

Blackstone Group L.P.  
Form 8-K  
April 06, 2009

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

*Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 1, 2009*

**The Blackstone Group L.P.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)*

**001-33551**

*(Commission File Number)*

**20-8875684**

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

**345 Park Avenue**

**New York, New York**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**10154**

*(Zip Code)*

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(212) 583-5000

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

**NOT APPLICABLE**

*(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)*

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 1, 2009, Kathleen Skero was appointed as the principal accounting officer of the general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. (the Partnership ), effective as of such date.

Ms. Skero, age 56, is a Managing Director in Blackstone's Finance Group. Prior to working at Blackstone, she served as Chief Financial Officer for Global Private Client at Merrill Lynch & Co from May 2007 through March 2009. From October 2004 through May 2007, Ms. Skero was the Global Controller for Merrill Lynch & Co. Prior to that, she was the head of Corporate Reporting at Merrill Lynch & Co.

The terms of Ms. Skero's employment arrangements have not been amended as a result of her appointment.

Dennis J. Walsh, Ms. Skero's predecessor as the principal accounting officer of the general partner of the Partnership, will remain with Blackstone as a Managing Director in the Finance Group.

**SIGNATURE**

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

Date: April 6, 2009

**The Blackstone Group L.P.**

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C.,

its general partner

By: /s/ Robert L. Friedman

Name: Robert L. Friedman

Title: Chief Legal Officer