and have implemented specific corporate governance practices and adhere to a variety of reporting requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the related rules and regulations of the SEC, as well as the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE").

Our management is required to conduct an annual assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting and include a report on our internal controls in our annual reports on Form 10-K pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. In addition, we are required to have our independent registered public accounting firm attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Our efforts to comply with Section 404 have resulted in, and are likely to continue to result in, significant costs, the commitment of time and operational resources and the diversion of management's attention. If our management identifies one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, we will be unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective. If we are unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, market perception of our financial condition and the trading price of our stock may be adversely affected and customer perception of our business may suffer.

Further, the Exchange Act requires us to file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition and other matters relating to us. Compliance with these requirements places significant additional demands on our legal, accounting and finance staff and on our accounting, financial and information systems and increases our legal and accounting compliance costs as well as our compensation expense as we may be required to hire additional accounting, tax, finance or legal staff.

As a public company, we have enhanced our investor relations, legal and corporate communications functions. These additional efforts may strain our resources and divert management's attention from other business concerns, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our corporate documents and Delaware law contain provisions that could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of the Company.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws contain provisions that may make the acquisition of our company more difficult. These provisions:

authorize the issuance of undesignated preferred stock, the terms of which may be established and the shares of which may be issued without stockholder approval, and which may include super voting, special approval, dividend, or other rights or preferences superior to the rights of the holders of our Class A common stock;

prohibit stockholder action by written consent and instead require all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders;

provide that the board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter, or repeal our amended and restated bylaws;

establish advance notice requirements for nominations for elections to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings; and

establish a dual class structure of our voting stock, granting the holder of our Class B common stock majority voting rights.

These anti-takeover provisions and other provisions under Delaware law could discourage, delay or prevent a transaction involving a change in control of our company, even if doing so would benefit the holders of our Class A common stock.

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Any issuance of preferred stock could make it difficult for another company to acquire us or could otherwise adversely affect holders of our Class A common stock, which could depress the price of our Class A common stock. Our board of directors has the authority to issue preferred stock and to determine the preferences, limitations and relative rights of shares of preferred stock and to fix the number of shares constituting any series and the designation of such series, without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Our preferred stock could be issued with voting, liquidation, dividend and other rights superior to the rights of our Class A common stock. The potential issuance of preferred stock may delay or prevent a change in control of us, discouraging bids for our Class A common stock at a premium over the market price, and adversely affect the market price and the voting and other rights of the holders of our Class A common stock.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our Class A common stock depends in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If one or more of the analysts who covers us downgrades our stock or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts ceases coverage of us or fails to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our stock could decrease, which could cause our stock price and trading volume to decline.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

Our corporate headquarters is located in Fairport, New York, and we have regional offices in St. Petersburg, Florida and Dublin, Ohio. We also lease office space in various other locations throughout the United States. We do not own any facilities. The table below lists our principal leased facilities.

Location	Lease Expiration	Approximate Square Footage
Fairport, New York	December 31, 2022	138,567
St. Petersburg, Florida	October 31, 2016	10,438
Dublin, Ohio	September 30, 2015	8,309
Amherst, New York	July 31, 2015	4,123
Tampa, Florida	July 31, 2018	4,065
Portsmouth, New Hampshire	March 31, 2014	600

We believe our properties are in good operating condition and adequately serve our current business operations. We also anticipate suitable additional or alternative space will be available at commercially reasonable terms for future expansion and to replace existing facilities at lease terminations to the extent necessary. Under the lease agreement for our corporate headquarters, we are required to pay a minimum of approximately \$2.9 million annually for the use of the facility.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

As an investment adviser to a variety of investment products, we are subject to routine reviews and inspections by the SEC and FINRA. From time to time we may also be involved in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. We do not believe that the outcome of any of these reviews, inspections or other legal proceedings will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements; however, litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not predictable with assurance. Currently, there are no legal proceedings pending or to our knowledge threatened against us.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

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PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases and Equity Securities.

Market for the Registrant's Common Equity

Our Class A common stock has been listed and trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MN" since November 18, 2011. Prior to November 18, 2011, there was no established public trading market for our Class A common stock. Our Class B common stock is not listed on the New York Stock Exchange and there is no established trading market for such shares.

The following table presents information on the high and low sales prices per share as reported on the New York Stock Exchange for our Class A common stock for the periods indicated and dividends declared during such periods:

	2013			2012		
	High	Low	Dividends Declared Per Share	High	Low	Dividends Declared Per Share
First quarter	\$16.78	\$13.08	\$ 0.16	\$15.00	\$12.48	\$ 0.16
Second quarter	\$20.05	\$15.63	\$ 0.16	\$15.00	\$12.96	\$ 0.16
Third quarter	\$18.34	\$14.98	\$ 0.16	\$14.40	\$11.80	\$ 0.16
Fourth quarter	\$18.81	\$16.26	\$ 0.24	\$13.25	\$11.95	\$ 0.16

Holders

As of March 10, 2014 there were 4 holders of record of our Class A common stock and one holder of record of our Class B common stock. A substantial number of holders of our Class A common stock are held in "street name" and thereby held of record by depositories, banks, brokers, and other financial institutions.

Dividends

We currently intend to pay quarterly cash dividends of our Class A common stock. We intend to fund such dividends from our portion of distributions made by Manning & Napier Group, from its available cash generated from operations. William Manning, as the holder of our Class B common stock, will not be entitled to any cash dividends in his capacity as a Class B stockholder, but will, in his capacity as an indirect holder of Class A units of Manning & Napier Group, generally participate on a pro rata basis in distributions by Manning & Napier Group. Distributions to members upon a liquidation of Manning & Napier Group or a capital transaction, such as a sale of all or substantially all of its assets or any financing or refinancing of all or substantially all of its assets or debt, generally will be made to its members pro rata in proportion to their capital account balances, subject to the claims of creditors.

The declaration and payment of all future dividends, if any, will be at the sole discretion of our board of directors. In determining the amount of any future dividends, our board of directors will take into account:

- the financial results of Manning & Napier Group;
- our available cash, as well as anticipated cash requirements, including any debt servicing and payments required under the tax receivable agreement;
- our capital requirements and the capital requirements of our subsidiaries, including Manning & Napier Group; contractual, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions on, and implications of, the payment of dividends by us to our stockholders or by Manning & Napier Group to us, including the obligation of Manning & Napier Group to make tax distributions to its unitholders, including us;
- general economic and business conditions; and
- any other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

We have no material assets other than our ownership of Class A units of Manning & Napier Group and, accordingly, will depend on distributions from Manning & Napier Group to fund any dividends we may pay. As managing member of Manning & Napier Group, we will determine the timing and amount of any distributions to be paid to its members. We intend to cause Manning & Napier Group to distribute cash to its members, including us, in an amount sufficient to cover dividends, if any, declared by us. If we do cause Manning & Napier Group to make such distributions, M&N Group Holdings, MNCC and any other holders of units of Manning & Napier Group will be entitled to receive equivalent distributions on a pari passu basis.

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Our dividend policy has certain risks and limitations, particularly with respect to liquidity. Although we expect to pay dividends according to our dividend policy, we may not pay dividends according to our policy, or at all, if, among other things, Manning & Napier Group is unable to make distributions to us as a result of its operating results, cash requirements and financial condition, its making certain mandatory distributions to its members relating to their income tax liability, the applicable laws of the State of Delaware, which may limit the amount of funds available for distribution, and its compliance with covenants and financial ratios related to any indebtedness it may incur in the future. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources.”

We are taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and therefore holders of our Class A common stock will not be taxed directly on our earnings. Distributions of cash or other property that we pay to our stockholders will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax rules. If the amount of a distribution by us to our stockholders exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, such excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of a holder’s adjusted tax basis in the Class A common stock and thereafter as capital gain.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

There were no sales of unregistered securities during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	416,917	(1) —	(2) 12,675,523 (3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	75,861,023	(4) \$—	(5) —
Total	76,277,940	\$—	12,675,523

(1) Represents Class A common stock issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted under the 2011 Equity Compensation Plan and outstanding as of December 31, 2013.

(2) No exercise price is associated with the restricted stock units outstanding at December 31, 2013.

(3) Represents equity interests available for future issuance under the 2011 Equity Compensation Plan as of December 31, 2013.

(4) Represents units of Manning & Napier Group which may be exchangeable for shares of our Class A common stock. In connection with the IPO, certain Manning & Napier Companies adopted new vesting terms related to the pre-IPO ownership interests of our employees, other than William Manning. For additional information on these vesting terms, please see Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this report.

(5) No additional consideration is payable in connection with the exchange of units of Manning & Napier Group for shares of our Class A common stock.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock from November 18, 2011 (the date our Class A common stock first began trading on the New York Stock Exchange) through December 31, 2013, with the cumulative total return of the Standard & Poor’s 500 Stock Index and the SNL Asset Manager Index. The SNL Manager Index is a composite of 34 publicly traded asset management companies prepared by SNL

Financial, Charlottesville, Virginia. The graph assumes the investment of \$100 in our Class A common stock and in each of the two indexes on November 18, 2011 and the reinvestment of all dividends, if any. The initial public offering price of our Class A common stock was \$12.00 per share.

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Company/Index	11/18/2011	12/30/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013
Manning & Napier, Inc.	\$100.00	\$104.08	\$108.80	\$158.69
S&P 500® Index	\$100.00	\$103.72	\$120.32	\$159.29
SNL Asset Manager Index	\$100.00	\$104.42	\$133.97	\$205.88

In accordance with the rules of the SEC, this section entitled "Performance Graph" shall not be incorporated by reference into any future filings by us under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, and shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The following tables set forth selected consolidated financial data of Manning & Napier, Inc. The audited consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 and the audited consolidated statements of financial condition as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 are included elsewhere in this report.

The selected consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 and the selected consolidated statements of financial condition data as of December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the Manning & Napier Companies' audited consolidated financial statements for such periods which are not included in this report.

The consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplemental Data."

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	Year Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands, except share data)				
Revenues					
Investment management services revenue	\$376,068	\$339,055	\$329,992	\$255,472	\$162,660
Expenses					
Compensation and related costs	191,803	165,698	305,957	78,416	55,643
Distribution, servicing and custody expenses ⁽¹⁾	67,688	58,068	54,446	40,698	21,977
Other operating costs ⁽¹⁾	31,738	31,145	28,373	21,416	20,128
Total operating expenses	291,229	254,911	388,776	140,530	97,748
Operating income (loss)	84,839	84,144	(58,784)	114,942	64,912
Non-operating income (loss)					
Interest expense on shares subject to mandatory redemption	—	—	(45,833)	(61,243)	(9,991)
Other non-operating income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	1,230	435	183	111	(136)
Total non-operating income (loss)	1,230	435	(45,650)	(61,132)	(10,127)
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	86,069	84,579	(104,434)	53,810	54,785
Provision for income taxes	9,128	8,160	1,982	712	360
Net income (loss) attributable to controlling and noncontrolling interests	76,941	76,419	(106,416)	53,098	54,425
Less: net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	74,285	73,950	(79,249)	53,098	54,425
Net income (loss) attributable to Manning & Napier, Inc. ⁽²⁾	\$2,656	\$2,469	\$(27,167)	\$—	\$—
Net income (loss) per share available to Class A common stock ⁽²⁾					
Basic	\$0.20	\$0.18	\$(2.11)	N/A	N/A
Diluted	\$0.19	\$0.18	\$(2.11)	N/A	N/A
Weighted average shares of Class A common stock outstanding					
Basic	13,617,823	13,583,873	12,894,136	N/A	N/A
Diluted	13,741,647	13,583,873	12,894,136	N/A	N/A
Cash dividends declared per share of Class A common stock	\$0.72	\$0.64	\$—	N/A	N/A
Other financial and operating data					
Economic income ⁽³⁾	\$167,492	\$156,853	\$156,723	\$115,053	\$64,776
Economic net income ⁽³⁾	\$103,426	\$96,857	\$96,776	\$71,045	\$39,999
Economic net income per adjusted share ⁽³⁾	\$1.15	\$1.08	\$1.08	N/A	N/A
Weighted average adjusted Class A common stock outstanding ⁽³⁾	89,891,854	89,983,873	89,983,873	N/A	N/A

(1) Amounts for the comparative prior fiscal year periods have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. Refer to Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements.

(2) We consummated the initial public offering on November 18, 2011. Since that date, we have consolidated the results of Manning & Napier Group, LLC due to our role as its managing member. Therefore, all income for the

period prior to November 18, 2011 is entirely attributable to the noncontrolling interest which existed prior to the initial public offering. As a result, in the computation of GAAP earnings per share, only the net income attributable to our controlling interest from the period subsequent to the initial public offering is considered.

(3) Economic income, economic net income and economic net income per adjusted share are not financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our management uses the non-GAAP financial measures of economic income, economic net income and economic net income per adjusted share to evaluate the profitability and efficiency of our

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business. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Supplemental Non-GAAP Financial Information” for our reasons for including these non-GAAP measures in this report. Our non-GAAP financial measures may differ from similar measures used by other companies, even if similar terms are used to identify such measures.

	As of December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands, except as noted)				
Statements of financial condition data:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$125,250	\$108,324	\$81,208	\$27,543	\$24,802
Investment securities	\$21,321	\$13,082	\$4,642	\$4,381	\$2,720
Total assets	\$252,604	\$218,180	\$178,833	\$68,342	\$53,368
Shares liability subject to mandatory redemption ⁽¹⁾	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$170,319	\$109,076
Total liabilities	\$106,815	\$94,434	\$87,025	\$212,111	\$136,650
Assets Under Management (in millions)					
Assets under management ⁽²⁾	\$50,826.2	\$45,208.9	\$40,200.1	\$38,841.7	\$28,271.3

Prior to the initial public offering, we had a mandatory redemption obligation upon the death of William Manning to pay his estate his pro rata share of net revenue for the four quarters immediately preceding his death. As part of the overall agreement among William Manning and the other owners of the Manning & Napier Companies prior to consummating the initial public offering, such mandatory redemption obligation terminated upon the consummation of the initial public offering and we no longer reflect in our financial statements the liability related to such obligation.

(1) Reflects the amount of money we managed for our clients as of the last day of the period.

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The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP measures:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands, except share data)				
Net income (loss) attributable to Manning & Napier, Inc.	\$2,656	\$2,469	\$(27,167)	\$—	\$—
Plus: net income (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interests	74,285	73,950	(79,249)	53,098	54,425
Net income (loss) attributable to the controlling and the noncontrolling interests	76,941	76,419	(106,416)	53,098	54,425
Provision for income taxes	9,128	8,160	1,982	712	360
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	86,069	84,579	(104,434)	53,810	54,785
Interest expense on shares subject to mandatory redemption	—	—	45,833	61,243	9,991
Reorganization-related share-based compensation	81,423	72,274	215,324	—	—
Economic income	167,492	156,853	156,723	115,053	64,776
Adjusted income taxes	64,066	59,996	59,947	44,008	24,777
Economic net income	\$103,426	\$96,857	\$96,776	\$71,045	\$39,999
Net income (loss) available to Class A common stock per basic share	\$0.20	\$0.18	\$(2.11)		
Plus: net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests per basic share	5.45	5.45	(6.14)		
Net income (loss) attributable to controlling and noncontrolling interests per basic share	5.65	5.63	(8.25)		
Provision for income taxes per basic share	0.67	0.60	0.15		
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes per basic share	6.32	6.23	(8.10)		
Interest expense on shares subject to mandatory redemption per basic share	—	—	3.55		
Reorganization-related share-based compensation per basic share	5.98	5.32	16.70		
Economic income per basic share	12.30	11.55	12.15		
Adjusted income taxes per basic share	4.70	4.42	4.65		
Economic net income per basic share	7.60	7.13	7.50		
Less: impact of Manning & Napier Group, LLC units converted to publicly traded shares	(6.45)	(6.05)	(6.42)		
Economic net income per adjusted share	\$1.15	\$1.08	\$1.08		
Weighted average shares of Class A common stock outstanding - Basic	13,617,823	13,583,873	13,583,873		
Weighted average exchangeable units of Manning & Napier Group, LLC	75,993,040	76,400,000	76,400,000		
Weighted average restricted stock units	280,991	—	—		
Weighted average adjusted Class A common stock outstanding	89,891,854	89,983,873	89,983,873		

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

Overview

Business

We are an independent investment management firm that provides a broad range of investment solutions through separately managed accounts, mutual funds and collective investment trust funds. Founded in 1970, we offer equity and fixed income portfolios as well as a range of blended asset portfolios, such as life cycle portfolios, that use a mix of stocks and bonds. We serve a diversified client base of high net worth individuals and institutions, including 401(k) plans, pension plans,

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Taft-Hartley plans, and endowments and foundations. Our operations are based principally in the United States, with our headquarters located in Fairport, New York.

Our Products

We derive substantially all of our revenues from investment management fees earned from providing advisory services to separately managed accounts and mutual funds and collective investment trusts—including those offered by the Manning & Napier Fund, Inc., or the Fund, and Exeter Trust Company.

Our separate accounts are primarily distributed through our Direct Channel, where our representatives form relationships with high net worth individuals, middle market institutions or large institutions that are working with a consultant. To a lesser extent, we also obtain a portion of our separate account distribution via third parties, either through our Intermediary Channel where national brokerage firm representatives or independent financial advisors select our separate account strategies for their clients, or through our Platform/Sub-Advisory Channel, where unaffiliated registered investment advisors approve our strategies for their product platforms. Our separate account products are a primary driver of our blended asset portfolios for high net worth and middle market institutional clients and financial intermediaries. In contrast, larger institutions and unaffiliated registered investment advisor platforms are a driver of our separate account equity portfolios.

Our mutual funds and collective investment trusts are primarily distributed through financial intermediaries, including brokers, financial advisors, retirement plan advisors and platform relationships. We also obtain a portion of our mutual fund and collective investment trust distribution through our direct sales representatives, in particular within the defined contribution and institutional marketplace. Our mutual fund and collective investment trust products are an important driver of our blended asset class portfolios, in particular with 401(k) plan sponsors, advisors and recordkeepers that select our funds as default options for participants. In addition, financial intermediaries, mutual fund advisory programs and retail platforms are a driver of equity strategies within our mutual fund offerings.

Our assets under management ("AUM") was \$50.8 billion as of December 31, 2013. The composition of our AUM by vehicle and portfolio is illustrated in the table below.

AUM - by investment vehicle and portfolio:	December 31, 2013			
	Blended Asset (in millions)	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
Separately managed accounts	\$12,968.4	\$12,761.7	\$1,104.9	\$26,835.0
Mutual funds and collective investment trusts	10,741.7	13,215.3	34.2	23,991.2
Total	\$23,710.1	\$25,977.0	\$1,139.1	\$50,826.2

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The composition of our separately managed accounts as of December 31, 2013, by channel and portfolio, is set forth in the table below:

	December 31, 2013			
	Blended Asset	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
(dollars in millions)				
Separate account AUM				
Direct Channel	\$9,281.7	\$9,928.7	\$906.8	\$20,117.2
Intermediary Channel	3,686.2	1,040.8	198.1	4,925.1
Platform/Sub-advisor Channel	0.5	1,792.2	—	1,792.7
Total	\$12,968.4	\$12,761.7	\$1,104.9	\$26,835.0
Percentage of separate account AUM				
Direct Channel	35	% 37	% 3	% 75
Intermediary Channel	13	% 4	% 1	% 18
Platform/Sub-advisor Channel	—	% 7	% —	% 7
Total	48	% 48	% 4	% 100
Percentage of portfolio by channel				
Direct Channel	72	% 78	% 82	% 75
Intermediary Channel	28	% 8	% 18	% 18
Platform/Sub-advisor Channel	—	% 14	% —	% 7
Total	100	% 100	% 100	% 100
Percentage of channel by portfolio				
Direct Channel	46	% 49	% 5	% 100
Intermediary Channel	75	% 21	% 4	% 100
Platform/Sub-advisor Channel	—	% 100	% —	% 100

Our separate accounts contributed 31% of our total gross client inflows for the year ended December 31, 2013 and represented 53% of our total AUM as of December 31, 2013.

Our separate account business has historically been driven primarily by our Direct Channel, where sales representatives form relationships with high net worth investors, middle market institutions, and large institutional clients working in conjunction with a consultant. The Direct Channel contributed 71% of the total gross client inflows for our separate account business for the year ended December 31, 2013 and represented 75% of our total separate account AUM as of December 31, 2013. We anticipate the Direct Channel to continue to be the largest driver of new separate account business going forward, given the Channel's high net worth and middle market institutional client-type focus.

During 2013, equity and blended asset portfolios represented 40% and 53% of the separate account gross client inflows from the Direct Channel, respectively, while fixed income portfolios accounted for 7%. As of December 31, 2013, equity and blended asset portfolios represented 49% and 46% of total Direct Channel separate account AUM, while our fixed income portfolios were 5%. We expect our focus on individuals and middle market institutions to continue to drive interest in our blended asset class portfolios, where we provide a comprehensive portfolio of stocks and bonds managed to a client's specific investment objectives. Historically, our relationships with larger institutions have been a driver of growth in separately managed account equity strategies. Going forward, we expect many of these larger institutions may seek exposure to non-U.S. equity strategies through commingled vehicles rather than separately managed accounts, and our U.S.-based equity strategies may continue to be attractive to large institutions in a separate account format.

To a lesser extent, we also obtain separate account business from third parties, including financial advisors or unaffiliated registered investment advisor programs or platforms. During 2013, 19% of the total gross client inflows for separate accounts came from financial advisor representatives (Intermediary Channel), and an additional 10% came from unaffiliated registered investment advisor platforms (Platform/Sub-advisor Channel). The Intermediary and Platform/Sub-advisor Channels represented 25% of our total separate account AUM as of December 31, 2013.

New separate account business through the Intermediary Channel flowed into both our blended asset and equity portfolios, driven by advisors' needs to identify either a one-stop solution (blended asset portfolio) or to fill a mandate within a multi-strategy portfolio. During 2013, blended asset and equity portfolios represented 79% and 20%, respectively, of the

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separate account gross client inflows from the Intermediary Channel, while fixed income portfolios represented 1%. As of December 31, 2013, 75% of our separate account AUM derived from financial advisors was allocated to blended asset portfolios, with 21% allocated to equity and 4% allocated to fixed income. We expect that equity and fixed income portfolios may see additional interest from financial advisors over time as more and more advisors structure a multi-strategy portfolio.

In contrast, gross client inflows through the Platform/Sub-advisor Channel are primarily directed to our equity strategies, where we are filling a specific mandate within the investment program or platform product. During 2013, 100% of our separate account gross client inflows from the Platform/Sub-advisory Channel were into equity portfolios.

Our annualized separate account retention rate across all channels was approximately 94% during the calendar year 2013, representing the strong relationship focus that is inherent in our direct sales model, which is the primary driver of our separate account business.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, market appreciation for our separate account AUM was 18.1%, including 15.3% in our blended assets and 22.6% in equity portfolios.

The composition of our mutual fund and collective investment trust AUM as of December 31, 2013, by portfolio, is set forth in the table below:

	December 31, 2013			
	Blended Asset (in millions)	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
Mutual fund and collective investment trust AUM	\$10,741.7	\$13,215.3	\$34.2	\$23,991.2

Our mutual funds and collective investment trusts contributed 69% of our total gross client inflows for the year ended December 31, 2013 and represented 47% of our total AUM as of December 31, 2013. As of December 31, 2013, our mutual funds and collective investment trusts AUM consisted of 45% from blended asset portfolios and 55% from equity portfolios, compared to 44% and 56% for blended asset and equity portfolios as of December 31, 2012. During the year ended December 31, 2013, 53% and 46% of the gross client inflows were attributable to blended asset and equity portfolios, respectively, and the remaining 1% came into fixed income portfolios. For the year ended December 31, 2013, market appreciation for our mutual funds and collective investment trust AUM was 17.7%, including 15.6% in our blended assets and 19.6% in equity portfolios.

Our mutual fund and collective investment trust business is driven by financial intermediaries and to a lesser extent, our direct sales representatives. Intermediary distribution of our mutual fund and collective investment trust vehicles is achieved via financial advisors, brokers, retirement plan advisors and approval of our funds within mutual fund platforms. Through our Intermediary Channel, we are increasingly focused on our blended asset life cycle fund vehicles given our emphasis on advisors that work with retirement plans. Our blended asset portfolios are also used by advisors seeking a multi-asset class solution for their retail clients. In addition, our allocation to equity portfolios within the Intermediary Channel is anticipated to increase due to national brokerage firm representatives who wish to use our mutual funds as a component of a larger portfolio.

Through our Platform/Sub-advisor Channel, we have relationships with consultants and advisors at platforms. We derive equity portfolio assets in this channel through the selection of our funds within advisory programs where our mutual funds are used within a multi-strategy portfolio, or through placement on platforms' approved lists of funds. To facilitate our relationships with intermediaries, we currently have more than 280 dealer relationships. These relationships are important to the expansion of our retail business as well as our 401(k) life cycle and institutional business.

Our Direct Sales Representatives distribute our equity portfolios, in particular our non-U.S. portfolios, to large institutional clients for which we have direct relationships with the client and often, the client's consultant. Through the Direct Channel, we also form relationships with middle market and large market defined contribution plan sponsors seeking to use our life cycle mutual funds and collective investment trusts as default options on their investment menu. We expect this channel to be focused on distributing blended asset and equity portfolio funds, particularly as the breadth of our mutual fund and collective investment trust offerings expands.

Results of Operations

Below is a discussion of our consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

Key Components of Results of Operations

Overview

Changes to our operating results over time are largely driven by net new client asset flows and changes to the market value of our AUM.

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An important factor influencing inflows and outflows of our AUM is the investment performance of our various investment approaches. Our variety of stock selection strategies, absolute pricing discipline and active asset allocation management approach generally results in specific absolute and relative return characteristics in different market environments. For example, during a fundamental-driven bull market when prices are rising alongside improving fundamentals, we are likely to experience positive absolute returns and competitive relative returns. However, in a more momentum-driven bull market, when prices become disconnected from underlying fundamentals, we are likely to experience positive absolute returns but lagging relative returns. Similarly, during a valuation-driven bear market, when markets experience a period of price correction following a momentum-driven bull market, we are likely to experience negative absolute returns but strong relative returns. However, in a momentum-driven bear market, which is typically characterized by broad price declines in a highly correlated market, we are likely to experience negative absolute returns and lagging relative returns. Essentially, our approach is likely to do well when markets are driven by fundamentals, but lag when markets are driven primarily by momentum.

Other components of our operating results include:

- asset-based fee rates and changes in those rates;
- the composition of our AUM among various portfolios, vehicles and client types; and
- the rate of increase in our variable and fixed costs, which is affected by the rate of revenue increases, changes to base compensation and year-to-year changes in incentive bonuses, vendor-related costs and investment spending on new products.

Assets Under Management

The following tables reflect the indicated components of our AUM for our investment vehicles for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011.

	Separately managed accounts	Mutual funds and collective investment trusts	Total	Separately managed accounts	Mutual funds and collective investment trusts	Total
	(in millions)					
As of December 31, 2010	\$22,935.1	\$15,906.6	\$38,841.7	59%	41%	100%
Gross client inflows	4,456.3	9,328.4	13,784.7			
Gross client outflows	(3,496.2)	(5,578.3)	(9,074.5)			
Market appreciation (depreciation)	(1,237.1)	(2,114.7)	(3,351.8)			
As of December 31, 2011	\$22,658.1	\$17,542.0	\$40,200.1	56%	44%	100%
Gross client inflows	3,327.8	6,172.0	9,499.8			
Gross client outflows	(4,399.2)	(5,858.3)	(10,257.5)			
Market appreciation (depreciation)	3,096.9	2,669.6	5,766.5			
As of December 31, 2012	\$24,683.6	\$20,525.3	\$45,208.9	55%	45%	100%
Gross client inflows	2,549.2	5,803.6	8,352.8			
Gross client outflows	(4,867.1)	(5,979.1)	(10,846.2)			
Market appreciation (depreciation)	4,469.3	3,641.4	8,110.7			
As of December 31, 2013	\$26,835.0	\$23,991.2	\$50,826.2	53%	47%	100%
Average AUM:		Separately managed accounts	Mutual funds and collective investment trusts		Total	
		(in millions)				
Average AUM for the year ended December 31, 2011		\$23,850.1	\$18,331.5		\$42,181.6	
Average AUM for the year ended December 31, 2012		\$24,016.3	\$19,565.6		\$43,581.9	
Average AUM for the year ended December 31, 2013		\$25,906.0	\$22,406.1		\$48,312.1	

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The following tables reflect the indicated components of our AUM for our portfolios for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011:

	Blended Asset	Equity	Fixed Income	Total	Blended Asset	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
	(in millions)							
As of December 31, 2010	\$17,280.5	\$20,256.9	\$1,304.3	\$38,841.7	45%	52%	3%	100%
Gross client inflows	4,263.4	9,361.6	159.7	13,784.7				
Gross client outflows	(3,231.0)	(5,608.0)	(235.5)	(9,074.5)				
Market appreciation (depreciation)	(190.4)	(3,198.5)	37.1	(3,351.8)				
As of December 31, 2011	\$18,122.5	\$20,812.0	\$1,265.6	\$40,200.1	45%	52%	3%	100%
Gross client inflows	3,847.7	5,431.2	220.9	9,499.8				
Gross client outflows	(3,750.0)	(6,222.7)	(284.8)	(10,257.5)				
Market appreciation (depreciation)	2,250.5	3,452.0	64.0	5,766.5				
As of December 31, 2012	\$20,470.7	\$23,472.5	\$1,265.7	\$45,208.9	45%	52%	3%	100%
Gross client inflows	4,399.5	3,795.1	158.2	8,352.8				
Gross client outflows	(4,318.7)	(6,249.0)	(278.5)	(10,846.2)				
Market appreciation (depreciation)	3,158.7	4,958.4	(6.4)	8,110.7				
As of December 31, 2013	\$23,710.2	\$25,977.0	\$1,139.0	\$50,826.2	47%	51%	2%	100%

Average AUM:	Blended Asset	Equity	Fixed Income	Total
	(in millions)			
Average AUM for the year ended December 31, 2011	\$18,276.2	\$22,649.9	\$1,255.5	\$42,181.6
Average AUM for the year ended December 31, 2012	\$19,671.4	\$22,668.0	\$1,242.5	\$43,581.9
Average AUM for the year ended December 31, 2013	\$22,263.6	\$24,849.8	\$1,198.7	\$48,312.1

Revenue

Our revenues primarily consist of investment management fees earned from managing our clients' AUM. We earn our investment management fees as a percentage of our clients' AUM either as of a specified date or on a daily basis. Our investment management fees are primarily driven by the level of our AUM and can fluctuate based on the average fee rate for our investment management products, which are affected by the composition of our AUM among various portfolios and investment vehicles. We currently do not have revenues from performance fee based products.

Manning & Napier Advisors, LLC ("MNA"), a subsidiary of Manning & Napier Group, serves as the investment advisor to the Fund and Exeter Trust Company. The Fund is a family of open-end mutual funds that offer no-load share classes designed to meet the needs of a range of institutional and other investors. Exeter Trust Company is an affiliated New Hampshire-chartered trust company that sponsors a family of collective investment trusts for qualified retirement plans, including 401(k) plans. These mutual funds and collective investment trusts comprised \$24.0 billion, or 47%, of our AUM as of December 31, 2013, and investment management fees from these mutual funds and collective investment trusts were \$196.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. MNA also serves as the investment advisor to all of our separately managed accounts, managing \$26.8 billion, or 53%, of our AUM as of December 31, 2013, including assets managed as a sub-advisor to pooled investment vehicles and assets in client accounts invested in the Fund.

Operating Expenses

Our largest operating expenses are employee compensation and distribution, servicing and custody expenses, discussed further below, with a significant portion of these expenses varying in a direct relationship to our AUM and revenues. We review our operating expenses in relation to the investment market environment and changes in our

revenues. However, we are generally willing to make expenditures as necessary even when faced with declining rates of growth in revenues in order to support our investment products, client service levels, strategic initiatives and long-term value.

Compensation and related costs. Employee compensation and related costs represent our largest expense, including employee salaries and benefits, incentive compensation to investment and sales professionals, reorganization-related share-based compensation and equity-based compensation issued under our equity compensation plan. These costs

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are affected by changes in the employee headcount, the mix of existing job descriptions, competitive factors, the addition of new skill sets, investment performance, variations in the level of our AUM and revenues, changes in our stock price reflected in share-based compensation and/or the number of awards issued.

Distribution, servicing and custody expenses. Distribution, servicing and custody expense represents amounts paid to various platforms that distribute our mutual fund and collective investment trust products as well as costs for custodial services and 12b-1 distribution and servicing fees. These expenses generally increase or decrease in line with changes in our mutual fund and collective trust AUM.

Other operating expenses. Other operating expenses include fund fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement, professional fees, including accounting and legal fees, occupancy and facility costs, as well as other costs related to travel and entertainment expenses, insurance, market data service expenses and all other miscellaneous costs associated with managing the day-to-day operations of our business.

Non-Operating Income (Loss)

Non-operating income (loss) includes interest expense, interest and dividend income, changes in liability under the tax receivable agreement and gains (losses) related to investment securities sales and changes in values of those investment securities designated as trading. We expect the interest and investment components of non-operating income (loss) to fluctuate based on market conditions, the performance of our investments and the overall amount of our investments held by the Company to provide initial cash seeding for product development purposes. Prior to our initial public offering, we had a mandatory redemption obligation upon the death of William Manning to pay his estate his pro rata share of net revenue for the four quarters immediately preceding his death. Our liability related to this mandatory redemption obligation was calculated each fiscal quarter, and the change in the liability was reflected as non-cash interest expense. Upon the consummation of the initial public offering, such mandatory redemption obligation terminated and we no longer reflect non-cash interest expense or the liability related to such agreement.

Provision for Income Taxes

The Company is comprised of entities that have elected to be treated as either a limited liability company ("LLC"), or a "C-Corporation". As such, the entities functioning as LLC's are not liable for or able to benefit from U.S. federal or most state and local income taxes on their earnings; earnings (losses) will be included in the personal income tax returns of each entity's unit holders. The entities functioning as "C" corporations are liable for or able to benefit from U.S. federal and state and local income taxes on their earnings and losses, respectively.

Noncontrolling Interests

Manning & Napier, Inc. holds approximately 14% economic interest in Manning & Napier Group, but as managing member controls all of the business and affairs of Manning & Napier Group. As a result, the Company consolidates the financial results of Manning & Napier Group and records a noncontrolling interest in our consolidated financial statements. Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests on the consolidated statements of operations represents the portion of earnings or loss attributable to the economic interest in Manning & Napier Group held by the noncontrolling interests.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP and related rules and regulations of the SEC. The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates or assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates or assumptions and may have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting policies are an integral part of our financial statements. A thorough understanding of these accounting policies is essential when reviewing our reported results of operations and our financial condition. Our management has identified the following significant accounting policies that are critical to understanding our business and prospects for future performance, as these policies affect the reported amounts of revenue and other significant areas that involve management's judgment and estimates:

Revenue recognition;

Equity-based compensation;

Income tax provision; and

Payments pursuant to the Tax Receivable Agreement.

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These policies and our procedures related to these policies are described in detail below. In addition, please refer to the notes to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for further discussion of our accounting policies.

Revenue Recognition

The majority of our revenues are based on fees charged to manage customers' portfolios. Investment management fees are generally computed as a percentage of AUM and recognized as earned. Fees for providing investment advisory services are computed and billed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable investment management agreements. For our separately managed accounts, clients either pay investment management fees in advance, typically for a semi-annual or quarterly period, or in arrears, typically for a monthly or quarterly period. When investment management fees are paid in advance, we defer the revenue and recognize it over the applicable period. When investment management fees are paid in arrears, we estimate revenues based on AUM market values as of the most recent month end date, and adjust to actual when billed. Revenue is also earned for providing custodial services, sub-advisor services to mutual funds and collective investment trusts and other services. For mutual funds and collective investment trust vehicles, our fees are calculated and earned daily based on AUM.

Because the majority of our revenues are earned based on AUM that has been determined using fair value methods and since market appreciation/depreciation has a significant impact on our revenue, we have presented our AUM using the GAAP framework for measuring fair value. A fair value hierarchy is provided that gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The following three-tier fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value:

Level 1—observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;

Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including but not limited to quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment rates, credit risk, etc.); and

Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including our own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The table below summarizes the approximate amount of AUM for the periods indicated for which fair value is measured based on Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3:

	Level 1 (in millions)	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2013 AUM	\$30,049	\$20,769	\$8	\$50,826
December 31, 2012 AUM	\$26,826	\$18,371	\$12	\$45,209

As substantially all our AUM is valued by independent pricing services based upon observable market prices or inputs, we believe market risk is the most significant risk underlying valuation of our AUM, as discussed in this Form 10-K under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk."

All other revenue earned by us is recognized on a GAAP accounting basis as earned per the terms of the specific contract.

Equity-Based Compensation

The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The cost is recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award for the portion of the shares that are expected to vest. Therefore, we apply estimated forfeiture rates. If the actual number of forfeitures differs from those estimated by management, additional adjustments to compensation expense may be required in future periods.

Investment Securities

Investment securities are classified as either trading or available-for-sale and are carried at fair value. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical or similar instruments.

Investment securities classified as trading consist of equity securities, fixed income securities, and investments in mutual funds for which we provide advisory services. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on trading securities are recorded in net gains on investments in the consolidated statements of operations. Realized gains and losses on sales of trading securities are computed on a specific identification basis.

Securities sold, not yet purchased are recorded on the trade date, are stated at fair value and represent obligations of us to purchase the securities at prevailing market rates. Therefore, the future satisfaction of such obligations may be for an amount greater or less than the amounts recorded on the consolidated statements of financial condition. The ultimate gains or losses

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recognized are dependent upon the prices at which these securities are purchased to settle the obligations under the sales commitments. Realized gains and losses from covers of securities sold, not yet purchased transactions are included in net capital gain (loss) from investments on the consolidated statements of operations. Securities sold, not yet purchased are included in accrued expenses and other liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial condition, with any unrealized gains or losses reported in current period earnings in net capital gain (loss) from investments on the consolidated statements of operations.

Income Tax Provision

Management judgment is required in developing our provision for income taxes, including the determination of deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance that might be required against deferred tax assets. As of December 31, 2013, we have not recorded a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets, which were primarily attributable to an increase in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of Manning & Napier Group's election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code. In the event that sufficient taxable income of the same character does not result in future years, among other things, a valuation allowance for certain of our deferred tax assets may be required. Because the determination of our annual income tax provision is subject to judgments and estimates, it is likely that the actual results will vary from those recorded in our financial statements. Hence, we recognize additions to and reductions in income tax expense during a reporting period that pertains to prior period provisions as our estimated liabilities are revised and our actual tax returns and tax audits are completed.

The Company recognizes tax benefits from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such positions are then measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized.

Payments Pursuant to the Tax Receivable Agreement

As a result of the Company's purchase of Class A units of Manning & Napier Group from M&N Group Holdings and Manning & Napier Group's election under Section 754 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Company expects to benefit from depreciation and amortization deductions from an increase in tax basis of tangible and intangible assets of Manning & Napier Group. Those deductions allocated to the Company will be taken into account in reporting the Company's taxable income.

Upon consummation of the initial public offering during the period ended December 31, 2011, the company entered into a tax receivable agreement ("TRA") with the other holders of Class A units of Manning & Napier Group, under which we are required to pay to the holders of such Class A units 85% of the applicable cash savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income tax that we actually realize, or are deemed to realize in certain circumstances as a result of any step-up in tax basis in Manning & Napier Group's assets resulting from (i) the Company's purchase of such Class A units from M&N Group Holdings with a portion of the net proceeds of the initial public offering, (ii) the Company's purchases or exchanges of such Class A units from M&N Group Holdings and MNCC, respectively, for cash or shares of our Class A common stock and (iii) payments under the tax receivable agreement, including any tax benefits related to imputed interest deemed to be paid by us as a result of such agreement.

As of December 31, 2013, the Company recorded a liability of \$44.0 million, of which \$2.0 million is included in accrued expenses and other liabilities, representing the payments due to the selling unitholders. The amount and timing of any payments vary based on a number of factors, including no material change in the relevant tax law, the Company continues to earn sufficient taxable income to realize all tax benefits, and assuming no additional uncertain tax positions that are subject to the tax receivable agreement. Depending upon the outcome of these factors, we may be obligated to make substantial payments pursuant to the TRA. The actual payment amounts may differ from these estimated amounts, as the payment will reflect changes in prevailing tax rates as well as the actual benefit to be realized on our tax returns.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2013-02, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. This new guidance requires entities to present (either on the face of the income statement or in the notes) the effects on the line items of the income statement for amounts reclassified out of Accumulated Other

Comprehensive Income. The adoption of this amendment on January 1, 2013 did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities. The amended standard requires an entity to disclose information about offsetting and related arrangements to enable users of its financial statements to understand the effect of those arrangements on its financial position. The adoption of this standard effective January 1, 2013 did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2012

Assets Under Management

The following table reflects changes in our AUM for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Year Ended December 31,		Period-to-Period		
	2013	2012	\$		%
(in millions)					
Separately managed accounts					
Beginning assets under management	\$24,683.6	\$22,658.1	\$2,025.5	9	%
Gross client inflows	2,549.2	3,327.8	(778.6)	(23))%
Gross client outflows	(4,867.1)	(4,399.2)	(467.9)	(11))%
Market appreciation (depreciation)	4,469.3	3,096.9	1,372.4	44	%
Ending assets under management	\$26,835.0	\$24,683.6	\$2,151.4	9	%
Mutual funds and collective investment trusts					
Beginning assets under management	\$20,525.3	\$17,542.0	\$2,983.3	17	%
Gross client inflows	5,803.6	6,172.0	(368.4)	(6))%
Gross client outflows	(5,979.1)	(5,858.3)	(120.8)	(2))%
Market appreciation (depreciation)	3,641.4	2,669.6	971.8	36	%
Ending assets under management	\$23,991.2	\$20,525.3	\$3,465.9	17	%
Total assets under management					
Beginning assets under management	\$45,208.9	\$40,200.1	\$5,008.8	12	%
Gross client inflows	8,352.8	9,499.8	(1,147.0)	(12))%
Gross client outflows	(10,846.2)	(10,257.5)	(588.7)	(6))%
Market appreciation (depreciation)	8,110.7	5,766.5	2,344.2	41	%
Ending assets under management	\$50,826.2	\$45,208.9	\$5,617.3	12	%

Our total AUM increased by \$5.6 billion, or 12%, to \$50.8 billion as of December 31, 2013 from \$45.2 billion as of December 31, 2012. The \$5.6 billion increase in our total AUM from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2013 was primarily attributable to market appreciation of \$8.1 billion during the period, which was partially offset by net client outflows of \$2.5 billion. Our net client outflows were comprised of separate accounts net client outflows of \$2.3 billion, primarily withdrawals from existing client accounts, and \$0.2 billion of net client outflows from our mutual funds and collective investment trusts. The annualized separate account retention rate was approximately 94% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 compared to 95% for 2012.

Gross client inflows decreased by \$1.1 billion for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013 as compared to 2012, while gross client outflows increased by \$0.6 billion over the same period. Additionally, we experienced market appreciation of \$8.1 billion for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013, compared to \$5.8 billion for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012.

Market appreciation during the year ended December 31, 2013 constituted a 17.9% increase in our total AUM. The investment gain was 18.1% in separately managed accounts and 17.7% in mutual funds and collective investment trusts.

The rates of change in AUM during the year ended December 31, 2013 were most significant in our blended asset and equity portfolios, with increases of 16% and 11% respectively, while our fixed income portfolios decreased by 10%. As of December 31, 2013, the composition of our AUM was 47% in mutual funds and collective investment trusts and 53% in separate accounts as compared to 45% in mutual funds and collective investment trusts and 55% in separate accounts as of December 31, 2012.

The following table sets forth our results of operations and other data for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

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	Year Ended December 31,		Period-to-Period		
	2013	2012	\$	%	
(in thousands, except share data)					
Revenues					
Investment management services revenue	\$376,068	\$339,055	\$37,013	11	%
Expenses					
Compensation and related costs	191,803	165,698	26,105	16	%
Distribution, servicing and custody expenses	67,688	58,068	9,620	17	%
Other operating costs	31,738	31,145	593	2	%
Total operating expenses	291,229	254,911	36,318	14	%
Operating income	84,839	84,144	695	1	%
Non-operating income (loss)					
Non-operating income (loss), net	1,230	435	795	183	%
Income before provision for income taxes	86,069	84,579	1,490	2	%
Provision for income taxes	9,128	8,160	968	12	%
Net income attributable to controlling and noncontrolling interests	76,941	76,419	522	1	%
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	74,285	73,950	335	—	%
Net income attributable to Manning & Napier, Inc.	\$2,656	\$2,469	\$187	8	%
Per Share Data					
Net income per share available to Class A common stock					
Basic	\$0.20	\$0.18			
Diluted	\$0.19	\$0.18			
Weighted average shares of Class A common stock outstanding					
Basic	13,617,823	13,583,873			
Diluted	13,741,647	13,583,873			
Cash dividends declared per share of Class A common stock	\$0.72	\$0.64			
Other financial and operating data					
Economic income ⁽¹⁾	\$167,492	\$156,853			