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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

Commission File Number 001 - 32205

**CBRE GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

**11150 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 1600**  
**Los Angeles, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(310) 405-8900**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**94-3391143**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**90025**  
(Zip Code)

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

Title of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

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Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

New York Stock Exchange

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

N.A.

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

Indicate by check mark 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 information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to the Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company

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

As of June 30, 2011, the aggregate market value of Class A Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$8.2 billion based upon the last sales price on June 30, 2011 on the New York Stock Exchange of \$25.11 for the registrant's Class A Common Stock.

As of February 13, 2012, the number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding was 327,949,512.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the proxy statement for the registrant's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 8, 2012 are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business**

**Company Overview**

CBRE Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation formerly known as CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., (which may be referred to in this Form 10-K as the company, we, us and our) is the world's largest commercial real estate services firm, based on 2011 revenue, with leading full-service operations in major metropolitan areas throughout the world. We offer a full range of services to occupiers, owners, lenders and investors in office, retail, industrial, multi-family and other types of commercial real estate. As of December 31, 2011, we operated more than 300 offices worldwide, excluding affiliate offices, with approximately 34,000 employees providing commercial real estate services under the CBRE brand name, investment management services under the CBRE Global Investors brand name and development services under the Trammell Crow brand name. Our business is focused on several competencies, including commercial property and corporate facilities management, occupier and property/agency leasing, property sales, valuation, real estate investment management, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, development services and proprietary research. We generate revenues from contractual management fees and on a per project or transactional basis. Our contractual, fee-for-services businesses, which generally involve facilities management, property management, mortgage loan servicing and investment management, represented approximately 39% of our 2011 revenue.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, we generated revenue from a well-balanced, highly diversified base of clients that includes approximately 80 of the *Fortune 100* companies. We estimate that the following client types accounted for the highest proportion of revenue in 2011:

corporations (42%);

insurance companies and banks (17%); and

pension funds and advisors (9%).

The following client types accounted for the remainder of our revenue:

real estate investment trusts, or REITs, (8%);

individuals and partnerships (7%);

government agencies (6%); and

other (11%).

Property owners, occupiers and investors continue to consolidate their service needs with fewer providers, and are awarding their business to firms that have strong capabilities in leading markets and the ability to provide a complete range of services. We believe we are well positioned to capture a growing and disproportionate share of the business being awarded as a result of these trends.

In 2011, we were the highest ranked commercial real estate services company among the *Fortune* Most Admired Companies, and achieved the highest brand reputation ranking among all commercial real estate companies in a survey of *Wall Street Journal* subscribers. Since 2006, we have been the only commercial real estate services company included in the S&P 500. In every year since 2008, we have been the only commercial real estate services firm to be included in the *Fortune* 500. Additionally, the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals has included us among the top 100 global outsourcing companies across all industries for five consecutive years, including in 2011, when we ranked 6th overall and were the highest ranked commercial real estate services company.

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CBRE marked its 105<sup>th</sup> year of continuous operations in 2011, tracing our origins to a company founded in San Francisco in the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake. Since then, we have grown into the largest global commercial real estate services firm (in terms of 2011 revenue) through organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions, including the December 2006 purchase of Trammell Crow Company, which significantly deepened our outsourcing service offerings, and the 2011 REIM Acquisitions described below.

In 2011, we completed a series of strategic transactions with Netherlands-based ING Group N.V. and its affiliates (ING), which bolstered our global real estate investment management business. We acquired substantially all of ING's Real Estate Investment Management (REIM) operations in Europe and Asia, and its U.S.-based global real estate listed securities business, Clarion Real Estate Securities (CRES), for over \$810 million in cash (which we refer to as the REIM Acquisitions). In addition, we acquired co-investment interests totaling approximately \$80 million.

These former ING businesses are now part of our independently operated Global Investment Management segment, which conducts business through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRE Global Investors. The REIM and CRES businesses are highly complementary, with little overlap in client base and different investment strategies. CBRE Global Investors has traditionally focused on value-add funds and separate accounts. The REIM and CRES businesses have primarily focused on core funds and global listed real estate securities funds, except in Asia, where REIM manages value-add and opportunistic funds. The combined entity provides us with a significantly enhanced ability to meet the needs of institutional investors across global markets with a full spectrum of investment programs and strategies. As of December 31, 2011, CBRE Global Investors' assets under management, or AUM, totaled \$94.1 billion, which includes AUM acquired in the REIM Acquisitions.

The REIM Acquisitions were completed during 2011 as follows:

<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Business Acquired</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>Co-investment Amount</b>
July 1	CRES	\$ 323.9 million	\$ 58.6 million
October 3	REIM Asia	\$ 45.6 million	\$ 13.9 million
October 31	REIM Europe	\$ 442.5 million	\$ 7.4 million

We have also historically enhanced and complemented our global capabilities through the acquisition of regional and specialty-niche firms that are leaders in their areas of concentration or in their local markets, including regional firms with which we had previous affiliate relationships. These in-fill acquisitions remain an integral part of our long-term strategy. CBRE Group, Inc., formerly CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., was incorporated on February 20, 2001, and changed its name to CBRE Group, Inc. effective October 3, 2011.

**Our Regions of Operation and Principal Services**

CBRE Group, Inc. is a holding company that conducts all of its operations through its indirect subsidiaries. CBRE Services, Inc., our direct wholly-owned subsidiary, is also generally a holding company and is the primary obligor or issuer with respect to most of our long-term indebtedness.

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We report our operations through the following segments: (1) Americas, (2) Europe, Middle East and Africa, or EMEA, (3) Asia Pacific, (4) Global Investment Management and (5) Development Services.

Information regarding revenue and operating income or loss, attributable to each of our segments, is included in *Segment Operations* within the *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* section and within Note 21 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which are incorporated herein by reference. Information concerning the identifiable assets of each of our business segments is also set forth in Note 21 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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### *The Americas*

The Americas is our largest business segment, comprised of operations throughout the United States and Canada as well as key markets in Latin America. Our operations are largely wholly-owned, but also include independent affiliated offices, which license the use of the CBRE and CB Richard Ellis names in their local markets in return for payments of annual royalty fees to us and an agreement to cross-refer business between us and the affiliate.

Most of our operations are conducted through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary CBRE, Inc. Our mortgage loan origination, sales and servicing operations are conducted exclusively through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary operating under the name CBRE Capital Markets and its subsidiaries. Our operations in Canada are conducted through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary CBRE Limited. Both CBRE Capital Markets and CBRE Limited are subsidiaries of CBRE, Inc.

Our Americas segment accounted for 62.2% of our 2011 revenue, 62.9% of our 2010 revenue and 62.3% of our 2009 revenue. Within our Americas segment, we organize our services into the following business areas:

### *Advisory Services*

Our advisory services businesses offer occupier/tenant and investor/owner services that meet the full spectrum of marketplace needs, including (1) real estate services, (2) capital markets and (3) valuation. Our advisory services business line accounted for 34.5% of our 2011 consolidated worldwide revenue, 35.0% of our 2010 consolidated worldwide revenue and 30.8% of our 2009 consolidated worldwide revenue.

Within advisory services, our major service lines are the following:

***Real Estate Services.*** We provide strategic advice and execution to owners, investors and occupiers of real estate in connection with leasing, disposition and acquisition of property. Our years of strong local market presence have allowed us to develop significant repeat business from existing clients, including approximately 53% of our revenues from existing U.S. real estate sales and leasing clients in 2011. This includes referrals from our contractual fee-for-services businesses, such as facilities and property management, mortgage loan servicing and investment management provided by CBRE Global Investors. Our real estate services professionals are particularly adept at aligning real estate strategies with client business objectives, serving as advisors as well as transaction executors. We believe we are a market leader for the provision of sales and leasing real estate services in most top U.S. metropolitan statistical areas (as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau), including Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York and Philadelphia.

Our real estate services professionals are compensated primarily through commission-based programs, which are payable upon completion of an assignment. Therefore, as compensation is our largest expense, this cost structure gives us flexibility to mitigate the negative effect on our operating margins during difficult market conditions. Due to the low barriers to entry and significant competition for quality employees, we strive to retain top professionals through an attractive compensation program tied to productivity. We believe we invest in greater support resources than most other firms, including professional development and training, market research and information, technology, branding and marketing. We also foster an entrepreneurial culture that emphasizes client service and rewards performance.



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We further strengthen our relationships with our real estate services clients by offering proprietary research to them through our commercial real estate market information and forecasting unit, CBRE Econometric Advisors (CBRE-EA). This group provides data and analysis to its clients in various formats, including market outlook reports for the office, industrial, hotel, retail and multi-housing sectors, covering more than 125 metropolitan areas in the United States and Canada.

***Capital Markets.*** We offer clients fully integrated investment sales and debt/equity financing services under the CBRE Capital Markets brand. The tight integration of these services fosters collaboration between our investment sales and debt/equity financing professionals, helping to meet the marketplace

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demand for comprehensive capital markets solutions. During 2011, we concluded more than \$61.4 billion of capital markets transactions in the Americas, including \$41.5 billion of investment sales transactions and \$19.9 billion of mortgage loan originations and sales.

We believe our Investment Properties business, which includes office, industrial, retail, multi-family and hotel properties, is the leading investment sales property advisor in the United States, with a market share of approximately 16% in 2011. Our mortgage brokerage business originates, sells and services commercial mortgage loans primarily through relationships established with investment banking firms, national banks, credit companies, insurance companies, pension funds and government agencies. In the United States, our mortgage loan origination volume in 2011 was \$16.5 billion, representing an increase of approximately 72% from 2010. Approximately \$6.2 billion of loans in 2011 were originated for federal government sponsored entities, most of which were financed through revolving credit lines dedicated exclusively for this purpose. We substantially mitigate the principal risk associated with loans financed through these credit lines by either obtaining a contractual purchase commitment from the government-sponsored entity or confirming a forward-trade commitment for the issuance and purchase of a mortgage-backed security that will be secured by the loan. We advised on the sale of approximately \$2.8 billion of mortgages on behalf of financial institutions in 2011, compared with \$4.5 billion in 2010. In 2011, GEMSA Loan Services, a joint venture between CBRE Capital Markets and GE Capital Real Estate, serviced approximately \$103.6 billion of mortgage loans, \$57.7 billion of which related to the servicing rights of CBRE Capital Markets.

**Valuation.** We provide valuation services that include market value appraisals, litigation support, discounted cash flow analyses and feasibility and fairness opinions. Our valuation business has developed proprietary technology for preparing and delivering valuation reports to our clients, which we believe provides us with an advantage over our competitors. We believe that our valuation business is one of the largest in the industry. During 2011, we completed over 34,000 valuation, appraisal and advisory assignments.

### *Outsourcing Services*

Outsourcing commercial real estate services is a long-term trend in our industry, with corporations, institutions, public sector entities, health care providers and others seeking to achieve improved efficiency, better execution and lower costs by relying on the expertise of third-party real estate specialists. Our outsourcing services primarily include two major business lines that seek to capitalize on this trend: (1) corporate services and (2) asset services. Agreements with our corporate services clients are generally long-term arrangements and although they contain different provisions for termination, there are usually penalties for early termination. Although our management agreements with our asset services clients generally may be terminated with notice ranging between 30 to 90 days, we have developed long-term relationships with many of these clients and we continue to work closely with them to implement their specific goals and objectives and to preserve and expand upon these relationships. As of December 31, 2011, we managed approximately 1.4 billion square feet of commercial space for property owners and occupiers, which we believe represents one of the largest portfolios in the Americas. Our outsourcing services business line accounted for 27.7% of our 2011 consolidated worldwide revenue, 27.9% of our 2010 consolidated worldwide revenue and 31.5% of our 2009 consolidated worldwide revenue.

**Corporate Services.** We provide a comprehensive suite of services to corporate users of real estate, including transaction management, project management, facilities management, strategic consulting, portfolio management and other services. Our clients are leading global corporations, health care providers and public sector entities with large, geographically-diverse real estate portfolios. Project management services are typically provided on a portfolio-wide or programmatic basis. Facilities management involves the day-to-day management of client-occupied space and includes headquarter buildings, regional offices, administrative offices and manufacturing and distribution facilities. We identify best practices, implement technology solutions and leverage our resources to control clients facilities costs and enhance the workplace environment. We enter into multi-year, multi-service outsourcing contracts with our clients, but often also provide services on a one-off assignment or a

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short-term contract basis. The long-term, contractual nature of these relationships enables us to devise and execute real estate strategies that support our clients' overall business strategies. Revenues for project management include fixed management fees, variable fees, and incentive fees if certain agreed-upon performance targets are met. Revenues may also include reimbursement of payroll and related costs for personnel providing the services. Contracts for facilities management services are typically structured so we receive reimbursement of client-dedicated personnel costs and associated overhead expenses plus a monthly fee, and in some cases, annual incentives if agreed-upon performance targets are satisfied.

**Asset Services.** We provide property management, construction management, marketing, leasing, accounting and financial services on a contractual basis for income-producing office, industrial and retail properties owned by local, regional and institutional investors. We provide these services through an extensive network of real estate experts in major markets throughout the United States. These local office teams are supported by a strategic accounts team whose function is to help ensure quality service and to maintain and expand relationships with large institutional clients, including buyers, sellers and landlords who need to lease, buy, sell and/or finance space. We believe our contractual relationships with these clients put us in an advantageous position to provide other services to them, including refinancing, disposition and appraisal. We typically receive monthly management fees for the asset services we provide based upon a specified percentage of the monthly rental income or rental receipts generated from the property under management, or in certain cases, the greater of such percentage fee or a minimum agreed-upon fee. We are also normally reimbursed for our administrative and payroll costs, as well as certain out-of-pocket expenses, directly attributable to the properties under management.

### ***Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA)***

Our Europe, Middle East and Africa, or EMEA, segment, operates in 44 countries with operations primarily conducted through a number of indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries. The largest operations are located in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain and the United Kingdom. Our operations in these countries generally provide a full range of services to the commercial property sector. Additionally, we provide some residential property services, primarily in France, Spain and the United Kingdom. Within EMEA, our services are organized along the same lines as in the Americas, including brokerage, investment properties, corporate services, valuation/appraisal services, asset management services and facilities management, among others. Our EMEA segment accounted for 18.2% of our 2011 revenue, 18.3% of our 2010 revenue and 19.6% of our 2009 revenue.

In France, we believe we are a market leader in Paris and also have operations in Aix in Provence, Bagnolet, Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Montreuil, Montrouge, Neuilly Sur Seine, Saint Denis and Toulouse. Our German operations are located in Berlin, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich and Stuttgart. Our presence in Italy includes operations in Milan, Modena, Rome and Turin. Our operations in the Netherlands are located in Amsterdam, Almere, the Hague, Hoofddorp and Rotterdam. Our operations in Russia consist of an office in Moscow. In Spain, we provide full-service coverage through our offices in Barcelona, Madrid, Marbella, Palma de Mallorca and Valencia. We are one of the leading commercial real estate services companies in the United Kingdom. We have held the leading market position in investment sales in the United Kingdom in each of the past five years, including in 2011. In London, we provide a broad range of commercial property real estate services to investment and corporate clients, and held the leading market position for space acquisition in 2011 for the second year in a row. We also have regional offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Jersey, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield and Southampton as well as offices in Aberdeen, Belfast, Edinburgh and Glasgow managed by our U.K. team.

We also have affiliated offices that provide commercial real estate services under our brand name in several countries throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Our agreements with these independent offices include licenses to use the CBRE and CB Richard Ellis names in the relevant territory in return for payments of annual royalty fees to us. In addition, these agreements also include business cross-referral arrangements between us and our affiliates.

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### ***Asia Pacific***

Our Asia Pacific segment operates in 13 countries with operations primarily conducted through a number of indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries. We believe that we are one of only a few companies that can provide a full range of real estate services to large corporations throughout the region, similar to the broad range of services provided by our Americas and EMEA segments. Our principal operations in Asia are located in China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Singapore and South Korea. In addition, we have agreements with affiliate offices in the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Malaysia that generate royalty fees and support cross-referral arrangements similar to our EMEA segment. The Pacific region includes Australia and New Zealand, with principal offices located in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Our Asia Pacific segment accounted for 13.4% of our 2011 revenue, 13.1% of our 2010 revenue and 12.6% of our 2009 revenue.

### ***Global Investment Management***

Operations in our Global Investment Management segment are conducted through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary CBRE Global Investors, LLC and its global affiliates, which we also refer to as CBRE Global Investors. CBRE Global Investors provides investment management services to pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, foundations, endowments and other institutional investors seeking to generate returns and diversification through investment in real estate. It sponsors investment programs that span the risk/return spectrum across three continents: North America, Europe and Asia. In some strategies, CBRE Global Investors and its investment teams co-invest with its limited partners. Our Global Investment Management segment accounted for 4.9% of our 2011 revenue, 4.2% of our 2010 revenue and 3.4% of our 2009 revenue. We anticipate this percentage will increase notably in 2012, reflecting a full year of revenue contribution in 2012 from the REIM Acquisitions, which closed in multiple stages during the second half of 2011.

CBRE Global Investors' investment programs are organized into four primary categories, which include direct real estate investments through separate accounts and sponsored equity and debt funds as well as indirect real estate investments through listed securities and multi manager funds of funds. The investment programs cover the full range of risk strategies from core/core+ to opportunistic. Operationally, a unique investment team executes each investment program within these categories, with the team's compensation being driven largely by the investment performance of its particular strategy/fund. This organizational structure is designed to align the interests of team members with those of the firm and its investor clients/partners and to enhance accountability and performance. Dedicated teams are supported by shared resources such as accounting, financial controls, information technology, investor services and research. CBRE Global Investors has an in-house team of research professionals who focus on investment strategy, underwriting and forecasting, based in part on market data from our advisory services group.

CBRE Global Investors closed approximately \$4.2 billion and \$4.1 billion of new acquisitions in 2011 and 2010, respectively. It liquidated \$3.1 billion and \$2.2 billion of investments in 2011 and 2010, respectively. Assets under management have increased from \$10.0 billion at December 31, 2001 to \$94.1 billion at December 31, 2011, representing an approximately 25% compound annual growth rate.

As of December 31, 2011, our portfolio of consolidated real estate held for investment consisted of one industrial property and three multi-family/residential properties, all located in the United States. Included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations were rental revenues (which are included in revenue) and expenses (which are included in operating, administrative and other expenses) relating to our operational real estate properties, excluding those reported as discontinued operations, of \$29.6 million and \$13.3 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2011, \$41.6 million and \$22.4 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2010, and \$6.6 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2009.



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### ***Development Services***

Operations in our Development Services segment are conducted through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries Trammell Crow Company, Trammell Crow Services, Inc. (both of which merged into Trammell Crow Company, LLC effective January 1, 2012) and certain of its subsidiaries, providing development services primarily in the United States to users of and investors in commercial real estate, as well as for its own account. Trammell Crow Company pursues opportunistic, risk-mitigated development and investment in commercial real estate across a wide spectrum of property types, including industrial, office and retail properties; healthcare facilities of all types (medical office buildings, hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers); higher education facilities (primarily student housing); and residential/mixed-use projects. Our Development Services segment accounted for 1.3% of our 2011 revenue, 1.5% of our 2010 revenue and 2.1% of our 2009 revenue.

Trammell Crow Company acts as the manager of development projects, providing services that are vital in all stages of the process, including: (i) site identification, due diligence and acquisition; (ii) evaluating project feasibility, budgeting, scheduling and cash flow analysis; (iii) procurement of approvals and permits, including zoning and other entitlements; (iv) project finance advisory services; (v) coordination of project design and engineering; (vi) construction bidding and management as well as tenant finish coordination; and (vii) project close-out and tenant move coordination.

Trammell Crow Company may pursue development and investment activity on behalf of its user and investor clients (with no ownership), in partnership with its clients (through co-investment either on an individual project basis or through a fund or program) or for its own account (100% ownership). Development activity in which Trammell Crow Company has an ownership interest is conducted through subsidiaries that are consolidated or unconsolidated for financial reporting purposes, depending primarily on the extent and nature of our ownership interest.

Trammell Crow Company has established several commingled investment funds to facilitate its pursuit of opportunistic and value-added development and investment projects. In addition, it seeks to channel a large part of its development and investment activity into programs with certain strategic capital partners.

As of December 31, 2011, our portfolio of consolidated real estate consisted of land, industrial, office and retail properties and mixed-use projects. These projects are geographically dispersed throughout the United States, except for one project, which is located in Canada. Included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations were rental revenues (which are included in revenue) and expenses (which are included in operating, administrative and other expenses) relating to these operational real estate properties, excluding those reported as discontinued operations, of \$41.1 million and \$20.7 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2011, \$46.9 million and \$24.6 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2010, and \$53.3 million and \$31.6 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2009.

At December 31, 2011, Trammell Crow Company had \$4.9 billion of development projects in process. Additionally, the inventory of pipeline deals (those projects we are pursuing, which we believe have a greater than 50% chance of closing or where land has been acquired and the project construction start is more than twelve months out) was \$1.2 billion at December 31, 2011.

### **Competition**

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We compete across a variety of business disciplines within the commercial real estate industry, including commercial property and corporate facilities management, occupier and property/agency leasing, property sales, valuation, real estate investment management, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, development services and proprietary research. Each business discipline is highly competitive on an international, national, regional and local level. Although we are the largest commercial real estate services firm in the world in terms of 2011 revenue, our relative competitive position varies significantly across geographies, property types and services. Depending on the geography, property type or service, we face

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competition from other commercial real estate service providers, including outsourcing companies that traditionally competed in limited portions of our facilities management business and have recently expanded their offerings, in-house corporate real estate departments, developers, institutional lenders, insurance companies, investment banking firms, investment managers and accounting and consulting firms. Some of these firms may have greater financial resources than we do. Despite recent consolidation, the commercial real estate services industry remains highly fragmented and competitive. Although many of our competitors are local or regional firms and are substantially smaller than us, some of these competitors are larger on a local or regional basis. We are also subject to competition from other large multi-national firms that have similar service competencies to ours, including Cushman & Wakefield and Jones Lang LaSalle as well as national firms such as Grubb & Ellis.

## **Seasonality**

A significant portion of our revenue is seasonal, which can affect an investor's ability to compare our financial condition and results of operations on a quarter-by-quarter basis. Historically, this seasonality has caused our revenue, operating income, net income and cash flow from operating activities to be lower in the first two quarters and higher in the third and fourth quarters of each year. Earnings and cash flow have historically been particularly concentrated in the fourth quarter due to investors and companies focusing on completing transactions prior to calendar year-end. This has historically resulted in lower profits or a loss in the first quarter, with revenue and profitability improving in each subsequent quarter.

## **Employees**

At December 31, 2011, we had approximately 34,000 employees worldwide, excluding affiliate offices, approximately 40% of which are in our outsourcing business and are fully reimbursed by our clients. At December 31, 2011, 771 of our employees were subject to collective bargaining agreements, most of whom are on-site employees in our asset services business in New York, New Jersey, Illinois and California. We believe that relations with our employees are generally good.

## **Intellectual Property**

We hold various trademarks and trade names worldwide, which include the CBRE name. Although we believe our intellectual property plays a role in maintaining our competitive position in a number of the markets that we serve, we do not believe we would be materially, adversely affected by expiration or termination of our trademarks or trade names or the loss of any of our other intellectual property rights other than the CBRE, CB Richard Ellis and Trammell Crow names. With respect to the CBRE and CB Richard Ellis names, we have processed and continuously maintain trademark registrations for these service marks in the United States and the CBRE and CB Richard Ellis related marks are in registration or in process in most foreign jurisdictions where we conduct significant business. We obtained our most recent U.S. trademark registrations for the CBRE and CB Richard Ellis related marks in 2005, and these registrations would expire in 2015 if we failed to renew them.

We hold a license to use the Trammell Crow trade name pursuant to a license agreement with CF98, L.P., an affiliate of Crow Realty Investors, L.P., d/b/a Crow Holdings, which may be revoked if we fail to satisfy usage and quality control covenants under the license agreement.

In addition to trade names, we have developed proprietary technologies for the provision of complex services through our global outsourcing business and for preparing and developing valuation reports for our clients through our valuation business. We also offer proprietary research to clients through our CBRE-EA research unit and we offer proprietary investment structures through CBRE Global Investors. While we seek to



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secure our rights under applicable intellectual property protection laws in these and any other proprietary assets that we use in our business, we do not believe any of these other items of intellectual property are material to our business in the aggregate.

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### **Environmental Matters**

Federal, state and local laws and regulations in the countries in which we do business impose environmental liabilities, controls, disclosure rules and zoning restrictions that impact the ownership, management, development, use, or sale of commercial real estate. Certain of these laws and regulations may impose liability on current or previous real property owners or operators for the cost of investigating, cleaning up or removing contamination caused by hazardous or toxic substances at a property, including contamination resulting from above-ground or underground storage tanks or the presence of asbestos or lead at a property. If contamination occurs or is present during our role as a property or facility manager or developer, we could be held liable for such costs as a current operator of a property, regardless of the legality of the acts or omissions that caused the contamination and without regard to whether we knew of, or were responsible for, the presence of such hazardous or toxic substances. The operator of a site also may be liable under common law to third parties for damages and injuries resulting from exposure to hazardous substances or environmental contamination at a site, including liabilities arising from exposure to asbestos-containing materials. Under certain laws and common law principles, any failure by us to disclose environmental contamination at a property could subject us to liability to a buyer or lessee of the property. Further, federal, state and local governments in the countries in which we do business have begun enacting various laws, regulations, and treaties governing environmental and climate change, particularly for greenhouse gases, which seek to tax, penalize, or limit the release of those greenhouse gases. Such regulations could lead to increased operational or compliance costs over time.

While we are aware of the presence or the potential presence of regulated substances in the soil or groundwater at or near several properties owned, operated or managed by us, which may have resulted from historical or ongoing activities on those properties, we are not aware of any material noncompliance with the environmental laws or regulations currently applicable to us, and we are not the subject of any material claim for liability with respect to contamination at any location. However, these laws and regulations may discourage sales and leasing activities and mortgage lending with respect to some properties, which may adversely affect both us and the commercial real estate services industry in general. Environmental contamination or other environmental liabilities may also negatively affect the value of commercial real estate assets held by entities that are managed by our investment management and development services businesses, which could adversely impact the results of operations of these business lines.

### **Availability of this Report**

Our internet address is [www.cbre.com](http://www.cbre.com). On the Investor Relations page on our Web site, we post the following filings as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC: our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Current Reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All such filings on our Investor Relations web page are available to be viewed on this page free of charge. Information contained on our Web site is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or our other filings with the SEC. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless we are required to do so by law. A copy of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is available without charge upon written request to: Investor Relations, CBRE Group, Inc., 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Set forth below and elsewhere in this report and in other documents we file with the SEC are risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained in this report and other public statements we make. Based on the information currently known to us, we believe that the matters discussed below identify the most significant risk factors affecting our business. However, the risks and uncertainties we face are not limited to those described below. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also adversely affect our business.



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*The success of our business is significantly related to general economic conditions and, accordingly, our business could be harmed by an economic slowdown and downturn in commercial real estate asset values, property sales and leasing activities.*

Periods of economic weakness or recession, significantly rising interest rates, declining employment levels, declining demand for commercial real estate, falling real estate values, or the public perception that any of these events may occur, may negatively affect the performance of some or all of our business lines. These economic conditions can result in a general decline in acquisition, disposition and leasing activity, as well as a general decline in the value of commercial real estate and in rents, which in turn reduces revenue from property management fees and commissions derived from property sales, leasing, valuation and financing, as well as revenues associated with development activities. In addition, we could experience a reduction in the amount of fees we earn in our Global Investment Management business if our assets under management decrease or those assets fail to perform as anticipated. These conditions can lead to a decline in property sales prices as well as a decline in funds invested in existing commercial real estate assets and properties planned for development.

Our development and investment strategy often entails making relatively modest investments alongside our investor clients. Our ability to conduct these activities depends in part on the supply of investment capital for commercial real estate and related assets. During an economic downturn, investment capital is usually constrained and it may take longer for us to dispose of real estate investments or selling prices may be lower than originally anticipated. As a result, the value of our commercial real estate investments may be reduced and we could realize losses or diminished profitability. In addition, economic downturns may reduce the amount of loan originations and related servicing by our commercial mortgage brokerage business.

Performance of our asset services line of business partially depends upon the performance of the properties we manage because our fees are generally based on a percentage of aggregate rent collections from these properties. The performance of these properties may be impacted by many factors which are partially or completely outside of our control, including (i) real estate and financial market conditions prevailing generally and locally, (ii) our ability to attract and retain creditworthy tenants, particularly during economic downturns; and (iii) the magnitude of defaults by tenants under their respective leases, which may increase during distressed conditions.

During 2008 and 2009, credit became severely constrained and prohibitively expensive and real estate market activity contracted sharply in most markets around the world as a result of the global financial crisis and the deep economic recession. These adverse macro conditions impacted real estate services companies like ours by significantly hampering transaction activity and lowering real estate valuations. Similar to other commercial real estate services firms, our transaction volumes fell during 2008 and most of 2009, and as a result, our stock price declined significantly. If the economic and market conditions that prevailed in 2008 and 2009 were to return, our business performance and profitability could again deteriorate.

*Adverse developments in the credit markets may harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.*

Our Global Investment Management, Development Services and Capital Markets (including investment property sales and debt and equity financing services) businesses are sensitive to credit cost and availability as well as marketplace liquidity. Additionally, the revenues in all of our businesses are dependent to some extent on the overall volume of activity (and pricing) in the commercial real estate market.

Disruptions in the credit markets may adversely affect our business of providing advisory services to owners, investors and occupiers of real estate in connection with the leasing, disposition and acquisition of property. If our clients are unable to procure credit on favorable terms, there may be fewer completed leasing transactions, dispositions and acquisitions of property. In addition, if purchasers of real estate are not able to procure favorable financing resulting in the lack of disposition opportunities for our funds and projects, our



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Global Investment Management and Development Services businesses will be unable to generate incentive fees and we may also experience losses of co-invested equity capital if the disruption causes a permanent decline in the value of investments made.

In 2008 and 2009, the credit markets experienced a disruption of unprecedented magnitude. This disruption reduced the availability and significantly increased the cost of most sources of funding. In some cases, these sources were eliminated. While the credit market has shown signs of improving since the second half of 2009, liquidity remains constrained and it is impossible to predict when the market will return to normalcy. This uncertainty may lead market participants to continue to act more conservatively, which may amplify decreases in demand and pricing in the markets we serve.

*Our debt instruments impose operating and financial restrictions on us and, in the event of a default, all of our borrowings would become immediately due and payable.*

Our debt instruments, including our credit agreement, impose, and the terms of any future debt may impose, operating and other restrictions on us and many of our subsidiaries. These restrictions affect, and in many respects limit or prohibit, our ability to:

plan for or react to market conditions;

meet capital needs or otherwise restrict our activities or business plans; and

finance ongoing operations, strategic acquisitions, investments or other capital needs or to engage in other business activities that would be in our interest, including:

incurring or guaranteeing additional indebtedness;

paying dividends or making distributions on or repurchases of capital stock;

repurchasing equity interests;

the payment of dividends or other amounts to us;

transferring or selling assets, including the stock of subsidiaries;

creating liens; and

entering into sale/leaseback transactions.

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Our credit agreement currently requires us to maintain a minimum coverage ratio of EBITDA (as defined in the credit agreement) to total interest expense of 2.25x and a maximum leverage ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the credit agreement) of 3.75x. Our ability to meet these financial ratios can be affected by events beyond our control, and we cannot give assurance that we will be able to meet those ratios when required. For example, we experienced a decline in EBITDA during the economic downturn in 2008 to 2009, which negatively impacted our minimum coverage ratio and maximum leverage ratio. However, we significantly reduced our cost structure during 2008 and 2009, and, as a result of these cost reductions as well as renewed growth in our business, we are well within compliance with the minimum coverage ratio and the maximum leverage ratio under our credit agreement. Our coverage ratio of EBITDA to total interest expense was 15.0x for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our leverage ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA was 1.53x as of December 31, 2011. We continue to monitor our projected compliance with these financial ratios and other terms of our credit agreement.

A breach of any of these restrictive covenants or the inability to comply with the required financial ratios could result in a default under our debt instruments. If any such default occurs, the lenders under our credit agreement may elect to declare all outstanding borrowings, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable. The lenders under our credit agreement also have the right in these circumstances to terminate any commitments they have to provide further borrowings. If we are unable to repay outstanding

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borrowings when due, the lenders under our credit agreement will have the right to proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure the debt, which collateral is described in the immediately following risk factor. If the debt under our credit agreement were to be accelerated, we cannot give assurance that this collateral would be sufficient to repay our debt.

***If we fail to meet our payment or other obligations under our credit agreement, the lenders under such credit agreement could foreclose on, and acquire control of, substantially all of our assets.***

Our credit agreement is jointly and severally guaranteed by us and substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. Borrowings under our credit agreement are secured by a pledge of substantially all of the capital stock of our U.S. subsidiaries and 65% of the capital stock of certain non-U.S. subsidiaries. In addition, in connection with any amendment to our credit agreement, we may need to grant additional collateral to the lenders. If we are unable to repay outstanding borrowings when due, the lenders under our credit agreement will have the right to proceed against this pledged capital stock and take control of substantially all of our assets.

***Our substantial leverage and debt service obligations could harm our ability to operate our business, remain in compliance with debt covenants and make payments on our debt.***

We are highly leveraged and have significant debt service obligations. We established new term loans totaling approximately \$800.0 million under our credit agreement in 2011 to finance the REIM Acquisitions. As of December 31, 2011, our total debt, excluding notes payable on real estate and warehouse lines of credit (both of which are generally nonrecourse to us), was approximately \$2.5 billion. For the year ended December 31, 2011, our interest expense was approximately \$150.2 million. Our level of indebtedness increases the possibility that we may be unable to generate cash sufficient to pay when due the principal of, interest on or other amounts due in respect of our indebtedness. In addition, we may incur additional debt from time to time to finance strategic acquisitions, investments, joint ventures or for other purposes, subject to the restrictions contained in the documents governing our indebtedness. If we incur additional debt, the risks associated with our leverage, including our ability to service our debt, would increase. If we are required to seek an amendment to our credit agreement, our debt service obligations may be substantially increased.

Our debt could have other important consequences, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations is used to pay principal and interest on our debt;

our interest expense could increase if interest rates increase because the loans under our credit agreement generally bear interest at floating rates;

our leverage could increase our vulnerability to general economic downturns and adverse competitive and industry conditions, placing us at a disadvantage compared to those of our competitors that are less leveraged;

our debt service obligations could limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and in the commercial real estate services industry;



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our failure to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants in the documents governing our indebtedness could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, results in foreclosure on substantially all of our assets; and

our level of debt may restrict us from raising additional financing on satisfactory terms to fund strategic acquisitions, investments, joint ventures and other general corporate requirements.

From time to time, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., rate our significant outstanding debt. These ratings and any downgrades thereof may impact our ability to borrow under any new agreements in the future, as well as the interest rates and

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other terms of any future borrowings, and could also cause a decline in the market price of our Class A common stock in addition to our outstanding debt instruments.

We cannot be certain that our earnings will be sufficient to allow us to pay principal and interest on our debt and meet our other obligations. If we do not have sufficient earnings, we may be required to seek to refinance all or part of our existing debt, sell assets, borrow more money or sell more securities, none of which we can guarantee that we will be able to do and which, if accomplished, may adversely impact our stock price.

*We have limited restrictions on the amount of additional recourse debt we are able to incur, which may intensify the risks associated with our leverage, including our ability to service our indebtedness.*

Subject to the maximum amounts of indebtedness permitted by our credit agreement covenants, we are not restricted in the amount of additional recourse debt we are able to incur in connection with the financing of our development activities, and we may in the future incur such indebtedness in order to decrease the amount of equity we invest in these activities. Subject to certain covenants in our various bank credit agreements, we are also not restricted in the amount of additional recourse debt CBRE Capital Markets may incur in connection with funding loan originations for multi-family properties having prior purchase commitments by a government sponsored entity.

*If we experience defaults by multiple clients or counterparties, it could adversely affect our business.*

We could be adversely affected by the actions and deteriorating financial condition and results of operations of certain of our clients or counterparties if that led to losses or defaults by one or more of them, which in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Any of our clients may experience a downturn in their business that may weaken their results of operations and financial condition. As a result, a client may fail to make payments when due, become insolvent or declare bankruptcy. Any client bankruptcy or insolvency, or the failure of any client to make payments when due, could result in material losses to our company. A client bankruptcy would delay or preclude full collection of amounts owed to us. Additionally, certain corporate services and property management client agreements require that we advance payroll and other vendor costs on behalf of clients. If such a client were to file bankruptcy or otherwise fail, we may not be able to obtain reimbursement for those costs or for the severance obligations we would incur as a result of the loss of the client.

The bankruptcy or insolvency of a significant counterparty (which may include co-brokers, lenders, insurance companies, hedging counterparties, service providers or other organizations with which we do business), or the failure of any significant counterparty to perform its contractual commitments, may result in disruption to our business or material losses to our company.

*Our goodwill and other intangible assets could become further impaired, which may require us to take significant non-cash charges against earnings.*

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Under current accounting guidelines, we must assess, at least annually and potentially more frequently, whether the value of our goodwill and other intangible assets has been impaired. Any impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets as a result of such analysis would result in a non-cash charge against earnings, which charge could materially adversely affect our reported results of operations, stockholders' equity and our stock price. For example, due to the severe market downturn and credit crisis, we determined in December 2008 that the negative impact of the global economic slowdown and resulting decline in our stock price represented an adverse change in our business climate, requiring us to undertake an interim evaluation of our goodwill and other intangible assets for impairment. As a result, we incurred charges of \$1.2 billion in connection with the impairment of goodwill and other non-amortizable intangible assets during the year ended December 31, 2008. A significant and sustained decline in our future cash flows, a significant adverse change in the economic environment, slower growth rates or if our stock price falls below our net book value per share for a sustained period, all could result in the need to perform additional impairment analysis in future periods. If we were to conclude that a future write-down of goodwill or other intangible assets is necessary, then we would record such additional charges, which could materially adversely affect our results of operations.

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*Our success depends upon the retention of our senior management, as well as our ability to attract and retain qualified and experienced employees (including those acquired through acquisitions).*

Our continued success is highly dependent upon the efforts of our executive officers and other key employees, including Brett White, our Chief Executive Officer. Mr. White and certain other key employees are not parties to employment agreements with us. We also are highly dependent upon the retention of our property sales and leasing professionals, who generate a significant amount of our revenues, as well as other revenue producing professionals. The departure of any of our key employees (including those acquired through acquisitions), or the loss of a significant number of key revenue producers, if we are unable to quickly hire and integrate qualified replacements, could cause our business, financial condition and results of operations to suffer. In addition, the growth of our business is largely dependent upon our ability to attract and retain qualified support personnel in all areas of our business, including brokerage and property management personnel. Competition for these personnel is intense and we may not be able to successfully recruit, integrate or retain sufficiently qualified personnel. We use equity incentives to help retain and incentivize our key personnel. Any significant decline in, or failure to grow, our stock price may result in an increased risk of loss of these key personnel. If we are unable to attract and retain these qualified personnel, our growth may be limited and our business and operating results could suffer.

*Our international operations subject us to social, political and economic risks of doing business in foreign countries.*

We conduct a significant portion of our business and employ a substantial number of people outside of the United States and as a result, we are subject to risks associated with doing business globally. During 2011, we generated approximately 41% of our revenue from operations outside the United States. With the REIM Acquisitions, the footprint of our Global Investment Management business has significantly expanded, particularly in Europe and Asia. Additional circumstances and developments related to international operations that could negatively affect our business, financial condition or results of operations include, but are not limited to, the following factors:

difficulties and costs of staffing and managing international operations among diverse geographies, languages and cultures;

currency restrictions, transfer pricing regulations and adverse tax consequences, which may impact our ability to transfer capital and profits to the United States;

arbitrary adverse changes in regulatory or tax requirements;

the responsibility of complying with multiple and potentially conflicting laws, e.g., with respect to corrupt practices, employment and licensing;

the impact of regional or country-specific business cycles and economic instability, particularly in Europe, which has seen a developing crisis in sovereign debt, and which could be further significantly and adversely impacted if the Euro were to fail as a single currency;

greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable in some geographic regions such as Asia, where many countries have underdeveloped insolvency laws;

a tendency for clients to delay payments in some European and Asian countries;

political and economic instability in certain countries; and

foreign ownership restrictions with respect to operations in countries such as China.

Although we maintain anti-corruption and anti-money laundering compliance programs throughout the company, violations of our compliance programs may result in criminal or civil sanctions, including material

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monetary fines, penalties, equitable remedies (including disgorgement), and other costs against us or our employees, and may have a material adverse effect on our reputation and business.

We have committed additional resources to expand our worldwide sales and marketing activities, to globalize our service offerings and products in selected markets and to develop local sales and support channels. If we are unable to successfully implement these plans, maintain adequate long-term strategies that successfully manage the risks associated with our global business or adequately manage operational fluctuations, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be harmed.

### ***Our revenue and earnings may be adversely affected by foreign currency fluctuations.***

Our revenue from non-U.S. operations is denominated primarily in the local currency where the associated revenue was earned. During 2011, approximately 41% of our revenue was transacted in foreign currencies, the majority of which included the Euro, the British pound sterling, the Canadian dollar, the Chinese yuan, the Hong Kong dollar, the Japanese yen, the Singapore dollar, the Australian dollar and the Indian rupee. With the closing of the REIM Acquisitions, our Global Investment Management business now has a significant amount of Euro-denominated assets under management as well as associated revenue and earnings in Europe, which has seen a developing crisis in sovereign debt resulting in a notable drop in the value of the Euro against the U.S. dollar. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates may result in corresponding fluctuations in our assets under management, revenue and earnings.

Over time, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar and the Euro relative to the other currencies in which we may generate earnings could adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results. Due to the constantly changing currency exposures to which we are subject and the volatility of currency exchange rates, we cannot predict the effect of exchange rate fluctuations upon future operating results. In addition, fluctuations in currencies relative to the U.S. dollar and the Euro may make it more difficult to perform period-to-period comparisons of our reported results of operations.

From time to time, our management uses currency hedging instruments, including foreign currency forward and option contracts and borrows in foreign currencies. There can be no assurance that these hedging instruments will be available when needed. Additionally, economic risks associated with these hedging instruments include unexpected fluctuations in inflation rates, which impact cash flow, and unexpected changes in the underlying net asset position.

### ***Our growth has benefited significantly from acquisitions, which may not be available in the future or perform as expected.***

A significant component of our growth has occurred through acquisitions, including our acquisition of the Trammell Crow Company in December 2006 and the REIM Acquisitions that we completed in the second half of 2011. Any future growth through acquisitions will be partially dependent upon the continued availability of suitable acquisition candidates at favorable prices and upon advantageous terms and conditions, which may not be available to us, as well as sufficient liquidity and credit to fund these acquisitions. We may incur significant additional debt from time to time to finance any such acquisitions, subject to the restrictions contained in the documents governing our then-existing indebtedness. If we incur additional debt, the risks associated with our leverage, including our ability to service our then-existing debt, would increase. In addition, acquisitions involve risks that business judgments concerning the value, strengths and weaknesses of businesses acquired will prove incorrect. Future acquisitions and any necessary related financings also may involve significant transaction-related expenses, which include severance, lease termination, transaction and deferred financing costs, among others.

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We have had, and may continue to experience, difficulties in integrating operations and accounting systems acquired from other companies. These challenges include the diversion of management's attention from other

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business concerns and the potential loss of our key employees or those of the acquired operations. The integration process itself may be disruptive to our business as it requires coordination of geographically diverse organizations and implementation of new accounting and information technology systems. We believe that most acquisitions will initially have an adverse impact on operating and net income. Acquisitions also frequently involve significant costs related to integrating information technology, accounting and management services and rationalizing personnel levels. As with prior material transactions, we expect to incur significant integration expenses associated with the REIM Acquisitions in 2012 and beyond.

*The anticipated benefits of the REIM Acquisitions may not be realized as we contemplated.*

We completed the REIM Acquisitions with the expectation that such acquisitions would result in various benefits, including, among others, enhanced revenues and margins, a strengthened market position, cross-selling opportunities and operating efficiencies. Achieving the anticipated benefits of the REIM Acquisitions will be subject to a number of uncertainties, including whether we successfully integrate the business being acquired, achieve expected synergies, and realize accretive benefits in the timeframe anticipated. Failure to achieve these anticipated benefits could result in increased costs, decreases in the amount of expected revenues and diversion of management's time and energy, which could materially impact our financial condition and operating results.

*Our revenue, net income and cash flow generated by our Global Investment Management business can vary significantly as a result of market developments.*

With the completion of the REIM Acquisitions, our Global Investment Management business has significantly increased and become more globally diverse. With the addition of the REIM funds, a substantial part of our fees are more recurring in nature. However, the revenue, net income and cash flow generated by our Global Investment Management business are all somewhat variable, primarily due to the fact that management, transaction and incentive fees can vary as a result of market movements from one period to another.

The pace at which the real estate markets worldwide turned from positive to negative starting in 2007 and continuing into 2009 is an example of the market volatility to which we are subject and over which we have no control. The underlying market conditions, decisions regarding the acquisition and disposition of fund and separate account assets, and the specifics of client mandates will cause the amount of asset management, transaction and incentive fees to vary from one product to another.

A substantial part of our fees are based upon the value of the assets we manage and if asset values deteriorate our asset management fees will decline as a result. Our acquisition and disposition fees can decline as a result of delay in the deployment of capital or limited market liquidity. We also earn incentive fees tied to portfolio performance, which fees may decline if there is a downturn in real estate markets and we fail to meet benchmarks or absolute return hurdles. Finally, during periods of economic weakness or recession, existing and prospective clients in our Global Investment Management business may be less able or willing to commit new funds to real estate investments, which are inherently less liquid than many competing investment classes, thereby inhibiting the ability of our Global Investment Management business to raise new funds. Additionally, investors with open commitments to provide additional investment could become less able or willing to honor their financial commitments and seek to renegotiate the terms of their commitments or the fees that they are obligated to pay. To the extent that clients in our Global Investment Management business seek to avoid paying fees they are obligated to pay, or seek to avoid deploying capital that has been committed, we could experience a rapid decrease in collection of fees and interruptions to our client relationships and business.

*Our real estate investment and co-investment activities subject us to real estate investment risks which could cause fluctuations in earnings and cash flow.*



An important part of the strategy for our Global Investment Management business involves investing our capital in certain real estate investments with our clients and there is an inherent risk of loss of our investments.

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As of December 31, 2011, we had committed \$59.4 million to fund future co-investments, all of which is expected to be funded during 2012. In addition to required future capital contributions, some of the co-investment entities may request additional capital from us and our subsidiaries holding investments in those assets. The failure to provide these contributions could have adverse consequences to our interests in these investments, including damage to our reputation with our co-investment partners and clients, as well as the necessity of obtaining alternative funding from other sources that may be on disadvantageous terms for us and the other co-investors. Participating as a co-investor is a very important part of our Global Investment Management business, which would suffer if we were unable to make these investments. Although our debt instruments contain restrictions that limit our ability to provide capital to the entities holding direct or indirect interests in co-investments, we may provide this capital in many instances.

Selective investment in real estate projects is an important part of our Development Services business strategy and there is an inherent risk of loss of our investment. As of December 31, 2011, we had approximately 45 consolidated real estate projects with invested equity of \$26.9 million and \$13.6 million of notes payable on real estate that are recourse to us (in addition to being recourse to the single-purpose entity that holds the real estate asset and is the primary obligor on the note payable). In addition, at December 31, 2011, we were involved as a principal (in most cases, co-investing with our clients) in approximately 45 unconsolidated real estate subsidiaries with invested equity of \$52.3 million and had committed additional capital to these unconsolidated subsidiaries of \$14.4 million. We also guaranteed notes payable of these unconsolidated subsidiaries of \$1.4 million, excluding guarantees for which we have outstanding liabilities accrued on our consolidated balance sheet.

During the ordinary course of our Development Services business, we provide numerous completion and budget guarantees requiring us to complete the relevant project within a specified timeframe and/or within a specified budget, with us potentially being liable for costs to complete in excess of such timeframe or budget. While we generally have guaranteed maximum price contracts with reputable general contractors with respect to projects for which we provide these guarantees (which are intended to pass most of the risk to such contractors), there can be no assurance that we will not have to perform under any such guarantees. If we are required to perform under a significant number of such guarantees, it could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Because the disposition of a single significant investment can impact our financial performance in any period, our real estate investment activities could increase fluctuations in our net earnings and cash flow. In many cases, we have limited control over the timing of the disposition of these investments and the recognition of any related gain or loss, or incentive participation fee.

***Poor performance of the investment programs that our Global Investment Management business manages would cause a decline in our revenue, net income and cash flow and could adversely affect our ability to raise capital for future programs.***

In the event that any of the investment programs that our Global Investment Management business manages were to perform poorly, our revenue, net income and cash flow could decline because the value of the assets we manage would decrease, which would result in a reduction in some of our management fees, and our investment returns would decrease, resulting in a reduction in the incentive compensation we earn. Moreover, we could experience losses on co-investments of our own capital in such programs as a result of poor performance. Investors and potential investors in our programs continually assess our performance, and our ability to raise capital for existing and future programs and maintain our current fee structure will depend on our continued satisfactory performance.

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***We are subject to substantial litigation risks and may face significant liabilities and damage to our professional reputation as a result of litigation allegations and negative publicity.***

As a licensed real estate broker, we and our licensed employees are subject to regulatory due diligence, disclosure and standard-of-care obligations. Failure to fulfill these obligations could subject us or our employees to litigation from parties who purchased, sold or leased properties that we or they brokered or managed. We could become subject to claims by participants in real estate sales, as well as building owners and companies for whom we provide management services, alleging that we did not fulfill our regulatory and fiduciary obligations.

In addition, in our property management business, we hire and supervise third-party contractors to provide construction services for our managed properties. While our role is limited to that of an agent for the owner, we may be subject to claims for construction defects or other similar actions.

The advice we render in our financial advisory business and the investment decisions we make in our Global Investment Management business and the activities of our investment banking and investment management professionals for or on behalf of our clients may subject them and us to the risk of third-party litigation. Such litigation may arise from client or investor dissatisfaction with the performance of our programs and a variety of other litigation claims, including allegations that we improperly exercised judgment, discretion, control or influence over client investments or that we breached fiduciary duties to clients.

To the extent investors in our programs suffer losses resulting from fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or other similar misconduct, investors may have remedies against us, our investment programs or funds or our employees under the federal securities law and state law. Moreover, we are exposed to risks of litigation or investigation by investors and regulators relating to allegations of our having engaged in transactions involving conflicts of interest that were not properly addressed.

Some of these litigation risks may be mitigated by our self-insurance programs or by the commercial insurance we maintain in amounts we believe are appropriate. However, in the event of a substantial loss, our insurance coverage and/or self-insurance reserve levels might not be sufficient to pay the full damages. Further, the value of otherwise valid claims we hold under insurance policies could become uncollectible in the event of the covering insurance company's insolvency, although we seek to limit this risk by placing our commercial insurance only with highly-rated companies. Any of these events could negatively impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We depend on our business relationships and our reputation for integrity and high-caliber professional services to attract and retain clients across our overall business, as well as investors for our Global Investment Management business. As a result, allegations by private litigants or regulators of conflicts of interest or improper conduct by us, whether the ultimate outcome is favorable or unfavorable to us, as well as negative publicity and press speculation about us or our investment activities, whether or not valid, may harm our reputation and damage our business prospects both in our Global Investment Management business and our other global businesses. In addition, if any lawsuits were brought against us and resulted in a finding of substantial legal liability, it could materially, adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations or cause significant reputational harm to us, which could materially impact our business.

***Our joint venture activities involve unique risks that are often outside of our control which, if realized, could harm our business.***

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We have utilized joint ventures for commercial investments and local brokerage and other affiliations both in the United States and internationally, and we may acquire minority interests in other joint ventures in the future. In many of these joint ventures, we may not have the right or power to direct the management and policies of the joint ventures and other participants may take action contrary to our instructions or requests and against our policies and objectives. In addition, the other participants may become bankrupt or have economic or other business interests or goals that are inconsistent with ours. If a joint venture participant acts contrary to our interest, it could harm our brand, business, results of operations and financial condition.

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*We have numerous significant competitors and potential future competitors, some of which may have greater financial and operational resources than we do.*

We compete across a variety of business disciplines within the commercial real estate services industry, including commercial property and corporate facilities management, occupier and property/agency leasing, property sales, valuation, real estate investment management, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, development services and proprietary research. Although we are the largest commercial real estate services firm in the world in terms of 2011 revenue, our relative competitive position varies significantly across geographies, property types and services. Depending on the geography, property type or service, we face competition from other commercial real estate service providers, including outsourcing companies that traditionally competed in limited portions of our facilities management business and have recently expanded their offerings, in-house corporate real estate departments, developers, institutional lenders, insurance companies, investment banking firms, investment managers, and accounting and consulting firms. Some of these firms may have greater financial resources than we do. In addition, future changes in laws could lead to the entry of other competitors, such as financial institutions. Although many of our competitors are local or regional firms and are substantially smaller than us, some of these competitors are larger on a local or regional basis. We are also subject to competition from other large national and multi-national firms that have similar service competencies to ours. In general, there can be no assurance that we will be able to compete effectively, to maintain current fee levels or margins, or maintain or increase our market share.

*A significant portion of our operations are concentrated in California and our business could be harmed due to the ongoing economic downturn in the California real estate markets.*

During 2011, approximately 10% of our revenue was generated from transactions originating in California. As a result of the geographic concentration in California, the economic downturns in the California commercial real estate market and particularly in the local economies in San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange County could harm our results of operations and disproportionately affect our business as compared to competitors who have less or different geographic concentrations.

*We operate in many jurisdictions with complex and varied tax regimes. Changes in tax rules or the outcome of tax assessments and audits could cause an adverse effect on our results.*

We operate in many jurisdictions with complex and varied tax regimes, and are subject to different forms of taxation resulting in a variable effective tax rate. In addition, from time to time we engage in transactions that involve different tax jurisdictions. Due to the different tax laws in the many jurisdictions where we operate, we are often required to make subjective determinations. The tax authorities in the various jurisdictions where we carry on business may not agree with the determinations that are made by us with respect to the application of tax law. Such disagreements could result in disputes and, ultimately, in the payment of additional funds to the government authorities of foreign and local jurisdictions where we carry on business, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, changes in tax rules or the outcome of tax assessments and audits could have an adverse effect on our results in any particular quarter.

Our estimate of tax related assets, liabilities, recoveries and expenses incorporates assumptions. These assumptions include, but are not limited to, the tax laws in various jurisdictions, the effect of tax treaties between jurisdictions, taxable income projections, and the benefits of various restructuring plans. To the extent that such assumptions differ from actual results, we may have to record additional income tax expenses and liabilities.

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We are subject to the possibility of loss contingencies arising out of tax claims, assessments related to uncertain tax positions and provisions for specifically identified income tax exposures. There are currently tax audits ongoing in certain of the jurisdictions in which we operate. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in resolving potential tax claims that arise from these audits. We have recorded provisions on the basis of the best current understanding; however, we could be required to book additional provisions in future periods

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for amounts that cannot be assessed at this stage. Our failure to do so and/or the need to increase our provisions for such claims could have an adverse effect on our financial position.

***If the assets in our defined benefit pension plans are not sufficient to meet the plans obligations, we may be required to make cash contributions to it and our liquidity may be adversely affected.***

Our subsidiaries based in the United Kingdom maintain two contributory defined benefit pension plans to provide retirement benefits to existing and former employees participating in the plans. With respect to these plans, our historical policy has been to contribute annually, an amount to fund pension cost as actuarially determined and as required by applicable laws and regulations. Our contributions to these plans are invested and, if these investments do not perform in the future as well as we expect, we will be required to provide additional funding to cover any shortfall. The underfunded status of our defined benefit pension plans included in pension liability in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, which are incorporated herein by reference, was \$60.9 million and \$40.0 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. If the assets in our defined benefit pension plans continue to be insufficient to meet the plans obligations, we may be required to make substantial cash contributions preventing the use of such cash for other purposes and adversely affecting our liquidity.

***If we fail to maintain and protect our intellectual property, or infringe the intellectual property rights of third parties, our business could be harmed and we could incur financial penalties.***

Our business depends, in part, on our ability to identify and protect proprietary information and other intellectual property (such as our service marks, client lists and information, business methods and research). Existing laws, or the application of those laws, of some countries in which we operate may offer only limited protections for our intellectual property rights. We rely on a combination of trade secrets, confidentiality policies, non-disclosure and other contractual arrangements, and on patent, copyright and trademark laws to protect our intellectual property rights. Our inability to detect unauthorized use or take appropriate or timely steps to enforce our rights may have an adverse effect on our business.

We cannot be sure that the intellectual property that we may use in the course of operating our business or the services we offer to clients do not infringe on the rights of third parties, and we may have infringement claims asserted against us or against our clients. These claims may harm our reputation, cost us money and prevent us from offering some services.

Confidential intellectual property is increasingly stored or carried on mobile devices, such as laptop computers, which makes inadvertent disclosure more of a risk in the event the mobile devices are lost or stolen and the information has not been adequately safeguarded or encrypted.

***If we fail to comply with laws and regulations applicable to us in our role as a real estate broker, mortgage broker, property/facility manager or developer, we may incur significant financial penalties.***

We are subject to numerous federal, state, local and non-U.S. laws and regulations specific to the services we perform in our business, as well as laws of broader applicability, such as tax, securities, environmental and employment laws. Brokerage of real estate sales and leasing transactions and the provision of property management and valuation services require us to maintain applicable licenses in each U.S. state and certain non-U.S. jurisdictions in which we perform these services. If we fail to maintain our licenses or conduct these activities without a license, or violate any of the regulations covering our licenses, we may be required to pay fines (including treble damages in certain states) or return

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commissions received or have our licenses suspended or revoked. In addition, our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRE Global Investors, is subject to laws and regulations as a registered investment advisor and compliance failures or regulatory action could adversely affect our business. As the size and scope of commercial real estate transactions have increased significantly during the past several years, both the difficulty of ensuring compliance with numerous licensing regimes and the possible loss resulting from non-compliance have increased. Furthermore, the laws and regulations applicable to our



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business, both within and outside of the United States, also may change in ways that increase the costs of compliance or prevent us from providing certain types of services in connection with certain transactions or clients.

*We may be subject to environmental liability as a result of our role as a property or facility manager or developer of real estate.*

Various laws and regulations impose liability on real property owners or operators for the cost of investigating, cleaning up or removing contamination caused by hazardous or toxic substances at a property. In our role as a property or facility manager or developer, we could be held liable as an operator for such costs. This liability may be imposed without regard to the legality of the original actions and without regard to whether we knew of, or were responsible for, the presence of the hazardous or toxic substances. If we fail to disclose environmental issues, we could also be liable to a buyer or lessee of a property. If we incur any such liability, our business could suffer significantly as it could be difficult for us to develop or sell such properties, or borrow funds using such properties as collateral. Additionally, liabilities incurred to comply with more stringent future environmental requirements could adversely affect any or all of our lines of business.

## **Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes 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. The words anticipate, believe, could, should, propose, continue, estimate, expect, may, plan, predict, project, will and similar terms and phrases are used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to identify forward-looking statements. Except for historical information contained herein, the matters addressed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are forward-looking statements. These statements relate to analyses and other information based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable. These statements also relate to our future prospects, developments and business strategies.

These forward-looking statements are made based on our management's expectations and beliefs concerning future events affecting us and are subject to uncertainties and factors relating to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These uncertainties and factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those matters expressed in or implied by these forward-looking statements.

The following factors are among those, but are not only those, that may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements:

integration issues arising out of the REIM Acquisitions and other companies we may acquire;

costs relating to the REIM Acquisitions and other businesses we may acquire;

the sustainability of the recovery in our investment sales and leasing business from the recessionary levels in 2008 and 2009;

disruptions in general economic and business conditions, particularly in geographies where our business may be concentrated;

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volatility and disruption of the securities, capital and credit markets, interest rate increases, the cost and availability of capital for investment in real estate, clients' willingness to make real estate or long-term contractual commitments and other factors impacting the value of real estate assets, inside and outside the United States, particularly Europe, which is experiencing a sovereign debt crisis;

continued high levels of, or increases in, unemployment and general slowdowns in commercial activity;

variations in historically customary seasonal patterns;

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the impairment or weakened financial condition of certain of our clients;

client actions to restrain project spending and reduce outsourced staffing levels as well as the potential loss of clients in our outsourcing business due to consolidation or bankruptcies;

our ability to diversify our revenue model to offset cyclical economic trends in the commercial real estate industry;

foreign currency fluctuations;

our ability to attract new user and investor clients;

our ability to retain major clients and renew related contracts;

a reduction by companies in their reliance on outsourcing for their commercial real estate needs, which would impact our revenues and operating performance;

trends in pricing for commercial real estate services;

changes in tax laws in the United States or in other jurisdictions in which our business may be concentrated that reduce or eliminate deductions or other tax benefits we receive;

our ability to compete globally, or in specific geographic markets or business segments that are material to us;

our ability to manage fluctuations in net earnings and cash flow, which could result from poor performance in our investment programs, including our participation as a principal in real estate investments;

our ability to leverage our global services platform to maximize and sustain long-term cash flow;

our exposure to liabilities in connection with real estate brokerage and property management activities;

the ability of our Global Investment Management segment to realize values in investment funds sufficient to offset incentive compensation expense related thereto;

liabilities under guarantees, or for construction defects, that we incur in our Development Services business;

the ability of CBRE Capital Markets to periodically amend, or replace, on satisfactory terms, the agreements for its warehouse lines of credit;

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the effect of implementation of new accounting rules and standards; and

the other factors described elsewhere in this Form 10-K, included under the headings Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Critical Accounting Policies, and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statements are made. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information, except to the extent required by applicable securities laws. If we do update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that we will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements. Additional information concerning these and other risks and uncertainties is contained in our other periodic filings with the SEC.

### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

Not applicable.

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We occupied the following offices, excluding affiliates, as of December 31, 2011:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Sales Offices</b>	<b>Corporate Offices</b>	<b>Total</b>
Americas	152	2	154
Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA)	91	1	92
Asia Pacific	87	1	88
Total	330	4	334

Some of our offices that contain employees of our Global Investment Management or our Development Services segments also contain employees of our other business segments. Often, the employees of these segments occupy separate suites in the same building in order to operate the businesses independently with standalone offices. We have provided above office totals by geographic region and not listed all of our Global Investment Management and Development Services offices to avoid double counting.

In general, these leased offices are fully utilized. The most significant terms of the leasing arrangements for our offices are the length of the lease and the rent. Our leases have terms varying in duration. The rent payable under our office leases varies significantly from location to location as a result of differences in prevailing commercial real estate rates in different geographic locations. Our management believes that no single office lease is material to our business, results of operations or financial condition. In addition, we believe there is adequate alternative office space available at acceptable rental rates to meet our needs, although adverse movements in rental rates in some markets may negatively affect our profits in those markets when we enter into new leases. We do not own any offices, which is consistent with our strategy to lease instead of own.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

We are a party to a number of pending or threatened lawsuits arising out of, or incident to, our ordinary course of business. Our management believes that any losses in excess of the amounts accrued arising from such lawsuits are remote, but that litigation is inherently uncertain and there is the potential for a material adverse effect on our financial statements if one or more matters are resolved in a particular period in an amount in excess of that anticipated by management.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

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Our Class A common stock has traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CBG" since June 10, 2004. The applicable high and low prices of our Class A common stock for the last two fiscal years, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, are set forth below for the periods indicated.

	Price Range	
	High	Low
<b>Fiscal Year 2011</b>		
Quarter ending March 31, 2011	\$ 27.97	\$ 20.29
Quarter ending June 30, 2011	\$ 29.88	\$ 22.45
Quarter ending September 30, 2011	\$ 26.29	\$ 12.30
Quarter ending December 31, 2011	\$ 19.61	\$ 12.51
<b>Fiscal Year 2010</b>		
Quarter ending March 31, 2010	\$ 16.22	\$ 12.05
Quarter ending June 30, 2010	\$ 17.98	\$ 13.52
Quarter ending September 30, 2010	\$ 19.00	\$ 12.81
Quarter ending December 31, 2010	\$ 21.53	\$ 17.14

The closing share price for our Class A common stock on December 30, 2011, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, was \$15.22. As of February 13, 2012, there were 356 stockholders of record of our Class A common stock.

**Dividend Policy**

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on any class of our common stock since our inception on February 20, 2001, and we do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain any future earnings to reduce debt and finance future growth. Any future determination to pay cash dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and other factors that the board of directors deems relevant. In addition, our ability to declare and pay cash dividends is restricted by the credit agreement governing our revolving credit facility and senior secured term loan facilities.

**Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

None.

**Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

None.

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**Stock Performance Graph**

The following graph shows our cumulative total stockholder return for the period beginning December 31, 2006 and ending on December 31, 2011. The graph also shows the cumulative total returns of the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, or S&P 500 Index, in which we are included, and an industry peer group.

The comparison below assumes \$100 was invested on December 31, 2006 in our Class A common stock and in each of the indices shown and assumes that all dividends were reinvested. Our stock price performance shown in the following graph is not indicative of future stock price performance. The peer group is comprised of the following publicly traded commercial real estate services companies: Grubb & Ellis Company and Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated. These two companies represent our primary competitors that are publicly traded with business lines reasonably comparable to ours.

\*\$100 invested on 12/31/06 in stock or index-including reinvestment of dividends.

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The following table sets forth our selected historical consolidated financial information for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2011. The statement of operations data, the statement of cash flows data and the other data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 were derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The statement of operations data, the statement of cash flows data and the other data for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 were derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this Form 10-K.

The selected financial data presented below is not necessarily indicative of results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the information included under the headings "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2011 (1)	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(Dollars in thousands, except share data)				
<b>STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS DATA:</b>					
Revenue	\$ 5,905,411	\$ 5,115,316	\$ 4,165,820	\$ 5,128,817	\$ 6,034,249
Operating income (loss)	462,862	446,379	241,842	(788,469)	698,971
Interest income	9,443	8,416	6,129	17,762	29,004
Interest expense	150,249	191,151	189,146	167,156	162,991
Write-off of financing costs		18,148	29,255		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	240,435	141,689	(27,638)	(1,076,489)	399,746
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	49,890	14,320		26,748	5,308
Net income (loss)	290,325	156,009	(27,638)	(1,049,741)	405,054
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	51,163	(44,336)	(60,979)	(37,675)	14,549
Net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	239,162	200,345	33,341	(1,012,066)	390,505
<b>EPS (2):</b>					
<i>Basic income (loss) per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders</i>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.12	\$ (4.86)	\$ 1.70
Income from discontinued operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	0.02	0.03		0.05	0.01
Net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.12	\$ (4.81)	\$ 1.71
<i>Diluted income (loss) per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders</i>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.12	\$ (4.86)	\$ 1.65
Income from discontinued operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	0.02	0.03		0.05	0.01
Net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.12	\$ (4.81)	\$ 1.66
<b>Weighted average shares:</b>					
Basic	318,454,191	313,873,439	277,361,783	210,539,032	228,476,724
Diluted	323,723,755	319,016,887	279,995,081	210,539,032	234,978,464
<b>STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS DATA:</b>					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 361,219	\$ 616,587	\$ 213,645	\$ (130,373)	\$ 648,210
Net cash used in investing activities	(480,255)	(62,503)	(119,362)	(419,009)	(284,421)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	711,325	(784,222)	476,768	373,959	(277,253)

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**OTHER DATA:**

EBITDA (3)	\$	693,261	\$	647,467	\$	372,079	\$	457,021	\$	834,264
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	2011	2010	As of December 31,		
			2009	2008	2007
	(Dollars in thousands)				
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,093,182	\$ 506,574	\$ 741,557	\$ 158,823	\$ 342,874
Total assets	7,219,143	5,121,568	5,039,406	4,726,414	6,242,573
Long-term debt, including current portion	2,472,686	1,428,322	2,120,803	2,077,421	1,788,726
Notes payable on real estate (4)	372,912	627,528	551,277	617,663	466,032
Total liabilities	5,801,980	4,055,773	4,255,111	4,380,691	4,990,417
Total CBRE Group, Inc. stockholders' equity	1,151,481	908,215	629,122	114,686	988,543

Note: We have not declared any cash dividends on common stock for the periods shown.

- (1) In 2011, we completed a series of strategic transactions with Netherlands-based ING Group N.V. and its affiliates (ING). We acquired substantially all of ING's Real Estate Investment Management (REIM) operations in Europe and Asia, and its U.S.-based global real estate listed securities business, Clarion Real Estate Securities (CRES), for over \$810 million in cash (which we refer to as the REIM Acquisitions). In addition, we acquired co-investment interests totaling approximately \$80 million. The results for the year ended December 31, 2011 include the operations of CRES, ING REIM Asia and ING REIM Europe from July 1, 2011, October 3, 2011 and October 31, 2011, respectively, the dates each respective business was acquired.
- (2) EPS represents earnings per share. See Earnings Per Share information in Note 18 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.
- (3) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$14.1 million, \$16.4 million, \$16.9 million and \$6.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

EBITDA represents earnings before net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Our management believes EBITDA is useful in evaluating our operating performance compared to that of other companies in our industry because the calculation of EBITDA generally eliminates the effects of financing and income taxes and the accounting effects of capital spending and acquisitions, which would include impairment charges of goodwill and intangibles created from acquisitions. Such items may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance. As a result, our management uses EBITDA as a measure to evaluate the operating performance of our various business segments and for other discretionary purposes, including as a significant component when measuring our operating performance under our employee incentive programs. Additionally, we believe EBITDA is useful to investors to assist them in getting a more complete picture of our results from operations.

However, EBITDA is not a recognized measurement under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and when analyzing our operating performance, readers should use EBITDA in addition to, and not as an alternative for, net income as determined in accordance with GAAP. Because not all companies use identical calculations, our presentation of EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Furthermore, EBITDA is not intended to be a measure of free cash flow for our management's discretionary use, as it does not consider certain cash requirements such as tax and debt service payments. The amounts shown for EBITDA also differ from the amounts calculated under similarly titled definitions in our debt instruments, which are further adjusted to reflect certain other cash and non-cash charges and are used to determine compliance with financial covenants and our ability to engage in certain activities, such as incurring additional debt and making certain restricted payments.

EBITDA is calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 239,162	\$ 200,345	\$ 33,341	\$ (1,012,066)	\$ 390,505
Add:					
Depreciation and amortization (i)	116,930	108,962	99,473	102,909	113,694
Goodwill and other non-amortizable intangible asset impairment				1,159,406	
Interest expense (ii)	153,497	192,706	189,146	167,805	164,829
Write-off of financing costs		18,148	29,255		
Provision for income taxes (iii)	193,115	135,723	26,993	56,853	194,255
Less:					
Interest income (iv)	9,443	8,417	6,129	17,886	29,019

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EBITDA (v)	\$ 693,261	\$ 647,467	\$ 372,079	\$ 457,021	\$ 834,264
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- (i) Includes depreciation and amortization related to discontinued operations of \$1.2 million, \$0.6 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
  - (ii) Includes interest expense related to discontinued operations of \$3.2 million, \$1.6 million, \$0.6 million and \$1.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
  - (iii) Includes provision for income taxes related to discontinued operations of \$4.0 million, \$5.4 million, \$6.0 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
  - (iv) Includes interest income related to discontinued operations of \$0.1 million and \$0.01 million for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
  - (v) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$14.1 million, \$16.4 million, \$16.9 million and \$6.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- (4) Notes payable on real estate disclosed here includes the current and long-term portions of notes payable on real estate as well as notes payable included in liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale.

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

#### **Overview**

We are the world's largest commercial real estate services firm, based on 2011 revenue, with leading full-service operations in major metropolitan areas throughout the world. We offer a full range of services to occupiers, owners, lenders and investors in office, retail, industrial, multi-family and other types of commercial real estate. As of December 31, 2011, we operated more than 300 offices worldwide, excluding affiliate offices, with approximately 34,000 employees providing commercial real estate services under the CBRE brand name, investment management services under the CBRE Global Investors brand name and development services under the Trammell Crow brand name. Our business is focused on several competencies, including commercial property and corporate facilities management, occupier and property/agency leasing, property sales, valuation, real estate investment management, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, development services and proprietary research. We generate revenues from contractual management fees and on a per-project or transactional basis. Since 2006, we have been the only commercial real estate services company included in the S&P 500. In every year since 2008, we have been the only commercial real estate services firm to be included in the *Fortune 500*. Additionally, the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals has included us among the top 100 global outsourcing companies across all industries for five consecutive years, including in 2011 when we ranked 6th overall and were the highest ranked commercial real estate services company. In 2011, we were the highest ranked commercial real estate services company among the *Fortune* Most Admired Companies, and achieved the highest brand reputation ranking among all commercial real estate companies in a survey of *Wall Street Journal* subscribers.

When you read our financial statements and the information included in this section, you should consider that we have experienced, and continue to experience, several material trends and uncertainties that have affected our financial condition and results of operations that make it challenging to predict our future performance based on our historical results. We believe that the following material trends and uncertainties are crucial to an understanding of the variability in our historical earnings and cash flows and the potential for continued variability in the future:

#### ***Macroeconomic Conditions***

Economic trends and government policies affect global and regional commercial real estate markets as well as our operations directly. These include: overall economic activity and employment growth, interest rate levels, the cost and availability of credit and the impact of tax and regulatory policies. Periods of economic weakness or recession, significantly rising interest rates, declining employment levels, decreasing demand for real estate, falling real estate values, or the public perception that any of these events may occur, will negatively affect the performance of some or all of our business lines. From late 2007 through 2009, the severe global economic downturn and credit market crisis had significant adverse effects on our operations by depressing transaction activity, decreasing occupancy and rental rates, sharply lowering property values and restraining corporate spending. These trends, in turn, adversely affected our revenue from property management fees and commissions derived from property sales, leasing, valuation and financing, and funds available to invest in commercial real estate and related assets. These negative trends began to reverse in 2010 and 2011 as commercial real estate markets improved in step with the stabilization and recovery of global economic activity.

Weak economic conditions from late 2007 through 2009 also affected our compensation expense, which is structured to generally decrease in line with a fall in revenue. Compensation is our largest expense and the sales and leasing professionals in our largest line of business, advisory services, generally are paid on a commission and bonus basis that correlates with our revenue performance. As a result, the negative effect of difficult market conditions on our operating margins was partially mitigated by the inherent variability of our compensation cost structure. In addition, at times when negative economic conditions are particularly severe, as they were in 2008 and 2009, our management has moved decisively to improve operational performance by lowering operating expenses through such actions as reducing discretionary bonuses, curtailing capital expenditures and adjusting overall staffing levels, among others. As general economic conditions and our performance

improved, we began

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to restore certain of these expenses in 2010 and 2011. Notwithstanding the ongoing market recovery, a return of adverse global and regional economic trends remains one of the most significant risks to the performance of our operations and our financial condition.

Economic conditions first began to negatively affect our performance in the Americas, our largest segment in terms of revenue, beginning in the third quarter of 2007. The effects became more severe as the decline in economic activity (particularly in the United States) accelerated throughout 2008 and most of 2009. The global capital markets disruption in late 2008, in particular, caused a significant and prolonged decline in property sales, leasing, financing and investment activity that adversely affected all our business lines. Commercial real estate fundamentals began to stabilize in early 2010 and to improve later that year following a return to positive economic growth in the United States. The recovery continued at a slow pace in 2011, as vacancy rates dipped moderately, rental rates stabilized or edged up slightly, credit became more readily available and property sales and leasing activity increased. However, market activity has remained well below levels experienced in 2006 and 2007.

In Europe, weakening market conditions first began to manifest in the United Kingdom in late 2007 and in countries on the continent in early 2008. The major European economies also fell into recession in 2008, which deepened and persisted through 2009. Economic activity improved in 2010, but began to wane again in the second half of 2011, due to the effects of the European sovereign debt crisis. As a result, economic growth in Europe lagged behind other parts of the world in 2011. While rents essentially remained flat in 2011, leasing velocity slowed in many major markets in Europe. Investment sales in Europe were adversely affected by the financial crisis in late 2008 and most of 2009. Larger markets like London and Paris showed strong increases in investment sales starting in late 2009, but activity reached a plateau across most of Europe in 2011.

Real estate markets in Asia Pacific were also affected, though generally to a lesser degree than in the United States and Europe, by the global credit market dislocation and economic downturn. This resulted in lower investment sales and leasing activity in the region in 2008 and most of 2009. Transaction activity revived significantly in late 2009, reflecting strong economic growth, and improved through 2010 and most of 2011. However, the improvement began to slow in the later stages of 2011, due to heightened concerns about how the European sovereign debt crisis and tepid U.S. economic growth would affect the region's economies.

Beginning in late 2007, deteriorating conditions also adversely affected real estate investment management and property development activity, as property values declined sharply, and both financing and disposal options became more limited. However, market conditions for these businesses improved as financing and investment sales markets recovered in late 2010 and 2011.

The further recovery of our global sales, leasing, investment management and development services operations depends on continued improvement in market fundamentals, including solid economic growth and sustained, strong job growth; stable and healthy global credit markets; and increased business and investor confidence.

### ***Effects of Acquisitions***

Our management historically has made significant use of strategic acquisitions to add new service competencies, to increase our scale within existing competencies and to expand our presence in various geographic regions around the world. In December 2006, we acquired the Trammell Crow Company (the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition), our largest acquisition to date, which deepened our outsourcing services offerings for corporate and institutional clients, especially project and facilities management, strengthened our ability to provide integrated management solutions across geographies, and established resources and expertise to offer real estate development services throughout the United States.





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On February 15, 2011, we announced that we had entered into definitive agreements to acquire the majority of the real estate investment management business of Netherlands-based ING Group N.V. (ING) for approximately \$940 million in cash. The acquisitions included substantially all of ING's Real Estate Investment Management (REIM) operations in Europe and Asia, as well as substantially all of Clarion Real Estate Securities (CRES), its U.S.-based global real estate listed securities business (collectively referred to as ING REIM). On February 15, 2011, we also announced that we expected to acquire approximately \$55 million of CRES co-investments from ING and potentially additional interests in other funds managed by ING REIM Europe and ING REIM Asia. Upon completion of the acquisitions, which we refer to as the REIM Acquisitions, ING REIM became part of our Global Investment Management segment (which conducts business through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRE Global Investors, an independently operated business segment). The ING transaction is highly complementary, with little overlap in client base and different investment strategies. CBRE Global Investors has traditionally focused on value-add funds and separate accounts. ING REIM has primarily focused on core funds and global listed real estate securities funds, except in Asia, where ING REIM manages value-add and opportunistic funds. The combined entity provides us with a significantly enhanced ability to meet the needs of institutional investors across global markets with a full spectrum of investment programs and strategies.

On July 1, 2011, we completed the acquisition of CRES for \$323.9 million and CRES co-investments from ING for an aggregate amount of \$58.6 million. On October 3, 2011, we completed the acquisition of ING REIM Asia for \$45.6 million and three ING REIM Asia co-investments from ING for an aggregate amount of \$13.9 million. On October 31, 2011, we completed the acquisition of ING REIM Europe for \$442.5 million and one co-investment from ING for \$7.4 million. Our initial estimate of \$940 million in total purchase price for the REIM Acquisitions has been reduced by approximately \$47 million for certain fund and separate account management contracts that were not acquired and for certain balance sheet adjustments. There is a possibility of an additional closing of approximately \$80 million and co-investments of up to \$68 million in the future related to our acquisition of ING REIM Europe.

As of December 31, 2011, CBRE Global Investors' assets under management, or AUM, totaled \$94.1 billion, which includes AUM acquired in the REIM Acquisitions. AUM generally refers to the properties and other assets with respect to which we provide (or participate in) oversight, investment management services and other advice, and which generally consist of real estate properties or loans, securities portfolios and investments in operating companies and joint ventures. Our AUM is intended principally to reflect the extent of our presence in the real estate market, not the basis for determining our management fees. Our material assets under management consist of:

- a) the total fair market value of the real estate properties and other assets either wholly-owned or held by joint ventures and other entities in which our sponsored funds or investment vehicles and client accounts have invested or to which they have provided financing. Committed (but unfunded) capital from investors in our sponsored funds is not included in this component of our AUM. The value of development properties is included at estimated completion cost. In the case of real estate operating companies, the total value of real properties controlled by the companies, generally through joint ventures, is included in AUM; and
- b) the net asset value of our managed securities portfolios, including investments (which may be comprised of committed but uncalled capital) in private real estate funds under our fund of funds program.

Our calculation of AUM may differ from the calculations of other asset managers, and as a result, this measure may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other asset managers.

Strategic in-fill acquisitions have also played a key role in expanding our geographic coverage and broadening and strengthening our service offerings. From 2005 to 2008, we completed 58 in-fill acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$592 million. Because of the economic downturn, no acquisitions

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were completed in 2009 and 2010, except for a small niche industrial practice in the United Kingdom acquired in the second quarter of 2010 and a small commercial property asset management and consultancy services firm in Hong Kong acquired in the fourth quarter of 2010. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we completed five in-fill acquisitions, including a valuation business in Australia, a retail property management business in central and eastern Europe, our former affiliate company in Switzerland, a retail services business in the United Kingdom and a shopping center management business in the Netherlands. The companies we acquired have generally been quality regional firms or niche specialty firms that complement our existing platform within a region, or affiliates in which, in some cases, we held an equity interest. As market conditions continue to improve, we believe acquisitions may once again serve as a growth engine, supplementing our organic growth.

Although our management believes that strategic acquisitions can significantly decrease the cost, time and commitment of management resources necessary to attain a meaningful competitive position within targeted markets or to expand our presence within our current markets, our management also believes that most acquisitions will initially have an adverse impact on our operating and net income, both as a result of transaction-related expenditures, which include severance, lease termination, transaction and deferred financing costs, among others, and the charges and costs of integrating the acquired business and its financial and accounting systems into our own. For example, through December 31, 2011, we incurred \$258.9 million of transaction-related expenditures and integration costs in connection with our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company in 2006. In addition, through December 31, 2011, we incurred \$70.2 million of transaction-related expenditures and integration costs in connection with the REIM Acquisitions. As with prior material acquisitions, we anticipate incurring significant integration expenses associated with the REIM Acquisitions in 2012 and beyond. We expect the total (pre-tax) transaction costs relating to the REIM Acquisitions, including retention and integration costs, to be approximately \$150 million.

## ***International Operations***

As we increase our international operations through either acquisitions or organic growth, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the other currencies in which we may generate earnings could adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results. Our management team generally seeks to mitigate our exposure by balancing assets and liabilities that are denominated in the same currency and by maintaining cash positions outside the United States only at levels necessary for operating purposes. In addition, from time to time we enter into foreign currency exchange contracts to mitigate our exposure to exchange rate changes related to particular transactions and to hedge risks associated with the translation of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars.

With the closing of the REIM Acquisitions, our Global Investment Management business now has a significant amount of Euro-denominated assets under management as well as associated revenue and earnings in Europe, which has seen a developing crisis in sovereign debt resulting in a significant drop in the value of the Euro against the U.S. dollar. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates may result in corresponding fluctuations in our AUM, revenue and earnings.

Due to the constantly changing currency exposures to which we are subject and the volatility of currency exchange rates, we cannot predict the effect of exchange rate fluctuations upon future operating results. In addition, fluctuations in currencies relative to the U.S. dollar and Euro may make it more difficult to perform period-to-period comparisons of our reported results of operations.

Our international operations also are subject to, among other things, political instability and changing regulatory environments, which may adversely affect our future financial condition and results of operations. Our management routinely monitors these risks and related costs and evaluates the appropriate amount of resources to allocate towards business activities in foreign countries where such risks and costs are particularly significant.



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### ***Leverage***

We are highly leveraged and have significant debt service obligations. As of December 31, 2011, our total debt, excluding our notes payable on real estate and warehouse lines of credit (both of which are generally nonrecourse to us), was approximately \$2.5 billion.

Our level of indebtedness and the operating and financial restrictions in our debt agreements place constraints on the operation of our business. Although our management believes that long-term indebtedness has been an important lever in the development of our business, including facilitating our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company and the REIM Acquisitions, the cash flow necessary to service this debt is not available for other general corporate purposes, which may limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and in the commercial real estate services industry. Our management seeks to mitigate this exposure both through the refinancing of debt when available on attractive terms and through selective repayment and retirement of indebtedness.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts. The estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and on other factors that management believes to be reasonable. Actual results may differ from those estimates. We believe that the following critical accounting policies represent the areas where more significant judgments and estimates are used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

### ***Revenue Recognition***

In order for us to recognize revenue, there are four basic criteria that must be met:

existence of persuasive evidence that an arrangement exists;

delivery has occurred or services have been rendered;

the seller's price to the buyer is fixed and determinable; and

collectability is reasonably assured.

Our revenue recognition policies are consistent with these criteria. The judgments involved in revenue recognition include understanding the complex terms of agreements and determining the appropriate time to recognize revenue for each transaction based on such terms. Each transaction is evaluated to determine: (i) at what point in time revenue is earned, (ii) whether contingencies exist that impact the timing of recognition of revenue and (iii) how and when such contingencies will be resolved. The timing of revenue recognition could vary if different judgments were made. Our revenues subject to the most judgment are brokerage commission revenue and incentive-based management and

development fees.

We record commission revenue on real estate sales generally upon close of escrow or transfer of title, except when future contingencies exist. Real estate commissions on leases are generally recorded in revenue when all obligations under the commission agreement are satisfied. Terms and conditions of a commission agreement may include, but are not limited to, execution of a signed lease agreement and future contingencies including tenant occupancy, payment of a deposit or payment of a first month's rent (or a combination thereof). As some of these conditions are outside of our control and are often not clearly defined, judgment must be exercised in determining when such required events have occurred in order to recognize revenue.

A typical commission agreement provides that we earn a portion of a lease commission upon the execution of the lease agreement by the tenant and landlord, with the remaining portion(s) of the lease commission earned at a later date, usually upon tenant occupancy or payment of rent. The existence of any significant future

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contingencies results in the delay of recognition of corresponding revenue until such contingencies are satisfied. For example, if we do not earn all or a portion of the lease commission until the tenant pays its first month's rent, and the lease agreement provides the tenant with a free rent period, we delay revenue recognition until rent is paid by the tenant.

Property management revenues are generally based upon percentages of the revenue or base rent generated by the entities managed or the square footage managed. These fees are recognized when earned under the provisions of the related management agreements.

Investment management fees are based predominantly upon a percentage of the equity deployed on behalf of our limited partners. Fees related to our indirect investment management programs are based upon a percentage of the fair value of those investments. These fees are recognized when earned under the provisions of the related investment management agreements. Our Global Investment Management segment also earns performance-based incentive fees with regard to many of its investments. Such revenue is recognized at the end of the measurement periods when the conditions of the applicable incentive fee arrangements have been satisfied and following the expiration of any potential claw back provision. With many of these investments, our Global Investment Management team has participation interests in such incentive fees, which are commonly referred to as carried interest. This carried interest expense is generally accrued for based upon the probability of such performance-based incentive fees being earned over the related vesting period. In addition, our Global Investment Management segment also earns success-based transaction fees with regard to buying or selling properties on certain funds and separate accounts. Such revenue is recognized at the completion of a successful transaction and is not subject to any claw back provision.

We earn development and incentive development fees in our Development Services segment. Development fees are generally based on a percentage of a defined cost measure and are recognized at the lower of the amount billed or the amount determined on a straight-line basis over the development period. Incentive development fees are recognized when quantitative criteria have been met (such as specified leasing or budget targets) or, for those incentive fees based on qualitative criteria, upon approval of the fee by our clients. Certain incentive development fees allow us to share in the fair value of the developed real estate asset above cost. This sharing creates additional revenue potential to us with no exposure to loss other than opportunity cost. Our incentive development fee revenue is not recognized to the extent that such revenue is subject to future performance contingencies, but rather once the contingency has been resolved. The unique nature and complexity of each incentive fee requires us to use varying levels of judgment in determining the timing of revenue recognition.

In establishing the appropriate provisions for trade receivables, we make assumptions with respect to future collectability. Our assumptions are based on an assessment of a customer's credit quality as well as subjective factors and trends, including the aging of receivables balances. In addition to these assessments, in general, outstanding trade accounts receivable amounts that are more than 180 days overdue are evaluated for collectability and fully provided for if deemed uncollectible. Historically, our credit losses have generally been insignificant. However, estimating losses requires significant judgment, and conditions may change or new information may become known after any periodic evaluation. As a result, actual credit losses may differ from our estimates.

## ***Principles of Consolidation***

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our majority-owned subsidiaries, as well as variable interest entities, or VIEs, in which we are the primary beneficiary. The equity attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries is shown separately in our consolidated balance sheets included elsewhere in this filing. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

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### Variable Interest Entities

Our determination of the appropriate accounting method with respect to our VIEs, including co-investments with our clients, is based on Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, 2009-17, *Consolidations (Topic 810): Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities*. This ASU incorporates Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)*, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, in June 2009. The amendments in this ASU replace the quantitative-based risks and rewards calculation for determining which reporting entity, if any, has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity with a primarily qualitative approach focused on identifying which reporting entity has both (1) the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impact such entity's economic performance and (2) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from such entity that could potentially be significant to such entity. The entity which satisfies these criteria is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE.

We determine if an entity is a VIE based on several factors, including whether the entity's total equity investment at risk upon inception is sufficient to finance the entity's activities without additional subordinated financial support. We make judgments regarding the sufficiency of the equity at risk based first on a qualitative analysis, then a quantitative analysis, if necessary.

We analyze any investments in VIEs to determine if we are the primary beneficiary. We consider a variety of factors in identifying the entity that holds the power to direct matters that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance including, but not limited to, the ability to direct financing, leasing, construction and other operating decisions and activities. In addition, we also consider the rights of other investors to participate in policy making decisions, to replace the manager and to sell or liquidate the entity.

We also have several co-investments in real estate investment funds which qualify for a deferral of the newer qualitative approach for analyzing potential VIEs. We continue to analyze these investments under the former quantitative method incorporating various estimates, including estimated future cash flows, asset hold periods and discount rates, as well as estimates of the probabilities of various scenarios occurring. If the entity is a VIE, we then determine whether we consolidate the entity as the primary beneficiary. This determination of whether we are the primary beneficiary includes any impact of an upside economic interest in the form of a promote that we may have. A promote is an interest built into the distribution structure of the entity based on the entity's achievement of certain return hurdles.

We consolidate any VIE of which we are the primary beneficiary (see Note 4 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report) and disclose significant VIEs of which we are not the primary beneficiary, if any, as well as disclose our maximum exposure to loss related to VIEs that are not consolidated. We determine whether an entity is a VIE and, if so, whether it should be consolidated by utilizing judgments and estimates that are inherently subjective. If we made different judgments or utilized different estimates in these evaluations, it could result in differing conclusions as to whether or not an entity is a VIE and whether or not to consolidate such entity.

### Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Other Subsidiaries

If an entity is not a VIE, our determination of the appropriate accounting method with respect to our investments in limited partnerships, limited liability companies and other subsidiaries is based on voting control. For our general partner interests, we are presumed to control (and therefore consolidate) the entity, unless the other limited partners have substantive rights that overcome this presumption of control. These substantive rights allow the limited partners to remove the general partner with or without cause or to participate in significant decisions made in the ordinary course of the entity's business. We account for our non-controlling general partner investments in these entities under the equity method. This treatment also applies to our managing member interests in limited liability companies.





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Our investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries in which we have the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies, but do not control, or entities which are variable interest entities in which we are not the primary beneficiary are accounted for under the equity method. Accordingly, our share of the earnings from these equity-method basis companies is included in consolidated net income. All other investments held on a long-term basis are valued at cost less any impairment in value.

Our determination of the appropriate accounting treatment for an investment in a subsidiary requires judgment of several factors, including the size and nature of our ownership interest and the other owners' substantive rights to make decisions for the entity. If we were to make different judgments or conclusions as to the level of our control or influence, it could result in a different accounting treatment. Accounting for an investment as either consolidated or using the equity method generally would have no impact on our net income or stockholders' equity in any accounting period, but a different treatment would impact individual income statement and balance sheet items, as consolidation would effectively gross up our income statement and balance sheet. If our evaluation of an investment accounted for using the cost method was different, it could result in our being required to account for an investment by consolidation or by the equity method. Under the cost method, the investor only records its share of the underlying entity's earnings to the extent that it receives dividends from the investee; when the dividends received by the investor exceed the investor's share of the investee's earnings subsequent to the date of the investor's investment, the investor records a reduction in the basis of its investment. Under the cost method, the investor does not record its share of losses of the investee. Conversely, under either consolidation or equity method accounting, the investor effectively records its share of the underlying entity's net income or loss, or its guarantees of the underlying entity's debt.

Under either the equity or cost method, impairment losses are recognized upon evidence of other-than-temporary losses of value. When testing for impairment on investments that are not actively traded on a public market, we generally use a discounted cash flow approach to estimate the fair value of our investments and/or look to comparable activities in the marketplace. Management judgment is required in developing the assumptions for the discounted cash flow approach. These assumptions include net asset values, internal rates of return, discount and capitalization rates, interest rates and financing terms, rental rates, timing of leasing activity, estimates of lease terms and related concessions, etc. When determining if impairment is other-than-temporary, we also look to the length of time and the extent to which fair value has been less than cost as well as the financial condition and near-term prospects of each investment.

### ***Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets***

Our acquisitions require the application of purchase accounting, which results in tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities of the acquired entity being recorded at fair value. The difference between the purchase price and the fair value of net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. In determining the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination, we use a variety of valuation methods including present value, depreciated replacement cost, market values (where available) and selling prices less costs to dispose. We are responsible for determining the valuation of assets and liabilities and for the allocation of purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

Assumptions must often be made in determining fair values, particularly where observable market values do not exist. Assumptions may include discount rates, growth rates, cost of capital, royalty rates, tax rates and remaining useful lives. These assumptions can have a significant impact on the value of identifiable assets and accordingly can impact the value of goodwill recorded. Different assumptions could result in different values being attributed to assets and liabilities. Since these values impact the amount of annual depreciation and amortization expense, different assumptions could also impact our statement of operations and could impact the results of future impairment reviews.

The majority of our goodwill balance has resulted from our acquisition of CBRE Services, Inc. or CBRE, in 2001 (the 2001 Acquisition), our acquisition of Insignia Financial Group, Inc., or Insignia, in 2003 (the Insignia



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Acquisition), the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition in 2006 and the REIM Acquisitions in 2011. Other intangible assets that have indefinite estimated useful lives and are not being amortized include certain management contracts identified in the REIM Acquisitions, a trademark, which was separately identified as a result of the 2001 Acquisition, as well as trade names separately identified as a result of the Insignia Acquisition and REIM Acquisitions. The remaining other intangible assets primarily include customer relationships, management contracts and loan servicing rights, which are all being amortized over estimated useful lives ranging up to 20 years.

We are required to test goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite useful lives for impairment annually or more often if circumstances or events indicate a change in the impairment status. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step process. The first step used to identify potential impairment involves comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. We use a discounted cash flow approach to estimate the fair value of our reporting units. Management judgment is required in developing the assumptions for the discounted cash flow model. These assumptions include revenue growth rates, profit margin percentages, discount rates, etc. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is considered to not be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment. The second step of the process involves the calculation of an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which step one indicated impairment. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined similar to how goodwill is calculated in a business combination, by measuring the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit as calculated in step one, over the estimated fair values of the individual assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. Due to the many variables inherent in the estimation of a business's fair value and the relative size of our goodwill, if different assumptions and estimates were used, it could have an adverse effect on our impairment analysis.

Our annual assessment of goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives has historically been completed as of the beginning of the fourth quarter of each year. When we performed our required annual goodwill impairment review as of October 1, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we determined that no impairment existed as the estimated fair value of our reporting units was in excess of their carrying value, after recording significant impairments during the year ended December 31, 2008 as described in prior disclosures.

### ***Real Estate***

As of December 31, 2011, the carrying value of our total real estate assets was \$460.1 million (6.4% of total assets). The significant accounting policies and estimates with regard to our real estate assets relate to classification and impairment evaluation, cost capitalization and allocation, disposition of real estate and discontinued operations.

### **Classification and Impairment Evaluation**

With respect to our real estate assets, the *Property, Plant and Equipment*, Topic of FASB Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, or Topic 360, establishes criteria to classify an asset as held for sale. Assets included in real estate held for sale include only completed assets or land for sale in its present condition that meet all of Topic 360's held for sale criteria. All other real estate assets are classified in one of the following line items in our consolidated balance sheet: (i) real estate under development (current), which includes real estate that we are in the process of developing that is expected to be completed and disposed of within one year of the balance sheet date; (ii) real estate under development (non-current), which includes real estate that we are in the process of developing that is expected to be completed and disposed of more than one year from the balance sheet date; or (iii) real estate held for investment, which consists of land on which development activities have not yet commenced and completed assets or land held for disposition that do not meet the held for sale criteria.



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Real estate held for sale is recorded at the lower of cost or estimated fair value less cost to sell. If an asset's fair value less cost to sell, based on discounted future cash flows, management estimates or market comparisons, is less than its carrying amount, an allowance is recorded against the asset. Determining an asset's fair value and the related allowance to record requires us to utilize judgment and estimates.

Real estate under development and real estate held for investment are carried at cost less depreciation, as applicable. Buildings and improvements included in real estate held for investment are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives, generally up to 39 years. Tenant improvements included in real estate held for investment are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of their estimated useful life or the terms of the respective leases. Land improvements included in real estate held for investment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives, up to 15 years.

When indicators of impairment are present, real estate under development and real estate held for investment are evaluated for impairment and losses are recorded when undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by an asset or market comparisons are less than the asset's carrying amount. The amount of the impairment loss is calculated as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value, which is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis, management estimates or market comparisons. Impairment charges of \$1.7 million, \$24.6 million and \$28.8 million were recorded for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. In addition, during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009, we also recorded provisions for loss on real estate held for sale of \$2.6 million, \$2.3 million and \$3.9 million, respectively.

We evaluate each of our real estate assets on a quarterly basis in order to determine the classification of each asset in our consolidated balance sheet. This evaluation requires judgment by us in considering certain criteria that must be evaluated under Topic 360, such as the estimated time to complete assets that are under development and the timeframe in which we expect to sell our real estate assets. The classification of real estate assets determines which real estate assets are to be depreciated as well as what method is used to evaluate and measure impairment. Had we evaluated our assets differently, the balance sheet classification of such assets, depreciation expense and impairment losses could have been different.

## Cost Capitalization and Allocation

When acquiring, developing and constructing real estate assets, we capitalize costs. Capitalization begins when we determine that activities related to development have begun and ceases when activities are substantially complete and the asset is available for occupancy, which are timing decisions that require judgment. Costs capitalized include pursuit costs, or pre-acquisition/pre-construction costs, taxes and insurance, interest, development and construction costs and costs of incidental operations. We do not capitalize any internal costs when acquiring, developing and constructing real estate assets. We expense transaction costs for acquisitions that qualify as a business in accordance with the *Business Combinations* Topic of the FASB ASC, or Topic 805. Pursuit costs capitalized in connection with a potential development project that we have determined based on our judgment not to pursue are written off in the period that such determination is made. A difference in the timing of when this determination is made could cause the pursuit costs to be expensed in a different period.

At times, we purchase bulk land that we intend to sell or develop in phases. The land basis allocated to each phase is based on the relative estimated fair value of the phases before construction. We allocate construction costs incurred relating to more than one phase between the various phases; if the costs cannot be specifically attributed to a certain phase or the improvements benefit more than one phase, we allocate the costs between the phases based on their relative estimated sales values, where practicable, or other value methods as appropriate under the circumstances. Relative allocations of the costs are revised as the sales value estimates are revised.

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When acquiring real estate with existing buildings, we allocate the purchase price between land, land improvements, building and intangibles related to in-place leases, if any, based on their relative fair values. The fair values of acquired land and buildings are determined based on an estimated discounted future cash flow

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model with lease-up assumptions as if the building was vacant upon acquisition. The fair value of in-place leases includes the value of lease intangibles for above or below-market rents and tenant origination costs, determined on a lease by lease basis using assumptions for market rates, absorption periods, lease commissions and tenant improvements. The capitalized values for both lease intangibles and tenant origination costs are amortized over the term of the underlying leases. Amortization related to lease intangibles is recorded as either an increase to or a reduction of rental income and amortization for tenant origination costs is recorded to amortization expense. If we use different estimates in these valuations, the allocation of purchase price to each component could differ, which could cause the amount of amortization related to lease intangibles and tenant origination costs to be different, as well as depreciation of the related building and land improvements.

## **Disposition of Real Estate**

Gains on disposition of real estate are recognized upon sale of the underlying project. We evaluate each real estate sale transaction to determine if it qualifies for gain recognition under the full accrual method. This evaluation requires us to make judgments and estimates in assessing whether a sale has been consummated, the adequacy of the buyer's investment, the subordination or collectability of any receivable related to the purchase, and whether we have transferred the usual risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer, with no substantial continuing involvement by us. If the transaction does not meet the criteria for the full accrual method of profit recognition based on our assessment, we account for the sale based on an appropriate deferral method determined by the nature and extent of the buyer's investment and our continuing involvement. In some cases, a deferral method could require the real estate asset and its related liabilities to remain on our balance sheet until the sale qualifies for a different deferral method or full accrual profit recognition.

## **Discontinued Operations**

Topic 360 extends the reporting of a discontinued operation to a component of an entity, and further requires that a component be classified as a discontinued operation if the operations and cash flows of the component have been or will be eliminated from the ongoing operations of the entity in the disposal transaction and the entity will not have any significant continuing involvement in the operations of the component after the disposal transaction. As defined in Topic 360, a component of an entity comprises operations and cash flows that can be clearly distinguished, operationally and for financial reporting purposes, from the rest of the entity. Because each of our real estate assets is generally accounted for in a discrete subsidiary, many constitute a component of an entity under Topic 360, increasing the likelihood that the disposition of assets are required to be recognized and reported as operating profits and losses on discontinued operations in the periods in which they occur. The evaluation of whether the component's cash flows have been eliminated and the level of our continuing involvement require judgment by us and a different assessment could result in items not being reported as discontinued operations.

## ***Income Taxes***

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method in accordance with the *Accounting for Income Taxes*, Topic of the FASB ASC, or Topic 740. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured by applying enacted tax rates and laws and are released in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are provided against deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

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Accounting for tax positions requires judgments, including estimating reserves for potential uncertainties. We also assess our ability to utilize tax attributes, including those in the form of carryforwards, for which the benefits have already been reflected in the financial statements. We do not record valuation allowances for



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deferred tax assets that we believe will be realized in future periods. While we believe the resulting tax balances as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are appropriately accounted for in accordance with Topic 740, as applicable, the ultimate outcome of such matters could result in favorable or unfavorable adjustments to our consolidated financial statements and such adjustments could be material. See Note 16 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report for further information regarding income taxes.

Unremitted earnings of subsidiaries outside the United States, which have been, or are intended to be, permanently invested aggregated approximately \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2011. Presently, we have not recorded an associated deferred tax liability. These earnings may become taxable upon a payment of a dividend or as a result of a sale or liquidation of the subsidiaries. At this time, we do not have any plans to repatriate income from our foreign subsidiaries, however, to the extent that we are able to repatriate such earnings in a tax efficient manner, or in the event of a change in our capital situation or investment strategy that such funds became needed for funding our U.S. operations, we would be required to accrue and pay U.S. taxes to repatriate these funds. Cash and cash equivalents owned by non-U.S. subsidiaries totaled \$210.3 million at December 31, 2011.

**Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth items derived from our consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009:

	2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010		2009	
			(Dollars in thousands)			
Revenue	\$ 5,905,411	100.0%	\$ 5,115,316	100.0%	\$ 4,165,820	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services	3,457,130	58.5	2,960,170	57.9	2,447,885	58.8
Operating, administrative and other	1,882,666	31.9	1,607,682	31.4	1,383,579	33.2
Depreciation and amortization	115,719	2.0	108,381	2.1	99,473	2.4
Total costs and expenses	5,455,515	92.4	4,676,233	91.4	3,930,937	94.4
Gain on disposition of real estate	12,966	0.2	7,296	0.1	6,959	0.2
Operating income	462,862	7.8	446,379	8.7	241,842	5.8
Equity income (loss) from unconsolidated subsidiaries	104,776	1.8	26,561	0.5	(34,095)	(0.8)
Other income	2,706	0.1			3,880	0.1
Interest income	9,443	0.2	8,416	0.2	6,129	0.1
Interest expense	150,249	2.6	191,151	3.7	189,146	4.6
Write-off of financing costs			18,148	0.4	29,255	0.7
Income (loss) from continuing operations before provision for income taxes	429,538	7.3	272,057	5.3	(645)	(0.1)
Provision for income taxes	189,103	3.2	130,368	2.5	26,993	0.6
Income (loss) from continuing operations	240,435	4.1	141,689	2.8	(27,638)	(0.7)
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	49,890	0.8	14,320	0.2		
Net income (loss)	290,325	4.9	156,009	3.0	(27,638)	(0.7)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	51,163	0.8	(44,336)	(0.9)	(60,979)	(1.5)

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Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 239,162	4.1%	\$ 200,345	3.9%	\$ 33,341	0.8%
EBITDA (1)	\$ 693,261	11.7%	\$ 647,467	12.7%	\$ 372,079	8.9%
EBITDA, as adjusted (1)	\$ 802,635	13.6%	\$ 681,343	13.3%	\$ 453,884	10.9%

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- (1) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$14.1 million and \$16.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

EBITDA represents earnings before net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, while amounts shown for EBITDA, as adjusted, remove the impact of certain cash and non-cash charges related to acquisitions, cost containment and asset impairments. Our management believes that both of these measures are useful in evaluating our operating performance compared to that of other companies in our industry because the calculations of EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, generally eliminate the effects of financing and income taxes and the accounting effects of capital spending and acquisitions, which would include impairment charges of goodwill and intangibles created from acquisitions. Such items may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance. As a result, our management uses these measures to evaluate operating performance and for other discretionary purposes, including as a significant component when measuring our operating performance under our employee incentive programs. Additionally, we believe EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, are useful to investors to assist them in getting a more complete picture of our results from operations.

However, EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, are not recognized measurements under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and when analyzing our operating performance, readers should use EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, in addition to, and not as an alternative for, net income as determined in accordance with GAAP. Because not all companies use identical calculations, our presentation of EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Furthermore, EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, are not intended to be measures of free cash flow for our management's discretionary use, as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as tax and debt service payments. The amounts shown for EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted, also differ from the amounts calculated under similarly titled definitions in our debt instruments, which are further adjusted to reflect certain other cash and non-cash charges and are used to determine compliance with financial covenants and our ability to engage in certain activities, such as incurring additional debt and making certain restricted payments.

EBITDA and EBITDA, as adjusted for selected charges are calculated as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 239,162	\$ 200,345	\$ 33,341
Add:			
Depreciation and amortization (1)	116,930	108,962	99,473
Interest expense (2)	153,497	192,706	189,146
Write-off of financing costs		18,148	29,255
Provision for income taxes (3)	193,115	135,723	26,993
Less:			
Interest income	9,443	8,417	6,129
<b>EBITDA (4)</b>	<b>\$ 693,261</b>	<b>\$ 647,467</b>	<b>\$ 372,079</b>
Adjustments:			
Integration and other costs related to acquisitions	68,788	7,278	5,617
Cost containment expenses	31,139	15,291	43,565
Write-down of impaired assets	9,447	11,307	32,623
<b>EBITDA, as adjusted (4)</b>	<b>\$ 802,635</b>	<b>\$ 681,343</b>	<b>\$ 453,884</b>

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- (1) Includes depreciation and amortization related to discontinued operations of \$1.2 million and \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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- (2) Includes interest expense related to discontinued operations of \$3.2 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (3) Includes provision for income taxes related to discontinued operations of \$4.0 million and \$5.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (4) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$14.1 million and \$16.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

**Year Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2010**

We reported consolidated net income of \$239.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 on revenue of \$5.9 billion as compared to consolidated net income of \$200.3 million on revenue of \$5.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Our revenue on a consolidated basis for the year ended December 31, 2011 increased by \$790.1 million, or 15.4%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was primarily driven by higher worldwide sales (up 24.2%), leasing (up 9.5%) and outsourcing (up 15.0%) activity. Also contributing to the increase was revenue of \$84.6 million attributable to the REIM Acquisitions in the current year. Foreign currency translation had a \$143.8 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Our cost of services on a consolidated basis increased by \$497.0 million, or 16.8%, during the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. Our sales and leasing professionals generally are paid on a commission basis, which substantially correlates with our transaction revenue performance. Accordingly, the increase in transaction revenue led to a corresponding increase in commission accruals. Higher salaries and related costs associated with our global property and facilities management contracts also contributed to the increase in cost of services in the current year. Additionally, included in cost of services for the year ended December 31, 2011, were cost containment expenses of \$20.0 million relating to severance costs incurred to calibrate our staffing levels to the current market environment. Foreign currency translation had an \$81.7 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2011. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue increased to 58.5% for the year ended December 31, 2011 from 57.9% for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily driven by higher commission tranches achieved in the current year as a result of the increased transaction revenue and the aforementioned cost containment expenses.

Our operating, administrative and other expenses on a consolidated basis increased by \$275.0 million, or 17.1%, during the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The increase was primarily driven by higher payroll-related costs, including bonuses, which resulted from our improved operating performance and the REIM Acquisitions. Operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011 also included \$66.7 million of transaction and integration costs incurred in connection with the REIM Acquisitions. Foreign currency translation had a \$44.2 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2011. Operating expenses as a percentage of revenue increased to 31.9% for the year ended December 31, 2011 from 31.4% for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily driven by the aforementioned costs incurred relative to the REIM Acquisitions.

Our depreciation and amortization expense on a consolidated basis increased by \$7.3 million, or 6.8%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was primarily attributable to higher amortization expense relative to intangibles acquired in the REIM Acquisitions and other in-fill acquisitions completed in the current year. The increase in amortization expense was partially offset by lower depreciation expense partially stemming from property dispositions in our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments in the current year.

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Our gain on disposition of real estate on a consolidated basis was \$13.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to \$7.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. These gains primarily resulted from activity within our Development Services segment.

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Our equity income from unconsolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis increased by \$78.2 million, or 294.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was primarily driven by higher equity earnings associated with gains on property sales within our Development Services segment in the current year. Also contributing to the increase were lower impairment charges reported by our Global Investment Management segment in the current year.

Our other income on a consolidated basis was \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 and was reported within our Global Investment Management segment. This income primarily represented net realized and unrealized gains and losses related to trading securities, which we acquired in our acquisition of CRES in the current year.

Our consolidated interest income increased by \$1.0 million, or 12.2%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was mainly driven by higher interest income reported in our Americas segment in the current year.

Our consolidated interest expense decreased by \$40.9 million, or 21.4%, during the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease was primarily due to lower interest expense associated with our credit agreement due to debt repayments made in the second half of 2010 and lower interest rates resulting from our refinancing activities in the fourth quarter of 2010. The lower interest expense more than offset the increase in interest expense attributable to additional borrowings made to finance the REIM Acquisitions and the new British pound sterling A-1 term loan facility entered into in the current year. This overall net decrease was also partially offset by interest expense incurred related to the \$350.0 million of 6.625% senior notes issued on October 8, 2010.

Our provision for income taxes on a consolidated basis was \$189.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to \$130.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. Our effective tax rate from continuing operations, after adjusting pre-tax income to remove the portion attributable to non-controlling interests, increased to 44.8% for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to 40.5% for the year ended December 31, 2010. The changes in our provision for income taxes and our effective tax rate were primarily the result of a significant increase in income reported in the current year and a change in our mix of domestic and foreign earnings (losses). In addition, certain of the transaction costs incurred in connection with the REIM Acquisitions in the current year were non-deductible.

Our consolidated income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, was \$49.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to \$14.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. The income in the current year was reported in our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments and mostly related to gains from property sales, which were largely attributable to non-controlling interests. The income in the prior year was reported in our Development Services segment and mostly related to gains from property sales.

Our net income attributable to non-controlling interests on a consolidated basis was \$51.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to a net loss attributable to non-controlling interests of \$44.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. This activity primarily reflects our non-controlling interests' share of income and losses within our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments.

## **Year Ended December 31, 2010 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2009**

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We reported consolidated net income of \$200.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 on revenue of \$5.1 billion as compared to consolidated net income of \$33.3 million on revenue of \$4.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Our revenue on a consolidated basis for the year ended December 31, 2010 increased by \$949.5 million, or 22.8%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily driven by higher



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worldwide sales (up 51.5%), leasing (up 29.3%) and outsourcing (up 8.5%) activity. Foreign currency translation had a \$44.1 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Our cost of services on a consolidated basis increased by \$512.3 million, or 20.9%, during the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. As previously mentioned, our sales and leasing professionals generally are paid on a commission and bonus basis, which substantially correlates with our revenue performance. Accordingly, the increase in revenue led to a corresponding increase in commission and bonus accruals. In addition, commission reinstatements contributed to the increase. Higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts also contributed to an increase in cost of services in 2010. Foreign currency translation had a \$31.0 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2010. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue decreased from 58.8% for the year ended December 31, 2009 to 57.9% for the year ended December 31, 2010. This decrease was primarily the result of the strong improvement in overall revenue and a shift in the mix of revenue, with transaction revenue comprising a greater portion of the total than in 2009.

Our operating, administrative and other expenses on a consolidated basis increased by \$224.1 million, or 16.2%, during the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. The increase was primarily driven by higher payroll-related costs, including bonuses, which resulted from our improved operating performance as well as the restoration of salaries to pre-recession levels in the third quarter of 2010 and substantially restored bonus target levels in the fourth quarter of 2010. Also contributing to the increase was higher carried interest incentive compensation expense accruals and increased marketing and travel costs in support of our growing revenue in 2010. Foreign currency translation had a \$10.8 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2010. Operating expenses as a percentage of revenue decreased to 31.4% for the year ended December 31, 2010 from 33.2% for the year ended December 31, 2009, reflective of our cost containment efforts during the recessionary period of 2008 and 2009 as well as the strong improvement in overall revenue.

Our depreciation and amortization expense on a consolidated basis increased by \$8.9 million, or 9.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to higher depreciation expense within our Global Investment Management segment driven by the consolidation of several assets due to the adoption of ASU 2009-17 in 2010.

Our gain on disposition of real estate on a consolidated basis was \$7.3 million and \$7.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These gains resulted from activity within our Development Services segment.

Our equity income from unconsolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis was \$26.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to an equity loss from unconsolidated subsidiaries of \$34.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. The increase in equity income in 2010 was primarily driven by higher equity earnings associated with gains on property sales within our Development Services segment and higher equity earnings in our Global Investment Management segment largely resulting from a fund liquidation. Also contributing to the variance were lower impairment charges associated with equity investments in our Development Services and Global Investment Management segments in 2010.

Our consolidated interest income was \$8.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, an increase of \$2.3 million, or 37.3%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was mainly driven by higher interest income reported in our Asia Pacific segment, which resulted from the final measurement of a deferred purchase obligation related to the purchase of remaining non-controlling interests in our subsidiary in India.

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Our consolidated interest expense increased by \$2.0 million, or 1.1%, during the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. The increase was primarily due to higher interest

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expense associated with the \$450.0 million of 11.625% senior subordinated notes issued in June 2009 and increased interest expense reported by our Global Investment Management segment mainly resulting from the consolidation of several assets due to the adoption of ASU 2009-17 in 2010. These increases were largely offset by lower interest expense associated with our credit agreement.

We wrote off \$18.1 million and \$29.3 million of financing costs during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. In connection with the new credit agreement we entered into on November 10, 2010, we wrote off financing costs of \$16.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2010. In addition, in October 2010, we wrote off \$1.4 million of unamortized deferred financing costs in connection with debt repayments made. In connection with the March 24, 2009 amendment and restatement of our previous credit agreement, we wrote off financing costs of \$29.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2009.

Our provision for income taxes on a consolidated basis was \$130.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to \$27.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. Our effective tax rate from continuing operations, after adjusting pre-tax income (loss) to remove the portion attributable to non-controlling interests, decreased to 40.5% for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to 44.7% for the year ended December 31, 2009. The changes in our provision for income taxes and our effective tax rate were primarily the result of a significant increase in income reported in 2010 as well as a change in our mix of domestic and foreign earnings (losses).

Our consolidated income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, was \$14.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. This income was reported in our Development Services segment and mostly related to gains from asset dispositions.

Our net loss attributable to non-controlling interests on a consolidated basis was \$44.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to \$61.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. This activity primarily reflects our non-controlling interests' share of losses within our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments.

**Table of Contents****Segment Operations**

We report our operations through the following segments: (1) Americas, (2) EMEA, (3) Asia Pacific, (4) Global Investment Management and (5) Development Services. The Americas consists of operations located in the United States, Canada and key markets in Latin America. EMEA mainly consists of operations in Europe, while Asia Pacific includes operations in Asia, Australia and New Zealand. The Global Investment Management business consists of investment management operations in North America, Europe and Asia. The Development Services business consists of real estate development and investment activities primarily in the United States. The following table summarizes our revenue, costs and expenses and operating income (loss) by our Americas, EMEA, Asia Pacific, Global Investment Management and Development Services operating segments for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009:

	2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010		2009	
	(Dollars in thousands)					
<b>Americas</b>						
Revenue	\$ 3,673,681	100.0%	\$ 3,217,543	100.0%	\$ 2,594,127	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services	2,325,964	63.3	2,015,360	62.6	1,649,535	63.6
Operating, administrative and other	898,675	24.5	821,391	25.5	707,135	27.3
Depreciation and amortization	62,238	1.7	60,663	1.9	56,883	2.1
Operating income	\$ 386,804	10.5%	\$ 320,129	10.0%	\$ 180,574	7.0%
EBITDA (1)	\$ 462,167	12.6%	\$ 389,991	12.1%	\$ 248,238	9.6%
<b>EMEA</b>						
Revenue	\$ 1,076,568	100.0%	\$ 936,581	100.0%	\$ 818,136	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services	638,351	59.3	545,354	58.2	483,885	59.1
Operating, administrative and other	351,304	32.6	302,573	32.3	265,667	32.5
Depreciation and amortization	10,945	1.0	9,519	1.1	11,158	1.4
Operating income	\$ 75,968	7.1%	\$ 79,135	8.4%	\$ 57,426	7.0%
EBITDA (1)	\$ 87,527	8.1%	\$ 89,407	9.5%	\$ 66,545	8.1%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>						
Revenue	\$ 788,754	100.0%	\$ 669,897	100.0%	\$ 524,308	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services	492,815	62.5	399,456	59.6	314,465	60.0
Operating, administrative and other	212,548	26.9	197,912	29.5	155,136	29.6
Depreciation and amortization	9,654	1.3	8,419	1.3	8,726	1.6
Operating income	\$ 73,737	9.3%	\$ 64,110	9.6%	\$ 45,981	8.8%
EBITDA (1)	\$ 82,226	10.4%	\$ 70,857	10.6%	\$ 53,900	10.3%
<b>Global Investment Management</b>						
Revenue	\$ 290,065	100.0%	\$ 215,631	100.0%	\$ 141,445	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Operating, administrative and other	313,120	107.9	177,662	82.4	119,878	84.8
Depreciation and amortization	21,271	7.4	13,968	6.5	4,901	3.4
Gain on disposition of real estate	345	0.1				
Operating (loss) income	\$ (43,981)	(15.2)%	\$ 24,001	11.1%	\$ 16,666	11.8%

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EBITDA (1) (2)	\$ (14,772)	(5.1)%	\$ 48,556	22.5%	\$ 4,112	2.9%
<b>Development Services</b>						
Revenue	\$ 76,343	100.0%	\$ 75,664	100.0%	\$ 87,804	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Operating, administrative and other	107,019	140.2	108,144	142.9	135,763	154.6
Depreciation and amortization	11,611	15.2	15,812	20.9	17,805	20.3
Gain on disposition of real estate	12,621	16.5	7,296	9.6	6,959	7.9
Operating loss	\$ (29,666)	(38.9)%	\$ (40,996)	(54.2)%	\$ (58,805)	(67.0)%
EBITDA (1) (3)	\$ 76,113	99.7%	\$ 48,656	64.3%	\$ (716)	(0.8)%

(1) See Note 21 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report for a reconciliation of segment EBITDA to the most comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, which is segment net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.

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- (2) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.
- (3) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$10.1 million and \$16.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

**Year Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2010**

**Americas**

Revenue increased by \$456.1 million, or 14.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This improvement was primarily driven by higher sales, leasing and outsourcing activity as well as increased commercial mortgage brokerage revenue. Foreign currency translation had a \$22.7 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Cost of services increased by \$310.6 million, or 15.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to increased commission expense resulting from higher sales and lease transaction revenue. Higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts also contributed to an increase in cost of services in the current year. Additionally, included in cost of services for the year ended December 31, 2011, were cost containment expenses of \$8.1 million relating to severance costs incurred to calibrate our staffing levels to the current market environment. Foreign currency translation had a \$13.2 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2011. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue increased to 63.3% for the year ended December 31, 2011 from 62.6% for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to higher commission tranches achieved in the current year as a result of the increased transaction revenue and the aforementioned cost containment expenses.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$77.3 million, or 9.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The increase was primarily driven by higher payroll-related costs, which resulted from increased headcount and improved operating performance. Also contributing to the increase in the current year were increased legal accruals as well as higher marketing and travel costs in support of our growing revenue. Foreign currency translation had a \$5.8 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2011.

**EMEA**

Revenue increased by \$140.0 million, or 14.9%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, driven by higher outsourcing activities throughout the region, and increased leasing activity, led by France, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Foreign currency translation had a \$55.8 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Cost of services increased by \$93.0 million, or 17.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, driven by higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts. Also contributing to the increase was higher costs related to increased headcount resulting from select hiring in 2010 and early 2011. Additionally, included in cost of services for the year ended December 31, 2011, were cost containment expenses of \$8.7 million relating to severance costs incurred in the fourth quarter of 2011 to calibrate our staffing levels to the current market environment. Foreign currency translation had a \$32.3 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2011. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue increased to 59.3% for the year ended December 31, 2011 from 58.2% for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily driven by the aforementioned cost containment expenses incurred and a slight shift in our business mix more towards outsourcing services in the current year.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$48.7 million, or 16.1%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, driven by higher payroll-related costs largely resulting from additions to headcount and higher marketing and travel costs in support of our growing revenue in the current year. Foreign currency translation had a \$16.3 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2011.

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### **Asia Pacific**

Revenue increased by \$118.9 million, or 17.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily due to higher outsourcing activity in Asia, most notably in India and China, increased leasing activity, particularly in China, and higher sales activity, led by Australia and China. Foreign currency translation had a \$61.6 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Cost of services increased by \$93.4 million, or 23.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010, driven by higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts, increases in headcount throughout the region and higher commission expense resulting from increased transaction revenue. Foreign currency translation had a \$36.2 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2011. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue increased to 62.5% for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to 59.6% for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily driven by additions to headcount.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$14.6 million, or 7.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was primarily due to foreign currency translation, which had an \$18.0 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2011. This increase was partially offset by lower legal fees incurred in the current year.

### **Global Investment Management**

Revenue increased by \$74.4 million, or 34.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This was largely driven by increased revenue of \$84.6 million as a result of the REIM Acquisitions and higher incentive fees in the current year. These increases were partially offset by lower carried interest revenue of \$18.3 million. Foreign currency translation had a \$3.7 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$135.5 million, or 76.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. This increase was primarily driven by an increase in costs attributable to the REIM Acquisitions, including transaction and integration costs. Foreign currency translation had a \$4.1 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2011.

### **Development Services**

Revenue was relatively consistent at \$76.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 versus \$75.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, with higher project management and incentive fees mostly offset by lower rental income as a result of property dispositions.

Operating, administrative and other expenses decreased by \$1.1 million, or 1.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. Higher bonuses largely stemming from property sales in the current year were more than offset by lower impairment



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charges related to real estate assets and notes receivable incurred in the current year as well as lower property operating expenses as a result of the property dispositions noted above.

As of December 31, 2011, development projects in process totaled \$4.9 billion and the inventory of pipeline deals totaled \$1.2 billion, both unchanged from year-end 2010.

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**Year Ended December 31, 2010 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2009**

**Americas**

Revenue increased by \$623.4 million, or 24.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This improvement was primarily driven by higher sales and leasing activity as well as increased commercial mortgage brokerage and outsourcing activity. Foreign currency translation had a \$30.1 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Cost of services increased by \$365.8 million, or 22.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009, primarily due to increased commission expense resulting from higher sales and lease transaction revenue. In addition, commission reinstatements contributed to the increase. Higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts also contributed to an increase in cost of services in 2010. Foreign currency translation had an \$18.3 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2010. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue decreased to 62.6% for the year ended December 31, 2010 from 63.6% for the year ended December 31, 2009 primarily due to the increase in overall revenue and a shift in the mix of revenue, with transaction revenue comprising a greater portion of the total than in 2009.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$114.3 million, or 16.2%. The increase was primarily driven by higher payroll-related costs, including bonuses, which resulted from our improved operating performance as well as the restoration of salaries to pre-recession levels in the third quarter of 2010 and substantially restored bonus target levels in the fourth quarter of 2010. Also contributing to the increase were higher marketing and travel costs in support of our growing revenue. Foreign currency translation had a \$7.8 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2010.

**EMEA**

Revenue increased by \$118.4 million, or 14.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily attributable to higher sales, leasing and outsourcing activities, particularly in France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom. Foreign currency translation had a \$37.1 million negative impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Cost of services increased by \$61.5 million, or 12.7%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily driven by higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts. Also contributing to the increase was higher commission and bonus expense resulting from increased transaction revenue. Foreign currency translation had an \$18.8 million positive impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2010. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue decreased to 58.2% for the year ended December 31, 2010 from 59.1% for the year ended December 31, 2009, primarily driven by the increase in overall revenue and a shift in the mix of revenue, with transaction revenue comprising a greater portion of the total than in 2009.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$36.9 million, or 13.9%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily driven by higher bonus accruals, which resulted from our improved operating performance, and higher marketing and travel costs in support of our growing revenue. Higher bad debt provisions in 2010 also contributed to the variance. Foreign currency translation had a \$10.2 million positive impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2010.

**Asia Pacific**

Revenue increased by \$145.6 million, or 27.8%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This revenue increase was primarily driven by higher sales, leasing and outsourcing activity, particularly in Australia, China, India and Singapore. Foreign currency translation had a \$52.6 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2010.

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Cost of services increased by \$85.0 million, or 27.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily driven by higher salaries and related costs associated with our property and facilities management contracts. Also contributing to the increase was higher commission expense resulting from increased transaction revenue. Foreign currency translation had a \$31.5 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2010. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue was relatively consistent at 59.6% for the year ended December 31, 2010 versus 60.0% for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$42.8 million, or 27.6%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily due to higher operating costs, including payroll-related, travel and marketing costs, which were driven by revenue increases and our continuing efforts to grow our business in this region. Also contributing to the increase was higher bonus expense, which resulted from our improved operating performance. Foreign currency translation had a \$13.7 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2010.

## **Global Investment Management**

Revenue increased by \$74.2 million, or 52.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This was largely due to an increase in rental revenue driven by the consolidation of several assets due to the adoption of ASU 2009-17 in 2010. Excluding the impact of this adoption, revenue increased by \$39.7 million, primarily due to \$19.9 million of carried interest revenue from a fund liquidation in 2010 and higher acquisition fees resulting from increased capital deployment. Foreign currency translation had a \$1.5 million negative impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Operating, administrative and other expenses increased by \$57.8 million, or 48.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This increase was primarily driven by higher carried interest incentive compensation expense accruals for dedicated Global Investment Management executives and team leaders with participation interests in certain real estate investments under management, which totaled \$19.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 versus a net reversal of \$9.6 million in 2009. Also contributing to the increase in total operating expenses was a \$20.9 million impact from the adoption of ASU 2009-17 and higher bonus expense resulting from our improved operating performance. Foreign currency translation had a \$0.5 million positive impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2010.

Total AUM as of December 31, 2010 amounted to \$37.6 billion, up 8% from year-end 2009.

## **Development Services**

Revenue decreased by \$12.1 million, or 13.8%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009 primarily due to lower construction revenue and development fees, both driven by the continuation of weak market conditions.

Operating, administrative and other expenses decreased by \$27.6 million, or 20.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. This decrease was primarily driven by lower impairment charges related to real estate assets and notes receivable in 2010. Also contributing to the decrease in 2010 was a reduction in payroll-related costs largely resulting from cost containment efforts, lower property operating expenses as a result of property dispositions, and lower job construction costs, which correlated with the above-mentioned construction revenue decrease. These decreases were partially offset by higher bonus accruals resulting from improved

business performance primarily from gains on property sales in 2010.

Development projects in process as of December 31, 2010 totaled \$4.9 billion, up \$0.2 billion from year-end 2009. The inventory of pipeline deals as of December 31, 2010 stood at \$1.2 billion, up \$0.3 billion from year-end 2009.

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### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We believe that we can satisfy our working capital requirements and funding of investments with internally generated cash flow and, as necessary, borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Our expected capital requirements for 2012 include up to \$170 million of anticipated net capital expenditures, including requirements associated with the REIM Acquisitions. As of December 31, 2011, we had committed to fund \$14.4 million of additional capital to unconsolidated subsidiaries within our Development Services business, which we may be required to fund at any time. Additionally, as of December 31, 2011, we had aggregate commitments of \$59.4 million to fund future co-investments in our Global Investment Management business, all of which is expected to be funded in 2012. In recent years, the global credit markets have experienced unprecedented tightening, which could affect both the availability and cost of our funding sources in the future.

On February 15, 2011, we announced that we had entered into definitive agreements to acquire the majority of the real estate investment management business of Netherlands-based ING for approximately \$940 million in cash. The acquisitions included substantially all of the ING REIM operations in Europe and Asia, as well as substantially all of CRES, its U.S.-based global real estate listed securities business. On February 15, 2011, we also announced that we expected to acquire approximately \$55 million of CRES co-investments from ING and potentially additional interests in other funds managed by ING REIM Europe and ING REIM Asia. On July 1, 2011, we acquired CRES for \$323.9 million and CRES co-investments from ING for an aggregate amount of \$58.6 million, using borrowings from our tranche D term loan facility under our credit agreement to finance these transactions. On October 3, 2011, we acquired ING REIM's operations in Asia for \$45.6 million and three ING REIM Asia co-investments from ING for an aggregate amount of \$13.9 million, using borrowings from our tranche C term loan facility under our credit agreement to finance these transactions. On October 31, 2011, we completed the ING REIM Europe portion of the REIM Acquisitions, acquiring ING REIM's operations in Europe for \$442.5 million and one co-investment from ING for \$7.4 million, using borrowings from our tranche C term loan facility under our credit agreement, cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility to finance these transactions. Our initial estimate of \$940 million in total purchase price for the REIM Acquisitions has been reduced by approximately \$47 million for certain fund and separate account management contracts that were not acquired and for certain balance sheet adjustments. There is a possibility of an additional closing of approximately \$80 million and co-investments of up to \$68 million in the future related to our acquisition of ING REIM Europe.

During 2003 and 2006, we required substantial amounts of equity and debt financing to fund our acquisitions of Insignia and Trammell Crow Company. In the past two years, we also conducted two debt offerings. The first, in 2009, was part of a capital restructuring in response to the global economic recession, and the second, in 2010, was to take advantage of low interest rates and term availability. Absent extraordinary transactions such as these and the equity offerings we completed during the unprecedented global capital markets disruption in 2008 and 2009, we historically have not sought external sources of financing and have relied on our internally generated cash flow and our revolving credit facility to fund our working capital, capital expenditure and investment requirements. In the absence of such extraordinary events, our management anticipates that our cash flow from operations and our revolving credit facility would be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash requirements for the foreseeable future, but at a minimum for the next 12 months.

As evidenced above, from time to time, we consider potential strategic acquisitions. We believe that any future significant acquisitions that we may make most likely would require us to obtain additional debt or equity financing. In the past, we have been able to obtain such financing for material transactions on terms that we believed to be reasonable. However, it is possible that we may not be able to find acquisition financing on favorable terms, or at all, in the future if we decide to make any further material acquisitions.

Our long-term liquidity needs, other than those related to ordinary course obligations and commitments such as operating leases, generally are comprised of two elements. The first is the repayment of the outstanding and anticipated principal amounts of our long-term indebtedness. We are unable to project with certainty whether our



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long-term cash flow from operations will be sufficient to repay our long-term debt when it comes due. If our cash flow is insufficient, then we expect that we would need to refinance such indebtedness or otherwise amend its terms to extend the maturity dates. We cannot make any assurances that such refinancing or amendments would be available on attractive terms, if at all.

The second long-term liquidity need is the repayment of obligations under our pension plans in the United Kingdom. Our subsidiaries based in the United Kingdom maintain two contributory defined benefit pension plans to provide retirement benefits to existing and former employees participating in the plans. With respect to these plans, our historical policy has been to contribute annually, an amount to fund pension cost as actuarially determined and as required by applicable laws and regulations. Our contributions to these plans are invested and, if these investments do not perform in the future as well as we expect, we will be required to provide additional funding to cover any shortfall. During 2007, we reached agreements with the active members of these plans to freeze future pension plan benefits. In return, the active members became eligible to enroll in the CBRE Group Personal Pension Plan, a defined contribution plan in the United Kingdom. The underfunded status of our defined benefit pension plans included in pension liability in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets was \$60.9 million and \$40.0 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We expect to contribute a total of \$5.2 million to fund our pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2012.

On June 10, 2009, we completed the sale of 13,440,860 shares of our Class A common stock through a direct placement to Paulson & Co. Inc., which raised approximately \$97.6 million of net proceeds. On June 11, 2009, we completed the sale of 5,682,684 shares of our Class A common stock through an at-the-market offering program, which raised approximately \$48.8 million of net proceeds. The net proceeds from these offerings were used for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of some of our outstanding indebtedness under our previous credit agreement.

In November 2009, we completed the sale of 28,289,960 shares of our Class A common stock pursuant to an at-the-market offering program, which raised approximately \$293.8 million of net proceeds. We used the proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of debt.

## ***Historical Cash Flows***

### ***Operating Activities***

Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$361.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, a decrease of \$255.4 million as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities in the current year was primarily due to higher bonuses, commissions and income taxes paid in the current year. These items were partially offset by an increase in bonus accruals in the current year, activity associated with securities acquired in our acquisition of CRES, a greater decrease in real estate held for sale and under development in the current year and a greater increase in receivables in the prior year.

Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$616.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, an increase of \$402.9 million as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. The increase was primarily due to improved operating performance, higher net payments to vendors and to employees under our deferred compensation plan in 2009 and an increase in commission, bonus and income tax accruals in 2010. These items were partially offset by a greater increase in receivables and higher bonuses paid in 2010.



*Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$480.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, an increase of \$417.8 million as compared to the year ended December 31, 2010. The increase was primarily driven by cash paid for the REIM Acquisitions and higher capital expenditures in the current year. These increases were partially offset by net proceeds received from the disposition of real estate held for investment and higher distributions received from investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries in the current year.

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Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$62.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, a decrease of \$56.9 million as compared to the year ended December 31, 2009. The decrease was primarily driven by higher net proceeds received in 2010 from the disposition of real estate held for investment and from the sale of servicing rights and other assets. A decrease in restricted cash and lower contributions to investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries along with higher distributions received from investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries in 2010 also contributed to the decrease. These decreases were partially offset by the use of more cash in 2010 for capital expenditures and earn out payments associated with in-fill acquisitions.

*Financing Activities*

Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$711.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 as compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$784.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2010. The increase in cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to net proceeds from senior secured loans in the current year to finance the REIM Acquisitions and the new British pound sterling A-1 term loan facility entered into in the current year versus significant net repayments of our senior secured term loans in the prior year. These items were partially offset by higher net repayments of notes payable on real estate within our Development Services segment and greater distributions to non-controlling interests in the current year.

Net cash used in financing activities totaled \$784.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 as compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$476.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009. The sharp decrease in cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to higher net repayments of our senior secured term loans in 2010 as well as proceeds received in 2009 in connection with equity offerings and the issuance of our 11.625% senior subordinated notes. Also contributing to the decrease were higher net repayments of notes payable on real estate within our Development Services segment in 2010. These decreases were partially offset by proceeds received in 2010 from the issuance of our 6.625% senior notes.

*Summary of Contractual Obligations and Other Commitments*

The following is a summary of our various contractual obligations and other commitments as of December 31, 2011:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period				
		Less than 1 year	1 3 years	4 5 years	More than 5 years	
		(Dollars in thousands)				
Total debt (1)	\$ 3,230,889	\$ 826,041	\$ 144,714	\$ 715,118	\$ 1,545,016	
Operating leases (2)	1,094,966	177,416	287,315	216,420	413,815	
Pension liability (3) (4)	60,860	60,860				
Notes payable on real estate (recourse) (5)	13,643	2,460	11,183			
Notes payable on real estate (non recourse) (5)	359,269	143,496	93,889	107,076	14,808	
<b>Total Contractual Obligations</b>	<b>\$ 4,759,627</b>	<b>\$ 1,210,273</b>	<b>\$ 537,101</b>	<b>\$ 1,038,614</b>	<b>\$ 1,973,639</b>	
Other Commitments	Total	Amount of Other Commitments Expiration				
		Less than 1 year	1 3 years	4 5 years	More than 5 years	
		(Dollars in thousands)				

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Letters of credit (2)	\$ 16,570	\$ 16,570	\$	\$
Guarantees (2) (6)	43,687	43,687		
Co-investments (2) (7)	73,808	73,808		
Non-current tax liabilities (8)				
Other (9)	51,825	51,825		
<b>Total Other Commitments</b>	<b>\$ 185,890</b>	<b>\$ 185,890</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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- (1) See Note 13 of our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. Figures do not include scheduled interest payments. Assuming each debt obligation is held until maturity, we estimate that we will make the following interest payments (dollars in thousands): 2012 \$132,108; 2013 to 2014 \$254,447; 2015 to 2016 \$235,468 and thereafter \$157,500. The interest payments on the variable rate debt have been calculated at the interest rate in effect at December 31, 2011.
- (2) See Note 14 of our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.
- (3) See Note 15 of our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.
- (4) Because these obligations are related, either wholly or partially, to the future retirement of our employees and such retirement dates are not predictable, an undeterminable portion of this amount will be paid in years one through five.
- (5) See Note 12 of our Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. Figures do not include scheduled interest payments. The notes (primarily construction loans) have either fixed or variable interest rates, ranging from 1.85% to 8.75% at December 31, 2011. In general, interest is drawn on the underlying loan and subsequently paid with proceeds received upon the sale of the real estate project.
- (6) Due to the nature of guarantees, payments could be due at any time upon the occurrence of certain triggering events including default. Accordingly, all guarantees are reflected as expiring in less than one year.
- (7) Includes \$59.4 million related to our Global Investment Management segment, all of which is expected to be funded in 2012 and \$14.4 million related to our Development Services segment (callable at any time).
- (8) As of December 31, 2011, our current and non-current tax liabilities, including interest and penalties, totaled \$92.4 million. We are unable to reasonably estimate the timing of the effective settlement of tax positions.
- (9) Represents outstanding reserves for claims under certain insurance programs, which are included in other current and other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2011 set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. Due to the nature of this item, payments could be due at any time upon the occurrence of certain events. Accordingly, the entire balance has been reflected as expiring in less than one year.

***Significant Indebtedness***

Our level of indebtedness increases the possibility that we may be unable to generate cash sufficient to pay when due the principal of, interest on or other amounts due in respect of our indebtedness and other obligations. In addition, we may incur additional debt from time to time to finance strategic acquisitions, investments, joint ventures or for other purposes, subject to the restrictions contained in the documents governing our indebtedness. If we incur additional debt, the risks associated with our leverage, including our ability to service our debt, would increase.

Since 2001, we have maintained credit facilities with Credit Suisse Group AG, or CS, and other lenders to fund strategic acquisitions and to provide for our working capital needs. On November 10, 2010, we entered into a new credit agreement (as amended, the Credit Agreement) with a syndicate of banks led by CS, as administrative and collateral agent, to completely refinance our previous credit facilities. On March 4, 2011, we entered into an amendment to our Credit Agreement to, among other things, increase flexibility to various covenants to accommodate the REIM Acquisitions and to maintain the availability of the \$800.0 million incremental facility under the Credit Agreement. On March 4, 2011, we also entered into an incremental assumption agreement to allow for the establishment of new tranche C and tranche D term loan facilities. On November 10, 2011, we entered into an incremental assumption agreement led jointly by HSBC Bank USA, N.A. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC to allow for the establishment of a new tranche A-1 term loan facility, which also reduced the \$800.0 million incremental facility under the Credit Agreement.

Our Credit Agreement currently provides for the following: (1) a \$700.0 million revolving credit facility, including revolving credit loans, letters of credit and a swingline loan facility, maturing on May 10, 2015; (2) a \$350.0 million tranche A term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on December 31, 2010 and continue through September 30, 2015, with the balance payable on November 10, 2015; (3) a £187.0 million (approximately \$300.0 million) tranche A-1 term loan facility requiring quarterly principal

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payments, which began on December 30, 2011 and continue through March 31, 2016, with the balance payable on May 10, 2016; (4) a \$300.0 million tranche B term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on December 31, 2010 and continue through September 30, 2016, with the balance payable on November 10, 2016; (5) a \$400.0 million tranche C term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on September 30, 2011 and continue through December 31, 2017, with the balance payable on March 4, 2018; (6) a \$400.0 million tranche D term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on September 30, 2011 and continue through June 30, 2019, with the balance payable on September 4, 2019 and (7) an accordion provision which provides the ability to borrow additional funds under an incremental facility. The incremental facility is equivalent to the sum of \$800.0 million and the aggregate amount of all repayments of term loans and permanent reductions of revolver commitments under the Credit Agreement. However, at no time may the sum of all outstanding amounts under the Credit Agreement exceed \$2.95 billion. On November 10, 2011, we utilized the incremental facility to issue the tranche A-1 term loan facility.

In regards to the tranche C and tranche D term loan facilities, we had up to 180 days from the date we entered into the related incremental assumption agreement to draw on these facilities during which period we were required to pay a fee on the unused portions of each facility. On June 30, 2011, we drew down \$400.0 million of the tranche D term loan facility to finance the CRES portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on July 1, 2011. On August 31, 2011, we drew down \$400.0 million of the tranche C term loan facility, part of which was used to finance the ING REIM Asia portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on October 3, 2011. The remaining borrowings were used to finance the acquisition of ING REIM's operations in Europe, which closed on October 31, 2011.

The revolving credit facility allows for borrowings outside of the U.S., with sub-facilities of \$5.0 million available to one of our Canadian subsidiaries, \$35.0 million in aggregate available to one of our Australian and one of our New Zealand subsidiaries and \$50.0 million available to one of our U.K. subsidiaries. Additionally, outstanding borrowings under these sub-facilities may be up to 5.0% higher as allowed under the currency fluctuation provision in the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2011 bear interest at varying rates, based at our option, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 1.65% to 3.15% or the daily rate plus 0.65% to 2.15% as determined by reference to our ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement). As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we had \$44.8 million and \$17.5 million, respectively, of revolving credit facility principal outstanding with related weighted average interest rates of 4.3% and 3.5%, respectively, which are included in short-term borrowings in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. As of December 31, 2011, letters of credit totaling \$17.2 million were outstanding under the revolving credit facility. These letters of credit were primarily issued in the normal course of business as well as in connection with certain insurance programs and reduce the amount we may borrow under the revolving credit facility.

Borrowings under the term loan facilities as of December 31, 2011 bear interest, based at our option, on the following: for the tranche A and A-1 term loan facilities, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 2.00% to 3.75% or the daily rate plus 1.00% to 2.75%, as determined by reference to our ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement), for the tranche B term loan facility, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 3.25% or the daily rate plus 2.25%, for the tranche C term loan facility, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 3.25% or the daily rate plus 2.25% and for the tranche D term loan facility, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 3.50% or the daily rate plus 2.50%. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we had \$306.3 million and \$341.3 million, respectively, of tranche A term loan facility principal outstanding and \$296.3 million and \$299.2 million, respectively, of tranche B term loan facility principal outstanding, which are included in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. As of December 31, 2011, we also had \$285.1 million of tranche A-1 term loan facility principal outstanding and \$398.0 million of both tranche C and tranche D term loan facilities principal outstanding, which are included in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.

In March 2011, we entered into five interest rate swap agreements, all with effective dates in October 2011, and immediately designated them as cash flow hedges in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives*

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*and Hedging.* The purpose of these interest rate swap agreements is to hedge potential changes to our cash flows due to the variable interest nature of our senior secured term loan facilities. The total notional amount of these interest rate swap agreements is \$400.0 million, with \$200.0 million expiring in October 2017 and \$200.0 million expiring in September 2019. There was no hedge ineffectiveness for the year ended December 31, 2011. As of December 31, 2011, the fair values of these interest rate swap agreements were reflected as a \$39.9 million liability and were included in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.

The Credit Agreement is jointly and severally guaranteed by us and substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. Borrowings under our Credit Agreement are secured by a pledge of substantially all of the capital stock of our U.S. subsidiaries and 65.0% of the capital stock of certain non-U.S. subsidiaries. Also, the Credit Agreement requires us to pay a fee based on the total amount of the revolving credit facility commitment.

On October 8, 2010, CBRE Services, Inc. (formerly known as CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc.), or CBRE, our wholly-owned subsidiary, issued \$350.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior notes due October 15, 2020. The 6.625% senior notes are unsecured obligations of CBRE, senior to all of its current and future subordinated indebtedness, but effectively subordinated to all of its current and future secured indebtedness. The 6.625% senior notes are jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior basis by us and each subsidiary of CBRE that guarantees our Credit Agreement. Interest accrues at a rate of 6.625% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15, having commenced on April 15, 2011. The 6.625% senior notes are redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, on or after October 15, 2014 at a redemption price of 104.969% of the principal amount on that date and at declining prices thereafter. At any time prior to October 15, 2014, the 6.625% senior notes may be redeemed by us, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest and an applicable premium (as defined in the indenture governing these notes), which is based on the present value of the October 15, 2014 redemption price plus all remaining interest payments through October 15, 2014. In addition, prior to October 15, 2013, up to 35.0% of the original issued amount of the 6.625% senior notes may be redeemed at a redemption price of 106.625% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, solely with the net cash proceeds from public equity offerings. If a change of control triggering event (as defined in the indenture governing our 6.625% senior notes) occurs, we are obligated to make an offer to purchase the remaining 6.625% senior notes at a redemption price of 101.0% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The amount of the 6.625% senior notes included in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report was \$350.0 million at both December 31, 2011 and 2010.

On June 18, 2009, CBRE issued \$450.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 11.625% senior subordinated notes due June 15, 2017 for approximately \$435.9 million, net of discount. The 11.625% senior subordinated notes are unsecured senior subordinated obligations of CBRE and are jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by us and our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee our Credit Agreement. Interest accrues at a rate of 11.625% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15. The 11.625% senior subordinated notes are redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, on or after June 15, 2013 at 105.813% of par on that date and at declining prices thereafter. At any time prior to June 15, 2013, the 11.625% senior subordinated notes may be redeemed by us, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest and an applicable premium (as defined in the indenture governing these notes), which is based on the present value of the June 15, 2013 redemption price plus all remaining interest payments through June 15, 2013. In addition, prior to June 15, 2012, up to 35.0% of the original issued amount of the 11.625% senior subordinated notes may be redeemed at 111.625% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest, solely with the net cash proceeds from public equity offerings. In the event of a change of control (as defined in the indenture governing our 11.625% senior subordinated notes), we are obligated to make an offer to purchase the remaining 11.625% senior subordinated notes at a redemption price of 101.0% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The amount of the 11.625% senior subordinated notes included in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report, net of unamortized discount, was \$439.0 million and \$437.7 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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Our Credit Agreement and the indentures governing our 6.625% senior notes and 11.625% senior subordinated notes contain numerous restrictive covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends or make distributions to stockholders, repurchase capital stock or debt, make investments, sell assets or subsidiary stock, create or permit liens on assets, engage in transactions with affiliates, enter into sale/leaseback transactions, issue subsidiary equity and enter into consolidations or mergers. Our Credit Agreement also currently requires us to maintain a minimum coverage ratio of EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) to total interest expense of 2.25x and a maximum leverage ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of 3.75x. Our coverage ratio of EBITDA to total interest expense was 15.0x for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our leverage ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA was 1.53x as of December 31, 2011. We may from time to time, in our sole discretion, look for opportunities to reduce our outstanding debt under our Credit Agreement and under our 6.625% senior notes and 11.625% senior subordinated notes.

From time to time, Moody's Investor Service, Inc., or Moody's, and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, or Standard & Poor's, rate our senior debt. Neither the Moody's nor the Standard & Poor's ratings impact our ability to borrow under our Credit Agreement. However, these ratings may impact our ability to borrow under new agreements in the future and the interest rates of any such future borrowings.

We had short-term borrowings of \$758.2 million and \$471.4 million with related average interest rates of 2.9% and 2.8% as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which are included in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.

On March 2, 2007, we entered into a \$50.0 million credit note with Wells Fargo Bank for the purpose of purchasing eligible investments, which include cash equivalents, agency securities, A1/P1 commercial paper and eligible money market funds. The proceeds of this note are not made generally available to us, but instead deposited in an investment account maintained by Wells Fargo Bank and used and applied solely to purchase eligible investment securities. This agreement has been amended several times and currently provides for a \$40.0 million revolving credit note, bears interest at 0.25% and has a maturity date of December 31, 2012. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no amounts outstanding under this note.

On March 4, 2008, we entered into a \$35.0 million credit and security agreement with Bank of America, or BofA, for the purpose of purchasing eligible financial instruments, which include A1/P1 commercial paper, U.S. Treasury securities, GSE discount notes (as defined in the credit and security agreement) and money market funds. The proceeds of this loan are not made generally available to us, but instead deposited in an investment account maintained by BofA and used and applied solely to purchase eligible financial instruments. This agreement has been amended several times and currently provides for a \$5.0 million credit line, bears interest at 1% and has a maturity date of February 28, 2013. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no amounts outstanding under this agreement.

On August 19, 2008, we entered into a \$15.0 million uncommitted facility with First Tennessee Bank for the purpose of purchasing investments, which include cash equivalents, agency securities, A1/P1 commercial paper and eligible money market funds. The proceeds of this facility are not made generally available to us, but instead are held in a collateral account maintained by First Tennessee Bank. This agreement has been amended several times and currently provides for a \$4.0 million credit line, bears interest at 0.25% and has a maturity date of August 4, 2012. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no amounts outstanding under this facility.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRE Capital Markets, has the following warehouse lines of credit: credit agreements with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., or JP Morgan, BofA, TD Bank, N.A., or TD Bank, and Kemps Landing Capital Company, LLC, or Kemps Landing, for the purpose of funding mortgage loans that will be resold and a funding arrangement with Fannie Mae for the purpose of selling a percentage of certain closed multi-family loans.





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On November 15, 2005, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a secured credit agreement with JP Morgan to establish a warehouse line of credit. Effective October 12, 2010 through January 10, 2011, the warehouse line of credit was temporarily increased from \$210.0 million to \$250.0 million. Effective November 22, 2010 through February 1, 2011, the warehouse line of credit was temporarily increased further from \$250.0 million to \$300.0 million. This agreement has been amended several times and currently provides for a \$210.0 million senior secured revolving line of credit, bears interest at the daily LIBOR plus 2.50% and has a maturity date of September 28, 2012.

On April 16, 2008, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a secured credit agreement with BofA to establish a warehouse line of credit. This agreement has been amended several times and currently provides for a \$125.0 million senior secured revolving line of credit, bears interest at the daily one-month LIBOR plus 2.0% with a maturity date of May 30, 2012.

In August 2009, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a funding arrangement with Fannie Mae under its Multifamily As Soon As Pooled Plus Agreement and its Multifamily As Soon As Pooled Sale Agreement, or ASAP Program. Under the ASAP Program, CBRE Capital Markets may elect, on a transaction by transaction basis, to sell a percentage of certain closed multifamily loans to Fannie Mae on an expedited basis. After all contingencies are satisfied, the ASAP Program requires that CBRE Capital Markets repurchase the interest in the multifamily loan previously sold to Fannie Mae followed by either a full delivery back to Fannie Mae via whole loan execution or a securitization into a mortgage backed security. Under this agreement, the maximum outstanding balance under the ASAP Program cannot exceed \$150.0 million and, between the sale date to Fannie Mae and the repurchase date by CBRE Capital Markets, the outstanding balance bears interest and is payable to Fannie Mae at the daily LIBOR rate plus 1.35% with a LIBOR floor of 0.35%.

On December 21, 2010, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a secured credit agreement with TD Bank to establish a warehouse line of credit. Effective October 13, 2011, the warehouse line of credit was increased from \$75.0 million to \$100.0 million. The secured revolving line of credit bears interest at the daily one-month LIBOR plus 2.0% with a maturity date of May 31, 2012.

On December 21, 2010, CBRE Capital Markets entered into an uncommitted funding arrangement with Kemps Landing providing CBRE Capital Markets with the ability to fund Freddie Mac multi-family loans. Effective September 13, 2011, the maximum outstanding balance allowed under this arrangement was increased from \$200.0 million to \$300.0 million and on October 4, 2011, was further increased to \$500.0 million. The outstanding borrowings bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.75% with a LIBOR floor of 0.25% and the agreement expires on December 19, 2012.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, we had a maximum of \$747.2 million of warehouse lines of credit principal outstanding. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we had \$713.4 million and \$453.8 million of warehouse lines of credit principal outstanding, respectively, which are included in short-term borrowings in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. Additionally, we had \$720.1 million and \$485.4 million of mortgage loans held for sale (warehouse receivables), which substantially represented mortgage loans funded through the lines of credit that, while committed to be purchased, had not yet been purchased as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and which are also included in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.

## ***Pension Liability***

Our subsidiaries based in the United Kingdom maintain two contributory defined benefit pension plans to provide retirement benefits to existing and former employees participating in the plans. The underfunded status of our defined benefit pension plans included in pension liability in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report was \$60.9 million and \$40.0 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We expect to contribute a total of \$5.2 million to fund our pension plans for the year ending December 31, 2012.



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### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

We had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$16.6 million as of December 31, 2011, excluding letters of credit for which we have outstanding liabilities already accrued on our consolidated balance sheet related to our subsidiaries' outstanding reserves for claims under certain insurance programs as well as letters of credit related to operating leases. These letters of credit are primarily executed by us in the ordinary course of business and expire at varying dates through December 2012.

We had guarantees totaling \$43.7 million as of December 31, 2011, excluding guarantees related to pension liabilities, consolidated indebtedness and other obligations for which we have outstanding liabilities already accrued on our consolidated balance sheet, and operating leases. The \$43.7 million primarily consists of guarantees related to our defined benefit pension plans in the United Kingdom (in excess of our outstanding pension liability of \$60.9 million as of December 31, 2011), which are continuous guarantees that will not expire until all amounts have been paid out for our pension liabilities. The remainder of the guarantees mainly represent guarantees of obligations of unconsolidated subsidiaries, which expire at varying dates through November 2013, as well as various guarantees of management contracts in our operations overseas, which expire at the end of each of the respective agreements.

In addition, as of December 31, 2011, we had numerous completion and budget guarantees relating to development projects. These guarantees are made by us in the ordinary course of our Development Services business. Each of these guarantees requires us to complete construction of the relevant project within a specified timeframe and/or within a specified budget, with us potentially being liable for costs to complete in excess of such timeframe or budget. However, we generally have guaranteed maximum price contracts with reputable general contractors with respect to projects for which we provide these guarantees. These contracts are intended to pass the risk to such contractors. While there can be no assurance, we do not expect to incur any material losses under these guarantees.

From time to time, we act as a general contractor with respect to construction projects. We do not consider these activities to be a material part of our business. In connection with these activities, we seek to subcontract construction work for certain projects to reputable subcontractors. Should construction defects arise relating to the underlying projects, we could potentially be liable to the client for the costs to repair such defects, although we would generally look to the subcontractor that performed the work to remedy the defect and also look to insurance policies that cover this work. While there can be no assurance, we do not expect to incur material losses with respect to construction defects.

In January 2008, CBRE Multifamily Capital, Inc., or CBRE MCI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CBRE Capital Markets, Inc., entered into an agreement with Fannie Mae, under Fannie Mae's Delegated Underwriting and Servicing Lender Program, or DUS Program, to provide financing for multifamily housing with five or more units. Under the DUS Program, CBRE MCI originates, underwrites, closes and services loans without prior approval by Fannie Mae, and in selected cases, is subject to sharing up to one-third of any losses on loans originated under the DUS Program. CBRE MCI has funded loans subject to such loss sharing arrangements with unpaid principal balances of \$3.5 billion at December 31, 2011. Additionally, CBRE MCI has funded loans under the DUS Program that are not subject to loss sharing arrangements with unpaid principal balances of approximately \$518.1 million at December 31, 2011. CBRE MCI, under its agreement with Fannie Mae, must post cash reserves under formulas established by Fannie Mae to provide for sufficient capital in the event losses occur. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, CBRE MCI had \$4.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, of cash deposited under this reserve arrangement, and had provided approximately \$6.4 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, of loan loss accruals. Fannie Mae's recourse under the DUS Program is limited to the assets of CBRE MCI, which totaled approximately \$180.6 million (including \$106.6 million of warehouse receivables, a substantial majority of which are pledged against warehouse lines of credit and are therefore not available to Fannie Mae) at December 31, 2011.

An important part of the strategy for our Global Investment Management business involves investing our capital in certain real estate investments with our clients. These co-investments typically range from 2.0% to



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5.0% of the equity in a particular fund. As of December 31, 2011, we had aggregate commitments of \$59.4 million to fund future co-investments, all of which is expected to be funded in 2012. In addition to required future capital contributions, some of the co-investment entities may request additional capital from us and our subsidiaries holding investments in those assets and the failure to provide these contributions could have adverse consequences to our interests in these investments.

Additionally, an important part of our Development Services business strategy is to invest in unconsolidated real estate subsidiaries as a principal (in most cases co-investing with our clients). As of December 31, 2011, we had committed to fund \$14.4 million of additional capital to these unconsolidated subsidiaries, which may be called at any time.

## **Seasonality**

A significant portion of our revenue is seasonal, which can affect an investor's ability to compare our financial condition and results of operations on a quarter-by-quarter basis. Historically, this seasonality has caused our revenue, operating income, net income and cash flow from operating activities to be lower in the first two quarters and higher in the third and fourth quarters of each year. Earnings and cash flow have historically been particularly concentrated in the fourth quarter due to investors and companies focusing on completing transactions prior to calendar year-end. This has historically resulted in lower profits or a loss in the first quarter, with revenue and profitability improving in each subsequent quarter.

## **Inflation**

Our commissions and other variable costs related to revenue are primarily affected by real estate market supply and demand, which may be affected by general economic conditions including inflation. However, to date, we do not believe that general inflation has had a material impact upon our operations.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-29, *Business Combinations (Topic 805): Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations*. ASU 2010-29 specifies that when a public company completes a business combination, the company should disclose revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. The update also expands the supplemental pro forma disclosures under Topic 805 to include a description of the nature and amount of material, non-recurring pro forma adjustments directly attributable to the business combination included in the pro forma revenue and earnings. The requirements of ASU 2010-29 are effective for business combinations that occur on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010. We adopted this ASU during the year ended December 31, 2011 (see Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report) and do not believe the adoption of this update had a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-03, *Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860): Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements*. ASU 2011-03 specifies when an entity may or may not recognize a sale upon the transfer of financial assets subject to repurchase agreements. That determination is based, in part, on whether the entity has maintained effective control over the transferred financial assets. The requirements of ASU 2011-03 will be effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after December 15, 2011, with early

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adoption prohibited. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*. These amendments were issued to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value

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measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards, or IFRS. ASU 2011-04 changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements, particularly for level 3 fair value measurements. This ASU is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. This ASU eliminates the option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in stockholders' equity and requires an entity to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12,

*Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassification of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05*. This ASU defers indefinitely certain requirements from ASU 2011-05 that relate to the presentation of reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income. ASU 2011-05 and ASU 2011-12 are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted, and requires retrospective application for all periods presented. We elected to adopt these ASUs early and have provided the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income in two separate but consecutive statements in the consolidated financial statements set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report. We do not believe the adoption of these updates had a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment*. This ASU gives companies the option to perform a qualitative assessment to first assess whether the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If an entity determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary. ASU 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-10, *Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Derecognition of in Substance Real Estate - a Scope Clarification*. This ASU requires that a reporting entity that ceases to have a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary that is in substance real estate as a result of default on the subsidiary's nonrecourse debt would apply FASB ASC Subtopic 360-20, *Property, Plant, and Equipment - Real Estate Sales*, to determine whether to derecognize assets and liabilities of that subsidiary. ASU 2011-10 is effective prospectively for a deconsolidation event that takes place in fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after June 15, 2012. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures About Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*. This ASU adds certain additional disclosure requirements about financial instruments and derivative instruments that are subject to netting arrangements. ASU 2011-11 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after January 1, 2013, with retrospective application required. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Our exposure to market risk consists of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations related to our international operations and changes in interest rates on debt obligations. We manage such risk primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of our debt funding and by using derivative financial instruments. We apply the *Derivatives and Hedging* Topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)





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Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) (Topic 815) when accounting for derivative financial instruments. In all cases, we view derivative financial instruments as a risk management tool and, accordingly, do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

*Exchange Rates*

During the year ended December 31, 2011, approximately 41% of our business was transacted in local currencies of foreign countries, the majority of which includes the Euro, the British pound sterling, the Canadian dollar, the Chinese yuan, the Hong Kong dollar, the Japanese yen, the Singapore dollar, the Australian dollar and the Indian rupee. We attempt to manage our exposure primarily by balancing assets and liabilities and maintaining cash positions in foreign currencies only at levels necessary for operating purposes. Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates affect reported amounts of our total assets and liabilities, which are reflected in our financial statements as translated into U.S. dollars for each financial reporting period at the exchange rate in effect on the respective balance sheet dates, and our total revenue and expenses, which are reflected in our financial statements as translated into U.S. dollars for each financial reporting period at the monthly average exchange rate. During the year ended December 31, 2011, foreign currency translation had a \$143.8 million positive impact on our total revenue and a \$125.9 million negative impact on our total costs of services and operating, administrative and other expenses.

We routinely monitor our exposure to currency exchange rate changes in connection with transactions and sometimes enter into foreign currency exchange swap, option and forward contracts to limit our exposure to such transactions, as appropriate. In the normal course of business, we also sometimes utilize derivative financial instruments in the form of foreign currency exchange contracts to mitigate foreign currency exchange exposure resulting from intercompany loans, expected cash flow and earnings. Included in the consolidated statement of operations set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report were charges of \$1.5 million and \$1.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, resulting from net losses on foreign currency exchange option agreements. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we did not have any foreign currency exchange contracts outstanding.

*Interest Rates*

We manage our interest expense by using a combination of fixed and variable rate debt. Excluding notes payable on real estate, our fixed and variable rate long-term debt at December 31, 2011 consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

Year of Maturity	Fixed Rate	LIBOR	LIBOR	LIBOR	(2)	(3)	Total
		+ 2.25% (1)	+ 3.25% (1)	+ 3.50% (1)			
2012	\$ 66	\$ 56,788	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 713,362	\$ 44,825	\$ 826,041
2013	59	58,604	7,000	4,000			69,663
2014		64,051	7,000	4,000			75,051
2015		285,497	7,000	4,000			296,497
2016		126,371	288,250	4,000			418,621
Thereafter	789,016		378,000	378,000			1,545,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 789,141</b>	<b>\$ 591,311</b>	<b>\$ 694,250</b>	<b>\$ 398,000</b>	<b>\$ 713,362</b>	<b>\$ 44,825</b>	<b>\$ 3,230,889</b>
Weighted Average Interest Rate	9.4%	2.8%	3.5%	3.8%	2.8%	4.3%	4.7%

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- (1) Consists of amounts due under our senior secured term loan facilities.
- (2) Consists of amounts due under our warehouse lines of credit as follows (dollars in thousands): \$357,457 at daily LIBOR + 2.75% with a LIBOR floor of 0.25%; \$197,533 at daily Chase-London LIBOR + 2.50%; \$63,653 at daily one-month LIBOR + 2.00%; \$56,574 at daily LIBOR + 1.35% with a LIBOR floor of 0.35% and \$38,145 at daily one-month LIBOR + 2.00%.
- (3) Consists of amounts due under our revolving credit facility as follows (dollars in thousands): \$20,893 at LIBOR + 1.85%; \$17,478 at Australia Bill Rate + 1.85% and \$6,454 at New Zealand Bill Rate + 1.85%.

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We utilize sensitivity analyses to assess the potential effect of our variable rate debt. If interest rates were to increase by 10.0% on our outstanding variable rate debt, excluding notes payable on real estate, at December 31, 2011, the net impact of the additional interest cost would be a decrease of \$7.8 million on pre-tax income and a decrease of \$7.8 million on cash provided by operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Based upon information from third-party banks, the estimated fair value of our senior secured term loans was approximately \$1.7 billion at December 31, 2011. Based on dealers' quotes, the estimated fair values of our 6.625% senior notes and 11.625% senior subordinated notes were \$364.9 million and \$504.3 million, respectively, at December 31, 2011.

In March 2011, we entered into five interest rate swap agreements, all with effective dates in October 2011, and immediately designated them as cash flow hedges in accordance with Topic 815. The purpose of these interest rate swap agreements is to hedge potential changes to our cash flows due to the variable interest nature of our senior secured term loan facilities. The total notional amount of these interest rate swap agreements is \$400.0 million, with \$200.0 million expiring in October 2017 and \$200.0 million expiring in September 2019. There was no hedge ineffectiveness for the year ended December 31, 2011. As of December 31, 2011, the fair values of these interest rate swap agreements were reflected as a \$39.9 million liability and were included in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report.

We also have \$372.9 million of notes payable on real estate as of December 31, 2011. These notes have interest rates ranging from 1.85% to 8.75% with maturity dates extending through 2023. Interest costs relating to notes payable on real estate include both interest that is expensed and interest that is capitalized as part of the cost of real estate. If interest rates were to increase by 10.0%, our total estimated interest cost related to notes payable would increase by approximately \$1.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. From time to time, we enter into interest rate swap and cap agreements in order to limit our interest expense related to our notes payable on real estate. If any of these agreements are not designated as effective hedges, then they are marked to market each period with the change in fair value recognized in current period earnings. The net impact on our earnings resulting from gains and/or losses on interest rate swap and cap agreements associated with notes payable on real estate has not been significant.

We also enter into loan commitments that relate to the origination or acquisition of commercial mortgage loans that will be held for resale. Topic 815 requires that these commitments be recorded at their fair values as derivatives. The net impact on our financial position and earnings resulting from these derivatives contracts has not been significant.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

CBRE Group, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CBRE Group, Inc. (the Company) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), cash flows and equity for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited the related financial statement schedules. We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying *Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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

CBRE Group, Inc. acquired certain real estate investment management businesses from ING Group N.V. during 2011 ( *Acquired Business* ) as defined in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, and management excluded from its assessment of the effectiveness of CBRE Group, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, the *Acquired Business*'s internal control over financial reporting associated with total assets of \$1.4 billion and total revenues of \$84.6 million included in the consolidated financial statements of



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CBRE Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of CBRE Group, Inc. also excluded an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of the Acquired Business.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CBRE Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein. Also in our opinion, CBRE Group, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California

February 29, 2012

**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Dollars in thousands, except share data)**

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,093,182	\$ 506,574
Restricted cash	67,138	52,257
Receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$33,915 and \$33,272 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively	1,135,371	940,167
Warehouse receivables	720,061	485,433
Trading securities	151,484	
Prepaid expenses	111,879	96,951
Deferred tax assets, net	168,939	112,304
Real estate under development	30,617	
Real estate and other assets held for sale	26,201	16,295
Available for sale securities	2,790	3,018
Other current assets	42,385	47,871
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,550,047</b>	<b>2,260,870</b>
Property and equipment, net	295,488	188,397
Goodwill	1,828,407	1,323,801
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$194,982 and \$166,295 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively	794,325	332,855
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	166,832	138,973
Deferred tax assets, net		10,320
Real estate under development	3,952	112,819
Real estate held for investment	403,698	626,395
Available for sale securities	34,605	31,936
Other assets, net	141,789	95,202
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,219,143</b>	<b>\$ 5,121,568</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 574,136	\$ 445,337
Compensation and employee benefits payable	398,688	346,539
Accrued bonus and profit sharing	544,628	455,523
Securities sold, not yet purchased	98,810	
Income taxes payable	28,368	18,398
Short-term borrowings:		
Warehouse lines of credit	713,362	453,835
Revolving credit facility	44,825	17,516
Other	16	16
<b>Total short-term borrowings</b>	<b>758,203</b>	<b>471,367</b>
Current maturities of long-term debt	67,838	38,086
Notes payable on real estate	146,120	154,213
Liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale	21,482	12,152
Other current liabilities	42,375	15,153
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,680,648</b>	<b>1,956,768</b>
Long-Term Debt:		
Senior secured term loans	1,615,773	602,500
	439,016	437,682



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11.625% senior subordinated notes, net of unamortized discount of \$10,984 and \$12,318 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively

6.625% senior notes	350,000	350,000
Other long-term debt	59	54
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>2,404,848</b>	<b>1,390,236</b>
Notes payable on real estate	206,339	461,665
Deferred tax liabilities, net	148,969	
Non-current tax liabilities	79,927	78,306
Pension liability	60,860	40,007
Other liabilities	220,389	128,791
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>5,801,980</b>	<b>4,055,773</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity:		
CBRE Group, Inc. Stockholders' Equity:		
Class A common stock; \$0.01 par value; 525,000,000 shares authorized; 327,972,156 and 323,594,919 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively	3,280	3,236
Additional paid-in capital	882,141	814,244
Accumulated earnings	424,499	185,337
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(158,439)	(94,602)
<b>Total CBRE Group, Inc. Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>1,151,481</b>	<b>908,215</b>
Non-controlling interests	265,682	157,580
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,417,163</b>	<b>1,065,795</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 7,219,143</b>	<b>\$ 5,121,568</b>

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

**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(Dollars in thousands, except share data)**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Revenue	\$ 5,905,411	\$ 5,115,316	\$ 4,165,820
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of services	3,457,130	2,960,170	2,447,885
Operating, administrative and other	1,882,666	1,607,682	1,383,579
Depreciation and amortization	115,719	108,381	99,473
Total costs and expenses	5,455,515	4,676,233	3,930,937
Gain on disposition of real estate	12,966	7,296	6,959
Operating income	462,862	446,379	241,842
Equity income (loss) from unconsolidated subsidiaries	104,776	26,561	(34,095)
Other income	2,706		3,880
Interest income	9,443	8,416	6,129
Interest expense	150,249	191,151	189,146
Write-off of financing costs		18,148	29,255
Income (loss) from continuing operations before provision for income taxes	429,538	272,057	(645)
Provision for income taxes	189,103	130,368	26,993
Income (loss) from continuing operations	240,435	141,689	(27,638)
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	49,890	14,320	
Net income (loss)	290,325	156,009	(27,638)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	51,163	(44,336)	(60,979)
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 239,162	\$ 200,345	\$ 33,341
<i>Basic income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders</i>			
Income from continuing operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.73	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.12
Income from discontinued operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	0.02	0.03	
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.12
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic income per share	318,454,191	313,873,439	277,361,783
<i>Diluted income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders</i>			
Income from continuing operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.72	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.12
Income from discontinued operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	0.02	0.03	
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.12
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted income per share	323,723,755	319,016,887	279,995,081

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*Amounts attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders*

Income from continuing operations, net of tax	\$	233,517	\$	191,466	\$	33,341
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax		5,645		8,879		
Net income	\$	239,162	\$	200,345	\$	33,341

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**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)****(Dollars in thousands)**

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 290,325	\$ 156,009	\$ (27,638)
Other comprehensive (loss) income:			
Foreign currency translation (loss) gain	(24,165)	(229)	34,607
Unrealized (losses) gains on interest rate swaps and interest rate caps, net of \$16,278 and \$25 income tax benefit and \$5,911 income tax for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively	(23,623)	706	8,925
Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities, net of \$42 income tax, \$128 income tax benefit and \$1,680 income tax for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively	77	637	1,685
Pension liability adjustments, net of \$6,639 income tax benefit, \$6,800 income tax and \$12,440 income tax benefit for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively	(19,088)	17,953	(31,995)
Other, net	2,022	1,602	(1,890)
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(64,777)	20,669	11,332
Comprehensive income (loss)	225,548	176,678	(16,306)
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	50,223	(44,142)	(59,983)
Comprehensive income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 175,325	\$ 220,820	\$ 43,677

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**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 290,325	\$ 156,009	\$ (27,638)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	116,930	108,962	99,473
Amortization and write-off of financing costs	7,453	29,013	38,384
Write-down of impaired real estate and other assets	4,337	27,147	38,550
Gain on sale of loans, servicing rights and other assets	(74,449)	(65,855)	(30,010)
Net realized loss from investments	917		
Net change in unrealized gains from investments	(3,623)		
Gain on interest rate swaps			(3,880)
Gain on disposition of real estate held for investment	(41,805)	(21,248)	(2,721)
Equity (income) loss from unconsolidated subsidiaries	(104,776)	(26,561)	34,095
Provision for doubtful accounts	9,754	4,661	9,226
Compensation expense related to stock options and non-vested stock awards	44,327	46,801	37,925
Incremental tax benefit from stock options exercised	(14,936)	(5,380)	(1,586)
Distribution of earnings from unconsolidated subsidiaries	20,794	33,874	13,509
Tenant concessions received	45,751	4,608	3,611
Purchase of trading securities	(144,919)		
Proceeds from sale of trading securities	219,739		
Proceeds from securities sold, not yet purchased	197,595		
Securities purchased to cover short sales	(189,456)		
Increase in receivables	(123,669)	(180,129)	(13,379)
Decrease in deferred compensation assets			221,317
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	(13,238)	(5,520)	20,045
Decrease in real estate held for sale and under development	84,731	26,457	2,946
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(62,850)	45,145	(11,306)
Increase (decrease) in compensation and employee benefits payable and accrued bonus and profit sharing	81,380	277,529	(37,551)
Decrease in income taxes payable/receivable	(4,891)	142,090	72,276
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities, including deferred compensation liabilities	15,940	17,239	(250,270)
Other operating activities, net	(142)	1,745	629
Net cash provided by operating activities	361,219	616,587	213,645
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Capital expenditures	(147,980)	(68,464)	(28,200)
Acquisition of Clarion Real Estate Securities and substantially all of the ING Group N.V. operations in Europe and Asia (collectively the REIM Acquisitions), including net assets acquired, intangibles and goodwill, net of cash acquired	(580,895)		
Acquisition of businesses (other than the REIM Acquisitions), including net assets acquired, intangibles and goodwill, net of cash acquired	(49,790)	(70,390)	(30,670)
Contributions to unconsolidated subsidiaries	(51,463)	(37,510)	(47,402)
Distributions from unconsolidated subsidiaries	109,547	22,843	9,232
Net proceeds from disposition of real estate held for investment	231,678	76,504	3,408
Additions to real estate held for investment	(15,473)	(16,551)	(26,656)
Proceeds from the sale of servicing rights and other assets	27,035	28,944	12,283
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	(1,696)	4,047	(10,543)
Other investing activities, net	(1,218)	(1,926)	(814)
Net cash used in investing activities	(480,255)	(62,503)	(119,362)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from senior secured term loans	1,100,739	650,000	

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Repayment of senior secured term loans	(47,503)	(1,693,110)	(432,000)
Proceeds from revolving credit facility	1,032,624	106,759	800,928
Repayment of revolving credit facility	(1,005,132)	(110,657)	(772,721)
Proceeds from 6.625% senior notes		350,000	
Proceeds from 11.625% senior subordinated notes, net			435,928
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for investment	10,300	20,631	16,690
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for investment	(186,636)	(81,906)	(7,185)
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development	8,454	3,671	63,040
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development	(79,271)	(14,341)	(46,642)
Repayment of short-term borrowings and other loans, net		(6,048)	(4,310)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net			440,173
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	7,136	2,401	15,443
Incremental tax benefit from stock options exercised	14,936	5,380	1,586
Non-controlling interests contributions	10,231	29,172	21,348
Non-controlling interests distributions	(129,686)	(11,406)	(13,496)
Payment of financing costs	(24,738)	(34,430)	(39,402)
Other financing activities, net	(129)	(338)	(2,612)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	711,325	(784,222)	476,768
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(5,681)	(4,845)	11,683
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>586,608</b>	<b>(234,983)</b>	<b>582,734</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b>506,574</b>	<b>741,557</b>	<b>158,823</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 1,093,182</b>	<b>\$ 506,574</b>	<b>\$ 741,557</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>			
Cash paid (received) during the period for:			
Interest	\$ 138,035	\$ 169,410	\$ 168,577
Income tax payments (refunds), net	\$ 189,917	\$ (11,499)	\$ (48,355)

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

**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	CBRE Group, Inc. Shareholders							Non-Controlling Interests	Total
	Shares	Class A common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated earnings (deficit)	Minimum pension liability	Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)			
						Foreign currency translation and other	Foreign currency translation and other		
Balance at December 31, 2008	262,336,032	\$ 2,623	\$ 285,825	\$ (48,349)	\$ (35,592)	\$ (89,821)	\$ 231,037	\$ 345,723	
Net income (loss)				33,341			(60,979)	(27,638)	
Net cancellation and distribution of deferred compensation stock fund units	2,717,348	28	(5,484)					(5,456)	
Pension liability adjustments, net of tax					(31,995)			(31,995)	
Stock options exercised (including tax benefit)	2,665,568	27	17,003					17,030	
Non-cash issuance of common stock	12,072		106					106	
Non-vested stock grants	6,711,288	67						67	
Issuance of common stock, net	47,413,504	474	439,699					440,173	
Compensation expense for stock options and non-vested stock awards			37,925					37,925	
Unrealized gains on interest rate swaps and interest rate caps, net of tax						8,925		8,925	
Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities, net of tax						1,685		1,685	
Foreign currency translation gain						33,611	996	34,607	
Cancellation of non-vested stock awards	(88,405)	(1)						(1)	
Contributions from non-controlling interests							21,348	21,348	
Distributions to non-controlling interests							(13,496)	(13,496)	
Acquisitions of non-controlling interests			(19,479)				(23,746)	(43,225)	
Other			394			(1,890)	13	(1,483)	
Balance at December 31, 2009	321,767,407	\$ 3,218	\$ 755,989	\$ (15,008)	\$ (67,587)	\$ (47,490)	\$ 155,173	\$ 784,295	
Net income (loss)				200,345			(44,336)	156,009	
Adoption of Accounting Standards Update 2009-17 (see Note 4)							29,534	29,534	
Pension liability adjustments, net of tax					17,953			17,953	
Stock options exercised (including tax benefit)	898,650	9	7,772					7,781	
Non-cash issuance of common stock	10,684		173					173	
Non-vested stock grants	1,196,720	12						12	
Compensation expense for stock options and non-vested stock awards			46,801					46,801	
Unrealized gains on interest rate swaps and interest rate caps, net of tax						706		706	
Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities, net of tax						637		637	
Foreign currency translation (loss) gain						(423)	194	(229)	
Cancellation of non-vested stock awards	(270,825)	(3)						(3)	
Contributions from non-controlling interests							29,172	29,172	
Distributions to non-controlling interests							(11,406)	(11,406)	
Other	(7,717)		3,509			1,602	(751)	4,360	
Balance at December 31, 2010	323,594,919	\$ 3,236	\$ 814,244	\$ 185,337	\$ (49,634)	\$ (44,968)	\$ 157,580	\$ 1,065,795	
Net income				239,162			51,163	290,325	

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Pension liability adjustments, net of tax					(19,088)				(19,088)
Stock options exercised (including tax benefit)	1,822,373	18	22,055						22,073
Non-cash issuance of common stock	7,670		179						179
Non-vested stock grants	2,803,221	28							28
Compensation expense for stock options and non-vested stock awards			44,327						44,327
Unrealized losses on interest rate swaps and interest rate caps, net of tax					(23,623)				(23,623)
Unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities, net of tax					77				77
Foreign currency translation loss					(23,225)	(940)			(24,165)
Cancellation of non-vested stock awards	(256,027)	(2)							(2)
Contributions from non-controlling interests						10,231			10,231
Distributions to non-controlling interests						(129,686)			(129,686)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests						182,898			182,898
Other			1,336			2,022	(5,564)		(2,206)
Balance at December 31, 2011	327,972,156	\$ 3,280	\$ 882,141	\$ 424,499	\$ (68,722)	\$ (89,717)	\$ 265,682	\$ 1,417,163	

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



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**CBRE GROUP, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Nature of Operations**

CBRE Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation formerly known as CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. (which may be referred to in these financial statements as the company, we, us and our), was incorporated on February 20, 2001. We are the world's largest commercial real estate services firm, based on 2011 revenue, with leading full-service operations in major metropolitan areas throughout the world. We offer a full range of services to occupiers, owners, lenders and investors in office, retail, industrial, multi-family and other types of commercial real estate. As of December 31, 2011, we operated more than 300 offices worldwide, excluding affiliate offices, with approximately 34,000 employees providing commercial real estate services under the CBRE brand name, investment management services under the CBRE Global Investors brand name and development services under the Trammell Crow brand name. Our business is focused on several competencies, including commercial property and corporate facilities management, occupier and property/agency leasing, property sales, valuation, real estate investment management, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, development services and proprietary research. We generate revenues from contractual management fees and on a per project or transactional basis. Our contractual, fee-for-services businesses, which generally involve facilities management, property management, mortgage loan servicing and investment management, represented approximately 39% of our 2011 revenue. Effective October 3, 2011, we changed our name from CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., to CBRE Group, Inc.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies**

*Principles of Consolidation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our majority-owned subsidiaries, as well as variable interest entities (VIEs) in which we are the primary beneficiary and other subsidiaries of which we have control. The equity attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries is shown separately in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Variable Interest Entities

Our determination of the appropriate accounting method with respect to our VIEs, including co-investments with our clients, is based on Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-17, *Consolidations (Topic 810): Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities*. This ASU incorporates Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 167, *Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)*, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in June 2009. The amendments in this ASU replace the quantitative-based risks and rewards calculation for determining which reporting entity, if any, has a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity with a primarily qualitative approach focused on identifying which reporting entity has both (1) the power to direct the activities of a variable interest entity that most significantly impact such entity's economic performance and (2) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from such entity that could potentially be significant to such entity. The entity which satisfies these criteria is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE.

We determine if an entity is a VIE based on several factors, including whether the entity's total equity investment at risk upon inception is sufficient to finance the entity's activities without additional subordinated financial support. We make judgments regarding the sufficiency of the equity at risk based first on a qualitative analysis, then a quantitative analysis, if necessary.

We analyze any investments in VIEs to determine if we are the primary beneficiary. We consider a variety of factors in identifying the entity that holds the power to direct matters that most significantly impact the VIE's

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economic performance including, but not limited to, the ability to direct financing, leasing, construction and other operating decisions and activities. In addition, we also consider the rights of other investors to participate in policy making decisions, to replace the manager and to sell or liquidate the entity.

We also have several co-investments in real estate investment funds which qualify for a deferral of the newer qualitative approach for analyzing potential VIEs. We continue to analyze these investments under the former quantitative method incorporating various estimates, including estimated future cash flows, asset hold periods and discount rates, as well as estimates of the probabilities of various scenarios occurring. If the entity is a VIE, we then determine whether we consolidate the entity as the primary beneficiary. This determination of whether we are the primary beneficiary includes any impact of an upside economic interest in the form of a promote that we may have. A promote is an interest built into the distribution structure of the entity based on the entity's achievement of certain return hurdles.

We consolidate any VIE of which we are the primary beneficiary (see Note 4) and disclose significant VIEs of which we are not the primary beneficiary, if any, as well as disclose our maximum exposure to loss related to VIEs that are not consolidated. We determine whether an entity is a VIE and, if so, whether it should be consolidated by utilizing judgments and estimates that are inherently subjective. If we made different judgments or utilized different estimates in these evaluations, it could result in differing conclusions as to whether or not an entity is a VIE and whether or not to consolidate such entity.

**Limited Partnerships, Limited Liability Companies and Other Subsidiaries**

If an entity is not a VIE, our determination of the appropriate accounting method with respect to our investments in limited partnerships, limited liability companies and other subsidiaries is based on voting control. For our general partner interests, we are presumed to control (and therefore consolidate) the entity, unless the other limited partners have substantive rights that overcome this presumption of control. These substantive rights allow the limited partners to remove the general partner with or without cause or to participate in significant decisions made in the ordinary course of the entity's business. We account for our non-controlling general partner investments in these entities under the equity method. This treatment also applies to our managing member interests in limited liability companies.

Our determination of the appropriate accounting method for all other investments in subsidiaries is based on the amount of influence we have (including our ownership interest) in the underlying entity. Those other investments where we have the ability to exercise significant influence (but not control) over operating and financial policies of such subsidiaries (including certain subsidiaries where we have less than 20% ownership) are accounted for using the equity method. We eliminate transactions with such equity method subsidiaries to the extent of our ownership in such subsidiaries. Accordingly, our share of the earnings or losses of these equity method subsidiaries is included in consolidated net income. All of our remaining investments are carried at cost.

Under either the equity or cost method, impairment losses are recognized upon evidence of other-than-temporary losses of value. When testing for impairment on investments that are not actively traded on a public market, we generally use a discounted cash flow approach to estimate the fair value of our investments and/or look to comparable activities in the marketplace. Management judgment is required in developing the

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assumptions for the discounted cash flow approach. These assumptions include net asset values, internal rates of return, discount and capitalization rates, interest rates and financing terms, rental rates, timing of leasing activity, estimates of lease terms and related concessions, etc. When determining if impairment is other-than-temporary, we also look to the length of time and the extent to which fair value has been less than cost as well as the financial condition and near-term prospects of each investment.

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*Estimates, Risks and Uncertainties*

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S.), which require management to make estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates and the underlying assumptions affect the amounts of assets and liabilities reported, and reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Such estimates include the value of goodwill, intangibles and other long-lived assets, accounts receivable, investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and assumptions used in the calculation of income taxes, retirement and other post-employment benefits, among others. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgment. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including consideration of the macroeconomic environment, and adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. Highly volatile credit, equity and foreign currency markets and a tentative and uneven global economic recovery have increased the uncertainty inherent in such estimates and assumptions. As future events and their effects cannot be forecast with precision, actual results could differ significantly from these estimates. Changes in those estimates resulting from continuing changes in the economic environment will be reflected in the financial statements in future periods.

The fair value of our goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets is impacted by economic and capital market conditions as well as our stock price. Property sales and leasing activity is affected by economic and employment growth, capital markets liquidity, credit availability and pricing, business and investor confidence, and inflation levels. Adverse trends involving any or all of these factors could reduce incentive-based revenue as well as property values and sales volume. Such adverse economic conditions could cause declines in the estimated future discounted cash flows expected for our reporting units. A major or sustained decline in our future cash flows and/or the current economic conditions could result in additional impairment charges.

The recoverability of our investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries has been impacted by the continuing effects of the global financial crisis. This was initially manifested in sharply reduced property sales activity and decreasing property values throughout 2009. As liquidity subsequently improved, transaction volume revived in 2010 and 2011, but remained well below levels experienced in 2006 and 2007. Property values also generally began to rebound, but price appreciation has been most significant in top-tier assets and in the largest, most liquid markets. The assumptions utilized in our recoverability analysis reflect our belief that the recovery from the severe downturn will continue to be slow and gradual and that challenging market conditions could result in further write-downs, especially if heightened capital markets turmoil returns.

The recoverability of the carrying value of our investments in real estate is impacted by general conditions in the U.S. economy and commercial real estate market. Market fundamentals in the primary property types that we develop/own weakened significantly in late 2008 and throughout 2009. A high unemployment rate negatively impacted office markets as companies deferred occupancy decisions and placed space on the market for sublease. Weak industrial production adversely affected warehouse and distribution markets. The retail sector was negatively affected by declining consumer confidence, and retailers experienced financial difficulty. These trends improved in 2010 and 2011 as real estate market conditions recovered, and property sales revived from the depressed levels of 2009. Capitalization rates have stabilized and contracted modestly as both investor confidence and liquidity returned to the commercial real estate market. However, if conditions in the broader economy, capital markets, local, regional or global commercial real estate markets decline sharply once again, we may be required to record additional impairment charges.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents generally consist of cash and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of less than three months. Included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2011

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and 2010 is cash and cash equivalents of \$208.1 million and \$26.1 million, respectively, from consolidated funds and other entities, which is not available for general corporate use. We also manage certain cash and cash equivalents as an agent for our investment and property and facilities management clients. These amounts are not included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets (see Note 19).

*Restricted Cash*

Included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 is restricted cash of \$67.1 million and \$52.3 million, respectively. The balances primarily include restricted cash set aside to cover funding obligations as required by contracts executed by us in the normal course of business, including escrow accounts held in our Development Services segment.

*Concentration of Credit Risk*

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to credit risk consist principally of trade receivables and interest-bearing investments. Users of real estate services account for a substantial portion of trade receivables and collateral is generally not required. The risk associated with this concentration is limited due to the large number of users and their geographic dispersion.

We place substantially all of our interest-bearing investments with major financial institutions and triple A rated money market funds and limit the amount of credit exposure with any one financial institution.

*Property and Equipment*

Property and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment is computed primarily using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives ranging up to 15 years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the term of their associated leases, excluding options to renew, since such leases generally do not carry prohibitive penalties for non-renewal. We capitalize expenditures that materially increase the life of our assets and expense the costs of maintenance and repairs.

We review property and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If this review indicates that such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment is recognized in the period the changes occur and represents the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. We did not recognize an impairment loss related to property and equipment in 2011, 2010 or 2009.

*Computer Software Costs*

Certain costs related to the development or purchase of internal-use software are capitalized. Internal computer software costs that are incurred in the preliminary project stage are expensed as incurred. Direct consulting costs as well as payroll and related costs, which are incurred during the development stage of a project are capitalized and amortized over a three-year period when placed into production.

*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*

Our acquisitions require the application of purchase accounting, which results in tangible and identifiable intangible assets and liabilities of the acquired entity being recorded at fair value. The difference between the purchase price and the fair value of net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. The majority of our goodwill



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balance has resulted from our acquisition of CBRE Services, Inc. (CBRE) in 2001 (the 2001 Acquisition), our acquisition of Insignia Financial Group, Inc. (Insignia) in 2003 (the Insignia Acquisition), our acquisition of the Trammell Crow Company in 2006 (the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition) and our acquisition of substantially all of the ING Group N.V. (ING) Real Estate Investment Management (REIM) operations in Europe and Asia, as well as substantially all of Clarion Real Estate Securities (CRES) in 2011 (collectively referred to as the REIM Acquisitions). Other intangible assets that have indefinite estimated useful lives and are not being amortized include certain management contracts identified in the REIM Acquisitions, a trademark, which was separately identified as a result of the 2001 Acquisition, as well as trade names separately identified as a result of the Insignia Acquisition and REIM Acquisitions. The remaining other intangible assets primarily include customer relationships, management contracts and loan servicing rights, which are all being amortized over estimated useful lives ranging up to 20 years.

We are required to test goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite useful lives for impairment annually or more often if circumstances or events indicate a change in the impairment status. The goodwill impairment analysis is a two-step process. The first step used to identify potential impairment involves comparing each reporting unit's estimated fair value to its carrying value, including goodwill. We use a discounted cash flow approach to estimate the fair value of our reporting units. Management judgment is required in developing the assumptions for the discounted cash flow model. These assumptions include revenue growth rates, profit margin percentages, discount rates, etc. If the estimated fair value of a reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is considered to not be impaired. If the carrying value exceeds estimated fair value, there is an indication of potential impairment and the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment. The second step of the process involves the calculation of an implied fair value of goodwill for each reporting unit for which step one indicated impairment. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined similar to how goodwill is calculated in a business combination, by measuring the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit as calculated in step one, over the estimated fair values of the individual assets, liabilities and identifiable intangibles as if the reporting unit was being acquired in a business combination. Due to the many variables inherent in the estimation of a business's fair value and the relative size of our goodwill, if different assumptions and estimates were used, it could have an adverse effect on our impairment analysis.

*Deferred Financing Costs*

Costs incurred in connection with financing activities are generally deferred and amortized over the terms of the related debt agreements ranging up to ten years. Amortization of these costs is charged to interest expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Total deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization, included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets were \$51.5 million and \$34.1 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

In connection with the credit agreement we entered into on November 10, 2010, we wrote off financing costs of \$16.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2010, including \$12.1 million of credit agreement amendment fees paid in November 2010 and \$4.6 million of unamortized deferred financing costs associated with our prior credit agreement. In addition, in October 2010, we wrote off \$1.4 million of unamortized deferred financing costs in connection with debt repayments made. In connection with the March 24, 2009 amendment and restatement to our prior credit agreement, we wrote off financing costs of \$29.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2009, which included the write-off of \$18.1 million of unamortized deferred financing costs and \$11.2 million of credit agreement amendment fees paid in March 2009. All of these write-offs were included in write-off of financing costs in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. See Note 13 for additional information on activities associated with our debt.



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*Revenue Recognition*

We record commission revenue on real estate sales generally upon close of escrow or transfer of title, except when future contingencies exist. Real estate commissions on leases are generally recorded in revenue when all obligations under the commission agreement are satisfied. Terms and conditions of a commission agreement may include, but are not limited to, execution of a signed lease agreement and future contingencies including tenant occupancy, payment of a deposit or payment of a first month's rent (or a combination thereof). As some of these conditions are outside of our control and are often not clearly defined, judgment must be exercised in determining when such required events have occurred in order to recognize revenue.

A typical commission agreement provides that we earn a portion of a lease commission upon the execution of the lease agreement by the tenant and landlord, with the remaining portion(s) of the lease commission earned at a later date, usually upon tenant occupancy or payment of rent. The existence of any significant future contingencies results in the delay of recognition of corresponding revenue until such contingencies are satisfied. For example, if we do not earn all or a portion of the lease commission until the tenant pays its first month's rent, and the lease agreement provides the tenant with a free rent period, we delay revenue recognition until rent is paid by the tenant.

Property management revenues are generally based upon percentages of the revenue or base rent generated by the entities managed or the square footage managed. These fees are recognized when earned under the provisions of the related management agreements.

Investment management fees are based predominantly upon a percentage of the equity deployed on behalf of our limited partners. Fees related to our indirect investment management programs are based upon a percentage of the fair value of those investments. These fees are recognized when earned under the provisions of the related investment management agreements. Our Global Investment Management segment earns performance-based incentive fees with regard to many of its investments. Such revenue is recognized at the end of the measurement periods when the conditions of the applicable incentive fee arrangements have been satisfied and following the expiration of any potential claw back provision. With many of these investments, our Global Investment Management team has participation interests in such incentive fees, which are commonly referred to as carried interest. This carried interest expense is generally accrued for based upon the probability of such performance-based incentive fees being earned over the related vesting period. In addition, our Global Investment Management segment also earns success-based transaction fees with regard to buying or selling properties on certain funds and separate accounts. Such revenue is recognized at the completion of a successful transaction and is not subject to any claw back provision.

Appraisal fees are recorded after services have been rendered. Loan origination fees are recognized at the time a loan closes and we have no significant remaining obligations for performance in connection with the transaction, while loan servicing fees are recorded in revenue as monthly principal and interest payments are collected from mortgagors. Other commissions, consulting fees and referral fees are recorded as revenue at the time the related services have been performed, unless significant future contingencies exist.

Development services and project management services generate fees from development and construction management projects. Some development and construction management and project management assignments are subject to agreements that describe the calculation of fees

and when we earn such fees. The earnings terms of these agreements dictate when we recognize the related revenue. Generally development fees are recognized based on the lower of the amount billed or the amount determined on a straight-line basis over the development period. We may earn incentive fees for project management services based upon achievement of certain performance criteria as set forth in the project management services agreement. We may earn incentive

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development fees by reaching specified time table, leasing, budget or value creation targets, as defined in the relevant development services agreement. Certain incentive development fees allow us to share in the fair value of the developed real estate asset above cost. This sharing creates additional revenue potential to us with no exposure to loss other than opportunity cost. We recognize such fees when the specified target is attained and fees are deemed collectible. For projects where we operate as a general contractor, fees are generally recognized using the percentage-of-completion method based on costs incurred as a percentage of total expected costs.

We record deferred income to the extent that cash payments have been received in accordance with the terms of underlying agreements, but such amounts have not yet met the criteria for revenue recognition in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We recognize such revenues when the appropriate criteria are met.

We account for certain reimbursements (primarily salaries and related charges) mainly related to our facilities and property management operations as revenue. Reimbursement revenue is recognized when the underlying reimbursable costs are incurred.

In establishing the appropriate provisions for trade receivables, we make assumptions with respect to future collectability. Our assumptions are based on an assessment of a customer's credit quality as well as subjective factors and trends, including the aging of receivables balances. In addition to these assessments, in general, outstanding trade accounts receivable amounts that are more than 180 days overdue are evaluated for collectability and fully provided for if deemed uncollectible. Historically, our credit losses have generally been insignificant. However, estimating losses requires significant judgment, and conditions may change or new information may become known after any periodic evaluation. As a result, actual credit losses may differ from our estimates.

*Real Estate*

Classification and Impairment Evaluation

We classify real estate in accordance with the criteria of the *Property, Plant and Equipment* Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) (Topic 360) as follows: (i) real estate held for sale, which includes completed assets or land for sale in its present condition that meet all of Topic 360's held for sale criteria, (ii) real estate under development (current), which includes real estate that we are in the process of developing that is expected to be completed and disposed of within one year of the balance sheet date; (iii) real estate under development (non-current), which includes real estate that we are in the process of developing that is expected to be completed and disposed of more than one year from the balance sheet date; or (iv) real estate held for investment, which consists of land on which development activities have not yet commenced and completed assets or land held for disposition that do not meet the held for sale criteria. Any asset reclassified from real estate held for sale to real estate under development (current or non-current) or real estate held for investment is recorded individually at the lower of its fair value at the date of the reclassification or its carrying amount before it was classified as held for sale, adjusted (in the case of real estate held for investment) for any depreciation that would have been recognized had the asset been continuously classified as real estate held for investment.

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Real estate held for sale is recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less cost to sell. If an asset's fair value less cost to sell, based on discounted future cash flows, management estimates or market comparisons, is less than its carrying amount, an allowance is recorded against the asset.

Real estate under development and real estate held for investment are carried at cost less depreciation, as applicable. Buildings and improvements included in real estate held for investment are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives, generally up to 39 years. Tenant improvements included in real

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estate held for investment are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or terms of the respective leases. Land improvements included in real estate held for investment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives, up to 15 years.

When indicators of impairment are present, real estate under development and real estate held for investment are evaluated for impairment and losses are recorded when undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by an asset or market comparisons are less than the asset's carrying amount. The amount of the impairment loss is calculated as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value, which is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis, management estimates or market comparisons.

**Cost Capitalization and Allocation**

When acquiring, developing and constructing real estate assets, we capitalize costs. Capitalization begins when the activities related to development have begun and ceases when activities are substantially complete and the asset is available for occupancy. Costs capitalized include pursuit costs, or pre-acquisition/pre-construction costs, taxes and insurance, interest, development and construction costs and costs of incidental operations. We do not capitalize any internal costs when acquiring, developing and constructing real estate assets. We expense transaction costs for acquisitions that qualify as a business in accordance with the *Business Combinations* Topic of the FASB ASC (Topic 805). Pursuit costs capitalized in connection with a potential development project that we have determined not to pursue are written off in the period that determination is made.

At times, we purchase bulk land that we intend to sell or develop in phases. The land basis allocated to each phase is based on the relative estimated fair value of the phases before construction. We allocate construction costs incurred relating to more than one phase between the various phases; if the costs cannot be specifically attributed to a certain phase or the improvements benefit more than one phase, we allocate the costs between the phases based on their relative estimated sales values, where practicable, or other value methods as appropriate under the circumstances. Relative allocations of the costs are revised as the sales value estimates are revised.

When acquiring real estate with existing buildings, we allocate the purchase price between land, land improvements, building and intangibles related to in-place leases, if any, based on their relative fair values. The fair values of acquired land and buildings are determined based on an estimated discounted future cash flow model with lease-up assumptions as if the building was vacant upon acquisition. The fair value of in-place leases includes the value of lease intangibles for above or below-market rents and tenant origination costs, determined on a lease by lease basis. The capitalized values for both lease intangibles and tenant origination costs are amortized over the term of the underlying leases. Amortization related to lease intangibles is recorded as either an increase to or a reduction of rental income and amortization for tenant origination costs is recorded to amortization expense.

**Disposition of Real Estate**

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Gains on disposition of real estate are recognized upon sale of the underlying project. We evaluate each real estate sale transaction to determine if it qualifies for gain recognition under the full accrual method. If the transaction does not meet the criteria for the full accrual method of profit recognition based on our assessment, we account for a sale based on an appropriate deferral method determined by the nature and extent of the buyer's investment and our continuing involvement.

### Discontinued Operations

Topic 360 extends the reporting of a discontinued operation to a component of an entity, and further requires that a component be classified as a discontinued operation if the operations and cash flows of the



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component have been or will be eliminated from the ongoing operations of the entity in the disposal transaction and the entity will not have any significant continuing involvement in the operations of the component after the disposal transaction. As defined in Topic 360, a component of an entity comprises operations and cash flows that can be clearly distinguished, operationally and for financial reporting purposes, from the rest of the entity. Because each of our real estate assets is generally accounted for in a discrete subsidiary, many constitute a component of an entity under Topic 360, increasing the likelihood that the disposition of assets that we hold for sale in the ordinary course of business must be reported as a discontinued operation unless we have significant continuing involvement in the operations of the asset after its disposition. Furthermore, operating profits and losses on such assets are required to be recognized and reported as operating profits and losses on discontinued operations in the periods in which they occur.

*Business Promotion and Advertising Costs*

The costs of business promotion and advertising are expensed as incurred. Business promotion and advertising costs of \$42.5 million, \$37.5 million and \$27.5 million were included in operating, administrative and other expenses for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

*Foreign Currencies*

The financial statements of subsidiaries located outside the U.S. are generally measured using the local currency as the functional currency. The assets and liabilities of these subsidiaries are translated at the rates of exchange at the balance sheet date, and income and expenses are translated at the average monthly rate. The resulting translation adjustments are included in the accumulated other comprehensive loss component of equity. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in the results of operations. The aggregate transaction losses included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 were \$0.4 million, \$4.0 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

*Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities*

As required by FASB ASC Topic 815 *Derivatives and Hedging*, we record all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative, whether we have elected to designate a derivative in a hedging relationship and apply hedge accounting and whether the hedging relationship has satisfied the criteria necessary to apply hedge accounting. Derivatives designated and qualifying as a hedge of the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives designated and qualifying as a hedge of the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges. Derivatives may also be designated as hedges of the foreign currency exposure of a net investment in a foreign operation. Hedge accounting generally provides for the matching of the timing of gain or loss recognition on the hedging instrument with the recognition of the changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk in a fair value hedge or the earnings effect of the hedged forecasted transactions in a cash flow hedge. We may enter into derivative contracts that are intended to economically hedge certain of our risk,

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even though hedge accounting does not apply or we elect not to apply hedge accounting. In all cases, we view derivative financial instruments as a risk management tool and, accordingly, do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

### *Comprehensive Income (Loss)*

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net income (loss) and other comprehensive (loss) income. In the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, accumulated other comprehensive loss consists of foreign currency

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translation adjustments, unrealized (losses) gains on interest rate swaps and interest rate caps, unrealized holding gains on available for sale securities and other pension liability adjustments. Foreign currency translation adjustments exclude any income tax effect given that earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries are deemed to be reinvested for an indefinite period of time (see Note 16).

*Marketable Securities*

We account for investments in marketable debt and equity securities in accordance with the *Investments Debt and Equity Securities* Topic of the FASB ASC (Topic 320). We determine the appropriate classification of debt and equity securities at the time of purchase and reevaluate such designation as of each balance sheet date. Marketable securities we acquire with the intent to generate a profit from short-term movements in market prices would be classified as trading securities. Debt securities are classified as held to maturity when we have the positive intent and ability to hold the securities to maturity. Marketable equity and debt securities not classified as trading or held to maturity are classified as available for sale.

Trading securities are carried at their fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses included in net income. Available for sale securities are carried at their fair value and any difference between cost and fair value is recorded as unrealized gain or loss, net of income taxes, and is reported as accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statement of equity. Premiums and discounts are recognized in interest income using the effective interest method. Realized gains and losses and declines in value expected to be other-than-temporary on available for sale securities have not been significant. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Interest and dividends on securities classified as available for sale are included in interest income.

*Warehouse Receivables*

Our wholly-owned subsidiary CBRE Capital Markets is a Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) approved Multifamily Program Plus Seller/Servicer and an approved Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) Aggregation and Negotiated Transaction Seller/Servicer. In addition, CBRE Capital Markets wholly-owned subsidiary Multifamily Capital is an approved Fannie Mae Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS) Seller/Servicer and CBRE Capital Markets wholly-owned subsidiary CBRE HMF is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Non-Supervised Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Title II Mortgagee, an approved Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) lender and an approved Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) issuer of mortgage-backed securities (MBS). Under these arrangements, before loans are originated through proceeds from warehouse lines of credit, we obtain either a contractual loan purchase commitment from either Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae or a confirmed forward trade commitment for the issuance and purchase of a Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae MBS that will be secured by the loans. The warehouse lines of credit are generally repaid within a one-month period when Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae buys the loans or upon settlement of the Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae MBS, while we retain the servicing rights. Loans are funded at the prevailing market rates. We elect the fair value option for all warehouse receivables. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, all of the warehouse receivables included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets were either under commitment to be purchased by Freddie Mac or had confirmed forward trade commitments for the issuance and purchase of Fannie Mae mortgage backed securities that will be secured by the underlying loans.

*Mortgage Servicing Rights*

In connection with the origination and sale of mortgage loans with servicing rights retained, we record servicing assets or liabilities based on the fair value of the mortgage servicing rights on the date the loans are

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sold. We also assume or purchase certain servicing assets. Servicing assets are carried at the lower of amortized cost or fair value in other intangible assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are amortized in proportion to and over the estimated period that net servicing income is expected to be received based on projections and timing of estimated future net cash flows.

Our recording of loan servicing rights at their fair value resulted in net gains, which have been reflected in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. The amount of loan servicing rights recognized during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Beginning balance, loan servicing rights	\$ 65,319	\$40,579
Loan servicing rights recognized under Topic 860	56,775	41,153
Loan servicing rights sold	(10,421)	(7,391)
Amortization expense	(16,330)	(9,022)
Ending balance, loan servicing rights	\$ 95,343	\$65,319

Mortgage servicing rights do not actively trade in an open market with readily available observable prices; therefore, fair value is determined based on certain assumptions and judgments, including the estimation of the present value of future cash flows realized from servicing the underlying mortgage loans. Management's assumptions include the benefits of servicing (servicing fee income and interest on escrow deposits), inflation, the cost of servicing, prepayment rates, delinquencies, discount rate and the estimated life of servicing cash flows. The assumptions used are subject to change based on management's judgments and estimates of changes in future cash flows and interest rates, among other things. The key assumptions used during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 in measuring fair value were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Discount rate	15.00%	15.00%	15.00%
Conditional prepayment rate	7.00%	7.00%	7.00-7.21%
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Delinquencies			

The estimated fair value of our mortgage servicing rights was \$111.1 million and \$77.8 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We did not incur any impairment charges related to our servicing rights during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 or 2009.

Included in revenue in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations are contractually specified servicing fees from loans serviced for others of \$28.2 million, \$21.7 million and \$16.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively and late

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fees/ancillary income earned from loans serviced for others of \$1.5 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### *Accounting for Broker Draws*

As part of our recruitment efforts relative to new U.S. brokers, we offer a transitional broker draw arrangement. Our broker draw arrangements generally last until such time as a broker's pipeline of business is

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sufficient to allow him or her to earn sustainable commissions. This program is intended to provide the broker with a minimal amount of cash flow to allow adequate time for his or her training as well as time for him or her to develop business relationships. Similar to traditional salaries, the broker draws are paid irrespective of the actual revenues generated by the broker. Often these broker draws represent the only form of compensation received by the broker. Furthermore, it is not our general policy to pursue collection of unearned broker draws paid under this arrangement. As a result, we have concluded that broker draws are economically equivalent to salaries paid and accordingly charge them to compensation as incurred. The broker is also entitled to earn a commission on completed revenue transactions. This amount is calculated as the commission that would have been payable under our full commission program, less any amounts previously paid to the broker in the form of a draw.

*Stock-Based Compensation*

We account for all employee awards under the fair value recognition provisions of the *Compensation Stock Compensation* Topic of the FASB ASC (Topic 718). Topic 718 requires the measurement of compensation cost at the grant date, based upon the estimated fair value of the award, and requires amortization of the related expense over the employee's requisite service period. See Note 15 for additional information on our stock-based compensation plans.

*Income Per Share*

Basic income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. is computed by dividing net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. The computation of diluted income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. generally further assumes the dilutive effect of potential common shares, which include stock options and certain contingently issuable shares. Contingently issuable shares consist of non-vested stock awards.

*Income Taxes*

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method in accordance with the *Accounting for Income Taxes* Topic of the FASB ASC (Topic 740). Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured by applying enacted tax rates and laws and are released in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are provided against deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

*Self-Insurance*

Our wholly-owned captive insurance company, which is subject to applicable insurance rules and regulations, insures our exposure related to workers' compensation insurance provided to employees and purchases excess coverage from an unrelated insurance carrier. We purchase general liability and automotive insurance through an unrelated insurance carrier. The captive insurance company reinsures the related deductibles. The captive insurance company also insures deductibles relating to professional indemnity claims. Given the nature of these types of claims, it may take several years for resolution and determination of the cost of these claims. We are required to estimate the cost of these claims in our financial statements.

The estimates that we utilize to record our potential losses on claims are inherently subjective, and actual claims could differ from amounts recorded, which could result in increased or decreased expense in future.



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periods. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, our reserves for claims under these insurance programs were \$51.8 million and \$35.4 million, respectively, which were included in other current and other long-term liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Of these amounts, \$16.1 million and \$8.2 million, respectively, represented our estimated current liabilities as of December 31, 2011 and 2010.

*Non-Controlling Interests in Consolidated Limited Life Subsidiaries*

As of December 31, 2011, the estimated settlement value of non-controlling interests in our consolidated limited life subsidiaries approximates the carrying value of \$79.3 million, which was included in non-controlling interests in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2010, the estimated settlement value of non-controlling interests in our consolidated limited life subsidiaries was \$110.1 million, as compared to the carrying value of \$107.1 million, which was included in non-controlling interests in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

*New Accounting Pronouncements*

In December 2010, the FASB issued ASU 2010-29, *Business Combinations (Topic 805): Disclosure of Supplementary Pro Forma Information for Business Combinations*. ASU 2010-29 specifies that when a public company completes a business combination, the company should disclose revenue and earnings of the combined entity as though the business combination occurred as of the beginning of the comparable prior annual reporting period. The update also expands the supplemental pro forma disclosures under Topic 805 to include a description of the nature and amount of material, non-recurring pro forma adjustments directly attributable to the business combination included in the pro forma revenue and earnings. The requirements of ASU 2010-29 are effective for business combinations that occur on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010. We adopted this ASU during the year ended December 31, 2011 (see Note 3) and do not believe the adoption of this update had a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-03, *Transfers and Servicing (Topic 860): Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements*. ASU 2011-03 specifies when an entity may or may not recognize a sale upon the transfer of financial assets subject to repurchase agreements. That determination is based, in part, on whether the entity has maintained effective control over the transferred financial assets. The requirements of ASU 2011-03 will be effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*. These amendments were issued to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). ASU 2011-04 changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements, particularly for level 3 fair value measurements. This ASU is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption prohibited. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. This ASU eliminates the option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in stockholders' equity and requires an entity to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income either

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in a single continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12, *Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassification of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05*. This ASU defers indefinitely certain requirements from ASU 2011-05 that relate to the presentation of reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income. ASU 2011-05 and ASU 2011-12 are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted, and requires retrospective application for all periods presented. We elected to adopt these ASUs early and have provided the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income in two separate but consecutive statements in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. We do not believe the adoption of these updates had a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08, *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment*. This ASU gives companies the option to perform a qualitative assessment to first assess whether the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If an entity determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, then performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary. ASU 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-10, *Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Derecognition of in Substance Real Estate a Scope Clarification*. This ASU requires that a reporting entity that ceases to have a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary that is in substance real estate as a result of default on the subsidiary's nonrecourse debt would apply FASB ASC Subtopic 360-20, *Property, Plant, and Equipment Real Estate Sales*, to determine whether to derecognize assets and liabilities of that subsidiary. ASU 2011-10 is effective prospectively for a deconsolidation event that takes place in fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after June 15, 2012. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-11, *Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Derecognition of in Substance Real Estate a Scope Clarification*. This ASU adds certain additional disclosure requirements about financial instruments and derivative instruments that are subject to netting arrangements. ASU 2011-11 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after January 1, 2013, with retrospective application required. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material impact on the disclosure requirements for our consolidated financial statements.

**3. REIM Acquisitions**

On February 15, 2011, we announced that we had entered into definitive agreements to acquire the majority of the real estate investment management business of Netherlands-based ING for approximately \$940 million in cash. The acquisitions included substantially all of the ING REIM operations in Europe and Asia, as well as substantially all of CRES, its U.S.-based global real estate listed securities business (collectively referred to as ING REIM). On February 15, 2011, the Company also announced that it expected to acquire approximately \$55 million of CRES co-investments from ING and potentially additional interests in other funds managed by ING REIM Europe and ING REIM Asia. Upon completion of the acquisitions (collectively referred to as the REIM Acquisitions), ING REIM became part of our Global Investment

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Management segment (which conducts business through our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRE Global Investors, an independently operated business segment). We completed the REIM Acquisitions in order to significantly enhance our ability to meet the needs of institutional investors across global markets with a full spectrum of investment programs and strategies.

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The Company secured borrowings of \$800.0 million of new term loans to finance the REIM Acquisitions (see Note 13). Of this amount, \$400.0 million was drawn on June 30, 2011 to finance the CRES portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on July 1, 2011. On August 31, 2011, the Company drew down the remaining \$400.0 million, part of which was used to finance the ING REIM Asia portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on October 3, 2011, and the remainder, along with cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility, was used to finance the ING REIM Europe portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on October 31, 2011.

The following represents a summary of the purchase price for the REIM Acquisitions and the excess purchase price over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired (dollars in thousands):

Purchase of CRES on July 1, 2011	\$ 323,896
Purchase of CRES co-investments on July 1, 2011	58,566
Purchase of ING REIM Asia on October 3, 2011	45,556
Purchase of ING REIM Europe on October 31, 2011	442,543
<b>Total purchase price</b>	<b>870,561</b>
Less estimated fair value of net assets acquired (see table below)	(397,830)
<b>Excess purchase price over estimated fair value of net assets acquired</b>	<b>\$ 472,731</b>

In connection with our acquisition of CRES, we acquired CRES co-investments from ING in three funds (CRES Funds) for an aggregate purchase price of \$58.6 million, which has been included above. We determined that the CRES Funds were not variable interest entities and accordingly determined the method of accounting based upon voting control. The limited partners/members of the CRES Funds lack substantive rights that would overcome our presumption of control. Accordingly, we began consolidating the CRES Funds as of the acquisition date of July 1, 2011. Included in the consolidation of the CRES Funds on July 1, 2011 was \$182.9 million of non-controlling interests. In connection with the REIM Acquisitions, we also acquired three ING REIM Asia co-investments from ING for an aggregate amount of \$13.9 million on October 3, 2011 and one ING REIM Europe co-investment for \$7.4 million on October 31, 2011. Our initial estimate of \$940 million in total purchase price for the REIM Acquisitions has been reduced by approximately \$47 million for certain fund and separate account management contracts that were not acquired and for certain balance sheet adjustments. There is a possibility of an additional closing of approximately \$80 million and co-investments of up to \$68 million in the future related to our acquisition of ING REIM Europe.

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The preliminary purchase accounting adjustments related to the REIM Acquisitions have been recorded in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The excess purchase price over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired has been recorded to goodwill. The goodwill arising from the REIM Acquisitions consists largely of the synergies and economies of scale expected from combining the operations acquired from ING with ours. Only \$8.3 million of the goodwill recorded in connection with the REIM Acquisitions is deductible for tax purposes. Given the complexity of the transaction, the calculation of the fair value of certain assets and liabilities acquired, primarily intangible assets and income tax items, is still preliminary. The purchase price allocation is expected to be completed as soon as practicable, but no later than one year from the acquisition date. The following table summarizes the aggregate estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed in the REIM Acquisitions (dollars in thousands):

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 289,666
Restricted cash	10,043
Receivables, net	83,617
Trading securities	235,284
Prepaid expenses	3,106
Deferred tax assets, current	2,223
Other current assets	699
Property, plant and equipment	10,562
Other intangible assets	433,650
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	1,760
Other assets	8,326
<b>Total assets acquired</b>	<b>\$ 1,078,936</b>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	288,626
Compensation and employee benefits payable	28,722
Accrued bonus and profit sharing	33,382
Income taxes payable	16,575
Deferred tax liabilities, long-term	130,903
<b>Total liabilities assumed</b>	<b>\$ 498,208</b>
<b>Non-controlling interests acquired</b>	<b>\$ 182,898</b>
<b>Estimated fair value of net assets acquired</b>	<b>\$ 397,830</b>

The following is a summary of the preliminary estimate of the intangible assets not subject to amortization that were acquired in connection with the REIM Acquisitions (dollars in thousands):

Intangible Asset Class	Amount Assigned At	At December 31, 2011	
		Accumulated Foreign	Net Carrying Amount

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	Acquisition Date	Currency Translation	
Trade name	\$ 20,400	\$	\$ 20,400
Asset management contracts	222,300	(6,285)	216,015
Total non-amortizable intangibles acquired	\$ 242,700	\$ (6,285)	\$ 236,415

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The following is a summary of the preliminary estimate of the amortizable intangible assets acquired in connection with the REIM Acquisitions (dollars in thousands):

Intangible Asset Class	Weighted Average Amortization Period	Amount Assigned At Acquisition Date	At December 31, 2011	
			Accumulated Amortization and Foreign Currency Translation	Net Carrying Amount
Asset management contracts	11 years	\$ 170,350	\$ (7,872)	\$ 162,478
Non-compete agreements	2 years	20,600	(3,181)	17,419
<b>Total amortizable intangibles acquired</b>	<b>10 years</b>	<b>\$ 190,950</b>	<b>\$ (11,053)</b>	<b>\$ 179,897</b>

The consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011 includes revenue, operating income and net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. of \$84.6 million, \$15.7 million and \$9.1 million, respectively, attributable to the REIM Acquisitions. This does not include direct transaction and integration costs incurred during the year ended December 31, 2011 of \$66.7 million in connection with the REIM Acquisitions.

Unaudited pro forma results, assuming the REIM Acquisitions had occurred as of January 1, 2010 for purposes of the 2011 and 2010 pro forma disclosures, are presented below. They include certain adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, including \$14.1 million and \$25.6 million, respectively, of increased amortization expense as a result of intangible assets acquired in the REIM Acquisitions, \$18.9 million and \$32.8 million, respectively, of additional interest expense as a result of debt incurred to finance the REIM Acquisitions, the removal of \$73.0 million of direct costs incurred by us and ING related to the REIM Acquisitions for the year ended December 31, 2011, and the tax impact in both years of the pro forma adjustments. These unaudited pro forma results have been prepared for comparative purposes only and do not purport to be indicative of what operating results would have been had the REIM Acquisitions occurred on January 1, 2010 and may not be indicative of future operating results (dollars in thousands, except share data):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
	(Unaudited)	
Revenue	\$ 6,135,185	\$ 5,414,838
Operating income	\$ 558,723	\$ 461,899
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 261,204	\$ 195,130
Basic income per share	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.62
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic income per share	318,454,191	313,873,439
Diluted income per share	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.61
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted income per share	323,723,755	319,016,887

**4. Variable Interest Entities**



A consolidated subsidiary (the Venture) in our Global Investment Management segment sponsored investments by third-party investors in eight commercial properties through the formation of tenant-in-common limited liability companies and Delaware Statutory Trusts (collectively referred to as the Entities ) that are owned by the third-party investors. The Venture also formed and is a member of a limited liability company for each property that serves as master tenant (Master Tenant). Each Master Tenant leases the property from the Entities through a master lease agreement. Pursuant to the master lease agreements, the Master Tenant has the power to direct the day-to-day asset management activities

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that most significantly impact the economic performance of the Entities. As a result, the Entities were deemed to be variable interest entities since the third-party investors holding the equity investment at risk in the Entities do not direct the day-to-day activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the properties held by the Entities.

The Venture has made and may continue to make voluntary contributions to each of these properties to support their operations beyond the cash flow generated by the properties themselves. As of the most recent reconsideration date, such financial support has been significant enough that the Venture was deemed to be the primary beneficiary of each entity. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Venture funded \$0.2 million of financial support to the Entities.

The Entities were initially consolidated by the Venture upon adoption of ASU 2009-17 on January 1, 2010. The Entities' assets and associated mortgage notes payable aggregated \$251.0 million and \$221.5 million, respectively, and were recorded based on their fair value at adoption. We did not recognize a gain or loss on the initial consolidation of these Entities. The assets of the Entities are the sole collateral for the mortgage notes payable and other liabilities of the Entities and as such, the creditors and equity investors of these Entities have no recourse to our assets held outside of these Entities. During the year ended December 31, 2011, five of the original eight commercial properties were sold.

Operating results relating to the Entities for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 include the following (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Revenue	\$ 22,484	\$ 34,498
Operating, administrative and other expenses	\$ 12,146	\$ 20,916
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	\$ 36,548	\$
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	\$ 30,418	\$ (13,232)

Investments in real estate of \$61.3 million and \$243.0 million and nonrecourse mortgage notes payable of \$60.9 million (\$1.2 million of which is current) and \$223.1 million (\$34.9 million of which is current) are included in real estate assets held for investment and notes payable on real estate, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. In addition, non-controlling interests of \$1.6 million and \$20.6 million in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, are attributable to the Entities.

We hold variable interests in certain VIEs in our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments which are not consolidated as it was determined that we are not the primary beneficiary. Our involvement with these entities is in the form of equity co-investments and fee arrangements.

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As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, our maximum exposure to loss related to the VIE s which are not consolidated was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	\$ 15,483	\$ 31,025
Co-investment commitments	37,019	3,237
<b>Maximum exposure to loss</b>	<b>\$ 52,502</b>	<b>\$ 34,262</b>

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The *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* Topic of the FASB ASC (Topic 820) defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Topic 820 also establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

There were no significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

The following tables present the fair value of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	As of December 31, 2011			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>Assets</i>				
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 6,838	\$	\$	\$ 6,838
Debt securities issued by U.S. federal agency obligations		6,024		6,024
Corporate debt securities		9,969		9,969
Asset-backed securities		5,226		5,226
Collateralized mortgage obligations		3,037		3,037
Total debt securities	6,838	24,256		31,094
Equity securities	6,301			6,301

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Total available for sale securities	13,139	24,256		37,395
Trading securities	151,484			151,484
Warehouse receivables		720,061		720,061
<b>Total assets at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 164,623</b>	<b>\$ 744,317</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 908,940</b>
<i>Liabilities</i>				
Securities sold, not yet purchased	\$ 98,810	\$	\$	\$ 98,810
Interest rate swaps		39,872		39,872
<b>Total liabilities at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 98,810</b>	<b>\$ 39,872</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 138,682</b>

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	As of December 31, 2010			Total
	Fair Value Measured and Recorded Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>Assets</i>				
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 9,699	\$	\$	\$ 9,699
Debt securities issued by U.S. federal agency obligations		4,522		4,522
Corporate debt securities		9,844		9,844
Asset-backed securities		3,320		3,320
Collateralized mortgage obligations		1,671		1,671
Total debt securities	9,699	19,357		29,056
Equity securities	5,898			5,898
Total available for sale securities	15,597	19,357		34,954
Warehouse receivables		485,433		485,433
Total assets at fair value	\$ 15,597	\$ 504,790	\$	\$ 520,387

Fair value measurements for our available for sale securities are obtained from independent pricing services which utilize observable market data that may include quoted market prices, dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. treasury yield curve, trading levels, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the instrument's terms and conditions.

The trading securities and securities sold, not yet purchased are primarily in the U.S. and are generally valued at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation or, if no sales occurred on the valuation date, at the mean of the bid and asked prices on such date.

The fair values of the warehouse receivables are calculated based on already locked in security buy prices. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, all of the warehouse receivables included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets were either under commitment to be purchased by Freddie Mac or had confirmed forward trade commitments for the issuance and purchase of Fannie Mae mortgage backed securities that will be secured by the underlying warehouse lines of credit (See Note 2). These assets are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy as all inputs are readily observable.

The valuation of interest rate swaps is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash payments and the discounted expected variable cash receipts. The variable cash receipts are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate forward curves. To comply with the provisions of Topic 820, we incorporate credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of our derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings,

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thresholds, mutual puts, and guarantees. Although we have determined that the majority of the inputs used to value our derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with our derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as

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estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by us and our counterparties. However, as of December 31, 2011, we have determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of our derivatives. As a result, we have determined that our derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following tables are a summary of our available for sale and trading securities (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2011			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 6,711	\$ 132	\$ (5)	\$ 6,838
Debt securities issued by U.S. federal agency obligations	5,944	92	(12)	6,024
Corporate debt securities	9,789	253	(73)	9,969
Asset-backed securities	5,244	30	(48)	5,226
Collateralized mortgage obligations	3,046	24	(33)	3,037
<b>Total debt securities</b>	<b>30,734</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>(171)</b>	<b>31,094</b>
Equity securities	6,169	531	(399)	6,301
<b>Total available for sale securities</b>	<b>36,903</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>(570)</b>	<b>37,395</b>
Trading securities	147,861	3,623		151,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 184,764</b>	<b>\$ 4,685</b>	<b>\$ (570)</b>	<b>\$ 188,879</b>

	December 31, 2010			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. treasury securities	\$ 9,480	\$ 265	\$ (46)	\$ 9,699
Debt securities issued by U.S. federal agency obligations	4,419	106	(3)	4,522
Corporate debt securities	9,684	207	(47)	9,844
Asset-backed securities	3,320	22	(22)	3,320
Collateralized mortgage obligations	1,632	42	(3)	1,671
<b>Total debt securities</b>	<b>28,535</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>(121)</b>	<b>29,056</b>
Equity securities	5,626	482	(210)	5,898
<b>Total available for sale securities</b>	<b>\$ 34,161</b>	<b>\$ 1,124</b>	<b>\$ (331)</b>	<b>\$ 34,954</b>





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The net carrying value and estimated fair value of debt securities at December 31, 2011, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Actual repayment dates may differ from contractual maturities because the issuers of the securities may have the right to prepay obligations.

	<b>December 31, 2011</b>	
	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Debt securities:</b>		
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,826	\$ 2,790
Due after one year through five years	5,406	5,418
Due after five years through ten years	10,873	11,236
Due after ten years	3,339	3,387
Asset-backed securities	5,244	5,226
Collateralized mortgage obligations	3,046	3,037
Total debt securities	\$ 30,734	\$ 31,094

We did not record any significant dividends or interest income related to marketable securities for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009.

We did not hold any investments in trading securities during 2009 and 2010. The portion of net gains and losses for the year ending December 31, 2011 relating to trading securities still held at December 31, 2011 is calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

Net gains recognized during the year ended December 31, 2011 on trading securities	\$ 1,706
Less: Net realized losses recognized on trading securities sold during the year ended December 31, 2011	(1,917)
Net unrealized gains recognized during the year ended December 31, 2011 on trading securities still held at December 31, 2011	\$ 3,623

The following non-recurring fair value measurements were recorded for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 (dollars in thousands):

Net Carrying Value	Fair Value Measured and Recorded Using	Total Impairment
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	as of December 31, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Charges for the Year Ended December 31, 2011
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	\$ 24,084	\$	\$	\$ 24,084	\$ 5,550
Real estate	\$ 37,322	\$	\$	\$ 37,322	4,337
<b>Total impairment charges</b>					<b>\$ 9,887</b>

	Net Carrying Value as of December 31, 2010	Fair Value Measured and Recorded Using			Total Impairment Charges for the Year Ended December 31, 2010
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	\$ 47,999	\$	\$	\$ 47,999	\$ 11,801
Real estate	\$ 82,670	\$	\$	\$ 82,670	26,897
Notes receivable	\$	\$	\$	\$	250
<b>Total impairment charges</b>					<b>\$ 38,948</b>

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	Net Carrying Value as of December 31, 2009	Fair Value Measured and Recorded Using			Total Impairment Charges for the Year Ended December 31, 2009
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	\$ 67,756	\$	\$	\$ 67,756	\$ 35,738
Real estate	\$ 130,786	\$	\$	\$ 130,786	32,690
Notes receivable	\$	\$	\$	\$	5,860
Total impairment charges					\$ 74,288

The fair value measurements employed for our impairment evaluations were generally based on a discounted cash flow approach and/or review of comparable activities in the market place. Inputs used in these evaluations included risk-free rates of return, estimated risk premiums as well as other economic variables.

*Investments in Unconsolidated Subsidiaries*

During the year ended December 31, 2011, we recorded write-downs of \$5.6 million, of which \$0.1 million were attributable to non-controlling interests. During the year ended December 31, 2011, \$5.5 million of the investment write-downs were reported in our Global Investment Management segment and \$0.1 million were reported in our Development Services segment. These write-downs were primarily driven by a decrease in the estimated holding period of certain assets.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, we recorded write-downs of \$11.8 million, of which \$3.8 million were attributable to non-controlling interests. During the year ended December 31, 2010, \$9.4 million of the investments write-downs were reported in our Global Investment Management segment and driven by a decrease in the estimated holding period of certain assets. In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2010, we incurred an additional \$1.2 million of impairment charges in each of our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments, all driven by a decline in value of several investments attributable to slower than expected leasing.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded investment write-downs of \$35.7 million, of which \$9.2 million were attributable to non-controlling interests. During the year ended December 31, 2009, \$10.7 million of the investment write-downs were reported in our Global Investment Management segment and were primarily driven by a decrease in the estimated holding period of certain assets. In addition, \$7.0 million of investment write-downs were reported in our Development Services segment, primarily resulting from the weak economic conditions, including high unemployment and slow leasing. Lastly, during the year ended December 31, 2009, we incurred an additional \$18.0 million of impairment charges, mainly attributable to declines in value of several investments, primarily as a result of significant capital market turmoil. Of the additional impairment charges noted above, \$9.9 million was reported in our Global Investment Management segment and \$8.1 million was reported in our Development Services segment.

All of our impairment charges related to investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries were included in equity income (loss) from unconsolidated subsidiaries in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. When we performed our impairment analysis, the assumptions utilized reflected our outlook for the commercial real estate industry and the impact on our business. This outlook incorporated our belief that market conditions deteriorated and that these challenging conditions could persist for some time.

*Real Estate*

During the year ended December 31, 2011, we recorded charges of \$4.3 million, including provisions for losses on real estate held for sale and impairment charges on real estate held for investment. Of this amount, \$0.3

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million was attributable to non-controlling interests. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we recorded provisions for losses on real estate held for sale of \$2.6 million. These charges reduced the carrying value of certain assets to their fair value, less cost to sell, primarily due to reduced selling prices resulting from a decrease in the estimated holding period of certain assets. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2011, we recorded impairment charges of \$1.7 million related to real estate held for investment, which were attributable to continued challenging market conditions.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, we recorded charges of \$26.9 million, including impairment charges on real estate held for investment and provisions for losses on real estate held for sale. Of this amount, \$23.8 million was attributable to non-controlling interests. During the year ended December 31, 2010, we recorded impairment charges of \$24.6 million related to nine real estate projects primarily due to a decrease in the estimated holding period of several of the projects and continued capital market disruption. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2010, we recorded provisions for losses on real estate held for sale of \$2.3 million to reduce the carrying values of two office buildings, an operating hotel and a land parcel to their fair value less cost to sell, primarily due to reduced expected selling prices resulting from continued challenging market conditions.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded charges of \$32.7 million, including impairment charges on real estate held for investment and provision for losses on real estate held for sale. Of this amount, \$27.0 million was attributable to non-controlling interests. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded impairment charges of \$28.8 million related to 13 projects where the carrying value was not recoverable primarily due to a decrease in the estimated holding periods of the projects. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded provision for losses on real estate held for sale of \$3.9 million to reduce the carrying values of a condominium project and two pieces of land to their fair value less cost to sell, primarily due to reduced selling prices resulting from market conditions.

All of the abovementioned charges were reported in our Development Services segment and included within operating, administrative and other expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, with the exception of a \$1.3 million provision for loss on real estate for the year ended December 31, 2011, which was included within activity from discontinued operations. If conditions in the broader economy, commercial real estate industry, specific markets or product types in which we operate worsen, we may be required to evaluate additional projects or re-evaluate previously impaired projects for potential impairment. These evaluations could result in additional impairment charges, which may be material.

*Notes Receivable*

During the year ended December 31, 2010 we recorded a \$0.3 million impairment charge on a note receivable secured by real estate, due to a decrease in value of the borrower's real estate project, the proceeds from the sale of which would be used to repay the note receivable.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, we recorded a \$5.9 million impairment charge on two notes receivable secured by real estate as a result of the borrower defaulting on the notes. Of this amount, \$5.4 million was attributable to non-controlling interests. These defaults resulted from the borrowers' noncompliance with certain terms of the note agreements. As a result, we accepted assignment of the underlying real estate

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assets in lieu of foreclosing under our security deeds. The impairment charge we recorded represents the difference between the carrying amounts of the notes and the fair value of the real estate assets acquired. This transaction also resulted in a non-cash reclassification of \$17.3 million from notes receivable to real estate held for investment during the year ended December 31, 2009.

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All of our impairment charges associated with notes receivable were included in operating, administrative and other expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations within our Development Services segment.

FASB ASC Topic 825, *Financial Instruments* also requires disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Our financial instruments are as follows:

*Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash:* These balances include cash and cash equivalents as well as restricted cash with maturities of less than three months. The carrying amount approximates fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

*Receivables, less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:* Due to their short-term nature, fair value approximates carrying value.

*Warehouse Receivables:* These balances are carried at fair value based on market prices at the balance sheet date.

*Trading and Available for Sale Securities:* These investments are carried at their fair value.

*Securities Sold, not yet Purchased:* These liabilities are carried at their fair value.

*Short-Term Borrowings:* The majority of this balance represents our revolving credit facility and our warehouse lines of credit outstanding for CBRE Capital Markets. Due to the short-term nature and variable interest rates of these instruments, fair value approximates carrying value (see Note 13).

*Senior Secured Term Loans:* Based upon information from third-party banks, the estimated fair value of our senior secured term loans was approximately \$1.7 billion at December 31, 2011, which approximates their actual carrying value at December 31, 2011 (See Note 13).

*Interest Rate Swaps:* These liabilities are carried at their fair value as calculated by using widely accepted valuation techniques including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative (see Note 6).



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*11.625% Senior Subordinated Notes:* Based on dealers' quotes, the estimated fair value of our 11.625% senior subordinated notes was \$504.3 million at December 31, 2011. Their actual carrying value totaled \$439.0 million at December 31, 2011 (see Note 13).

*6.625% Senior Notes:* Based on dealers' quotes, the estimated fair value of our 6.625% senior notes was \$364.9 million at December 31, 2011. Their actual carrying value totaled \$350.0 million at December 31, 2011 (see Note 13).

*Notes Payable on Real Estate:* As of December 31, 2011, the carrying value of our notes payable on real estate was \$372.9 million (See Note 12). These borrowings mostly have floating interest rates at spreads over a market rate index. It is likely that some portion of our notes payable on real estate have fair values lower than actual carrying values. Given our volume of notes payable and the cost involved in estimating their fair value, we determined it was not practicable to do so. Additionally, only \$13.6 million of these notes payable are recourse to us as of December 31, 2011.

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We are exposed to certain risks arising from both our business operations and economic conditions. We manage economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of our debt funding and by using derivative financial instruments. Specifically, we enter into derivative financial instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates. Our derivative financial instruments are used to manage differences in the amount, timing, and duration of our known or expected cash payments principally related to our borrowings. Our objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage our exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, we primarily use interest rate swaps as part of our interest rate risk management strategy.

In March 2011, we entered into five interest rate swap agreements, all with effective dates in October 2011, and immediately designated them as cash flow hedges. The purpose of these interest rate swap agreements is to hedge potential changes to our cash flows due to the variable interest nature of our senior secured term loan facilities. The total notional amount of these interest rate swap agreements is \$400.0 million, with \$200.0 million expiring in October 2017 and \$200.0 million expiring in September 2019. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the derivatives is recognized directly in earnings. There was no hedge ineffectiveness for the year ended December 31, 2011. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and qualifying as cash flow hedges is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the balance sheet and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. As of December 31, 2011, there is \$39.9 million included in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets related to these interest rate swaps, which will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on our senior secured term loan facilities. During the next twelve months, we estimate that \$10.2 million will be reclassified as an increase to interest expense.

The following table presents the fair value of our interest rate swaps as well as their classification on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2011 (dollars in thousands):

	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value as of December 31, 2011	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value as of December 31, 2011
Interest rate swaps	Other assets	\$	Other liabilities	\$ 39,872

The following table presents the effect of our interest rate swaps on our consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2011 (dollars in thousands):

Amount of Loss Recognized in	Location of Loss Reclassified from	Amount of Loss Reclassified from	Location of Loss Recognized in Income	Amount of Loss Recognized
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	<b>Other Comprehensive Loss on Derivative (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss into Income Statement (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss into Income Statement (Effective Portion)</b>	<b>on Derivative (Ineffective Portion)</b>	<b>on Derivative (Ineffective Portion)</b>
Interest rate swaps	\$ (42,732)	Interest expense	\$ (2,860)	Interest expense	\$

We have agreements with some of our derivative counterparties that contain a provision where (1) if we default on any of our indebtedness, including default where repayment of the indebtedness has not been

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accelerated by the lender, then we could also be declared in default on our derivative obligations; or (2) we could be declared in default on our derivative obligations if repayment of the underlying indebtedness is accelerated by the lender due to our default on the indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2011, the fair value of derivatives related to these agreements is a net liability position of \$40.9 million, which includes accrued interest but excludes any adjustment for nonperformance risk. As of December 31, 2011, we have not posted any collateral related to these agreements. Had we breached any of the provisions discussed above at December 31, 2011, we may have been required to settle our obligations under the agreements at their termination value of \$44.5 million.

From time to time, we enter into interest rate swap and cap agreements in order to limit our interest expense related to our notes payable on real estate. If any of these agreements are not designated as effective hedges, then they are marked to market each period with the change in fair value recognized in current period earnings. The net impact on our earnings resulting from gains and/or losses on interest rate swap and cap agreements associated with notes payable on real estate has not been significant.

We routinely monitor our exposure to currency exchange rate changes in connection with transactions and sometimes enter into foreign currency exchange swap, option and forward contracts to limit our exposure to such transactions, as appropriate. In the normal course of business, we also sometimes utilize derivative financial instruments in the form of foreign currency exchange contracts to mitigate foreign currency exchange exposure resulting from inter-company loans, expected cash flow and earnings. Included in the consolidated statements of operations were net losses of \$1.5 million, \$1.0 million and \$3.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, resulting from net losses on foreign currency exchange swap, option and forward contracts. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we did not have any foreign currency exchange contracts outstanding.

We also enter into loan commitments that relate to the origination or acquisition of commercial mortgage loans that will be held for resale. Topic 815 requires that these commitments be recorded at their fair values as derivatives. The net impact on our financial position and earnings resulting from these derivatives contracts has not been significant.

**7. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consists of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Useful Lives	December 31,	
		2011	2010
Computer hardware and software	3 years	\$ 301,984	\$ 234,051
Leasehold improvements	1-15 years	192,230	133,309

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Furniture and equipment	3-10 years	176,306	156,245
Equipment under capital leases	3-5 years	1,064	4,812
Total cost		671,584	528,417
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(376,096)	(340,020)
Property and equipment, net		\$ 295,488	\$ 188,397

Depreciation and amortization expense associated with property and equipment was \$54.2 million, \$58.7 million and \$59.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 (dollars in thousands):

	Americas	EMEA	Asia Pacific	Global Investment Management	Development Services	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2009						
Goodwill	\$ 1,635,580	\$ 490,822	\$ 116,891	\$ 44,922	\$ 86,663	\$ 2,374,878
Accumulated impairment losses	(798,290)	(138,631)		(44,922)	(86,663)	(1,068,506)
	837,290	352,191	116,891			1,306,372
Purchase accounting entries related to acquisitions	5,775	7,491	6,519	1,561		21,346
Foreign exchange movement	968	(19,831)	14,946			(3,917)
Balance as of December 31, 2010						
Goodwill	1,642,323	478,482	138,356	46,483	86,663	2,392,307
Accumulated impairment losses	(798,290)	(138,631)		(44,922)	(86,663)	(1,068,506)
	844,033	339,851	138,356	1,561		1,323,801
Purchase accounting entries related to acquisitions		24,659	23,344	472,731		520,734
Foreign exchange movement	(575)	(9,025)	(1,503)	(5,025)		(16,128)
Balance as of December 31, 2011						
Goodwill	1,641,748	494,116	160,197	514,189	86,663	2,896,913
Accumulated impairment losses	(798,290)	(138,631)		(44,922)	(86,663)	(1,068,506)
	\$ 843,458	\$ 355,485	\$ 160,197	\$ 469,267	\$	\$ 1,828,407

During 2011, in addition to the REIM Acquisitions, we completed five in-fill acquisitions, including a valuation business in Australia, a retail property management business in central and eastern Europe, our former affiliate company in Switzerland, a retail services business in the U.K. and a shopping center management business in the Netherlands. Because of the economic downturn, no acquisitions were completed in 2009 and 2010, except for a small niche industrial practice in the United Kingdom (U.K.) acquired in the second quarter of 2010 and a small commercial property asset management and consultancy services firm in Hong Kong in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Our annual assessment of goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives has historically been completed as of the beginning of the fourth quarter of each year. We performed the 2011, 2010 and 2009 annual assessments as of October 1. When we performed our required annual goodwill impairment review as of October 1, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we determined that no impairment existed as the

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estimated fair value of our reporting units was in excess of their carrying value. Although economic conditions remained weak for most of 2009 and our full year revenues for 2009 declined when compared to 2008, we did note early signs of an economic recovery taking place in the latter part of 2009, which continued throughout 2010 and 2011. This was evidenced by several indicators, including our stock price (\$13.46 per share on October 1, 2011, \$18.13 per share on October 1, 2010 and \$10.94 per share on October 1, 2009 versus \$4.32 per share at December 31, 2008), a return to positive economic growth in the U.S. in the second half of 2009 and an economic rebound in the Asia

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Pacific region with transaction activity beginning to revive in late 2009. These indicators, as well as the benefit of cost reduction measures implemented in the second half of 2008 and in 2009, led to a significant increase in the estimated fair value of the Company's reporting units as of October 1, 2011, 2010 and 2009 as compared to the estimated fair value at December 31, 2008. In addition, the overall size of our goodwill being tested was sharply reduced as a result of the \$1.1 billion impairment charge recorded during the year ended December 31, 2008. This impairment charge included the write-off of goodwill in its entirety in two reporting units that were most severely impacted by the weak economic conditions at that time (i.e. Global Investment Management and Development Services).

If we experience a significant or sustained decline in our future cash flows and/or current economic conditions, we may need to perform additional impairment analysis in the future.

Other intangible assets totaled \$794.3 million and \$332.9 million, net of accumulated amortization of \$195.0 million and \$166.3 million, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and are comprised of the following (dollars in thousands):

	2011		December 31, 2010	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
<b>Unamortizable intangible assets</b>				
Management contracts	\$ 216,015		\$	
Trademarks	56,800		56,800	
Trade names	40,226		19,826	
	\$ 313,041		\$ 76,626	
<b>Amortizable intangible assets</b>				
Customer relationships	\$ 257,585	\$ (66,994)	\$ 230,667	\$ (51,207)
Management contracts	177,219	(14,667)	22,473	(21,873)
Loan servicing rights	128,903	(33,560)	87,820	(22,501)
Backlog and incentive fees	47,237	(47,237)	47,307	(47,307)
Other	65,322	(32,524)	34,257	(23,407)
	\$ 676,266	\$ (194,982)	\$ 422,524	\$ (166,295)
<b>Total intangible assets</b>	<b>\$ 989,307</b>	<b>\$ (194,982)</b>	<b>\$ 499,150</b>	<b>\$ (166,295)</b>

Management contracts with indefinite useful lives primarily represent intangible assets identified as a result of the REIM Acquisitions relating to relationships with open-end funds. Trademarks of \$56.8 million were separately identified as a result of the 2001 Acquisition. In connection with the REIM Acquisitions, a trade name of \$20.4 million was separately identified, which represented the Clarion Partners trade name in the



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U.S. As a result of the Insignia Acquisition, a \$19.8 million trade name was separately identified, which represented the Richard Ellis trade name in the U.K. These intangible assets have indefinite useful lives and accordingly are not being amortized.

Customer relationships primarily represent intangible assets identified in the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition relating to existing relationships primarily in the brokerage, property management, project management and facilities management lines of business. These intangible assets are being amortized over useful lives of up to 20 years.

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Management contracts consist primarily of asset management contracts relating to relationships with closed-end funds and separate accounts in the U.S., Europe and Asia that were separately identified as a result of the REIM Acquisitions. Also included in management contracts are property management contracts in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and France, as well as valuation services and fund management contracts in the U.K. These management contracts are being amortized over useful lives of up to 13 years.

Loan servicing rights represent the fair value of servicing assets in our mortgage brokerage line of business in the U.S. The loan servicing rights are being amortized over the useful lives of the underlying loans, which are generally up to ten years.

Backlog and incentive fees mostly represented the fair value of net revenue backlog and incentive fees acquired as part of the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition as well as other in-fill acquisitions. These intangible assets were amortized over useful lives of up to one year.

Other amortizable intangible assets mainly represent transition costs, non-compete agreements acquired as a result of the REIM Acquisitions and other intangible assets acquired as a result of the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition and the Insignia Acquisition. Other intangible assets are being amortized over useful lives of up to 20 years.

Amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$41.9 million, \$23.1 million and \$19.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The estimated annual amortization expense for each of the years ending December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2016 approximates \$62.2 million, \$56.6 million, \$49.0 million, \$45.0 million and \$40.7 million, respectively.

**9. Investments in Unconsolidated Subsidiaries**

Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries are accounted for under the equity method of accounting and include the following (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
Global Investment Management	\$ 95,135	\$ 81,601
Development Services	48,900	37,140
Other	22,797	20,232
	\$ 166,832	\$ 138,973



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The results for the year ended December 31, 2011 include the activity of equity investments acquired from and new co-investments made in connection with the ING REIM Asia and ING REIM Europe acquisitions from October 3, 2011 and October 31, 2011, respectively, the dates each respective business was acquired. Combined condensed financial information for the entities accounted for using the equity method is as follows (dollars in thousands):

## Condensed Balance Sheets Information:

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
<b>Global Investment Management:</b>		
Current assets	\$ 773,464	\$ 1,353,281
Non-current assets	9,995,792	7,410,657
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,769,256</b>	<b>\$ 8,763,938</b>
Current liabilities	\$ 1,525,205	\$ 1,014,233
Non-current liabilities	4,435,378	3,857,365
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,960,583</b>	<b>\$ 4,871,598</b>
<b>Development Services:</b>		
Real estate	\$ 1,428,590	\$ 1,931,532
Other assets	124,514	133,532
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,553,104</b>	<b>\$ 2,065,064</b>
Notes payable on real estate	\$ 722,780	\$ 1,204,479
Other liabilities	182,470	234,846
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 905,250</b>	<b>\$ 1,439,325</b>
<b>Other:</b>		
Current assets	\$ 69,393	\$ 72,579
Non-current assets	39,083	42,251
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 108,476</b>	<b>\$ 114,830</b>
Current liabilities	\$ 40,834	\$ 41,152
Non-current liabilities	20,168	22,879
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 61,002</b>	<b>\$ 64,031</b>
Non-controlling interest	\$ 17,690	\$ 154
<b>Total:</b>		
Assets	\$ 12,430,836	\$ 10,943,832
Liabilities	\$ 6,926,835	\$ 6,374,954
Non-controlling interest	\$ 17,690	\$ 154



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## Condensed Statements of Operations Information:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>Global Investment Management:</b>			
Revenue	\$ 614,684	\$ 546,721	\$ 639,933
Operating loss	\$ (149,519)	\$ (235,119)	\$ (845,610)
Net income (loss)	\$ 70,551	\$ (41,679)	\$ (1,063,020)
<b>Development Services:</b>			
Revenue	\$ 123,865	\$ 119,139	\$ 95,004
Operating income	\$ 118,995	\$ 53,184	\$ 31,484
Net income	\$ 87,204	\$ 15,892	\$ 354
<b>Other:</b>			
Revenue	\$ 163,109	\$ 158,001	\$ 158,075
Operating income	\$ 23,880	\$ 20,680	\$ 17,605
Net income	\$ 24,695	\$ 21,291	\$ 18,030
<b>Total:</b>			
Revenue	\$ 901,658	\$ 823,861	\$ 893,012
Operating loss	\$ (6,644)	\$ (161,255)	\$ (796,521)
Net income (loss)	\$ 182,450	\$ (4,496)	\$ (1,044,636)

During the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we recorded non-cash write-downs of investments of \$5.6 million, \$11.8 million and \$35.7 million, respectively, within our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments (see Note 5), all of which were included in equity income (loss) from unconsolidated subsidiaries in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Our Global Investment Management segment involves investing our own capital in certain real estate investments with clients. We have provided investment management, property management, brokerage and other professional services in connection with these real estate investments on an arm's length basis and earned revenues from these unconsolidated subsidiaries of \$95.7 million, \$96.5 million and \$83.6 million during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. In connection with the REIM Acquisitions, we have commitments to co-invest in certain additional real estate funds with clients. We have also provided investment management services in connection with these funds managed by ING REIM Europe and ING REIM Asia on an arm's length basis and earned revenues of \$49.7 million from them during the year ended December 31, 2011.

Our Development Services segment has agreements to provide development, property management and brokerage services to certain of our unconsolidated development subsidiaries on an arm's length basis and earned revenues from these unconsolidated subsidiaries. Revenue related to these agreements included in our results for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$5.7 million, \$3.1 million and \$4.1 million, respectively.

**10. Real Estate and Other Assets Held for Sale and Related Liabilities**

Real estate and other assets held for sale include completed real estate projects or land for sale in their present condition that have met all of the held for sale criteria of Topic 360 and other assets directly related to such projects. Liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale have been included as a single line item in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

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Real estate and other assets held for sale and related liabilities were as follows at December 31, 2011 and 2010 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Real estate held for sale (see Note 11)	\$ 21,833	\$ 15,399
Other current assets	531	20
Property and equipment, net		869
Other assets	3,837	7
Total real estate and other assets held for sale	26,201	16,295
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Notes payable on real estate held for sale (see Note 12)	20,453	11,650
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	891	370
Other current liabilities	8	28
Other liabilities	130	104
Total liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale	21,482	12,152
<b>Net real estate and other assets held for sale</b>	<b>\$ 4,719</b>	<b>\$ 4,143</b>

**11. Real Estate**

We provide build-to-suit services for our clients and also develop or purchase certain projects which we intend to sell to institutional investors upon project completion or redevelopment. Therefore, we have ownership of real estate until such projects are sold or otherwise disposed. Additionally, effective January 1, 2010, we adopted ASU 2009-17 and began consolidating certain variable interest entities that hold investments in real estate (see Note 4). Certain real estate assets secure the outstanding balances of underlying mortgage or construction loans. Our real estate is reported in our Development Services and Global Investment Management segments and consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Land</b>	<b>Buildings and Improvements</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>At December 31, 2011</b>			
Real estate included in assets held for sale (see Note 10)	\$ 8,969	\$ 12,864	\$	\$ 21,833
Real estate under development (current)	30,617			30,617
Real estate under development (non-current)	706	3,246		3,952
Real estate held for investment	119,210	272,980	11,508	403,698





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- (2) Includes balances for lease intangibles and tenant origination costs of \$8.7 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, at December 31, 2011 and \$10.1 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, at December 31, 2010. We record lease intangibles and tenant origination costs upon acquiring real estate projects with in-place leases. The balances are shown net of amortization, which is recorded as an increase to, or a reduction of, rental income for lease intangibles and as amortization expense for tenant origination costs.

During the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we recorded impairment charges of \$1.7 million, \$24.6 million and \$28.8 million, respectively, on real estate held for investment within our Development Services segment. In addition, during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we recorded provisions for loss on real estate held for sale of \$2.6 million, \$2.3 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, within our Development Services segment. See Note 5 for additional information.

In June 2009, upon substantial completion of a real estate project under development, one of our consolidated subsidiaries assigned its assets and liabilities (and contributed \$0.5 million) to an entity controlled and owned 60% by a third party. Our consolidated subsidiary retained a 40% ownership in the new entity and now accounts for this investment using the equity method. No gain or loss was recognized as a result of this transaction, and we recorded the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate under development, current	\$ (57,399)
Receivables	(1,207)
Other current assets	(1,485)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>(60,091)</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	56,662
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,429
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 60,091</b>

In July 2009, our partner in a limited liability company that we accounted for as an investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries assigned their full interest in the limited liability company to us, in accordance with a buy-sell provision in the limited liability company agreement. As a result, we consolidated the limited liability company as it became our wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary. As a result of this transaction, we recorded the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ 12,533

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Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	(5,902)
Total assets	6,631
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	(6,400)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(231)
Total liabilities	\$ (6,631)

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In the third quarter of 2009, we conveyed two real estate projects to their respective lenders in order to satisfy the underlying nonrecourse notes that were in default. In addition, we sold short another property and the lender forgave the balance of the related nonrecourse mortgage note. We recorded a net gain of \$2.7 million from these transactions, which has been included in gain on disposition of real estate in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations within our Development Services segment for the year ended December 31, 2009 and recorded the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (29,856)
Restricted cash	(1,118)
Other current assets	(869)
Other assets	(1,149)
 Total assets	 (32,992)
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	30,369
Notes payable on real estate, long-term	4,006
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,291
 Total liabilities	 \$ 35,666

In the fourth quarter of 2009, a receiver was appointed on one of our consolidated real estate projects, resulting in our losing control of the entity. As a result, we deconsolidated the entity and recorded the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (7,009)
Restricted cash	(293)
Receivables	(373)
Other current assets	(801)
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	338
 Total assets	 (8,138)
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	7,518
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	620
 Total liabilities	 \$ 8,138



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In the first quarter of 2010, one of our consolidated real estate projects was sold to an affiliate of the project's lender at a foreclosure auction. The related real estate note payable was nonrecourse to us. As a result of this transaction, we recorded the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (16,221)
Restricted cash	(279)
Other current assets	(524)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>(17,024)</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	16,520
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	504
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 17,024</b>

In the third quarter of 2010, we deeded a consolidated real estate portfolio to the lender, in lieu of foreclosure. The related real estate note payable was nonrecourse to us. As a result of this transaction, we recorded a gain on disposition of real estate of \$2.8 million, which has been included in gain on disposition of real estate in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations within our Development Services segment for the year ended December 31, 2010 and the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (13,422)
Restricted cash	(125)
Receivables	(975)
Other current assets	(396)
Other assets	(423)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>(15,341)</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	15,821
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,052
Other liabilities	266
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 18,139</b>



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In the third quarter of 2010, one of our consolidated real estate projects was sold to an affiliate of the project's lender at a foreclosure auction. The related real estate note payable was nonrecourse to us. As a result of this transaction, we recorded a gain on disposition of real estate of \$0.2 million, which has been included in gain on disposition of real estate in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations within our Development Services segment for the year ended December 31, 2010 and the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	Debit (Credit)
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (6,684)
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	6,400
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	447
Total liabilities	\$ 6,847

In the third quarter of 2010, we purchased our partner's interest in one of our equity method subsidiaries. As a result of the purchase of our partner's interest, we consolidated the subsidiary and recorded the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	Debit (Credit)
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for sale	\$ 14,800
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	(450)
Other assets	(500)
Total assets	13,850
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate held for sale	(9,736)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,114)
Total liabilities	\$ (13,850)



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In the fourth quarter of 2010, we deeded a consolidated real estate portfolio to the lender in lieu of foreclosure. The related real estate note payable was nonrecourse to us. As a result of this transaction, we recorded a gain on disposition of real estate of \$2.3 million, which has been included in gain on disposition of real estate in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations within our Development Services segment for the year ended December 31, 2010 and the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (20,206)
Receivables	(777)
Other current assets	(212)
Other assets	(416)
 Total assets	 (21,611)
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	22,653
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,211
 Total liabilities	 \$ 23,864

In the fourth quarter of 2010, we sold a consolidated real estate project to an equity method subsidiary in which we own 5%. The related real estate note payable was assumed by the purchaser. As a result of this transaction, we recorded a gain on disposition of real estate of \$1.8 million, which has been included in gain on disposition of real estate in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations within our Development Services segment for the year ended December 31, 2010, a deferred gain of \$0.1 million for our ownership in the purchaser, and the following non-cash activity (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Debit (Credit)</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Real estate held for investment	\$ (24,851)
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Notes payable on real estate, current	26,008
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	639
 Total liabilities	 \$ 26,647

The estimated costs to complete the two consolidated real estate projects under development or to be developed by us as of December 31, 2011 totaled approximately \$26.5 million. At December 31, 2011, we had commitments for the sale of six of our projects.

Rental revenues (which are included in revenue) and expenses (which are included in operating, administrative and other expenses) relating to our operational real estate properties, excluding those reported as discontinued operations, were \$70.7 million and \$33.9 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2011, \$88.5 million and \$47.0 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2010, and \$59.9 million and \$34.3 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2009, and were included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations within our Development Services and Global Investment Management segments.

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We had loans secured by real estate, which consisted of the following at December 31, 2011 and 2010 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Current portion of notes payable on real estate	\$ 146,120	\$ 154,213
Notes payable on real estate included in liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale (see Note 10 )	20,453	11,650
<b>Total notes payable on real estate, current portion</b>	<b>166,573</b>	<b>165,863</b>
Notes payable on real estate, non-current portion	206,339	461,665
<b>Total notes payable on real estate</b>	<b>\$ 372,912</b>	<b>\$ 627,528</b>

Notes payable on real estate held for sale are included in liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale. Notes payable on real estate under development (current) are included in notes payable on real estate, current. Notes payable on real estate under development (non-current) and real estate held for investment are classified according to payment terms and maturity dates.

At December 31, 2011 and 2010, \$11.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, of the non-current portion of notes payable on real estate and \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, of the current portion of notes payable on real estate were recourse to us, beyond being recourse to the single-purpose entity that held the real estate asset and was the primary obligor on the note payable.

Principal maturities of notes payable on real estate at December 31, 2011, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

2012	\$ 145,956
2013	69,234
2014	35,838
2015	105,401
2016	1,675
Thereafter	14,808
	<b>\$ 372,912</b>

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Interest rates on loans outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010 ranged from 1.85% to 8.75% and 1.85% to 13.0%, respectively. Generally, only interest is payable on the real estate loans and is usually drawn on the underlying loan with all unpaid principal and interest due at maturity. Capitalized interest for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 totaled \$2.0 million, \$4.0 million and \$5.8 million, respectively.

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Total long-term debt and short-term borrowings consist of the following (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Long-Term Debt:</b>		
Senior secured term loans, with interest ranging from 2.51% to 3.78%, due from 2011 through 2019	\$ 1,683,561	\$ 640,500
11.625% senior subordinated notes, net of unamortized discount of \$10,984 and \$12,318 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, due in 2017	439,016	437,682
6.625% senior notes due in 2020	350,000	350,000
Other	109	140
Subtotal	2,472,686	1,428,322
Less current maturities of long-term debt	67,838	38,086
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>2,404,848</b>	<b>1,390,236</b>
<b>Short-Term Borrowings:</b>		
Warehouse line of credit, with interest at the daily LIBOR plus 2.75% with a LIBOR floor of 0.25%, and a maturity date of December 19, 2012	357,457	200,000
Warehouse line of credit, with interest at daily Chase-London LIBOR plus 2.50%, and a maturity date of September 28, 2012	197,533	153,571
Warehouse line of credit, with interest at the daily one-month LIBOR plus 2.00%, and a maturity date of May 31, 2012	63,653	
Warehouse line of credit, with interest at the daily LIBOR plus 1.35% with a LIBOR floor of 0.35%, and no maturity date	56,574	26,881
Warehouse line of credit, with interest at daily one-month LIBOR plus 2.00% to 2.50%, and a maturity date of May 30, 2012	38,145	73,383
Total warehouse lines of credit	713,362	453,835
Revolving credit facility, with interest ranging from 2.43% to 6.35%, maturing through 2015	44,825	17,516
Other	16	16
<b>Total short-term borrowings</b>	<b>758,203</b>	<b>471,367</b>
Add current maturities of long-term debt	67,838	38,086
Total current debt	826,041	509,453
<b>Total long-term debt and short-term borrowings</b>	<b>\$ 3,230,889</b>	<b>\$ 1,899,689</b>

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Future annual aggregate maturities of total consolidated debt at December 31, 2011 are as follows (dollars in thousands): 2012 \$826,041; 2013 \$69,663; 2014 \$75,051; 2015 \$296,497; 2016 \$418,621 and \$1,545,016 thereafter.

Since 2001, we have maintained credit facilities with Credit Suisse Group AG (CS) and other lenders to fund strategic acquisitions and to provide for our working capital needs. On November 10, 2010, we entered into a new credit agreement (as amended, the Credit Agreement) with a syndicate of banks led by CS, as administrative and collateral agent, to completely refinance our previous credit facilities. On March 4, 2011, we entered into an amendment to our Credit Agreement to, among other things, increase flexibility to various covenants to accommodate the REIM Acquisitions and to maintain the availability of the \$800.0 million incremental facility under the Credit Agreement. On March 4, 2011, we also entered into an incremental

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assumption agreement to allow for the establishment of new tranche C and tranche D term loan facilities. On November 10, 2011, we entered into an incremental assumption agreement led jointly by HSBC Bank USA, N.A. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC to allow for the establishment of a new tranche A-1 term loan facility, which also reduced the \$800.0 million incremental facility under the Credit Agreement.

As of December 31, 2011, our Credit Agreement provides for the following: (1) a \$700.0 million revolving credit facility, including revolving credit loans, letters of credit and a swingline loan facility, maturing on May 10, 2015; (2) a \$350.0 million tranche A term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on December 31, 2010 and continue through September 30, 2015, with the balance payable on November 10, 2015; (3) a £187.0 million (approximately \$300.0 million) tranche A-1 term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on December 30, 2011 and continue through March 31, 2016, with the balance payable on May 10, 2016; (4) a \$300.0 million tranche B term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on December 31, 2010 and continue through September 30, 2016, with the balance payable on November 10, 2016; (5) a \$400.0 million tranche C term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on September 30, 2011 and continue through December 31, 2017, with the balance payable on March 4, 2018; (6) a \$400.0 million tranche D term loan facility requiring quarterly principal payments, which began on September 30, 2011 and continue through June 30, 2019, with the balance payable on September 4, 2019 and (7) an accordion provision which provides the ability to borrow additional funds under an incremental facility. The incremental facility is equivalent to the sum of \$800.0 million and the aggregate amount of all repayments of term loans and permanent reductions of revolver commitments under the Credit Agreement. However, at no time may the sum of all outstanding amounts under the Credit Agreement exceed \$2.95 billion. On November 10, 2011, we utilized the incremental facility to issue the tranche A-1 term loan facility.

In regards to the tranche C and tranche D term loan facilities, we had up to 180 days from the date we entered into the related incremental assumption agreement to draw on these facilities during which period we were required to pay a fee on the unused portions of each facility. On June 30, 2011, we drew down \$400.0 million of the tranche D term loan facility to finance the CRES portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on July 1, 2011. On August 31, 2011, we drew down \$400.0 million of the tranche C term loan facility, part of which was used to finance the ING REIM Asia portion of the REIM Acquisitions, which closed on October 3, 2011. The remaining borrowings were used to finance the acquisition of ING REIM's operations in Europe, which closed on October 31, 2011.

The revolving credit facility allows for borrowings outside of the U.S., with sub-facilities of \$5.0 million available to one of our Canadian subsidiaries, \$35.0 million in aggregate available to one of our Australian and one of our New Zealand subsidiaries and \$50.0 million available to one of our U.K. subsidiaries. Additionally, outstanding borrowings under these sub-facilities may be up to 5.0% higher as allowed under the currency fluctuation provision in the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility as of December 31, 2011 bear interest at varying rates, based at our option, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 1.65% to 3.15% or the daily rate plus 0.65% to 2.15% as determined by reference to our ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement). As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we had \$44.8 million and \$17.5 million, respectively, of revolving credit facility principal outstanding with related weighted average interest rates of 4.3% and 3.5%, respectively, which are included in short-term borrowings in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2011, letters of credit totaling \$17.2 million were outstanding under the revolving credit facility. These letters of credit were primarily issued in the normal course of business as well as in connection with certain insurance programs and reduce the amount we may borrow under the revolving credit facility.

Borrowings under the term loan facilities as of December 31, 2011 bear interest, based at our option, on the following: for the tranche A and A-1 term loan facilities, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 2.00% to 3.75%





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or the daily rate plus 1.00% to 2.75%, as determined by reference to our ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement), for the tranche B term loan facility, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 3.25% or the daily rate plus 2.25%, for the tranche C term loan facility, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 3.25% or the daily rate plus 2.25% and for the tranche D term loan facility, on either the applicable fixed rate plus 3.50% or the daily rate plus 2.50%. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we had \$306.3 million and \$341.3 million, respectively, of tranche A term loan facility principal outstanding and \$296.3 million and \$299.2 million, respectively, of tranche B term loan facility principal outstanding, which are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2011, we also had \$285.1 million of tranche A-1 term loan facility principal outstanding and \$398.0 million of both tranche C and tranche D term loan facilities principal outstanding, which are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Credit Agreement is jointly and severally guaranteed by us and substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. Borrowings under our Credit Agreement are secured by a pledge of substantially all of the capital stock of our U.S. subsidiaries and 65.0% of the capital stock of certain non-U.S. subsidiaries. Also, the Credit Agreement requires us to pay a fee based on the total amount of the revolving credit facility commitment.

On October 8, 2010, CBRE issued \$350.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior notes due October 15, 2020. The 6.625% senior notes are unsecured obligations of CBRE, senior to all of its current and future subordinated indebtedness, but effectively subordinated to all of its current and future secured indebtedness. The 6.625% senior notes are jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior basis by us and each subsidiary of CBRE that guarantees our Credit Agreement. Interest accrues at a rate of 6.625% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15, having commenced on April 15, 2011. The 6.625% senior notes are redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, on or after October 15, 2014 at a redemption price of 104.969% of the principal amount on that date and at declining prices thereafter. At any time prior to October 15, 2014, the 6.625% senior notes may be redeemed by us, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest and an applicable premium (as defined in the indenture governing these notes), which is based on the present value of the October 15, 2014 redemption price plus all remaining interest payments through October 15, 2014. In addition, prior to October 15, 2013, up to 35.0% of the original issued amount of the 6.625% senior notes may be redeemed at a redemption price of 106.625% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, solely with the net cash proceeds from public equity offerings. If a change of control triggering event (as defined in the indenture governing our 6.625% senior notes) occurs, we are obligated to make an offer to purchase the remaining 6.625% senior notes at a redemption price of 101.0% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The amount of the 6.625% senior notes included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets was \$350.0 million at both December 31, 2011 and 2010.

On June 18, 2009, CBRE issued \$450.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 11.625% senior subordinated notes due June 15, 2017 for approximately \$435.9 million, net of discount. The 11.625% senior subordinated notes are unsecured senior subordinated obligations of CBRE and are jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by us and our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee our Credit Agreement. Interest accrues at a rate of 11.625% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15. The 11.625% senior subordinated notes are redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, on or after June 15, 2013 at 105.813% of par on that date and at declining prices thereafter. At any time prior to June 15, 2013, the 11.625% senior subordinated notes may be redeemed by us, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest and an applicable premium (as defined in the indenture governing these notes), which is based on the present value of the June 15, 2013 redemption price plus all remaining interest payments through June 15, 2013. In addition, prior to June 15, 2012, up to 35.0% of the original issued amount of the 11.625% senior subordinated notes may be redeemed at 111.625% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest, solely with the net cash proceeds from public equity offerings. In the event of a

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change of control (as defined in the indenture governing our 11.625% senior subordinated notes), we are obligated to make an offer to purchase the remaining 11.625% senior subordinated notes at a redemption price of 101.0% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The amount of the 11.625% senior subordinated notes included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, net of unamortized discount, was \$439.0 million and \$437.7 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Our Credit Agreement and the indentures governing our 6.625% senior notes and 11.625% senior subordinated notes contain numerous restrictive covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends or make distributions to stockholders, repurchase capital stock or debt, make investments, sell assets or subsidiary stock, create or permit liens on assets, engage in transactions with affiliates, enter into sale/leaseback transactions, issue subsidiary equity and enter into consolidations or mergers. Our Credit Agreement also currently requires us to maintain a minimum coverage ratio of EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) to total interest expense of 2.25x and a maximum leverage ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of 3.75x. Our coverage ratio of EBITDA to total interest expense was 15.0x for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our leverage ratio of total debt less available cash to EBITDA was 1.53x as of December 31, 2011.

We had short-term borrowings of \$758.2 million and \$471.4 million with related average interest rates of 2.9% and 2.8% as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

On March 2, 2007, we entered into a \$50.0 million credit note with Wells Fargo Bank for the purpose of purchasing eligible investments, which include cash equivalents, agency securities, A1/P1 commercial paper and eligible money market funds. The proceeds of this note are not made generally available to us, but instead deposited in an investment account maintained by Wells Fargo Bank and used and applied solely to purchase eligible investment securities. This agreement has been amended several times and as of December 31, 2011 provides for a \$40.0 million revolving credit note, bears interest at 0.25% and has a maturity date of December 31, 2012. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no amounts outstanding under this note.

On March 4, 2008, we entered into a \$35.0 million credit and security agreement with Bank of America (BoFA) for the purpose of purchasing eligible financial instruments, which include A1/P1 commercial paper, U.S. Treasury securities, GSE discount notes (as defined in the credit and security agreement) and money market funds. The proceeds of this loan are not made generally available to us, but instead deposited in an investment account maintained by BoFA and used and applied solely to purchase eligible financial instruments. This agreement has been amended several times and as of December 31, 2011 provides for a \$5.0 million credit line, bears interest at 1% and has a maturity date of February 28, 2013. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no amounts outstanding under this agreement.

On August 19, 2008, we entered into a \$15.0 million uncommitted facility with First Tennessee Bank for the purpose of purchasing investments, which include cash equivalents, agency securities, A1/P1 commercial paper and eligible money market funds. The proceeds of this facility are not made generally available to us, but instead are held in a collateral account maintained by First Tennessee Bank. This agreement has been amended several times and as of December 31, 2011 provides for a \$4.0 million credit line, bears interest at 0.25% and has a maturity date of August 4, 2012. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no amounts outstanding under this facility.

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Our wholly-owned subsidiary, CBRE Capital Markets, has the following warehouse lines of credit: credit agreements with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (JP Morgan), BofA, TD Bank, N.A. (TD Bank), and Kemps Landing Capital Company, LLC (Kemps Landing), for the purpose of funding mortgage loans that will be resold and a funding arrangement with Fannie Mae for the purpose of selling a percentage of certain closed multi-family loans.

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On November 15, 2005, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a secured credit agreement with JP Morgan to establish a warehouse line of credit. Effective October 12, 2010 through January 10, 2011, the warehouse line of credit was temporarily increased from \$210.0 million to \$250.0 million. Effective November 22, 2010 through February 1, 2011, the warehouse line of credit was temporarily increased further from \$250.0 million to \$300.0 million. This agreement has been amended several times and as of December 31, 2011 provides for a \$210.0 million senior secured revolving line of credit, bears interest at the daily LIBOR plus 2.50% and has a maturity date of September 28, 2012.

On April 16, 2008, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a secured credit agreement with BofA to establish a warehouse line of credit. This agreement has been amended several times and as of December 31, 2011 provides for a \$125.0 million senior secured revolving line of credit, bears interest at the daily one-month LIBOR plus 2.0% with a maturity date of May 30, 2012.

In August 2009, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a funding arrangement with Fannie Mae under its Multifamily As Soon As Pooled Plus Agreement and its Multifamily As Soon As Pooled Sale Agreement (ASAP) Program. Under the ASAP Program, CBRE Capital Markets may elect, on a transaction by transaction basis, to sell a percentage of certain closed multifamily loans to Fannie Mae on an expedited basis. After all contingencies are satisfied, the ASAP Program requires that CBRE Capital Markets repurchase the interest in the multifamily loan previously sold to Fannie Mae followed by either a full delivery back to Fannie Mae via whole loan execution or a securitization into a mortgage backed security. Under this agreement, the maximum outstanding balance under the ASAP Program cannot exceed \$150.0 million and, between the sale date to Fannie Mae and the repurchase date by CBRE Capital Markets, the outstanding balance bears interest and is payable to Fannie Mae at the daily LIBOR rate plus 1.35% with a LIBOR floor of 0.35%.

On December 21, 2010, CBRE Capital Markets entered into a secured credit agreement with TD Bank to establish a warehouse line of credit. Effective October 13, 2011, the warehouse line of credit was increased from \$75.0 million to \$100.0 million. The secured revolving line of credit bears interest at the daily one-month LIBOR plus 2.0% with a maturity date of May 31, 2012.

On December 21, 2010, CBRE Capital Markets entered into an uncommitted funding arrangement with Kemps Landing providing CBRE Capital Markets with the ability to fund Freddie Mac multi-family loans. Effective September 13, 2011, the maximum outstanding balance allowed under this arrangement was increased from \$200.0 million to \$300.0 million and on October 4, 2011, was further increased to \$500.0 million. The outstanding borrowings bear interest at LIBOR plus 2.75% with a LIBOR floor of 0.25% and the agreement expires on December 19, 2012.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, we had a maximum of \$747.2 million of warehouse lines of credit principal outstanding. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we had \$713.4 million and \$453.8 million of warehouse lines of credit principal outstanding, respectively, which are included in short-term borrowings in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Non-cash activity totaling \$234.6 million, \$141.0 million and \$102.4 million increased the warehouse lines of credit during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Additionally, we had \$720.1 million and \$485.4 million of mortgage loans held for sale (warehouse receivables), which substantially represented mortgage loans funded through the lines of credit that, while committed to be purchased, had not yet been purchased as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and which are also included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Non-cash activity totaling \$234.6 million, \$141.0 million and \$102.4 million increased the warehouse receivables during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.



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We are a party to a number of pending or threatened lawsuits arising out of, or incident to, our ordinary course of business. Our management believes that any losses in excess of the amounts accrued arising from such lawsuits are remote, but that litigation is inherently uncertain and there is the potential for a material adverse effect on our financial statements if one or more matters are resolved in a particular period in an amount in excess of that anticipated by management.

Our leases generally relate to office space that we occupy, have varying terms and expire through 2030. The following is a schedule by year of future minimum lease payments for noncancellable operating leases as of December 31, 2011 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Operating leases</b>
2012	\$ 177,416
2013	154,916
2014	132,399
2015	113,875
2016	102,545
Thereafter	413,815
<b>Total minimum payment required</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,966</b>

Total minimum payments for noncancellable operating leases were not reduced by the minimum sublease rental income of \$9.2 million due in the future under noncancellable subleases.

Substantially all leases require us to pay maintenance costs, insurance and property taxes. The composition of total rental expense under noncancellable operating leases consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Minimum rentals	\$ 209,333	\$ 189,190	\$ 180,378
Less sublease rentals	(187)	(184)	(444)
	<b>\$ 209,146</b>	<b>\$ 189,006</b>	<b>\$ 179,934</b>

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We had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$16.6 million as of December 31, 2011, excluding letters of credit for which we have outstanding liabilities already accrued on our consolidated balance sheet related to our subsidiaries' outstanding reserves for claims under certain insurance programs as well as letters of credit related to operating leases. These letters of credit are primarily executed by us in the ordinary course of business and expire at varying dates through December 2012.

We had guarantees totaling \$43.7 million as of December 31, 2011, excluding guarantees related to pension liabilities, consolidated indebtedness and other obligations for which we have outstanding liabilities already accrued on our consolidated balance sheet, and operating leases. The \$43.7 million primarily consists of guarantees related to our defined benefit pension plans in the U.K. (in excess of our outstanding pension liability of \$60.9 million as of December 31, 2011), which are continuous guarantees that will not expire until all amounts have been paid out for our pension liabilities. The remainder of the guarantees mainly represent guarantees of obligations of unconsolidated subsidiaries, which expire at varying dates through November 2013, as well as various guarantees of management contracts in our operations overseas, which expire at the end of each of the respective agreements.

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In addition, as of December 31, 2011, we had numerous completion and budget guarantees relating to development projects. These guarantees are made by us in the ordinary course of our Development Services business. Each of these guarantees requires us to complete construction of the relevant project within a specified timeframe and/or within a specified budget, with us potentially being liable for costs to complete in excess of such timeframe or budget. However, we generally have guaranteed maximum price contracts with reputable general contractors with respect to projects for which we provide these guarantees. These contracts are intended to pass the risk to such contractors. While there can be no assurance, we do not expect to incur any material losses under these guarantees.

From time to time, we act as a general contractor with respect to construction projects. We do not consider these activities to be a material part of our business. In connection with these activities, we seek to subcontract construction work for certain projects to reputable subcontractors. Should construction defects arise relating to the underlying projects, we could potentially be liable to the client for the costs to repair such defects, although we would generally look to the subcontractor that performed the work to remedy the defect and also look to insurance policies that cover this work. While there can be no assurance, we do not expect to incur material losses with respect to construction defects.

In January 2008, CBRE Multifamily Capital, Inc. (CBRE MCI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CBRE Capital Markets, Inc., entered into an agreement with Fannie Mae, under Fannie Mae's DUS Lender Program (DUS Program), to provide financing for multifamily housing with five or more units. Under the DUS Program, CBRE MCI originates, underwrites, closes and services loans without prior approval by Fannie Mae, and in selected cases, is subject to sharing up to one-third of any losses on loans originated under the DUS Program. CBRE MCI has funded loans subject to such loss sharing arrangements with unpaid principal balances of \$3.5 billion at December 31, 2011. Additionally, CBRE MCI has funded loans under the DUS Program that are not subject to loss sharing arrangements with unpaid principal balances of approximately \$518.1 million at December 31, 2011. CBRE MCI, under its agreement with Fannie Mae, must post cash reserves under formulas established by Fannie Mae to provide for sufficient capital in the event losses occur. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, CBRE MCI had \$4.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, of cash deposited under this reserve arrangement, and had provided approximately \$6.4 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, of loan loss accruals. Fannie Mae's recourse under the DUS Program is limited to the assets of CBRE MCI, which totaled approximately \$180.6 million (including \$106.6 million of warehouse receivables, a substantial majority of which are pledged against warehouse lines of credit and are therefore not available to Fannie Mae) at December 31, 2011.

An important part of the strategy for our Global Investment Management business involves investing our capital in certain real estate investments with our clients. These co-investments typically range from 2.0% to 5.0% of the equity in a particular fund. As of December 31, 2011, we had aggregate commitments of \$59.4 million to fund future co-investments.

Additionally, an important part of our Development Services business strategy is to invest in unconsolidated real estate subsidiaries as a principal (in most cases co-investing with our clients). As of December 31, 2011, we had committed to fund \$14.4 million of additional capital to these unconsolidated subsidiaries.



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*2001 Stock Incentive Plan.* Our 2001 stock incentive plan was adopted by our board of directors and approved by our stockholders on June 7, 2001. However, our 2001 stock incentive plan was terminated in June 2004 in connection with the adoption of our 2004 stock incentive plan, which is described below. The 2001 stock incentive plan permitted the grant of nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units and other stock-based awards to our employees, directors or independent contractors. Since our 2001 stock incentive plan has been terminated, no shares remain available for issuance under it. However, as of December 31, 2011, outstanding stock options granted under the 2001 stock incentive plan to acquire 2,001,146 shares of our Class A common stock remain outstanding according to their terms, and we will continue to issue shares to the extent required under the terms of such outstanding awards. Options granted under this plan have an exercise price of \$1.92. As of December 31, 2009, all options granted under this plan were fully vested and exercisable. Options granted under the 2001 stock incentive plan are subject to a maximum term of ten years from the date of grant. The number of shares issued pursuant to the 2001 stock incentive plan, or pursuant to outstanding awards, is subject to adjustment on account of stock splits, stock dividends and other dilutive changes in our Class A common stock.

*Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.* Our 2004 stock incentive plan was adopted by our board of directors and approved by our stockholders on April 21, 2004, and has been amended several times subsequently, including an amendment and restatement on June 2, 2008 and an amendment on December 3, 2008. The 2004 stock incentive plan authorizes the grant of stock-based awards to our employees, directors or independent contractors. A total of 20,785,218 shares of our Class A common stock initially were reserved for issuance under the 2004 stock incentive plan, which increased by 10,000,000 shares to a total of 30,785,218 shares in connection with the June 2, 2008 amendment and restatement. For awards granted prior to June 2, 2008 under this plan, this share reserve was reduced by one share upon grant of an option or stock appreciation right, and was reduced by 2.25 shares upon issuance of stock pursuant to other stock-based awards. For awards granted on or after June 2, 2008 under this plan, this share reserve is reduced by one share upon grant of all awards. In addition, full value awards, i.e., awards other than stock options and stock appreciation rights, are limited to no more than 75% of the total share reserve. Awards that expire, terminate or lapse will again be available for grant under this plan. No person is eligible to be granted awards in the aggregate covering more than 2,000,000 shares during any fiscal year. The number of shares issued or reserved pursuant to the 2004 stock incentive plan, or pursuant to outstanding awards, is subject to adjustment on account of mergers, consolidations, reorganizations, stock splits, stock dividends and other dilutive changes in our common stock. In addition, our board of directors may adjust outstanding awards to preserve the awards' benefits or potential benefits.

*Stock Option Exchange*

On July 9, 2009, we completed a stock option exchange program (Exchange Offer) under which eligible employees tendered, and we accepted for cancellation, eligible options to purchase 2,599,307 shares of our Class A common stock. We granted new options to eligible employees to purchase 103,361 shares of our Class A common stock and issued 819,672 restricted shares of our Class A common stock in exchange for the cancellation of the tendered eligible options. The exercise price per share of the new options granted in the Exchange Offer was \$8.09, the closing price of our common stock on July 9, 2009. The new options and restricted shares issued will vest and are exercisable in equal annual

increments over four years from the date of grant. This Exchange Offer did not result in any incremental compensation expense as the estimated fair value of the new awards did not exceed the estimated fair value of the exchanged stock options immediately prior to the exchange.

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As of December 31, 2011, 2,791,263 shares were subject to options issued under our 2004 stock incentive plan and 2,087,598 shares remained available for future grants under the 2004 stock incentive plan. Options granted under this plan during the year ended December 31, 2011 have an exercise price of \$26.50 and options granted during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 have exercise prices in the ranges of \$14.88 to \$16.48 and \$8.09 to \$11.45, respectively, which primarily vest and are exercisable generally in equal annual increments over four years from the date of grant. All options that have been granted under the 2004 stock incentive plan have a term of five or seven years from the date of grant.

A summary of the status of our outstanding stock options is presented in the tables below:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2008	12,748,593	\$ 9.91
Exercised	(2,665,568)	5.79
Granted (1)	605,066	10.61
Canceled/Forfeited (2)	(2,851,880)	20.66
Expired	(248,293)	15.27
Outstanding at December 31, 2009	7,587,918	\$ 7.04
Exercised	(898,650)	2.67
Granted	29,326	15.68
Forfeited	(32,848)	14.23
Expired	(49,266)	18.55
Outstanding at December 31, 2010	6,636,480	\$ 7.55
Exercised	(1,822,373)	3.92
Granted	16,974	26.50
Forfeited	(18,853)	13.29
Expired	(19,819)	14.50
Outstanding at December 31, 2011	4,792,409	\$ 8.95
Vested and expected to vest at December 31, 2011 (3)	4,743,010	\$ 8.95
Exercisable at December 31, 2011	4,197,076	\$ 8.41

(1) Includes 103,361 shares granted in connection with the Exchange Offer.

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- (2) Includes 2,599,307 shares canceled in connection with the Exchange Offer.
- (3) The expected to vest options are the result of applying the pre-vesting forfeiture rate assumption to total outstanding options.

We estimate the fair value of our options on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, which takes into account assumptions such as the dividend yield, the risk-free interest rate, the expected stock price volatility and the expected life of the options.

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The total estimated grant date fair value of stock options that vested during the year ended December 31, 2011 was \$3.4 million. The weighted average fair value of options granted by us was \$13.49, \$10.40 and \$6.63 for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, utilizing the following weighted average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Risk-free interest rate	1.65%	2.31%	2.51%
Expected volatility	61.99%	75.37%	75.18%
Expected life	5 years	6 years	6 years

The dividend yield assumption is excluded from the calculation, as it is our present intention to retain all earnings. The expected volatility is based on a combination of our historical stock price and implied volatility. The selection of implied volatility data to estimate expected volatility is based upon the availability of actively traded options on our stock. The risk-free interest rate is based upon the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for periods corresponding with the expected life of the options. The expected life of our stock options represents the estimated period of time until exercise and is based on historical experience of similar options, giving consideration to the contractual terms, vesting schedules and expectations of future employee behavior.

Option valuation models require the input of subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility and expected life. Because our employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, we do not believe that the Black-Scholes model necessarily provides a reliable single measure of the fair value of our employee stock options.

Options outstanding at December 31, 2011 and their related weighted average exercise price, intrinsic value and life information is presented below:

Exercise Prices	Outstanding Options			Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Exercisable Options		
	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price		Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
\$1.92	2,001,146	1.7	\$ 1.92	2,001,146	\$ 1.92		
\$6.33 \$8.44	146,524	4.5	8.20	86,938	8.25		
\$11.10 \$16.48	2,541,316	2.8	13.81	2,019,717	14.05		
\$22.00 \$26.50	64,810	3.4	24.18	50,662	23.53		
\$27.19 \$37.43	38,613	2.6	30.11	38,613	30.11		

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4,792,409	2.4	\$ 8.95	\$ 31,399,089	4,197,076	\$ 8.41	\$ 29,754,586
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At December 31, 2011, the aggregate intrinsic value and weighted average remaining contractual life for options vested and expected to vest were \$31.4 million and 2.4 years, respectively.

Total compensation expense related to stock options was \$3.5 million, \$3.7 million and \$7.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. At December 31, 2011, total unrecognized estimated compensation cost related to non-vested stock options was approximately \$3.1 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.1 years.

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The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 was \$39.9 million, \$14.5 million and \$11.4 million, respectively. We recorded cash received from stock option exercises of \$7.1 million, \$2.4 million and \$15.4 million and related tax benefit of \$14.9 million, \$5.4 million and \$1.6 million during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Upon option exercise, we issue new shares of stock. Excess tax benefits exist when the tax deduction resulting from the exercise of options exceeds the compensation cost recorded.

*Non-Vested Stock Awards*

We have issued non-vested stock awards, including shares and stock units, in our Class A common stock to certain of our employees and members of our board of directors. During the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we granted non-vested stock awards of 2,803,221 shares, 1,196,720 shares and 6,711,288 shares, respectively, which primarily vest and are exercisable generally in equal annual increments over four years from the date of grant. We also granted 644,635, 759,992 and 54,344 of non-vested stock units to certain of our employees during the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These non-vested stock units primarily vest in 2015 and 2016. A summary of the status of our non-vested stock awards is presented in the table below:

	Shares /Units	Weighted Average Market Value Per Share
Balance at December 31, 2008	4,638,543	\$ 19.39
Granted (1)	6,765,632	10.98
Vested	(1,077,906)	19.29
Forfeited	(116,824)	19.96
Balance at December 31, 2009	10,209,445	\$ 13.82
Granted	1,956,712	16.87
Vested	(2,557,721)	13.98
Forfeited	(339,528)	14.45
Balance at December 31, 2010	9,268,908	\$ 14.40
Granted	3,447,856	15.95
Vested	(2,541,370)	13.47
Forfeited	(289,187)	14.05
Balance at December 31, 2011	9,886,207	\$ 15.18

(1) Includes 819,672 shares granted in connection with the Exchange Offer.

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Total compensation expense related to non-vested stock awards was \$40.8 million, \$43.1 million and \$30.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively. At December 31, 2011, total unrecognized estimated compensation cost related to non-vested stock awards was approximately \$116.4 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 3.0 years.

*Bonuses.* We have bonus programs covering select employees, including senior management. Awards are based on the position and performance of the employee and the achievement of pre-established financial, operating and strategic objectives. The amounts charged to expense for bonuses were \$154.4 million, \$135.0 million and \$60.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

*401(k) Plan.* Our CBRE 401(k) Plan (401(k) Plan) is a defined contribution savings plan that allows participant deferrals under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Most of our non-union U.S. employees,



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other than qualified real estate agents having the status of independent contractors under section 3508 of the Internal Revenue Code, are eligible to participate in the plan. The 401(k) Plan provides for participant contributions as well as a Company match. A participant is allowed to contribute to the 401(k) Plan from 1% to 75% of his or her compensation, subject to limits imposed by applicable law. Effective January 1, 2007, all participants hired post January 1, 2007 vest in company match contributions 20% per year for each plan year they work 1,000 hours. All participants hired before January 1, 2007 are immediately vested in company match contributions. The Company match was suspended in 2009 and 2010 due to adverse economic conditions. However, we made a partial retroactive match for 2010 401(k) participants who were employed at December 31, 2010, which is included in the \$2.7 million expense for the year ended December 31, 2010. As of January 1, 2011, the Company match was reinstated. For 2011, we contributed a 50% match on the first 3% of annual compensation (up to \$150,000 of compensation) deferred by each participant. In connection with the 401(k) Plan, we charged to expense \$10.9 million, \$2.7 million and \$0.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Participants are entitled to invest up to 25% of their 401(k) account balance in shares of our common stock. As of December 31, 2011, approximately 1.3 million shares of our common stock were held as investments by participants in our 401(k) Plan.

*Pension Plans.* We have two contributory defined benefit pension plans in the U.K. The London-based firm of Hillier Parker May & Rowden, which we acquired in 1998, had a contributory defined benefit pension plan. A subsidiary of Insignia, which we acquired in connection with the Insignia Acquisition in 2003, also had a contributory defined benefit pension plan in the U.K. Our subsidiaries based in the U.K. maintain the plans to provide retirement benefits to existing and former employees participating in these plans. With respect to these plans, our historical policy has been to contribute annually an amount to fund pension cost as actuarially determined and as required by applicable laws and regulations. Effective July 1, 2007, we reached agreements with the active members of these plans to freeze future pension plan benefits. In return, the active members became eligible to enroll in a defined contribution plan.

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The following table sets forth a reconciliation of the benefit obligation, plan assets, plan's funded status and amounts recognized in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets for both of our defined benefit pension plans (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Change in benefit obligation</b>		
Benefit obligation at beginning of period	\$ 296,577	\$ 304,912
Interest cost	16,556	16,113
Actuarial loss (gain)	12,115	(5,951)
Benefits paid	(7,697)	(7,465)
Foreign currency translation	(1,386)	(11,032)
Benefit obligation at end of period	\$ 316,165	\$ 296,577
 <b>Change in plan assets</b>		
Fair value of plan asset at beginning of period	\$ 256,570	\$ 239,967
Actuarial return on plan assets	1,649	29,018
Company contributions	5,332	3,543
Benefits paid	(7,697)	(7,465)
Foreign currency translation	(549)	(8,493)
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	\$ 255,305	\$ 256,570
<b>Funded status</b>	<b>\$ (60,860)</b>	<b>\$ (40,007)</b>
 <b>Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position consist of:</b>		
Non-current liabilities	\$ (60,860)	\$ (40,007)

The accumulated benefit obligation for our defined benefit pension plans was \$316.2 million and \$296.6 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Items not yet recognized as a component of net periodic pension cost were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Unamortized actuarial loss	\$ 94,842	\$ 69,116
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 94,842	\$ 69,116

The estimated net actuarial loss that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic pension cost in 2012 is \$2.3 million.

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Components of net periodic pension cost and other amounts recognized in other comprehensive loss (income) consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>Net Periodic Cost</b>			
Interest cost	\$ 16,556	\$ 16,113	\$ 14,285
Expected return on plan assets	(17,238)	(14,975)	(12,422)
Amortization of unrecognized net loss	1,358	2,200	1,042
<b>Net periodic pension cost</b>	<b>\$ 676</b>	<b>\$ 3,338</b>	<b>\$ 2,905</b>
<b>Other Changes in Plan Assets and Benefit Obligations Recognized in Other Comprehensive Loss (Income)</b>			
Net actuarial loss (gain)	\$ 25,726	\$ (24,753)	\$ 44,435
Total recognized in other comprehensive loss (income)	25,726	(24,753)	44,435
<b>Total recognized in net periodic cost and other comprehensive loss (income)</b>	<b>\$ 26,402</b>	<b>\$ (21,415)</b>	<b>\$ 47,340</b>

Weighted average assumptions used to determine our projected benefit obligation were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010
Discount rate	4.87%	5.47%
Expected return on plan assets	5.93%	6.78%

Weighted average assumptions used to determine our net periodic pension cost were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Discount rate	4.88%	5.48%	5.60%
Expected return on plan assets	6.00%	6.86%	6.95%

We select a discount rate by reference to yields available at our balance sheet date on U.K. AA-rated corporate bonds. The corporate bond yield curve is derived by taking a government bond yield curve, based on Bank of England data and adding an amount to reflect the yield spread on

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AA-rated bonds over government bonds. This discount rate selected is the weighted average of the yields on the resulting bond yield curve, where the weighting is based on the expected cash flow from the weighted average duration of the pension plans.

We review historical rates of return for equity and fixed income securities, as well as current economic conditions, to determine the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets. The assumed rate of return for 2011 is based on 60.2% of the portfolio being invested in equities yielding a 6.9% return and 26.9% of assets being primarily invested in corporate and government debt securities yielding a 4.3% return. Consideration is given to diversification and periodic rebalancing of the portfolio based on prevailing market conditions.

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Our pension plan weighted average asset allocations by asset category were as follows:

Asset Category	Target Allocation		Plan Assets at December 31,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Equity securities	26%	79%	60.2%	67.7%
Debt securities	13%	45%	26.9%	21.4%
Other	8%	29%	12.9%	10.9%
Total			100.0%	100.0%

Our pension trust assets are invested with a long-term focus to achieve a return on investment that is based on levels of liquidity and investment risk that the trustees, in consultation with management believe are prudent and reasonable. The investment portfolio contains a diversified blend of equity and fixed income and index linked investments consisting primarily of government debt. The equity investments are diversified across U.K. and non-U.K. equities, as well as value, growth, and medium and large capitalizations. The portfolio's asset mix is reviewed regularly, and the portfolio is rebalanced based on existing market conditions. Investment risk is measured and monitored on a regular basis through quarterly portfolio reviews, annual liability measurements and periodic asset/liability analyses.

The fair value of our pension assets are comprised of the following (dollars in thousands):

As of December 31, 2011	Total	Fair Value Measured and Recorded Using:		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<i>Asset Category</i>				
Cash	\$ 4,907	\$ 4,907	\$	\$
Equity securities (a)	153,769	5,173	148,596	
Fixed income securities (a)	68,567		68,567	
Other types of investments (b)	28,062		17,261	10,801
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 255,305</b>	<b>\$ 10,080</b>	<b>\$ 234,424</b>	<b>\$ 10,801</b>
<b>As of December 31, 2010</b>				
<i>Asset Category</i>				
Cash	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,343	\$	\$
Equity securities (a)	173,849		173,849	

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Fixed income securities (a)	54,789		54,789	
Other types of investments (b)	26,589		16,789	9,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 256,570</b>	<b>\$ 1,343</b>	<b>\$ 245,427</b>	<b>\$ 9,800</b>

- (a) The assets in this category represent investments in foreign equity and bond funds. Generally, these assets are valued using bid-market valuations provided by the funds' investment managers.
- (b) The assets in this category include investments in a liability driven investment fund and investments in commercial real estate. The liability driven investment fund is a single priced fund and the fair value of the underlying assets are priced by the fund's custodian based on observable market data and therefore categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The investments in commercial real estate include investments in a pooled property fund and a property unit trust that invest in commercial real estate

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properties in the U.K. The fair values for these investments are based on inputs obtained from broker quotes that are indicative of value and cannot be corroborated by observable market data and therefore are categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

A summary of our pension assets measured and recorded using significant unobservable inputs is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Real Estate Funds</b>
Beginning balance at December 31, 2009	\$ 8,661
Actuarial return on plan assets	1,508
Foreign currency translation	(369)
Ending balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 9,800
Actuarial return on plan assets	1,025
Foreign currency translation	(24)
Ending balance at December 31, 2011	\$ 10,801

We expect to contribute \$5.2 million to our pension plans in 2012. The following is a schedule by year of benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, that are expected to be paid (dollars in thousands):

2012	\$ 6,828
2013	7,724
2014	7,598
2015	8,798
2016	9,083
2017-2021	55,307
Total	\$ 95,338

We also have defined contribution plans for employees in the U.K. Our contributions to these plans were approximately \$8.7 million, \$7.3 million and \$8.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**16. Income Taxes**



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The components of income (loss) from continuing operations before provision for income taxes consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Domestic	\$ 252,577	\$ 71,447	\$ (117,039)
Foreign	176,961	200,610	116,394
	\$ 429,538	\$ 272,057	\$ (645)

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Our tax provision (benefit) consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Federal:			
Current	\$ 107,671	\$ 98,396	\$ (116,382)
Deferred	3,472	(41,616)	107,878
	111,143	56,780	(8,504)
State:			
Current	13,763	5,555	759
Deferred	(10,056)	2,719	5,968
	3,707	8,274	6,727
Foreign:			
Current	78,256	68,919	26,581
Deferred	(4,003)	(3,605)	2,189
	74,253	65,314	28,770
	\$ 189,103	\$ 130,368	\$ 26,993

The following is a reconciliation stated as a percentage of pre-tax income (loss) of the U.S. statutory federal income tax rate to our effective tax rate:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Federal statutory tax rate	35%	35%	35%
State taxes, net of federal benefit	3	2	(234)
Non-deductible expenses	3	3	(926)
Acquisition costs	3		
Reserves for uncertain tax positions	2	1	964
Credits and exemptions	(1)	(2)	1,051
Non-controlling interests	(1)	6	(3,309)
Foreign rate differential	(1)	(1)	234
Change in valuation allowance		2	(1,962)
Other	1	2	(38)
Effective tax rate	44%	48%	(4,185%)

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During the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, we recorded a \$15.5 million, \$5.6 million and \$3.5 million income tax benefit in connection with stock options exercised. Of this income tax benefit, \$14.9 million, \$5.4 million and \$1.6 million was charged directly to additional paid-in capital within the equity section of the accompanying consolidated balance sheets in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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Cumulative tax effects of temporary differences are shown below at December 31, 2011 and 2010 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
<b>Asset (Liability)</b>		
Property and equipment	\$ (15,808)	\$ 3,845
Bad debt and other reserves	62,852	49,500
Capitalized costs and intangibles	(278,152)	(132,877)
Bonus	170,681	120,297
Investments	7,983	4,071
NOL and state tax credits	52,382	52,456
Unconsolidated affiliates	43,499	56,309
Pension obligation	18,992	13,578
All other	(4,827)	(3,446)
Net deferred tax assets before valuation allowance	57,602	163,733
Valuation allowance	(37,632)	(41,109)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 19,970	\$ 122,624

As of December 31, 2011, we had U.S. federal net operating losses (NOLs) of approximately \$10.1 million, translating to a deferred tax asset before valuation allowance of \$3.5 million, which will begin to expire in 2023. As of December 31, 2011, there were also deferred tax assets of approximately \$14.3 million related to state NOLs as well as \$32.8 million related to foreign NOLs. The state and foreign NOLs both begin to expire in 2012. The utilization of NOLs may be subject to certain limitations under U.S. federal, state and foreign laws.

Management determined that as of December 31, 2011, \$37.6 million of deferred tax assets do not satisfy the recognition criteria set forth in Topic 740. Accordingly, a valuation allowance has been recorded for this amount. If released, the entire amount would result in a benefit to continuing operations. During the year ended December 31, 2011, our valuation allowances decreased by approximately \$3.5 million. This was primarily the result of decreases of \$10.1 million related to the reversal of state valuation allowances on net operating losses and other state assets, \$2.5 million related to the utilization of foreign net operating losses and \$1.9 million related to foreign net operating loss adjustments. These decreases were partially offset by the establishment of valuation allowances of \$8.4 million related to foreign net operating losses and other foreign assets and \$2.6 million related to federal net operating losses and other federal assets. Management believes it is more likely than not that future operations will generate sufficient taxable income to realize the benefit of the deferred tax assets recorded net of these valuation allowances.

Presently, we have not recorded a deferred tax liability for undistributed earnings of subsidiaries located outside of the U.S. These earnings may become taxable upon a payment of a dividend or as a result of a sale or liquidation of the subsidiaries. At this time, we do not have any plans to repatriate income from our foreign subsidiaries, however, to the extent that we are able to repatriate such earnings in a tax free manner, or in the event of a change in our capital situation or investment strategy, it is possible that the foreign subsidiaries may pay a dividend which would impact our effective tax rate. In addition, if such funds became needed for funding our U.S. operations, then we may be required to accrue and

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pay U.S. taxes to repatriate these funds. Unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries, which have been, or are intended to be permanently invested, aggregated approximately \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2011. Cash and cash equivalents owned by non-U.S. subsidiaries totaled \$210.3 million at December 31, 2011. The determination of the tax liability upon repatriation is not practicable.

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The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits was approximately \$91.7 million and \$77.2 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that would affect our effective tax rate, if recognized, is \$43.0 million (\$41.8 million, net of federal benefit received from state positions) and \$39.1 million (\$37.9 million, net of federal benefit received from state positions) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Beginning balance, unrecognized tax benefits	\$ (77,177)	\$ (69,187)
Gross increases tax positions in prior period	(9,798)	(5,169)
Gross decreases tax positions in prior period	184	371
Gross increases current-period tax positions	(5,616)	(5,094)
Decreases relating to settlements	721	1,274
Reductions as a result of lapse of statute of limitations	154	
Foreign exchange movement	(178)	628
Ending balance, unrecognized tax benefits	\$ (91,710)	\$ (77,177)

We currently anticipate a decrease of \$12.4 million to unrecognized tax benefits during the next 12 months due to the anticipated settlement of ongoing audits.

Our continuing practice is to recognize potential accrued interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters within income tax expense. During the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we accrued an additional \$3.4 million, \$2.9 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, in interest associated with uncertain tax positions. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, we have recognized a liability for interest and penalties of \$27.1 million (\$21.8 million, net of related federal benefit received from interest expense) and \$23.7 million (\$19.5 million, net of related federal benefit received from interest expense), respectively.

We conduct business globally and, as a result, one or more of our subsidiaries files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and multiple state, local and foreign jurisdictions. We are no longer subject to U.S. federal Internal Revenue Service audits for years prior to 2005. With limited exception, our significant state and foreign tax jurisdictions are no longer subject to audit by the various tax authorities for tax years prior to 2005.

**17. Stockholders Equity**

On June 4, 2009, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation that increased the total number of shares of Class A common stock that we are authorized to issue from 325,000,000 to 525,000,000, with \$0.01 par value per share. Holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters on which our stockholders are entitled to vote. Holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to receive ratable dividends if and when declared from time to time by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, after payment of dividends required to be paid on any outstanding preferred stock. Our Credit Agreement governing our revolving credit facility and senior secured term loan facilities imposes restrictions on our ability to declare dividends with respect to our Class A common stock.

Our board of directors is authorized, subject to any limitations imposed by law, without the approval of our stockholders, to issue a total of 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, in one or more series, with each such series having rights and preferences including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, as our board of directors may determine.

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On June 10, 2009, we completed the sale of 13,440,860 shares of our Class A common stock through a direct placement to Paulson & Co. Inc., which raised approximately \$97.6 million of net proceeds. On June 11, 2009, we completed the sale of 5,682,684 shares of our Class A common stock through an at-the-market offering program, which raised approximately \$48.8 million of net proceeds.

In November 2009, we completed the sale of 28,289,960 shares of our Class A common stock pursuant to an at-the-market offering program, which raised approximately \$293.8 million of net proceeds.

**18. Earnings Per Share Information**

The following is a calculation of earnings per share (dollars in thousands, except share data):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>Computation of basic income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders:</b>			
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders	\$ 239,162	\$ 200,345	\$ 33,341
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic income per share	318,454,191	313,873,439	277,361,783
Basic income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.12
<b>Computation of diluted income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders:</b>			
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders	\$ 239,162	\$ 200,345	\$ 33,341
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic income per share	318,454,191	313,873,439	277,361,783
Dilutive effect of contingently issuable shares	3,160,702	2,530,103	331,252
Dilutive effect of stock options	2,108,862	2,613,345	2,302,046
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted income per share	323,723,755	319,016,887	279,995,081
Diluted income per share attributable to CBRE Group, Inc. shareholders	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.12

For the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, options to purchase 55,587, 115,775 and 3,037,573 shares, respectively, of common stock and 11,880, 112,865 and 1,919,083, respectively, of contingently issuable shares were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have had an anti-dilutive effect.



**19. Fiduciary Funds**

The accompanying consolidated balance sheets do not include the net assets of escrow, agency and fiduciary funds, which are held by us on behalf of clients and which amounted to \$1.8 billion and \$1.5 billion at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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In the ordinary course of business, we dispose of real estate assets, or hold real estate assets for sale, that may be considered components of an entity in accordance with Topic 360. If we do not have, or expect to have, significant continuing involvement with the operation of these real estate assets after disposition, we are required to recognize operating profits or losses and gains or losses on disposition of these assets as discontinued operations in our consolidated statements of operations in the periods in which they occur. We did not report any discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2009. Real estate operations and dispositions accounted for as discontinued operations for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 were reported in our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments and totaled the following (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Revenue	\$ 6,737	\$ 3,862
Costs and expenses:		
Operating, administrative and other	5,264	5,004
Depreciation and amortization	1,211	581
Total costs and expenses	6,475	5,585
Gain on disposition of real estate	56,888	22,952
Operating income	57,150	21,229
Interest income		1
Interest expense	3,248	1,555
Income from discontinued operations, before provision for income taxes	53,902	19,675
Provision for income taxes	4,012	5,355
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	49,890	14,320
Less: Income from discontinued operations attributable to non-controlling interests	44,245	5,441
Income from discontinued operations attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 5,645	\$ 8,879

**21. Segments**

We report our operations through the following segments: (1) Americas, (2) EMEA, (3) Asia Pacific, (4) Global Investment Management and (5) Development Services.

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The Americas segment is our largest segment of operations and provides a comprehensive range of services throughout the U.S. and in the largest regions of Canada and key markets in Latin America. The primary services offered consist of the following: real estate services, mortgage loan origination and servicing, valuation services, asset services and corporate services.

Our EMEA and Asia Pacific segments provide services similar to the Americas business segment. The EMEA segment has operations primarily in Europe, while the Asia Pacific segment has operations primarily in Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Our Global Investment Management business provides investment management services to clients seeking to generate returns and diversification through direct and indirect investments in real estate in North America, Europe and Asia.

Our Development Services business consists of real estate development and investment activities primarily in the U.S.

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Summarized financial information by segment is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
<b>Revenue</b>			
Americas	\$ 3,673,681	\$ 3,217,543	\$ 2,594,127
EMEA	1,076,568	936,581	818,136
Asia Pacific	788,754	669,897	524,308
Global Investment Management	290,065	215,631	141,445
Development Services	76,343	75,664	87,804
	\$ 5,905,411	\$ 5,115,316	\$ 4,165,820
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>			
Americas	\$ 62,238	\$ 60,663	\$ 56,883
EMEA	10,945	9,519	11,158
Asia Pacific	9,654	8,419	8,726
Global Investment Management	21,271	13,968	4,901
Development Services	11,611	15,812	17,805
	\$ 115,719	\$ 108,381	\$ 99,473
<b>Equity income (loss) from unconsolidated subsidiaries</b>			
Americas	\$ 15,162	\$ 11,708	\$ 8,305
EMEA	778	848	838
Asia Pacific	5	(3)	(231)
Global Investment Management	(1,044)	(8,039)	(27,548)
Development Services	89,875	22,047	(15,459)
	\$ 104,776	\$ 26,561	\$ (34,095)
<b>EBITDA</b>			
Americas	\$ 462,167	\$ 389,991	\$ 248,238
EMEA	87,527	89,407	66,545
Asia Pacific	82,226	70,857	53,900
Global Investment Management	(14,772)	48,556	4,112
Development Services	76,113	48,656	(716)
	\$ 693,261	\$ 647,467	\$ 372,079

EBITDA represents earnings before net interest expense, write-off of financing costs, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Our management believes EBITDA is useful in evaluating our operating performance compared to that of other companies in our industry because the calculation of EBITDA generally eliminates the effects of financing and income taxes and the accounting effects of capital spending and acquisitions, which would include impairment charges of goodwill and intangibles created from acquisitions. Such items may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance. As a result, our management uses EBITDA as a measure to evaluate the operating performance of our various business segments and for other discretionary purposes, including as a significant component when measuring our operating performance under our employee incentive programs. Additionally, we believe EBITDA is useful to investors to assist

them in getting a more complete picture of our results from operations.

However, EBITDA is not a recognized measurement under GAAP and when analyzing our operating performance, readers should use EBITDA in addition to, and not as an alternative for, net income as determined in accordance with GAAP. Because not all companies use identical calculations, our presentation of EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Furthermore, EBITDA is not intended to be a measure of free cash flow for our management's discretionary use, as it does not consider certain cash requirements such as tax and debt service payments. The amounts shown for EBITDA also differ from the amounts calculated under similarly titled definitions in our debt instruments, which are further adjusted to reflect certain other cash and non-cash charges and are used to determine compliance with financial covenants and our ability to engage in certain activities, such as incurring additional debt and making certain restricted payments.

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Net interest expense and write-off of financing costs have been expensed in the segment incurred. Provision for (benefit of) income taxes has been allocated among our segments by using applicable U.S. and foreign effective tax rates. EBITDA for our segments is calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>Americas</u></b>			
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 182,107	\$ 105,452	\$ 4,121
Add:			
Depreciation and amortization	62,238	60,663	56,883
Interest expense	118,916	160,685	157,619
Write-off of financing costs		18,148	29,255
Royalty and management service income	(29,729)	(24,363)	(19,280)
Provision for income taxes	136,803	73,944	23,705
Less:			
Interest income	8,168	4,538	4,065
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 462,167</b>	<b>\$ 389,991</b>	<b>\$ 248,238</b>
<b><u>EMEA</u></b>			
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 37,155	\$ 53,314	\$ 33,341
Add:			
Depreciation and amortization	10,945	9,519	11,158
Interest expense	1,633	263	1,172
Royalty and management service expense	14,142	12,390	13,401
Provision for income taxes	27,253	27,080	7,861
Less:			
Interest income	3,601	13,159	388
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 87,527</b>	<b>\$ 89,407</b>	<b>\$ 66,545</b>
<b><u>Asia Pacific</u></b>			
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 32,815	\$ 30,189	\$ 29,131
Add:			
Depreciation and amortization	9,654	8,419	8,726
Interest expense	3,535	2,119	2,979
Royalty and management service expense	14,666	11,179	4,969
Provision for income taxes	22,637	21,158	8,625
Less:			
Interest income	1,081	2,207	530
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 82,226</b>	<b>\$ 70,857</b>	<b>\$ 53,900</b>
<b><u>Global Investment Management</u></b>			
Net (loss) income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ (44,938)	\$ 9,062	\$ (7,518)
Add:			
Depreciation and amortization (1)	22,424	13,968	4,901
Interest expense (2)	20,892	22,247	4,289
Royalty and management service expense	921	794	910
(Benefit of) provision for income taxes	(13,404)	2,731	2,031

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Less:			
Interest income	667	246	501
EBITDA (3)	\$ (14,772)	\$ 48,556	\$ 4,112
<b>Development Services</b>			
Net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 32,023	\$ 2,328	\$ (25,734)
Add:			
Depreciation and amortization (4)	11,669	16,393	17,805
Interest expense (5)	12,784	19,224	23,087
Provision for (benefit of) income taxes (6)	19,826	10,810	(15,229)
Less:			
Interest income	189	99	645
EBITDA (7)	\$ 76,113	\$ 48,656	\$ (716)

(1) Includes depreciation and amortization related to discontinued operations of \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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- (2) Includes interest expense related to discontinued operations of \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.
- (3) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.
- (4) Includes depreciation and amortization related to discontinued operations of \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (5) Includes interest expense related to discontinued operations of \$0.4 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (6) Includes provision for income taxes related to discontinued operations of \$4.0 million and \$5.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
- (7) Includes EBITDA related to discontinued operations of \$10.1 million and \$16.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>		
<b>Capital expenditures</b>			
Americas	\$ 112,340	\$ 49,382	\$ 17,868
EMEA	22,273	7,366	3,825
Asia Pacific	9,232	8,240	2,805
Global Investment Management	4,017	3,295	3,502
Development Services	118	181	200
	<b>\$ 147,980</b>	<b>\$ 68,464</b>	<b>\$ 28,200</b>

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Identifiable assets</b>		
Americas	\$ 2,751,170	\$ 2,337,183
EMEA	836,290	749,159
Asia Pacific	442,934	372,068
Global Investment Management	1,663,769	500,023
Development Services	470,949	560,030
Corporate	1,054,031	603,105
	<b>\$ 7,219,143</b>	<b>\$ 5,121,568</b>

Identifiable assets by industry segment are those assets used in our operations in each segment. Corporate identifiable assets include cash and cash equivalents available for general corporate use and net deferred tax assets.

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands)</b>	
<b>Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries</b>		
Americas	\$ 21,890	\$ 19,221



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EMEA	907	998
Asia Pacific		13
Global Investment Management	95,135	81,601
Development Services	48,900	37,140
	\$ 166,832	\$ 138,973

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
	(Dollars in thousands)		
<b>Revenue</b>			
U.S.	\$ 3,492,118	\$ 3,084,293	\$ 2,533,371
U.K.	484,272	444,721	392,319
All other countries	1,929,021	1,586,302	1,240,130
	\$ 5,905,411	\$ 5,115,316	\$ 4,165,820

The revenue shown in the table above is allocated based upon the country in which services are performed.

	December 31,	
	2011	2010
	(Dollars in thousands)	
<b>Long-lived assets</b>		
U.S.	\$ 203,982	\$ 119,113
U.K.	29,290	18,391
All other countries	62,216	50,893
	\$ 295,488	\$ 188,397

The long-lived assets shown in the table above are comprised of net property and equipment.

**22. Related Party Transactions**

Included in prepaid expenses, other current assets and other long-term assets, net in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets are loans to related parties, primarily employees, of \$52.3 million and \$48.6 million as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The majority of these loans represent sign-on and retention bonuses issued or assumed in connection with acquisitions and prepaid commissions as well as prepaid retention and recruitment awards issued to employees. These loans are at varying principal amounts, bear interest at rates up to 5.1% per annum and mature on various dates through 2019.

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Bob Sulentic, an executive officer, committed to invest a minimum of \$0.8 million in Trammell Crow Company Acquisitions I, L.P. and Trammell Crow Company Acquisitions II, L.P. (through pooled co-investment vehicles organized for the investment of certain employees). As of December 31, 2011, Mr. Sulentic had funded the full amount of his commitment in these investments. These funds are closed-end real estate investment funds managed and sponsored by our subsidiary, Trammell Crow Company. These investments have been approved by our board of directors, including all of the disinterested members.

### **23. Guarantor and Nonguarantor Financial Statements**

The following condensed consolidating financial information includes:

(1) Condensed consolidating balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and 2010; condensed consolidating statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009; and condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009,

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of (a) CBRE Group, Inc. as the parent, (b) CBRE Services, Inc. (CBRE) as the subsidiary issuer, (c) the guarantor subsidiaries, (d) the nonguarantor subsidiaries and (e) CBRE Group, Inc. on a consolidated basis; and

(2) Elimination entries necessary to consolidate CBRE Group, Inc. as the parent, with CBRE and its guarantor and nonguarantor subsidiaries.

Investments in consolidated subsidiaries are presented using the equity method of accounting. The principal elimination entries eliminate investments in consolidated subsidiaries and intercompany balances and transactions.

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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

(Dollars in thousands)

	Parent	CBRE	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	Consolidated Total
<b>Current Assets:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5	\$ 298,370	\$ 375,176	\$ 419,631	\$	\$ 1,093,182
Restricted cash		4,845	21,827	40,466		67,138
Receivables, net			405,902	729,469		1,135,371
Warehouse receivables (a)			720,061			720,061
Income taxes receivable	15,526	6,879		3,669	(26,074)	
Trading securities			83	151,401		151,484
Prepaid expenses			46,040	65,839		111,879
Deferred tax assets, net			143,065	25,874		168,939
Real estate under development				30,617		30,617
Real estate and other assets held for sale				26,201		26,201
Available for sale securities			2,790			2,790
Other current assets			26,468	15,917		42,385
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>15,531</b>	<b>310,094</b>	<b>1,741,412</b>	<b>1,509,084</b>	<b>(26,074)</b>	<b>3,550,047</b>
Property and equipment, net			202,674	92,814		295,488
Goodwill			1,004,875	823,532		1,828,407
Other intangible assets, net			510,219	284,106		794,325
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries			105,664	61,168		166,832
Investments in consolidated subsidiaries	1,432,638	1,832,044	1,211,409		(4,476,091)	
Intercompany loan receivable		1,490,897	700,000	34,378	(2,225,275)	
Real estate under development			693	3,259		3,952
Real estate held for investment			4,007	399,691		403,698
Available for sale securities			34,605			34,605
Other assets, net		49,389	48,603	43,797		141,789
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,448,169</b>	<b>\$ 3,682,424</b>	<b>\$ 5,564,161</b>	<b>\$ 3,251,829</b>	<b>\$ (6,727,440)</b>	<b>\$ 7,219,143</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	\$ 11,674	\$ 151,260	\$ 411,202	\$	\$ 574,136
Compensation and employee benefits payable		626	208,692	189,370		398,688
Accrued bonus and profit sharing			308,748	235,880		544,628
Securities sold, not yet purchased				98,810		98,810
Income taxes payable			54,442		(26,074)	28,368
<b>Short-term borrowings:</b>						
Warehouse lines of credit (a)			713,362			713,362
Revolving credit facility		10,098		34,727		44,825
Other			16			16
<b>Total short-term borrowings</b>		<b>10,098</b>	<b>713,378</b>	<b>34,727</b>		<b>758,203</b>
Current maturities of long-term debt		46,000		21,838		67,838
Notes payable on real estate				146,120		146,120

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Liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale				21,482		21,482
Other current liabilities		39,885		2,490		42,375
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>68,398</b>	<b>1,476,405</b>	<b>1,161,919</b>	<b>(26,074)</b>		<b>2,680,648</b>
Long-Term Debt:						
Senior secured term loans	1,352,500			263,273		1,615,773
11.625% senior subordinated notes, net	439,016					439,016
6.625% senior notes	350,000					350,000
Other long-term debt				59		59
Intercompany loan payable	296,688		1,928,587		(2,225,275)	
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>296,688</b>	<b>2,141,516</b>	<b>1,928,587</b>	<b>263,332</b>	<b>(2,225,275)</b>	<b>2,404,848</b>
Notes payable on real estate				206,339		206,339
Deferred tax liabilities, net			135,500	13,469		148,969
Non-current tax liabilities			77,595	2,332		79,927
Pension liability				60,860		60,860
Other liabilities		39,872	114,030	66,487		220,389
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>296,688</b>	<b>2,249,786</b>	<b>3,732,117</b>	<b>1,774,738</b>	<b>(2,251,349)</b>	<b>5,801,980</b>
Commitments and contingencies						
Equity:						
CBRE Group, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	1,151,481	1,432,638	1,832,044	1,211,409	(4,476,091)	1,151,481
Non-controlling interests				265,682		265,682
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,151,481</b>	<b>1,432,638</b>	<b>1,832,044</b>	<b>1,477,091</b>	<b>(4,476,091)</b>	<b>1,417,163</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,448,169</b>	<b>\$ 3,682,424</b>	<b>\$ 5,564,161</b>	<b>\$ 3,251,829</b>	<b>\$ (6,727,440)</b>	<b>\$ 7,219,143</b>

- (a) Although CBRE Capital Markets is included among our domestic subsidiaries, which jointly and severally guarantee our 11.625% senior subordinated notes, our 6.625% senior notes and our Credit Agreement, a substantial majority of warehouse receivables funded under the Kemps Landing, JP Morgan, TD Bank, Fannie Mae ASAP Program and BofA lines of credit are pledged to Kemps Landing, JP Morgan, TD Bank, Fannie Mae and BofA, and accordingly, are not included as collateral for these notes or our other outstanding debt.

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	Parent	CBRE	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	Consolidated Total
<b>Current Assets:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4	\$ 223,845	\$ 96,862	\$ 185,863	\$	\$ 506,574
Restricted cash		4,830	16,086	31,341		52,257
Receivables, net			364,634	575,533		940,167
Warehouse receivables (a)			485,433			485,433
Income taxes receivable	16,581	28,957		3,915	(49,453)	
Prepaid expenses			40,653	56,298		96,951
Deferred tax assets, net			92,205	20,099		112,304
Real estate and other assets held for sale			558	15,737		16,295
Available for sale securities			3,018			3,018
Other current assets			28,383	19,488		47,871
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>16,585</b>	<b>257,632</b>	<b>1,127,832</b>	<b>908,274</b>	<b>(49,453)</b>	<b>2,260,870</b>
Property and equipment, net			118,425	69,972		188,397
Goodwill			803,075	520,726		1,323,801
Other intangible assets, net			304,639	28,216		332,855
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries			82,593	56,380		138,973
Investments in consolidated subsidiaries	1,132,091	856,753	1,042,686		(3,031,530)	
Intercompany loan receivable		1,434,571	635,000	177,302	(2,246,873)	
Deferred tax assets, net				40,185	(29,865)	10,320
Real estate under development				112,819		112,819
Real estate held for investment			4,214	622,181		626,395
Available for sale securities			31,936			31,936
Other assets, net		31,274	22,985	40,943		95,202
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,676</b>	<b>\$ 2,580,230</b>	<b>\$ 4,173,385</b>	<b>\$ 2,576,998</b>	<b>\$ (5,357,721)</b>	<b>\$ 5,121,568</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	\$ 9,211	\$ 138,613	\$ 297,513	\$	\$ 445,337
Compensation and employee benefits payable		626	204,034	141,879		346,539
Accrued bonus and profit sharing			235,694	219,829		455,523
Income taxes payable			67,851		(49,453)	18,398
<b>Short-term borrowings:</b>						
Warehouse lines of credit (a)			453,835			453,835
Revolving credit facility		10,120		7,396		17,516
Other			16			16
<b>Total short-term borrowings</b>		<b>10,120</b>	<b>453,851</b>	<b>7,396</b>		<b>471,367</b>
Current maturities of long-term debt		38,000		86		38,086
Notes payable on real estate				154,213		154,213
Liabilities related to real estate and other assets held for sale			86	12,066		12,152

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Other current liabilities			12,621	2,532		15,153
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>57,957</b>	<b>1,112,750</b>	<b>835,514</b>	<b>(49,453)</b>	<b>1,956,768</b>	
<b>Long-Term Debt:</b>						
Senior secured term loans	602,500					602,500
11.625% senior subordinated notes, net	437,682					437,682
6.625% senior notes	350,000					350,000
Other long-term debt				54		54
Intercompany loan payable	240,461		2,006,412		(2,246,873)	
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>240,461</b>	<b>1,390,182</b>	<b>2,006,412</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(2,246,873)</b>	<b>1,390,236</b>
Notes payable on real estate				461,665		461,665
Deferred tax liabilities, net			29,865		(29,865)	
Non-current tax liabilities			78,306			78,306
Pension liability				40,007		40,007
Other liabilities			89,299	39,492		128,791
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>240,461</b>	<b>1,448,139</b>	<b>3,316,632</b>	<b>1,376,732</b>	<b>(2,326,191)</b>	<b>4,055,773</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>						
<b>Equity:</b>						
CBRE Group, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	908,215	1,132,091	856,753	1,042,686	(3,031,530)	908,215
Non-controlling interests				157,580		157,580
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>908,215</b>	<b>1,132,091</b>	<b>856,753</b>	<b>1,200,266</b>	<b>(3,031,530)</b>	<b>1,065,795</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,676</b>	<b>\$ 2,580,230</b>	<b>\$ 4,173,385</b>	<b>\$ 2,576,998</b>	<b>\$ (5,357,721)</b>	<b>\$ 5,121,568</b>

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>CBRE</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Nonguarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Elimination</b>	<b>Consolidated Total</b>
Revenue	\$	\$	\$ 3,419,396	\$ 2,486,015	\$	\$ 5,905,411
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services			2,064,160	1,392,970		3,457,130
Operating, administrative and other	41,708	5,331	985,402	850,225		1,882,666
Depreciation and amortization			66,960	48,759		115,719
Total costs and expenses	41,708	5,331	3,116,522	2,291,954		5,455,515
Gain on disposition of real estate			3,380	9,586		12,966
Operating (loss) income	(41,708)	(5,331)	306,254	203,647		462,862
Equity income from unconsolidated subsidiaries			101,625	3,151		104,776
Other income			986	1,720		2,706
Interest income		105,502	2,990	6,319	(105,368)	9,443
Interest expense		118,650	105,857	31,110	(105,368)	150,249
Royalty and management service (income) expense			(35,890)	35,890		
Income from consolidated subsidiaries	265,344	276,944	74,114		(616,402)	
Income from continuing operations before (benefit of) provision for income taxes	223,636	258,465	416,002	147,837	(616,402)	429,538
(Benefit of) provision for income taxes	(15,526)	(6,879)	139,058	72,450		189,103
Income from continuing operations	239,162	265,344	276,944	75,387	(616,402)	240,435
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes				49,890		49,890
Net income	239,162	265,344	276,944	125,277	(616,402)	290,325
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests				51,163		51,163
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 239,162	\$ 265,344	\$ 276,944	\$ 74,114	\$ (616,402)	\$ 239,162

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>CBRE</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Nonguarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Elimination</b>	<b>Consolidated Total</b>
Revenue	\$	\$	\$ 2,995,186	\$ 2,120,130	\$	\$ 5,115,316
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services			1,798,753	1,161,417		2,960,170
Operating, administrative and other	44,826	4,462	829,027	729,367		1,607,682
Depreciation and amortization			58,744	49,637		108,381
Total costs and expenses	44,826	4,462	2,686,524	1,940,421		4,676,233
Gain on disposition of real estate			3,381	3,915		7,296
Operating (loss) income	(44,826)	(4,462)	312,043	183,624		446,379
Equity income (loss) from unconsolidated subsidiaries			29,453	(2,892)		26,561
Interest income		92,935	2,243	17,052	(103,814)	8,416
Interest expense		148,610	105,490	40,865	(103,814)	191,151
Write-off of financing costs		18,148				18,148
Royalty and management service (income) expense			(28,485)	28,485		
Income from consolidated subsidiaries	228,590	277,918	124,349		(630,857)	
Income from continuing operations before (benefit of) provision for income taxes	183,764	199,633	391,083	128,434	(630,857)	272,057
(Benefit of) provision for income taxes	(16,581)	(28,957)	113,165	62,741		130,368
Income from continuing operations	200,345	228,590	277,918	65,693	(630,857)	141,689
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes				14,320		14,320
Net income	200,345	228,590	277,918	80,013	(630,857)	156,009
Less: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests				(44,336)		(44,336)
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 200,345	\$ 228,590	\$ 277,918	\$ 124,349	\$ (630,857)	\$ 200,345

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>CBRE</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Nonguarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Elimination</b>	<b>Consolidated Total</b>
Revenue	\$	\$	\$ 2,472,685	\$ 1,693,135	\$	\$ 4,165,820
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services			1,519,705	928,180		2,447,885
Operating, administrative and other	35,437	6,938	714,558	626,646		1,383,579
Depreciation and amortization			54,806	44,667		99,473
Total costs and expenses	35,437	6,938	2,289,069	1,599,493		3,930,937
Gain on disposition of real estate				6,959		6,959
Operating (loss) income	(35,437)	(6,938)	183,616	100,601		241,842
Equity loss from unconsolidated subsidiaries			(21,249)	(12,846)		(34,095)
Other income		3,880				3,880
Interest income		48	4,665	3,067	(1,651)	6,129
Interest expense		158,964	1,041	30,792	(1,651)	189,146
Write-off of financing costs		29,255				29,255
Royalty and management service (income) expense			(22,340)	22,340		
Income from consolidated subsidiaries	54,717	170,756	71,876		(297,349)	
Income (loss) before (benefit of) provision for income taxes	19,280	(20,473)	260,207	37,690	(297,349)	(645)
(Benefit of) provision for income taxes	(14,061)	(75,190)	89,451	26,793		26,993
Net income	33,341	54,717	170,756	10,897	(297,349)	(27,638)
Less: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests				(60,979)		(60,979)
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 33,341	\$ 54,717	\$ 170,756	\$ 71,876	\$ (297,349)	\$ 33,341

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	<b>Parent</b>	<b>CBRE</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Nonguarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidated Total</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	\$ 19,200	\$ 20,628	\$ 126,752	\$ 194,639	\$ 361,219
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Capital expenditures			(111,247)	(36,733)	(147,980)
Acquisition of Clarion Real Estate Securities and substantially all of the ING Group N.V. operations in Europe and Asia (collectively the REIM Acquisitions), including net assets acquired, intangibles and goodwill, net of cash acquired			(215,910)	(364,985)	(580,895)
Acquisition of businesses (other than the REIM Acquisitions), including net assets acquired, intangibles and goodwill, net of cash acquired			(2,290)	(47,500)	(49,790)
Contributions to unconsolidated subsidiaries			(29,912)	(21,551)	(51,463)
Distributions from unconsolidated subsidiaries			92,611	16,936	109,547
Net proceeds from disposition of real estate held for investment				231,678	231,678
Additions to real estate held for investment				(15,473)	(15,473)
Proceeds from the sale of servicing rights and other assets			26,886	149	27,035
Increase in restricted cash		(15)	(1,213)	(468)	(1,696)
Other investing activities, net			(1,218)		(1,218)
Net cash used in investing activities		(15)	(242,293)	(237,947)	(480,255)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Proceeds from senior secured term loans		800,000		300,739	1,100,739
Repayment of senior secured term loans		(42,000)		(5,503)	(47,503)
Proceeds from revolving credit facility		967,000		65,624	1,032,624
Repayment of revolving credit facility		(967,000)		(38,132)	(1,005,132)
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for investment				10,300	10,300
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for investment				(186,636)	(186,636)
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development				8,454	8,454
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development				(79,271)	(79,271)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	7,136				7,136
Incremental tax benefit from stock options exercised	14,936				14,936
Non-controlling interests contributions				10,231	10,231
Non-controlling interests distributions				(129,686)	(129,686)
Payment of financing costs		(23,652)		(1,086)	(24,738)
(Increase) decrease in intercompany receivables, net	(41,271)	(680,436)	393,855	327,852	
Other financing activities, net				(129)	(129)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(19,199)	53,912	393,855	282,757	711,325
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents				(5,681)	(5,681)
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>74,525</b>	<b>278,314</b>	<b>233,768</b>	<b>586,608</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>223,845</b>	<b>96,862</b>	<b>185,863</b>	<b>506,574</b>

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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT END OF PERIOD</b>	\$	5	\$ 298,370	\$ 375,176	\$ 419,631	\$ 1,093,182
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**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:**

Cash paid during the period for:

Interest	\$		\$ 109,520	\$ 24	\$ 28,491	\$ 138,035
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Income tax payments, net	\$		\$ 102,754	\$ 87,163	\$ 189,917	
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**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010****(Dollars in thousands)**

	Parent	CBRE	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidated Total
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	\$ 18,844	\$ 129,388	\$ 264,826	\$ 203,529	\$ 616,587
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Capital expenditures			(49,300)	(19,164)	(68,464)
Acquisition of businesses including net assets acquired, intangibles and goodwill			(2,340)	(68,050)	(70,390)
Contributions to unconsolidated subsidiaries			(32,915)	(4,595)	(37,510)
Distributions from unconsolidated subsidiaries			21,164	1,679	22,843
Net proceeds from disposition of real estate held for investment				76,504	76,504
Additions to real estate held for investment				(16,551)	(16,551)
Proceeds from the sale of servicing rights and other assets			27,179	1,765	28,944
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash			7,783	(3,736)	4,047
Other investing activities, net			(1,926)		(1,926)
Net cash used in investing activities			(30,355)	(32,148)	(62,503)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Proceeds from senior secured term loans		650,000			650,000
Repayment of senior secured term loan		(1,693,110)			(1,693,110)
Proceeds from revolving credit facility		83,337		23,422	106,759
Repayment of revolving credit facility		(83,501)		(27,156)	(110,657)
Proceeds from 6.625% senior notes		350,000			350,000
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for investment				20,631	20,631
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for investment				(81,906)	(81,906)
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development				3,671	3,671
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development				(14,341)	(14,341)
Repayment of short-term borrowings and other loans, net			(548)	(5,500)	(6,048)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,401				2,401
Incremental tax benefit from stock options exercised	5,380				5,380
Non-controlling interests contributions				29,172	29,172
Non-controlling interests distributions				(11,406)	(11,406)
Payment of financing costs		(33,329)		(1,101)	(34,430)
(Increase) decrease in intercompany receivables, net	(26,625)	578,474	(420,312)	(131,537)	
Other financing activities, net				(338)	(338)
Net cash used in financing activities	(18,844)	(148,129)	(420,860)	(196,389)	(784,222)
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents				(4,845)	(4,845)
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		(18,741)	(186,389)	(29,853)	(234,983)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	4	242,586	283,251	215,716	741,557

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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT END OF PERIOD</b>	\$	4	\$	223,845	\$	96,862	\$	185,863	\$	506,574
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**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:**

Cash paid (received) during the period for:										
Interest	\$		\$	134,719	\$	5	\$	34,686	\$	169,410
Income tax (refunds) payments, net	\$	(11,214)	\$	(108,132)	\$	57,102	\$	50,745	\$	(11,499)

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	Parent	CBRE	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidated Total
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	\$ 13,633	\$ (131,264)	\$ 263,164	\$ 68,112	\$ 213,645
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Capital expenditures			(18,181)	(10,019)	(28,200)
Acquisition of businesses including net assets acquired, intangibles and goodwill			(5,762)	(24,908)	(30,670)
Contributions to unconsolidated subsidiaries			(9,475)	(37,927)	(47,402)
Distributions from unconsolidated subsidiaries			8,208	1,024	9,232
Net proceeds from disposition of real estate held for investment				3,408	3,408
Additions to real estate held for investment				(26,656)	(26,656)
Proceeds from the sale of servicing rights and other assets			11,901	382	12,283
Increase in restricted cash			(2,474)	(8,069)	(10,543)
Other investing activities, net			(814)		(814)
Net cash used in investing activities			(16,597)	(102,765)	(119,362)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Repayment of senior secured term loans		(432,000)			(432,000)
Proceeds from revolving credit facility		793,049		7,879	800,928
Repayment of revolving credit facility		(741,646)		(31,075)	(772,721)
Proceeds from 11.625% senior subordinated notes, net		435,928			435,928
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for investment				16,690	16,690
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for investment				(7,185)	(7,185)
Proceeds from notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development				63,040	63,040
Repayment of notes payable on real estate held for sale and under development				(46,642)	(46,642)
Repayment of short-term borrowings and other loans, net			(1,703)	(2,607)	(4,310)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	440,173				440,173
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	15,443				15,443
Incremental tax benefit from stock options exercised	1,586				1,586
Non-controlling interests contributions				21,348	21,348
Non-controlling interests distributions				(13,496)	(13,496)
Payment of financing costs		(38,269)		(1,133)	(39,402)
(Increase) decrease in intercompany receivables, net	(469,700)	349,585	28,920	91,195	
Other financing activities, net	(1,135)			(1,477)	(2,612)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(13,633)	366,647	27,217	96,537	476,768
Effect of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents				11,683	11,683
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		235,383	273,784	73,567	582,734
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	4	7,203	9,467	142,149	158,823



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<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, AT END OF PERIOD</b>	\$	4	\$ 242,586	\$ 283,251	\$ 215,716	\$ 741,557
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**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:**

Cash paid (received) during the period for:						
Interest	\$		\$ 149,565	\$ 98	\$ 18,914	\$ 168,577
Income tax (refunds) payments, net	\$	(2,126)	\$ (9,221)	\$ (60,967)	\$ 23,959	\$ (48,355)

**Table of Contents****CBRE GROUP, INC.****QUARTERLY RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended December 31, 2011</b>	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2011</b>	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2011</b>
	<b>(Dollars in thousands, except share data)</b>			
Revenue	\$ 1,763,625	\$ 1,534,463	\$ 1,422,218	\$ 1,185,105
Operating income	\$ 116,556	\$ 143,005	\$ 130,182	\$ 73,119
Net income attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 79,763	\$ 63,807	\$ 61,223	\$ 34,369
Basic EPS (1)	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.11
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic EPS (1)	320,638,316	318,867,447	317,698,275	316,563,392
Diluted EPS (1)	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.11
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted EPS (1)	324,117,111	323,714,703	324,093,042	322,920,829
	<b>(Dollars in thousands, except share data)</b>			
	<b>Three Months Ended December 31, 2010</b>	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2010</b>	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2010</b>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2010</b>
Revenue	\$ 1,651,296	\$ 1,266,218	\$ 1,171,919	\$ 1,025,883
Operating income	\$ 172,933	\$ 130,579	\$ 97,179	\$ 45,688
Net income (loss) attributable to CBRE Group, Inc.	\$ 95,144	\$ 57,038	\$ 54,790	\$ (6,627)
Basic EPS (1)	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.02)
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic EPS (1)	315,879,460	313,791,661	312,910,934	312,879,640
Diluted EPS (1)	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.02)
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted EPS (1)	321,208,613	319,353,359	318,425,227	312,879,640

(1) EPS is defined as earnings (loss) per share.

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### **Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

Not applicable.

### **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f), including maintenance of (i) records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets, and (ii) policies and procedures that provide reasonable assurance that (a) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (b) our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and our Board of Directors and (c) we will prevent or timely detect unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of the inherent limitations of any system of internal control. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses of judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper overriding of controls. As a result of such limitations, there is risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria established in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission. We acquired certain real estate investment management businesses from ING Group N.V. during 2011 ( *Acquired Business* ) as defined in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, and we excluded from our assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, the *Acquired Business*'s internal control over financial reporting associated with total assets of \$1.4 billion and total revenues of \$84.6 million included in our consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011. Based on our evaluation under the COSO framework, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2011. The effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein.

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

Our policy for disclosure controls and procedures provides guidance on the evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures and is designed to ensure that all corporate disclosure is complete and accurate in all material respects and that all information required to be disclosed in the periodic reports submitted by us under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods and in the manner specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include,

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without limitation, controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Our Disclosure Committee consisting of the principal accounting officer, general counsel, chief

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communication officer, senior officers of each significant business line and other select employees assisted the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer in this evaluation. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as required by the Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(c) as of the end of the period covered by this report.

### **Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

No changes in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Item 9B. Other Information**

Not applicable.

## **PART III**

### **Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

The information under the headings *Information About the Board* , *Corporate Governance* , *Executive Officers* and *Stock Ownership* in the definitive proxy statement for our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

We are filing the certifications by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information contained under the headings *Information About the Board* , *Corporate Governance* and *Executive Compensation* in the definitive proxy statement for our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table summarizes information about our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2011. All outstanding awards relate to our Class A common stock.

<b>Plan category</b>	<b>Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)</b>	<b>Weighted-average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)</b>	<b>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (2) (c)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders (1)	7,349,238	\$ 5.84	2,087,598(2)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,349,238</b>	<b>\$ 5.84</b>	<b>2,087,598</b>

- (1) Consists of stock options and restricted stock units in our Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan ) and our 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (no further awards may be issued under our 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, which was terminated in June 2004 in connection with the adoption of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan). Includes 2,556,829 restricted stock units, the majority of which vest in 2015 and 2016 and are exercisable for no consideration. Excluding these restricted stock units, the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights increases to \$8.95.

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(2) Under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, we may issue stock awards, including but not limited to restricted stock bonuses and restricted stock units, as those terms are defined in the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. For awards granted prior to June 2, 2008 under this plan, each stock award other than a stock option or stock appreciation right, reduced the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan by 2.25. For awards granted on or after June 2, 2008 under this plan, this share reserve is reduced by one share upon grant of each award.

The information contained under the heading **Stock Ownership** in the definitive proxy statement for our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information contained under the headings **Corporate Governance**, **Executive Compensation**, **Related Party and Other Transactions Involving Our Officers and Directors** and **Review and Approval of Transactions with Interested Persons** in the definitive proxy statement for our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The information contained under the heading **Corporate Governance** **Principal Accountant Fees and Services** in the definitive proxy statement for our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

## **PART IV**

### **Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

1. *Financial Statements*

See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements set forth on page 63.

2. *Financial Statement Schedules*

See Schedule II on page 148.

See Schedule III beginning on page 149.

3. Exhibits

See Exhibit Index beginning on page 154 hereof.



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**CBRE GROUP, INC.**

**SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**

**(Dollars in thousands)**

	<b>Allowance for Doubtful Accounts</b>
Balance, December 31, 2008	\$ 56,303
Charges to expense	9,226
Write-offs, payments and other	(24,132)
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 41,397
Charges to expense	4,661
Write-offs, payments and other	(12,786)
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 33,272
Charges to expense	9,754
Write-offs, payments and other	(9,111)
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 33,915

*See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.*

**Table of Contents****CBRE Group, Inc.****SCHEDULE III REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION****December 31, 2011****(Dollars in thousands)**

Description	Initial Cost			Balance at December 31, 2011					Accumulated in Depreciation (A), (D)	Depreciable Lives (D)	Date of Construction	Date Acquired	
	Related Encumbrances	Buildings and Land Improvements	Costs Subsequent Other to Acquisition	Buildings and Land Improvements	Other	Total, (A) (B), (C)							
<b>REAL ESTATE UNDER DEVELOPMENT (CURRENT)</b>													
<b>Land</b>													
301 Ocean, Santa Monica, CA	10,800	50,396	(19,779)	30,617		30,617				N/A	2007		
<b>REAL ESTATE HELD FOR SALE</b>													
<b>Land</b>													
ADC II, Oklahoma City, OK	529	558	309	867		867				N/A	2006		
Greenhill, Tulsa, OK	389	144	251	395		395				N/A	2006		
<b>Retail</b>													
Centre Point Commons, Bradenton, FL	19,535	7,484	13,223	(136)	7,707	12,864	20,571			2007	2006		
<b>REAL ESTATE UNDER DEVELOPMENT (NON-CURRENT)</b>													
<b>Land</b>													
105 Commerce, Hazel Township, PA		610	82	692		692				N/A	2011		
<b>Mixed Use (Multi-family/Retail)</b>													
Union at Carrollton Square, Carrollton, TX			1,503	12	1,491	1,503				N/A	2011		
<b>Office</b>													
Eugene BTS, Eugene, OR	942		1,757	2	1,755	1,757				N/A	2011		
<b>REAL ESTATE HELD FOR INVESTMENT</b>													
<b>Hotel</b>													
Oceanside Inn, Jekyll Island, GA			3,877	(1,918)	11	1,948	1,959			1958	2009		
<b>Industrial</b>													
Bellbrook Industrial, Memphis, TN	14,523	9,642	1,627	3,657	5,052	9,716	10,235	27	19,978	(1,559)	39	1975	2007
Brampton, Brampton, ON		2,473		1,058	3,444	87	3,531	(6)	39	2006	2006		
Hobby, Oklahoma City, OK	6,322	1,339	6,591	1,569	1,420	8,079	9,499	(1,079)	39	1975	2008		
MROTC, Oklahoma City, OK	9,656	3,223	3,347	3,849	4,274	5,706	439	10,419	(3,033)	39	2006	2006	
MROTC Steel Hangers, Oklahoma City, OK	12,495		2,470	740	10,273	13,483	13,483	(3,071)	39	2008	2006		

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Description	Initial Cost				Balance at December 31, 2011				Depreciable Accumulated		Date of Construction	Date Acquired	
	Related Encumbrances	Buildings and Land Improvements	Costs to Acquire	Subsequent Costs	Buildings and Land Improvements	Other	Total, (A), (B), (C)	(A), (D)	Years (D)				
615 N. 48th Street, Phoenix, AZ	54,518	14,550	62,123	518	528	14,550	62,409	760	77,719	(7,434)	39	2005	2008
<b>Land</b>													
150 Beachview, Jekyll Island, GA			2,900	(498)	80		2,322		2,402			N/A	2009
Arrowood, Charlotte, NC		321		(321)								N/A	2006
Ballpark Way, Houston, TX	5,380	8,218		(2,103)	6,115				6,115			N/A	2006
Buccaneer, Jekyll Island, GA			9,600	(5,969)	72		3,559		3,631			N/A	2009
CG Sunland, Phoenix, AZ		1,472		174	1,646				1,646			N/A	2006
Greenhill, Tulsa, OK	1,294	958		1,458	2,416				2,416			N/A	2006
High Street Glennwilde, Maricopa, AZ		1,394		52	1,446				1,446			N/A	2008
Lakeline Retail, Cedar Park, TX		5			5				5			N/A	2006
Oak Park, Houston, TX		669		248	917				917			N/A	2007
SA Crossroads II, San Antonio, TX		2,131		(1,530)	601				601			N/A	2006
Saracen, Waltham, MA	2,059	5,330		(1,830)	3,500				3,500			N/A	2007
Saracen Building 4, Waltham, MA	94	234		3	237				237			N/A	2007
Sierra Corporate Center, Reno, NV		2,056		(998)	1,058				1,058			N/A	2006
TCEP, Austin, TX		1,456		41	1,497				1,497			N/A	2008
Timbercreek, Dallas, TX		1,150		1,441	2,591				2,591			N/A	2006
<b>Mixed-Use (Multi-family/Residential)</b>													
Tranquility Lake, Pearland, TX (E)	17,783	3,510	17,490			3,510	17,490		21,000	(1,447)	30	2003	2010
The View at Encino Commons, San Antonio, TX (E)	19,859	2,510	16,465		250	2,510	16,715		19,225	(1,363)	30	2002	2010
San Miguel, San Antonio, TX (E)	23,230	2,145	23,205		401	2,145	23,606		25,751	(1,914)	30	2004	2010
<b>Mixed-Use (Multi-family/Retail)</b>													
Frisco Fairways, Frisco, TX	21,366	4,011		24,364	4,212	24,163			28,375	(1,767)	30	2009	2008
<b>Office</b>													
814 Commerce, Oak Brook, IL	21,665	4,784	8,217		2,480	3,299	12,182		15,481	(1,494)	39	1972	2007
Bixel, Los Angeles, CA	2,180	3,565	256		138	3,703	256		3,959	(15)	39	N/A	2008
Bixel Building 1, Los Angeles, CA	3,106	5,168	366	58	257	5,373	439	37	5,849	(27)	39	1967	2008

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Description	Related Encumbrances	Initial Cost				Balance at December 31, 2011				Depreciable Lives		Date of Construction	Date Acquired
		Land	Buildings and Improvements	Other	Costs Subsequent to Acquisition	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Other	Total, (A), (B), (C)	Accumulated in Depreciation (A), (D)	Years (D)		
Bixel Building 2, Los Angeles, CA	5,067	8,371	597	398	(189)	8,206	733	238	9,177	(53)	39	1955	2008
Cascade Station Office II, Portland, OR	7,122	1,233	282		7,356	1,886	6,985		8,871	(1,287)	39	2008	2007
Meriden 530 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT	7,138	1,079	4,837	1,292	(534)	1,079	5,471	124	6,674	(1,146)	39	1986	2008
Meriden 538 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT	5,535	1,194	4,271	698	1,885	1,194	6,717	137	8,048	(1,131)	39	1989	2008
Park South, Charlotte, NC	9,982	2,155	10,111	556	(1,483)	1,737	9,601	1	11,339	(1,561)	39	1980	2007
Saracen Building 1, Waltham, MA	22,272	4,510	288		23,630	6,747	21,681		28,428	(1,219)	39	2010	2007
Saracen Building 2, Waltham, MA	1,158	1,722	1,000	173	47	1,722	1,135	85	2,942	(413)	39	1959	2007
Saracen Building 3, Waltham, MA	13,281	8,745	11,625	4,019	1,451	8,816	15,193	1,831	25,840	(2,558)	39	1959	2007
South Executive, Charlotte, NC	19,098	1,690	12,195	532	8,030	1,693	20,754		22,447	(3,672)	39	1973	2007
Warwick, West Warwick, RI	16,518	3,420	17,482	1,361	(4,248)	2,752	15,263		18,015	(2,487)	39	1973	2007
<b>Retail</b>													
West Lake Crossing, Humble, TX	7,842	2,834			5,905	3,968	4,771		8,739	(334)	39	2009	2006
Bellbrook Retail, Memphis, TN	782	899	411	85	430	905	920		1,825	(190)	39	1975	2007
Fairway Centre, Pasadena, TX	9,392	3,061	1,797		2,929	3,005	4,782		7,787	(464)	39	2008	2006
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 372,912</b>	<b>\$ 182,419</b>	<b>\$ 220,276</b>	<b>\$ 30,464</b>	<b>\$ 67,665</b>	<b>\$ 164,350</b>	<b>\$ 324,966</b>	<b>\$ 11,508</b>	<b>\$ 500,824</b>	<b>\$ (40,724)</b>			

(A) Includes costs and depreciation subsequent to December 20, 2006, the date we acquired Trammell Crow Company.

(B) The aggregate cost for Federal Income Tax purposes is \$576.7 million.

(C) Reflects writedowns for impairments of real estate and provisions for loss on real estate held for sale totaling \$63.5 million on assets we own at December 31, 2011. These charges were recorded in 2008 through 2011 as a result of capital market turmoil and weak real estate fundamentals in the United States.

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- (D) Land, real estate under development and real estate held for sale are not depreciated.
- (E) In December 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-17, *Consolidations (Topic 810): Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities*. We adopted this ASU effective January 1, 2010 and as a result, we began consolidating certain variable interest entities that were not previously consolidated by us. See Note 4 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## CB RICHARD ELLIS GROUP, INC.

## NOTE TO SCHEDULE III REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

Changes in real estate investments and accumulated depreciation for the year ended December 31 were as follows:

	2011	2010
<b>Real estate investments:</b>		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 792,430	\$ 720,180
Additions and improvements	38,136	29,626
Adoption of ASU 2009-17		251,005
Dispositions	(323,436)	(177,789)
Other adjustments (1)	(6,306)	(30,592)
Balance at end of year	\$ 500,824	\$ 792,430
<b>Accumulated depreciation:</b>		
Balance at beginning of year	(\$37,817)	(\$26,746)
Depreciation expense	(17,377)	(21,617)
Dispositions	14,470	10,546
Balance at end of year	(\$40,724)	(\$37,817)

(1) Includes impairment charges and amortization of lease intangibles and tenant origination costs.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CBRE GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ BRETT WHITE  
**Brett White**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Date: February 29, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ RICHARD C. BLUM <b>Richard C. Blum</b>	Chairman of the Board	February 29, 2012
/s/ GIL BOROK <b>Gil Borok</b>	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	February 29, 2012
/s/ CURTIS F. FEENY <b>Curtis F. Feeny</b>	Director	February 29, 2012
/s/ BRADFORD M. FREEMAN <b>Bradford M. Freeman</b>	Director	February 29, 2012
/s/ ARLIN GAFFNER <b>Arlin Gaffner</b>	Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)	February 29, 2012
/s/ MICHAEL KANTOR <b>Michael Kantor</b>	Director	February 29, 2012
/s/ FREDERIC V. MALEK <b>Frederic V. Malek</b>	Director	February 29, 2012
/s/ JANE J. SU <b>Jane J. Su</b>	Director	February 29, 2012

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<b>Jane J. Su</b>		
/s/ LAURA D. TYSON	Director	February 29, 2012
<b>Laura D. Tyson</b>		
/s/ BRETT WHITE	Director and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	February 29, 2012
<b>Brett White</b>		
/s/ GARY L. WILSON	Director	February 29, 2012
<b>Gary L. Wilson</b>		
/s/ RAY WIRTA	Director	February 29, 2012
<b>Ray Wirta</b>		



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2.1(a)	Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2011, by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. and others (CRES Share Purchase Agreement) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.01 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 18, 2011)
2.1(b)	First Amendment, dated June 20, 2011, to CRES Share Purchase Agreement , by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, and CB Richard Ellis, Inc. and others (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2011)
2.1(c)	Second Amendment, dated July 1, 2011, to CRES Share Purchase Agreement , by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, and CB Richard Ellis, Inc. and others (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2011)
2.2(a)	Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2011, by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. and others (PERE Share Purchase Agreement) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.02 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 18, 2011)
2.2(b)	First Amendment, dated June 20, 2011, to PERE Share Purchase Agreement , by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, and CB Richard Ellis, Inc. and others (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2011)
2.2(c)	Second Amendment to the PERE Share Purchase Agreement, dated October 3, 2011, by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, CBRE, Inc. and others (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.03 of the CBRE Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 7, 2011)
2.2(d)	Third Amendment to the PERE Share Purchase Agreement, dated October 31, 2011, by and among ING Real Estate Investment Management Holding B.V. and others, CBRE, Inc. and others (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.04 of the CBRE Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 4, 2011)
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of CBRE Group, Inc. filed on June 16, 2004, as amended by the Certificate of Amendment filed on June 4, 2009 and the Certificate of Ownership and Merger filed on October 3, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the CBRE Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 9, 2011)
3.2	Second Amended and Restated By-laws of CBRE Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the CBRE Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 3, 2011)
4.1	Form of Class A common stock certificate of CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC (No. 333-112867) on April 30, 2004)
4.2(a)	Securityholders Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2001 ( Securityholders Agreement ), by and among, CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., Blum Strategic Partners, L.P., Blum Strategic Partners II, L.P., Blum Strategic Partners II GmbH & Co. KG, FS Equity Partners III, L.P., FS Equity Partners International, L.P., Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation, DLJ Investment Funding, Inc., The Koll Holding Company, Frederic V. Malek, the management investors named therein and the other persons from time to time party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 25 to Amendment No. 9 to Schedule 13D with respect to CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. filed with the SEC on July 25, 2001)

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.2(b)	Amendment and Waiver to Securityholders Agreement, dated as of April 14, 2004, by and among, CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and the other parties to the Securityholders Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(b) of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC (No. 333-112867) on April 30, 2004)
4.2(c)	Second Amendment and Waiver to Securityholders Agreement, dated as of November 24, 2004, by and among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and certain of the other parties to the Securityholders Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2(c) of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC (No. 333-120445) on November 24, 2004)
4.2(d)	Third Amendment and Waiver to Securityholders Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2005, by and among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and certain of the other parties to the Securityholders Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 2, 2005)
4.3(a)	Indenture, dated as of June 18, 2009, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, for the 11.625% Senior Subordinated Notes Due June 15, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 23, 2009)
4.3(b)	Supplemental Indenture among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain new U.S. subsidiaries from time-to-time, the other guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, for the 11.625% Senior Subordinated Notes Due June 15, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 10, 2009)
4.3(c)	Form of Supplemental Indenture among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain new U.S. subsidiaries from time-to-time, the other guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, for the 11.625% Senior Subordinated Notes Due June 15, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 29, 2011)
4.4	Form of Exchange Note (included in Exhibit 4.3(a))
4.5	Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 15, 2009, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto, and Banc of America Securities LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as representatives of the initial purchasers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 23, 2009)
4.6(a)	Indenture, dated as of October 8, 2010, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, for the 6.625% Senior Notes Due October 15, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 12, 2010)
4.6(b)	Form of Supplemental Indenture among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain new U.S. subsidiaries from time-to-time, the other guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, for the 6.625% Senior Notes Due October 15, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 29, 2011)
4.7	Form of Exchange Note (included in Exhibit 4.6(a))
4.8	Registration Rights Agreement, dated October 8, 2010, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the other guarantors party thereto, and Banc of America Securities LLC and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representatives of the initial purchasers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 12, 2010)

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1(a)	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, by and among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., the lenders named therein and Credit Suisse, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1(a) of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2010)
10.1(b)	Amendment No. 1, dated as of August 6, 2009, to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the lenders parties thereto and Credit Suisse, as administrative agent and collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 12, 2009)
10.1(c)	Loan Modification Agreement, dated as of August 24, 2009, relating to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the lenders parties thereto and Credit Suisse, as administrative agent and collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 28, 2009)
10.1(d)	Loan Modification Agreement, dated as of February 5, 2010, relating to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the lenders parties thereto and Credit Suisse, as administrative agent and collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 10, 2010)
10.1(e)	Loan Modification Agreement, dated as of March 29, 2010, relating to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the lenders parties thereto and Credit Suisse, as administrative agent and collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 2, 2010)
10.1(f)	Amended and Restated Guarantee and Pledge Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, by and among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and Credit Suisse, as Collateral Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1(b) of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2010)
10.1(g)	Form of Supplement, between certain new U.S. subsidiaries from time-to-time and Credit Suisse, as collateral agent, to the Amended and Restated Guarantee and Pledge Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, by and among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain Subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and Credit Suisse, as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 10, 2009)
10.1(h)	Form of Supplement between certain non-U.S. subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. (as contemplated by Section 5.09(b) of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, by and among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., the lenders parties thereto and Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent and collateral agent) and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent, to the Amended and Restated Guarantee and Pledge Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2009, by and among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 10, 2010)

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<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.2(a)	Credit Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2010, among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent and collateral agent, and the lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 17, 2010)
10.2(b)	Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 4, 2011, among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., the lenders party thereto and Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent and collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 10, 2011)
10.2(c)	Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated as of March 4, 2011, among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., the lenders party thereto and Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 10, 2011)
10.2(d)	Amendment No. 1 to the Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated as of August 26, 2011, among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., the lenders party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 30, 2011)
10.2(e)	Incremental Assumption Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2011, among CBRE Group, Inc., CBRE Services, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CBRE Services, Inc., the lenders and agents party thereto, and Credit Suisse AG, as administrative agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CBRE Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 17, 2011)
10.3(a)	Guarantee and Pledge Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2010, among CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 17, 2010)
10.3(b)	Form of Supplement among certain new U.S. subsidiaries from time-to-time and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent, to the Guarantee and Pledge Agreement, dated as of November 10, 2010, by and among CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., certain subsidiaries of CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. and Credit Suisse AG, as collateral agent for the Secured Parties (as defined therein) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CBRE Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 29, 2011)
10.4	CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003) +
10.5(a)	Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan of CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., dated June 2, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 6, 2008) +
10.5(b)	Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan of CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., dated December 3, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 11, 2009) +
10.6(a)	CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 401(k) Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 25, 2003) +
10.6(b)	Amendment to CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. Amended and Restated 401(k) Plan, dated March 31, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5(b) of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 10, 2006) +

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Exhibit	Description
10.8	Executive Bonus Plan, amended and restated as of February 10, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 10, 2011) +
10.9	Executive Incentive Plan, effective as of January 1, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 9, 2007) +
10.10	Form of Indemnification Agreement for Directors and Officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 8, 2009) +
10.11	Special Retention Award Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, dated March 4, 2010 between CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. and Brett White (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 8, 2010) +
11	Statement concerning Computation of Per Share Earnings (filed as Note 17 of the Consolidated Financial Statements)
12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges*
21	Subsidiaries of CBRE Group, Inc.*
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)*
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)*
32	Certifications by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 (adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)*
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document**
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document**
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document**
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document**
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document**
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document**

In the foregoing description of exhibits, references to CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. are to CBRE Group, Inc., references to CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. are to CBRE Services, Inc., and references to CB Richard Ellis, Inc. are to CBRE Inc., in each case, prior to their respective name changes, which became effective October 3, 2011.

+ Denotes a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

\* Filed herewith

\*\* XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) information is furnished and not filed herewith, is not a part of a registration statement or Prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.