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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, 2006

Commission File Number 001-32205

# **CB RICHARD ELLIS GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

100 N. Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 1050 El Segundo, California (Address of principal executive offices) 94-3391143 (I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

90245 (Zip Code)

(310) 606-4700

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

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 x 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 x

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 x No  $\ddot{}$ 

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

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

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "

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

As of June 30, 2006, the aggregate market value of Class A Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$5.6 billion based upon the last sales price on June 30, 2006 on the New York Stock Exchange of \$24.90 for the registrant s Class A Common Stock.

As of February 15, 2007, the number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding was 227,794,686.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the proxy statement for the registrant s 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held June 1, 2007 are incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K Report.

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Item 1. Business

#### **Company Overview**

CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. (which may be referred to in this Form 10-K as we , us and our ) is the world s largest commercial real estate services firm, based on 2006 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 commercial real estate assets. As of December 31, 2006, excluding affiliate and partner offices, we operated in more than 300 offices worldwide with approximately 24,000 employees providing commercial real estate services under the CB Richard Ellis brand name and providing development services under the Trammell Crow brand name. Our business is focused on several service competencies, including tenant representation, property/agency leasing, property sales, development services, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, commercial property and corporate facilities management, valuation, proprietary research and real estate investment management. In 2006, we became the first commercial real estate services company included in the S&P 500 and were the only such company included in the *Fortune 1000* list of the largest publicly-held U.S. companies.

During the year ended December 31, 2006, we generated revenue from a well-balanced, highly diversified base of clients that includes approximately 85 of the *Fortune 100* companies. Many of our clients are consolidating their commercial real estate-related needs with fewer providers and, as a result, awarding their business to those providers that have a strong presence in important markets and the ability to provide a complete range of services worldwide. As a result of this trend and our ability to deliver comprehensive integrated solutions for our clients needs across a wide range of markets, we believe we are well positioned to capture a growing percentage of our clients commercial real estate services needs.

#### **CB Richard Ellis History**

CB Richard Ellis marked its 100<sup>th</sup> year of continuous operations in 2006, tracing our origins to a company founded in San Francisco in the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake. That company grew to become one of the largest commercial real estate services firms in the western United States during the 1940s. In the 1960s and 70s, the company expanded both its service portfolio and geographic coverage to become a full-service provider with a growing presence throughout the United States.

In 1989, employees and third-party investors acquired the company s operations to form CB Commercial. Throughout the 1990s, CB Commercial moved aggressively to accelerate growth and cultivate global capabilities to meet client demands. The company acquired leading firms in investment management (Westmark Realty Advisors now CB Richard Ellis Investors, in 1995), mortgage banking (L.J. Melody & Company now CBRE Melody, in 1996) and property and corporate facilities management, as well as capital markets and investment management (Koll Real Estate Services, in 1997). In 1996, CB Commercial became a public company.

In 1998, the company, then known as CB Commercial Real Estate Services Group, achieved significant global expansion with the acquisition of REI Limited, which traces its roots to London in 1773, was the holding company for all Richard Ellis operations outside of the United Kingdom. Following the REI Limited acquisition, the company changed its name to CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc. and, later in 1998, acquired the London-based firm of Hillier Parker May & Rowden, one of the top property services firms operating in the United Kingdom. With these acquisitions, we believe we became the first real estate services firm with a platform to deliver integrated real estate services across the world s major business capitals through one commonly-owned, commonly-managed company.

CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc., which was initially known as Blum CB Holding Corp. and later as CBRE Holding, Inc., was formed by an affiliate of Blum Capital Partners, L.P. as a Delaware corporation on February 20, 2001 for the purpose of acquiring all of the outstanding stock of CB Richard Ellis Services in a

going private transaction. This transaction, which involved members of our senior management team and affiliates of Blum Capital Partners and Freeman Spogli & Co., was completed in 2001.

In July 2003, our global position was further solidified as our wholly owned subsidiary CB Richard Ellis Services and Insignia Financial Group, Inc. were brought together to form a premier, worldwide, full-service real estate services company. As a result of the Insignia acquisition, we operate globally under the CB Richard Ellis brand name, which we believe is a well-recognized brand in virtually all of the world s key business centers. In order to enhance our financing flexibility and to provide liquidity for some of our stockholders, in June 2004, we completed the initial public offering of our common stock. On December 13, 2004 and November 15, 2005, we completed secondary public offerings that provided further liquidity for some of our stockholders.

In 2005 and 2006, we continued to expand our global footprint through the acquisition of regional and specialty-niche firms that are leaders in their local markets or in their areas of concentration. These included regional firms with which we had previous affiliate and/or partnership relationships. In December 2006, we completed the acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, which was our largest acquisition to date and marked a significant milestone in our 100 year history. Our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, based in Dallas, deepens our offering of outsourcing services for corporate and institutional clients, especially project and facilities management, strengthens our ability to provide integrated account management solutions across geographies, and establishes people, resources and expertise to offer real estate development services throughout the United States.

### **Our Corporate Structure**

CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. is a holding company that conducts all of its operations through its indirect subsidiaries. CB Richard Ellis 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, including our senior secured term loan facilities obtained to finance the acquisition of Trammell Crow Company.

In our Americas segment, most of our advisory services and outsourcing services operations are conducted through our indirect wholly owned subsidiaries CB Richard Ellis, Inc., CB Richard Ellis Real Estate Services, LLC, which we acquired in connection with the Insignia acquisition and was formerly known as Insignia/ESG, Inc. and CBRE Real Estate Services, Inc., which we acquired in connection with the Trammell Crow Company acquisition and formerly was known as Trammell Crow Services, Inc. Our mortgage loan origination and servicing operations are conducted exclusively through our indirect wholly owned subsidiary CBRE Melody and its subsidiaries. Our operations in Canada are primarily conducted through our indirect wholly owned subsidiary CB Richard Ellis Limited.

In our Europe, Middle East and Africa, or EMEA, segment, operations are conducted through a number of indirect wholly owned subsidiaries. The most significant of such subsidiaries include CB Richard Ellis Ltd. (the United Kingdom), CB Richard Ellis Holding SAS (France), CB Richard Ellis GmbH (Germany), CB Richard Ellis SA (Spain), CB Richard Ellis, B.V. (the Netherlands) and CB Richard Ellis (Ireland).

In our Asia Pacific segment, operations are primarily conducted through a number of indirect wholly owned subsidiaries, including CB Richard Ellis Pty Ltd. (Australia), CB Richard Ellis (Agency) Ltd. (New Zealand), CB Richard Ellis Ltd. (Hong Kong) and CB Richard Ellis Pte Ltd. (Singapore) as well as a majority ownership in CB Richard Ellis KK (Japan).

Operations in our Global Investment Management segment are conducted through our indirect wholly owned subsidiary CB Richard Ellis Investors, L.L.C. and its global affiliates, which we also refer to as CBRE Investors.

Operations in our Development Services segment are conducted through our indirect wholly owned subsidiary Trammell Crow Company and certain of its subsidiaries.

#### **Industry Overview**

Our business covers all aspects of the commercial real estate services industry, including tenant representation, property/agency leasing, property sales, development services, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, property, facilities and project management, consulting, valuation and appraisal services, proprietary research and real estate investment management.

We review on a quarterly basis various internally-generated statistics and estimates regarding both office and industrial space within the U.S. commercial real estate services industry, including the total available stock of rentable space and the average rent per square foot of space. Our management believes that changes in the addressable commercial rental market represented by the product of available stock and rent per square foot provide a reliable estimate of changes in the overall commercial real estate services industry because nearly all segments within the industry are affected by changes in these two measurements. We estimate that the product of available stock and rent per square foot grew at a compound annual growth rate of approximately 4.3% from 1996 through 2006.

We believe the current key drivers of revenue growth for the largest commercial real estate services companies are primarily: (1) improved leasing fundamentals, (2) the continued outsourcing of commercial real estate services, (3) the consolidation of clients activities with fewer providers and (4) the increasing institutional ownership of commercial real estate.

#### Improved Leasing Fundamentals

Fueled by global economic expansion, leasing markets around the world are in the midst of a strong recovery. With occupier demand for real estate increasing and commercial construction remaining historically low, many major markets have seen strong positive absorption and diminished vacancy rates. In turn, this has caused rental rates to improve materially.

#### Outsourcing

Motivated by reduced costs, lower overhead, improved execution across markets, increased operational efficiency and a desire to focus on their core competencies, property owners and occupiers have increasingly contracted out for their commercial real estate services, including the following:

*Transaction management* oversight of purchase and sale of properties, execution of lease transactions, renewal of leases, expansion and relocation of offices and disposition of surplus space;

*Facilities management* oversight of all the operations associated with the functioning of occupied real estate, whether owned or leased, including engineering services, janitorial services, security services, landscaping and capital improvements and directing and monitoring of various subcontractors;

*Project management* oversight of the design and construction of interior space (as distinct from building design and construction) for space users and occupiers, including assembling and coordinating contract teams, and creating and managing budgets;

*Portfolio management* analysis of all real estate leases of a client to ensure that it is in compliance with all terms and maintenance of reports on all lease data, including critical dates such as renewal options, expansion options and termination options, performance of required services and proper charging or payment of costs;

Construction management space planning and tenant build-out coordination for investor clients;

*Property management* oversight of the daily operation of a single property or portfolio of properties, including tenant service/relations and bidding, awarding and administering subcontracts for

maintenance, landscaping, security, parking, capital and tenant improvements to implement the owner s specific property value enhancement objectives through maximization of cash flow; and

*Property accounting* performance of all of the accounting and financial reporting associated with a property or portfolio, including operating budgets and expenses, rent collection and other accounts receivable, accounts payable, capital and tenant improvements and tenant lease administration.

### Consolidation

We believe that major property owners and corporate users are motivated to consolidate their service provider relationships on a regional, national and global basis to obtain more consistent execution across markets to achieve economies of scale and to benefit from streamlined management oversight and the efficiency of single point of contact service delivery. As a result, we believe large owners and occupiers are awarding an increasing share of this business to larger real estate services providers, particularly those that provide a full suite of services across geographical boundaries.

#### Institutional Ownership of Commercial Real Estate

Institutional owners, such as real estate investment trusts, or REITs, pension funds, foreign institutions and other financial entities, increasingly are acquiring more real estate assets and financing them in the capital markets. Many institutional investors are allocating a higher percentage of their capital to real estate. Particularly with borrowing costs low, investors believe they can generate higher current-cash yields with real estate investments than with alternative investments. Gradually improving leasing market fundamentals (i.e., higher occupancy, increased rents) also offer these investors the potential for rising future cash-flow. Total U.S. real estate assets held by institutional owners increased to \$606 billion in 2006 from \$254 billion in 1996. REITs were the main drivers of this growth during this period, with a portfolio increase of approximately 461%. Foreign institutions more than doubled their U.S. real estate holdings over this period, while pension funds increased their holdings by 47%. We believe it is likely that many of these owners will outsource management of their portfolios and consolidate their use of real estate services vendors.

#### **Our Regions of Operation and Principal Services**

We report our results of operations through five segments: (1) the 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 24 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 24 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Unless otherwise indicated, all statistical information that follows in this section excludes Trammell Crow Company.

### The Americas

The Americas segment is our largest segment of operations and provides a comprehensive range of services throughout the United States and in the largest metropolitan regions in Canada, Mexico and other selected parts of Latin America through both wholly owned operations as well as affiliated offices. Our Americas segment accounted for 62.2% of our 2006 revenue, 68.0% of our 2005 revenue and 69.6% of our 2004 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 50.5% of our 2006 consolidated revenue (includes activity of Trammell Crow Company from December 20, 2006 through December 31, 2006), 54.7% of our 2005 consolidated revenue and 54.0% of our 2004 consolidated 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. These businesses are built upon strong client relationships that frequently lead to recurring revenue opportunities over many years. 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. During 2006, we advised on over 25,000 lease transactions involving aggregate rents of approximately \$38.7 billion and over 6,200 real estate sales transactions with an aggregate value of approximately \$73.9 billion. During 2005, we advised on nearly 25,000 lease transactions involving aggregate rents of approximately \$38.7 billion and over 6,200 real estate sales transactions involving aggregate rents of approximately \$38.7 billion and energy 25,000 lease transactions involving aggregate rents of approximately \$39.9 billion. During 2005, we advised on nearly 25,000 lease transactions involving aggregate rents of approximately \$29.9 billion and nearly 6,200 real estate sales transactions with an aggregate value of approximately \$66.8 billion. 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, Dallas (including Trammell Crow Company), Houston, Miami, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

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 also invest in greater support resources than most other firms. For example, we believe our professional development and training programs are the most extensive in the industry. In addition, we invest heavily in gathering market information, technology, branding and marketing. We also foster an entrepreneurial culture that emphasizes client service and rewards performance.

We further strengthen our relationships with our real estate services clients by offering proprietary research to clients through our Torto Wheaton Research unit, a leading provider of commercial real estate market information, forecasting and consulting services. Torto Wheaton Research provides data and analysis to its clients in various formats, including TWR Outlook reports for the office, industrial, hotel, retail and multi-housing sectors covering more than 50 U.S. metropolitan areas and the TWR Select office and industrial database covering over 276,000 commercial properties.

*Capital Markets.* In 2005, we combined our investment sales and debt/equity financing professionals into one fully integrated global service offering called Capital Markets. The move formalized our collaboration between the investment sales professionals and debt/equity financing experts that has grown as investors have sought comprehensive capital markets solutions, rather than separate sales and financing transactions. During 2006, we concluded more than \$75.1 billion of capital markets transactions in the Americas, including \$54.4 billion of investment sales transactions and \$20.7 billion of mortgage loan originations.

Our Investment Properties business is the largest investment sales property advisor in the U.S., with a market share of 16.4% in 2006. Our U.S. investment sales activity grew by approximately 6% during 2006 versus an increase of approximately 5% for the U.S. market as a whole. CBRE Melody, our wholly owned subsidiary, originates and services commercial mortgage loans primarily through relationships established with investment banking firms, national banks, credit companies, insurance companies, pension funds and government agencies. CBRE Melody s \$20.7 billion mortgage loan origination volume in 2006 represents an increase of 16% from 2005. Approximately \$1.6 billion of loans were originated for federal government sponsored entities, most of which were financed through revolving credit lines dedicated exclusively for this purpose. Loans financed through the revolving credit lines generally occur with principal risk that is substantially mitigated because CBRE Melody obtains a contractual purchase commitment from the government sponsored entity before it actually originates the loan. In 2006, GEMSA Loan Services, a joint venture between CBRE Melody and GE Capital Real Estate, serviced approximately \$94.1 billion of mortgage loans, \$51.8 billion of which relate to the servicing rights of CBRE Melody.

*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 a competitive advantage over our rivals. We believe that our valuation business is one of the largest in the industry. During 2006, we completed approximately 25,000 valuation, appraisal and advisory assignments.

### **Outsourcing Services**

Outsourcing is a long-term trend in commercial real estate, with corporations, institutions, public sector entities 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 business lines that seek to capitalize on this trend: (1) asset services and (2) corporate services. Although our management agreements with our outsourcing clients generally may be terminated with notice ranging between 30 days to a year, 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, 2006, we managed approximately 1.0 billion square feet (of which 474.8 million square feet is attributable to Trammell Crow Company) of commercial space for property owners and occupiers, which we believe represents one of the largest portfolios in the Americas. Despite the absolute growth in revenue generated from our outsourcing services business line from 2004 to 2006, revenue from this line as a percentage of total revenue generated by us for 2006 as compared to 2004 has declined, with revenue from outsourcing representing 16.1% of our 2006 consolidated revenue (includes activity of Trammell Crow Company from December 20, 2006, the date we acquired Trammell Crow Company, through December 31, 2006), 14.7% of our 2005 consolidated revenue and 17.4% of our 2004 consolidated revenue.

*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 delivery teams are supported by a national 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 also may be reimbursed for a portion of our

administrative and payroll costs, as well as certain out-of-pocket expenses, directly attributable to the properties under management.

*Corporate Services*. We provide a comprehensive suite of services, including transaction management, project management, strategic consulting, facilities management, portfolio management and other services to leading global corporations, health care institutions and public sector entities with large, geographically diverse real estate portfolios. Project management services are typically provided on a portfolio-wide or programmatic basis. Corporate facilities under management include headquarters 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 seek to enter into multi-year, multi-service outsourcing contracts with our clients, but also provide services on a one-off assignment or a short-term contract basis. We enter into long-term, contractual relationships with these organizations with the goal of ensuring that our clients real estate strategies support their 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.

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

Our EMEA segment operates in 33 countries, with its largest operations located in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Ireland and the Netherlands. 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 23.2% of our 2006 revenue, 22.2% of our 2005 revenue and 20.8% of our 2004 revenue.

We are one of the leading commercial real estate services companies in the United Kingdom. We hold the leading market position in London in terms of 2006 leased square footage and provide a broad range of commercial property real estate services to investment, commercial and corporate clients located in London. We also have ten regional offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Jersey, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Edinburgh, Southampton, Belfast and Glasgow. In France, we believe we are a market leader in Paris and we provide a complete range of services to the commercial property sector. Our German operations are located in Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin and Hamburg. In Spain, we provide full-service coverage through our offices in Madrid, Barcelona, Zaragoza, Valencia, Malaga, Marbella and Palma de Mallorca. Our business in Ireland is based in Dublin and our operations in the Netherlands are located in Amsterdam, Hoofddorp and the Hague. In 2006, we established a wholly owned operation in Russia through the acquisition of Noble Gibbons, our affiliate based in Moscow. Our operations in these countries generally provide a full range of services to the commercial property sector. Additionally, we provide some residential property services in France and Spain.

We also have affiliated offices that provide commercial real estate services under our brand name in the Middle East and Africa, including offices in Abu Dhabi, Botswana, Dubai, Israel, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe. Our agreements with these independent offices include licenses to use the CB Richard Ellis name in the relevant territory in return for payments to us of annual royalty fees. In addition, these agreements also include business cross-referral arrangements between us and the affiliates.

# Asia Pacific

Our Asia Pacific segment operates in 12 countries. 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, Singapore, South Korea and Japan. In addition, we have agreements with affiliated offices in India, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam that generate royalty fees and support cross-referral arrangements on terms similar to those with our affiliated offices in our EMEA segment, as described above. The Pacific region includes Australia and New Zealand, with principal offices located in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Auckland. Our Asia Pacific segment accounted for 8.8% of our 2006 revenue, 5.8% of our 2005 revenue and 6.0% of our 2004 revenue.

### **Global Investment Management**

Our indirect wholly owned subsidiary, CB Richard Ellis Investors, L.L.C. and its global affiliates, which we also refer to as CBRE Investors, provides investment management services to client/partners that include pension plans, investment funds and other organizations seeking to generate returns and diversification through investment in real estate. It sponsors funds and investment programs that span the risk/return spectrum across three continents: North America, Europe and Asia. In higher yield strategies, CBRE Investors and its investment teams co-invest with its limited partners. Our Global Investment Management segment accounted for 5.7% of our 2006 revenue, 4.0% of our 2005 revenue and 3.6% of our 2004 revenue.

CBRE Investors is organized into two primary customer-focused groups according to investment strategy, which include the Managed Accounts Group (low risk) and Strategic Partners (higher yielding strategies). Operationally, a dedicated investment team with the requisite skill sets executes each investment strategy, 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 share resources such as accounting, financial controls, information technology, investor services and research. CBRE Investors has an in-house team of research professionals who focus on investment strategy, underwriting and forecasting, based in part on research from our advisory services group.

CBRE Investors closed approximately \$8.0 billion and \$5.0 billion of new acquisitions in 2006 and 2005, respectively. It liquidated \$3.0 billion and \$2.3 billion of investments in 2006 and 2005, respectively. Assets under management have increased from \$6.1 billion at December 31, 1998 to \$28.6 billion at December 31, 2006, representing a 21.3% compound annual growth rate.

#### **Development Services**

Our indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Trammell Crow Company and certain of its subsidiaries, provides 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 but 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, including student housing; and residential/mixed-use projects. Our Development Services segment accounted for less than 1.0% of our 2006 revenue, as it only included activity from the date we acquired Trammell Crow Company, or December 20, 2006, through December 31, 2006.

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 and 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 which 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 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.

At December 31, 2006, Trammell Crow Company had \$5.4 billion of development 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 \$3.0 billion at December 31, 2006.

### **Our Competitive Position**

We believe we possess several competitive strengths that position us to capitalize on the positive trends in the commercial real estate services industry including: improved leasing fundamentals, increased outsourcing, consolidation of service providers and higher capital allocations to real estate on the part of institutional owners. Our strengths include the following:

*Global Brand and Market Leading Positions*. For 100 years, we have built CB Richard Ellis into one of the foremost brands in the industry. We are the world s largest commercial real estate services provider, based on 2006 revenue, and one of only three commercial real estate services companies with a global footprint. As a result of our strong brand and global footprint, large corporations, institutional owners and users of real estate recognize us as a leading provider of world-class, comprehensive real estate services. Operating under the global CB Richard Ellis brand name, we are a leader in many of the local markets in which we operate, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and London.

*Full Service Capabilities*. We provide one of the broadest ranges of first-class real estate services in the industry and provide these services in major metropolitan areas throughout the world. When combined with our extensive global reach and localized market knowledge, this full range of real estate services enables us to provide world-class service to our multi-regional and multi-national clients, as well as to maximize our revenue per client.

Strong Client Relationships and Client-tailored Service. We have forged long-term relationships with many of our clients. During the year ended December 31, 2006, our clients included approximately 85 of the *Fortune 100* companies. In order to better satisfy the needs of our largest clients and to capture cross-selling opportunities, we have organized several fully-integrated client coverage teams comprised of senior management, a global relationship manager and regional and product specialists. We believe that with respect to outsourcing services, our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company has significantly complemented our existing structure because of the people, resources and expertise that Trammell Crow Company has brought to our platform.

Attractive Business Model. Our business model features a diversified service offering and client base, recurring revenue streams, a variable cost structure, low capital requirements, strong cash flow generation and a strong senior management team and workforce.

*Diversified Service Offering and Client Base*. Our broad service offering, global footprint and extensive client relationships provide us with a diversified revenue base. For 2006, we estimate that corporations accounted for approximately 31% of our global revenue,

insurance companies and banks accounted for approximately 19% of our revenue, pension funds and their advisors accounted for approximately 13% of our revenue, individuals and partnerships accounted for approximately 11% of

our revenue, REITs accounted for approximately 6% of our revenue and other types of clients accounted for the remainder of our revenue.

*Recurring Revenue Streams*. Our years of strong local market presence have allowed us to develop significant repeat business from existing clients, which we estimate accounted for approximately 67% of our 2006 revenue. This includes referrals associated with our contractual, annual fee-for-services businesses, which generally involve facilities management, property management and mortgage loan servicing, as well as asset management provided by CBRE Investors. Our contractual, fee-for-service business represented 16.7% of our 2006 revenue.

*Variable Cost Structure*. Compensation is our largest expense and our sales and leasing professionals are generally paid on a commission and bonus basis, which correlates with our revenue performance. This cost structure provides us with flexibility to mitigate the negative effect on our operating margins during difficult market conditions. However, our cost structure also includes significant other operating expenses that may not correlate to our revenue performance, including office lease and information technology maintenance and other support services expenses along with insurance premiums.

*Low Capital Requirements*. Our business model is structured to provide value-added services with low capital intensity. During 2006, our net capital expenditures were 1.1% of our revenue.

*Strong Cash Flow Generation*. Our strong brand name, full-service capabilities, and global presence enable us to generate significant revenues which, when combined with our flexible cost structure and low capital requirements, have allowed us historically to generate significant cash flow in a variety of economic conditions. In recent years, we have been using our cash flow to reduce high-interest debt on our balance sheet, for co-investment opportunities and to make in-fill acquisitions to round out our service offering.

*Strong Senior Management Team and Workforce*. Our most important asset is our people. We have recruited a talented and motivated work force of approximately 24,000 employees (including Trammell Crow Company) worldwide who are supported by a strong and deep senior management team consisting of a number of highly-respected executives, most of whom have over 20 years of broad experience in the real estate industry. This seasoned team was augmented by senior leadership from Trammell Crow Company, many of whom now hold significant management positions at our company. In addition, we use equity compensation to align the interests of our senior management team with the interests of our stockholders.

Although we believe these strengths will create significant opportunities for our business, you should also be aware of the risks that may impact our competitive position, which include the following:

*Smaller Presence in Some Markets than our Local Competitors*. Although we are the largest commercial real estate services firm in the world in terms of 2006 revenue, our relative competitive position varies significantly across service categories and geographic areas. Depending on the service, we face competition from other real estate service providers, institutional lenders, insurance companies, investment banking firms, investment managers and accounting firms, some of which may have greater financial resources than we do. Many of our competitors are local or regional firms. Although substantially smaller than we are, some of these competitors are larger on a local or regional basis or within certain service categories within these markets.

*Exposure to Risks of International Operations*. We conduct a significant portion of our business and employ a substantial number of people outside of the United States. During 2006, we generated approximately 37.6% of our revenue from operations outside the United States. Because a significant portion of our revenues are derived from operations outside the United States, we are exposed to adverse changes in exchange rates and social, political and economic risks of doing business in foreign countries.

*Geographic Concentration*. During 2006, approximately 13.5% of our global revenue was generated from transactions originating in California. In addition, a significant portion of our European operations

are concentrated in London and Paris. As a result, future adverse economic effects in these regions may affect us more than our competitors.

*Leverage*. On June 15, 2006, we redeemed all of our then outstanding 11 <sup>1</sup>/4% senior subordinated notes due in 2011. On December 5, 2006, in connection with our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, we successfully tendered substantially all of our outstanding 9 <sup>3</sup>/4% senior notes due in 2010. Although we paid down our high-interest debt in 2006, we borrowed approximately \$2.1 billion of new debt in December 2006 in order to finance our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company. The new financing was obtained on more attractive terms than the debt that was paid off. However, we still have significant debt service obligations and the instruments governing our indebtedness impose operating and financial restrictions on the conduct of our business. For the year ended December 31, 2007, we anticipate that total interest expense will be approximately \$140 million. For the year ended December 31, 2006, our interest expense was approximately \$45.0 million.

### **Our Growth Strategy**

We believe we have built the premier integrated global services platform in our industry, which gives us a distinct competitive advantage. In developing this integrated global services platform, we acquired such entities as The Koll Company, Westmark Realty Advisors (now known as CBRE Investors), L.J. Melody & Company (now known as CBRE Melody), REI Limited and Hillier Parker May & Rowden during the 1990s and Insignia in 2003. In 2006, we acquired Trammell Crow Company, adding that company strength, expertise and resources in comprehensive outsourcing services, integrated account management and real estate development to our service offering. Today, we believe that we offer the commercial real estate services industry s most complete suite of services and that we have a leadership position in many of the top business centers around the world. Our primary business objective is to leverage this platform on a global basis in order to garner an increasing share of industry revenues relative to our competitors. We believe this will enable us to maximize our long-term cash flow, sustain our competitive advantage and increase long-term stockholder value. Our strategy to achieve these business objectives consists of several elements:

*Increase Revenue from Large Clients.* We plan to capitalize on our client management strategy for our large clients, which is designed to provide them with a full range of services globally while maximizing our revenue per client. We deliver these services through relationship management teams that are charged with thoroughly understanding our customers business and real estate strategies and matching our services to the customers requirements. The global relationship manager is a highly seasoned professional who is focused on maximizing revenue per client and who is compensated with a salary and a performance-based bonus. The team leader is supported by salaried professionals with specialized expertise, such as marketing, financial analysis and construction, and, as needed, taps into our field-level transaction professionals for execution of client strategies. We believe this approach to client management will lead to stronger client relationships and enable us to maximize cross-selling opportunities and capture a larger share of our clients commercial real estate services expenditures. For example:

we generated repeat business in 2006 from approximately 67% of our U.S. real estate sales and leasing clients;

more than 65% of our corporate services clients today purchase more than one service and, in many cases, more than two;

the square footage we manage for our 15 largest U.S. asset services clients has grown by 107% since 2001; and

the 50 largest clients of the investment sales group within our U.S. real estate services line of business generated \$133.8 million in revenues in 2006 up 165% from \$50.5 million for the top 50 investment sales clients in 2001.

*Capitalize on Cross-selling Opportunities*. Because we believe cross-selling represents a large growth opportunity within the commercial real estate services industry, we are committed to emphasizing this opportunity across all of our clients, services and regions. Our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company in 2006 is the latest manifestation of this commitment as we expect it to expand our relationships with large corporate and institutional clients. In addition, we have dedicated substantial resources and implemented several management initiatives to foster cross-selling opportunities, including our Leadership Center program, which provides intensive training for sales and management professionals as well as a customer relationship management database and sales management principles and incentives designed to improve individual productivity. We believe the combination of these initiatives will enable us to further penetrate local markets and better capitalize on our global platform.

*Continue to Grow our Investment Management Business*. Our growing investment management business provides us with an attractive revenue source through fees for assets under management and gains on the sales of assets. We also expect to achieve strong growth in this business by continuing to harness the vast resources of the entire CB Richard Ellis organization for the benefit of our investment management clients. CBRE Investors independent structure creates an alignment of interests with its investors, while permitting its clients to use the broad range of services provided by our other business lines. As a result, we historically have received significant revenue from the provision of services on an arm s length basis to these clients, and we believe this will continue in the future.

*Expansion through In-Fill Acquisitions*. Strategic acquisitions are an integral component of our growth plans. In 2006, in addition to our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, we completed 23 in-fill acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$155 million. Our acquirees were generally either quality regional firms, including affiliates, or niche specialty firms that complement our existing platform or affiliates in which we already held an equity interest. We believe that there are a number of other smaller firms throughout the world that may be suitable acquisition candidates for us. We expect that each of these acquisitions would generally be less than \$100 million in total consideration and would add to our existing geographic and/or line of business platforms.

*Focus on Improved Operating Efficiency.* We have been focused for several years on efficiency improvements and contribution enhancements from our internal support services and functions including travel, marketing and entertainment as well as total headcount. We believe our efforts have contributed strongly to lower operating costs, higher margins and improved performance. For example, EBITDA grew to \$454.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 versus \$245.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2004, an increase of 85.1%. This increase was largely due to the operating leverage inherent in our business as revenue only grew by 20.7% over the same period. EBITDA grew to \$653.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 versus \$454.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, an increase of 43.9%, while revenue grew 26.2% over the same period. Our operating expenses for 2006 did grow at a higher rate than experienced in 2005, largely driven by additional incentive compensation expense associated with carried interest programs in our Global Investment Management business. However, operating expenses as a percentage of revenue were essentially flat at 32.3% for the year ended December 31, 2006 versus 32.0% for the year ended December 31, 2005. We will continue to look for ways to realize further operational efficiencies and cost savings in order to maximize our operating margins and cash flow.

### Competition

We compete across a variety of business disciplines within the commercial real estate services industry, including investment management, tenant representation, corporate services, development services, construction and development management, property management, agency leasing, valuation and capital markets. Each of the business disciplines in which we compete 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 2006 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,

in-house corporate real estate departments, developers, institutional lenders, insurance companies, investment banking firms, investment managers and accounting and consulting firms, some of which may have greater financial resources than we do. Despite recent consolidation, the commercial real estate services industry remains highly fragmented. Many of our competitors are local or regional firms. Although substantially smaller than we are, 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, including Cushman & Wakefield, Grubb & Ellis and Jones Lang LaSalle.

Different factors weigh heavily in the competition for clients. In advisory services, key differentiating factors include quality service, resource depth, demonstrated track record, analytical skills, market knowledge, strategic thinking and creative problem-solving. These factors are also vital in outsourcing services, and are supplemented by consistency of execution across markets, economies of scale, enhanced efficiency and cost reduction strategies. In investment management the ability to enhance asset value and produce solid, consistent returns on invested capital are keys to success.

#### 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. The concentration of earnings and cash flow in the fourth quarter is due to an industry-wide focus on completing transactions toward the fiscal year-end. This has historically resulted in lower profits or a loss in the first and second quarters, with profits growing or losses decreasing in each subsequent quarter.

#### Employees

At December 31, 2006, we had approximately 24,000 employees worldwide (which includes Trammell Crow Company), excluding affiliate and partner offices. At December 31, 2006, 638 of these employees were subject to collective bargaining agreements, the substantial majority of whom are on-site employees in our asset services business accounts in the New York/New Jersey area. We believe that relations with our employees are satisfactory.

#### **Intellectual Property**

We hold various trademarks and trade names worldwide, which include the CB Richard Ellis 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 CB Richard Ellis , the L.J. Melody and the Trammell Crow names. With respect to the CB Richard Ellis and L.J. Melody names, we have processed and continuously maintain trademark registrations for these service marks in the United States and the 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 registration for the L.J. Melody name in 1997, and this registration would expire in 2007 if we failed to renew it.

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 is wholly owned by certain descendents and affiliates of Mr. Trammell Crow. See Risk Factors We license the use of the Trammell Crow trade name and this license is not exclusive and may be revoked. for additional information.

In addition to trade names, we have developed proprietary technology for preparing and developing valuation reports to our clients through our valuation business and we offer proprietary research to clients through our Torto Wheaton research unit. We also offer proprietary investment structures through CBRE Investors. While we seek to 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.

### **Environmental Matters**

Federal, state and local laws and regulations 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 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.

Such liability may be imposed without regard for 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, and such liability may be joint and several with any other parties that are deemed legally liable for the contamination. 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. If the liability is joint and several, we could be responsible for payment of the full amount of the liability, whether or not any other responsible party is also liable. 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. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on a contaminated site for costs that a governmental entity incurs in connection with the contamination.

Some of the properties owned, operated or managed by us are in the vicinity of properties which are currently, or have been, the site of releases of regulated substances and remediation activity, and we are currently aware of several properties owned, operated or managed by us which may be impacted by regulated substances which may have migrated from adjacent or nearby properties or which may be within the borders of areas suspected to be impacted by regional groundwater contamination.

While we are aware of the presence or the potential presence of regulated substances in the soil or groundwater at 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 businesses, which could adversely impact the results of operations of these business lines.

### Availability of this Report

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### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Set forth below and elsewhere in this report and in other documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission 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.

# The anticipated benefits of our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company may not be realized.

We acquired Trammell Crow Company with the expectation that the acquisition will result in various benefits, including, among others, enhanced revenues, a strengthened market position, cross-selling opportunities, cost savings, certain tax benefits and operating efficiencies. Achieving the anticipated benefits of the acquisition is subject to a number of uncertainties, including whether we successfully integrate Trammell Crow Company and achieving expected synergies from combined operations. 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 business, financial condition and operating results.

# The success of our business is significantly related to general economic conditions and, accordingly, our business could be harmed in the event of an economic slowdown or recession.

Periods of economic slowdown or recession, significantly rising interest rates, a declining employment level, a declining demand for real estate or the public perception that any of these events may occur, can reduce volumes for many of our business lines. These economic conditions could result in a general decline in rents, which in turn would reduce revenue from property management fees and brokerage commissions derived from property sales and leases. In addition, these conditions could lead to a decline in sales prices as well as a decline in funds invested in commercial real estate and related assets. Because 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.

An economic downturn or a significant increase in interest rates also may reduce the amount of loan originations and related servicing by our commercial mortgage brokerage business. If our real estate and mortgage brokerage businesses are negatively impacted, it is likely that our other lines of business would also suffer due to the relationship among our various business lines.

During an economic downturn, it may also take longer for us to dispose of real estate investments or the selling prices may be lower than originally anticipated. As a result, the carrying value of our real estate investments may become impaired and we could record losses as a result of such impairment or we could experience reduced profitability related to declines in real estate values. Further, as a result of our debt level and

the terms of our existing debt instruments, our exposure to adverse general economic conditions is heightened.

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. Although we paid down our high-interest debt in 2006, we borrowed approximately \$2.2 billion under our new senior secured term loan facilities

in December 2006 (of which \$2.1 billion has been drawn as of December 31, 2006) to finance our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company. For 2007, our estimated interest expense is approximately \$140 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.

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

we could be required to use a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to pay principal and interest on our debt;

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

our interest expense could increase if interest rates increase because the loans under our amended credit agreement governing our senior secured term loan facilities 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;

our failure to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants in the documents governing our indebtedness, which, among others, require us to maintain specified financial ratios and limit our ability to incur additional debt and sell assets, could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, could harm our business or prospects; and

from time to time, Moody s Investors Service and Standard & Poor s Ratings Service rate our significant outstanding debt. These ratings may impact our ability to borrow under any new agreements in the future, as well as the interest rates and other terms of any current or future borrowings and could also cause a decline in the market price of our common stock.

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 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.

# We are able to incur more indebtedness, which may intensify the risks associated with our leverage, including our ability to service our indebtedness.

Our current amended and restated credit agreement governing our revolving credit facility and our senior secured term loan facilities permits us, subject to specified conditions, to incur a significant amount of additional indebtedness, including up to \$600.0 million of additional indebtedness under our revolving credit facility and \$400.0 million of additional debt under our senior secured term loan facilities, subject to the

satisfaction of customary conditions. If we incur additional debt, the risks associated with our leverage, including our ability to service our debt, would increase.

Subject to the maximum amounts of indebtedness permitted in our bank 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.

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 amended and restated 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 will affect, and in many respects will limit or prohibit, our ability and our restricted subsidiaries abilities to:

incur or guarantee additional indebtedness;

pay dividends or make distributions on capital stock or redeem or repurchase capital stock;

repurchase equity interests;

make investments;

create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to us;

transfer or sell assets, including the stock of subsidiaries;

create liens;

enter into transactions with affiliates;

enter into sale/leaseback transactions; and

enter into mergers or consolidations.

Our amended and restated credit agreement also requires us to maintain compliance with specified financial ratios. Our ability to comply with these ratios may be affected by events beyond our control.

The restrictions contained in our debt instruments could:

limit our ability to plan for or react to market conditions or meet capital needs or otherwise restrict our activities or business plans; and

adversely affect our ability to finance ongoing operations, strategic acquisitions, investments or other capital needs or to engage in other business activities that would be in our interest.

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 the senior secured term loan facilities may elect to declare all outstanding borrowings, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable. The lenders under our senior secured term loan facilities also have the right in these circumstances to terminate any commitments they have to provide further borrowings. If we are unable to repay outstanding borrowings when due, the lenders under the senior secured term loan facilities 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 the senior secured term loan facilities 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 the senior secured term loans, the lenders under the senior secured term loans could foreclose on, and acquire control of, substantially all of our assets.

In connection with the incurrence of indebtedness under our senior secured term loan facilities and the completion of our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, the lenders under our senior secured term loan facilities received a pledge of all of our equity interests in our significant domestic subsidiaries, including CB Richard Ellis Services, Inc., CBRE Investors, CBRE Melody, Insignia, CB Richard Ellis Real Estate Services, LLC, Trammell Crow Company and CBRE Real Estate Services, Inc. and 65% of the voting stock of our foreign subsidiaries that is held directly by us or our domestic subsidiaries. Additionally, these lenders generally have a lien on substantially all of our accounts receivable, cash, general intangibles, investment property and future

acquired material property. As a result of these pledges and liens, if we fail to meet our payment or other obligations under the senior secured term loan facilities, the lenders under the senior secured term loan facilities will be entitled to foreclose on substantially all of our assets and liquidate these assets.

# 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 and President; and Kenneth J. Kay, our Chief Financial Officer. Messrs. White and Kay currently 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 majority of our revenues, as well as other revenue producing professionals. If any of our key employees leave (including those acquired through acquisitions), or we lose a significant number of key revenue producers, and we are unable to quickly hire and integrate qualified replacements, our business, financial condition and results of operations may suffer. In addition, the growth of our business is largely dependent upon our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel in all areas of our business, including brokerage and property management 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 growth has benefited significantly from acquisitions, which may not be available in the future.

A significant component of our growth has occurred through acquisitions, including our acquisition of Insignia in July 2003 and most recently our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company in December 2006. 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. However, future acquisitions may not be available at favorable prices or upon advantageous terms and conditions. In addition, acquisitions involve risks that the businesses acquired will not perform in accordance with expectations and 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. For example, through December 31, 2006, we incurred \$200.9 million of transaction-related expenditures in connection with our acquisition of Insignia in 2003 and \$144.5 million of transaction-related expenditures in connection with our acquisition costs, transaction costs, deferred financing costs and merger-related costs, among others. We incurred our final transaction expenditures with respect to the Insignia acquisition in the third quarter of 2004 and expect to incur our final transaction expenditures with respect to the Trammell Crow Company acquisition by the end of 2007.

#### 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. During 2006, we generated approximately 37.6% of our revenue from operations outside the United States. 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 in certain regions;

currency restrictions, which may prevent the transfer of capital and profits to the United States;

unexpected changes in regulatory requirements;

potentially adverse tax consequences;

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;

the geographic, language and cultural differences among personnel in different areas of the world;

greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable in some geographic regions such as Asia, where many countries have underdeveloped insolvency laws and clients are often slow to pay, and in some European countries, where clients also tend to delay payments;

political instability; and

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

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, to maintain adequate long-term strategies that successfully manage the risks associated with our global business or to adequately manage operational fluctuations, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be harmed.

In addition, our international operations and, specifically, the ability of our non-U.S. subsidiaries to dividend or otherwise transfer cash among our subsidiaries, including transfers of cash to pay interest and principal on our debt, may be affected by currency exchange control regulations, transfer pricing regulations and potentially adverse tax consequences, among other things.

#### 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 2006, approximately 37.6% of our business was transacted in currencies of foreign countries, the majority of which included the Euro, the British Pound Sterling, the Canadian dollar, the Hong Kong dollar, the Japanese yen, the Singapore dollar and the Australian dollar. Thus, we may experience fluctuations in revenues and earnings because of corresponding fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

We have made significant acquisitions of non-U.S. companies and we may acquire additional foreign companies in the future. As we increase our foreign operations, 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. 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 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. Economic risks associated with these hedging instruments include unexpected fluctuations in inflation rates, which impact cash flow relative to paying down debt, and unexpected changes in the underlying net asset position.

If we acquire companies in the future, we may experience integration costs and the acquired businesses may not perform as we expect.

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 business concerns and the potential loss of our key employees or those of the acquired operations. 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. In connection with the Insignia acquisition we have incurred \$38.1

million of expenses through December 31, 2006, which are related to the integration of Insignia s business lines, as well as accounting and other systems, into our own.

If we are unable to fully integrate the accounting and other systems of the businesses we acquire, we may not be able to effectively manage them. Moreover, 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.

#### If the properties that we manage fail to perform, then our financial condition and results of operations could be harmed.

The revenue we generate from our asset services and facilities management lines of business is generally a percentage of aggregate rent collections from properties, although many management agreements provide for a specified minimum management fee. Accordingly, our success partially depends upon the performance of the properties we manage. The performance of these properties will depend upon the following factors, among others, many of which are partially or completely outside of our control:

our ability to attract and retain creditworthy tenants;

the magnitude of defaults by tenants under their respective leases;

our ability to control operating expenses;

governmental regulations, local rent control or stabilization ordinances which are in, or may be put into, effect;

various uninsurable risks;

financial conditions prevailing generally and in the areas in which these properties are located;

the nature and extent of competitive properties; and

the real estate market generally.

# 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. As of December 31, 2006, we had committed \$67.3 million to fund future co-investments. We expect that approximately \$41.4 million of these commitments will be funded during 2007. In addition to required future capital contributions, some of the

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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. These adverse consequences could include 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. Providing co-investment financing is also a very important part of CB Richard Ellis Investors 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, 2006, we had 67 consolidated real estate projects with invested equity of \$48.2 million and \$17.4 million of notes payable on real estate that are recourse to us (beyond being recourse to the single-purpose entity that holds the real estate asset and is the primary obligor on the note payable). The estimated total budgeted project cost of these consolidated real estate projects is \$942.9 million. In addition, at December 31, 2006, we were involved as a principal (in most cases,

co-investing with one of our clients) in approximately 40 unconsolidated real estate subsidiaries in which we had invested \$54.9 million and had committed additional capital to these unconsolidated subsidiaries of \$12.8 million. We also guaranteed notes payable of these unconsolidated subsidiaries of \$6.1 million. In addition, we have loaned \$21.0 million to entities that have underlying investments in real estate.

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. Risks associated with these activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

losses from investments;

difficulties associated with international co-investments described in Our international operations subject us to social, political and economic risks of doing business in foreign countries and Our revenue and earnings may be adversely affected by foreign currency fluctuations; and

potential lack of control over the disposition of any co-investments and the timing of the recognition of gains, losses or potential incentive participation fees.

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

We have utilized joint ventures for commercial investments and local brokerage and other partnerships both in the United States and internationally, and although we currently have no specific plans to do so, 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 business, results of operations and financial condition.

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

We compete across a variety of business disciplines within the commercial real estate industry, including investment management, tenant representation, corporate services, construction and development management, property management, agency leasing, valuation and commercial mortgage brokerage. With respect to each of our business disciplines, we cannot give assurance that we will be able to continue to compete effectively or maintain our current fee arrangements or margin levels or that we will not encounter increased competition. Each of the business disciplines in which we compete 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 2006 revenue, our relative competitive position varies significantly across product and service categories and geographic areas. Depending on the product or service, we face competition from other real estate service providers, in-house corporate real estate departments, developers, institutional lenders, insurance companies, investment banking firms, investment managers, and accounting and consulting firms, some of which may have greater financial resources than we do. In addition, future changes in laws could lead to the entry of other 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. There has been a significant increase in recent years in real estate ownership by REITs, many of which self-manage most of their real estate assets. Continuation of this trend would shrink the asset base available to be managed by third-party service providers, decrease the demand for our services and thereby significantly increase our

competition.

A significant portion of our operations are concentrated in California and our business could be harmed in the event of a future economic downturn in the California real estate markets.

During 2005 and 2006, approximately 16.5% and 13.5%, respectively, of revenue was generated from transactions originating in California. As a result of the geographic concentration in California, any future economic downturn in the California commercial real estate market and in the local economies in San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange County could harm our results of operations.

# Our results of operations vary significantly among quarters during each calendar year, which makes comparisons of our quarterly results difficult.

A significant portion of our revenue is seasonal. 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. The concentration of earnings and cash flow in the fourth quarter is due to an industry-wide focus on completing transactions toward the fiscal year-end. This has historically resulted in lower profits or a loss in the first and second quarters, with profits growing (or losses decreasing) in each subsequent quarter. This variance among quarters during each calendar year makes comparison between such quarters difficult, but does not generally affect the comparison of the same quarters during different calendar years.

#### We license the use of the Trammell Crow trade name and this license is not exclusive and may be revoked.

We have a license agreement with an affiliate of Crow Holdings that allows us to use the name Trammell Crow perpetually throughout the world in any business except the residential real estate business, although we can use this name in serving certain mixed-use properties or in providing investment sales brokerage services to buyers and sellers of multi-family residential facilities. This license can be revoked if we fail to maintain certain quality standards or infringe upon certain of the licensor s intellectual property rights. If we lose the right to use the Trammell Crow name, our Development Services business could suffer significantly.

The license agreement permits certain existing uses of the name Trammell Crow by affiliates of Crow Holdings. The use of the Trammell Crow name or other similar names by third parties may create confusion or reduce the value associated with the Trammell Crow name.

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 and our business, as well as laws of broader applicability, such as tax, securities 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 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 or return commissions received or have our licenses suspended or revoked. In addition, our indirect wholly owned subsidiary, CBRE 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 state licensing regimes and the possible loss resulting from non-compliance have increased. Furthermore, the laws and regulations applicable to our business, both within and outside of the United States,

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also may change in ways that increase the costs of compliance.

#### We may have liabilities in connection with real estate brokerage and property management activities.

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, claiming 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 and engineering services for our managed properties. While our role is limited to that of a supervisor, we may be subject to claims for construction defects or other similar actions. Adverse outcomes of real estate brokerage or property management litigation could negatively impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### 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. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on the contaminated site in favor of the government for damages and costs incurred in connection with the contamination. If we incur any such liability, our business could suffer significantly. Additionally, liabilities incurred to comply with more stringent future environmental requirements could adversely affect any or all of our lines of business.

#### Our stock price is subject to volatility.

Our stock price is affected by a number of factors, including quarterly variations in our results and those of our competitors; changes to the competitive landscape; estimates and projections by the investment community; the arrival or departure of key personnel; the introduction of new services by us or our competitors; and acquisitions, strategic alliances or joint ventures involving us or our competitors. In addition, the stock market, in general, has historically experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. Any of these factors may cause declines in the market price of our common stock. When the market price of a company s common stock drops significantly, stockholders sometimes institute securities class action lawsuits against the company. A securities class action lawsuit against us could cause us to incur substantial costs and could divert the time and attention of our management and other resources from our business.

#### **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, experimate, plan, predict, project, will and similar terms and phrases are used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to identify 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.

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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 acquisition of Trammell Crow Company and other companies we may acquire;

costs relating to the acquisition of Trammell Crow Company and other businesses we may acquire;

future acquisitions may not be available at favorable prices or advantageous terms and conditions;

changes in general economic and business conditions, including interest rates, the cost and availability of capital for investment in real estate, clients willingness to make real estate commitments and other factors impacting the value of real estate assets;

our ability to retain major clients and renew related contracts;

the failure of properties managed by us to perform as anticipated;

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

changes in social, political and economic conditions in the foreign countries in which we operate;

foreign currency fluctuations;

an economic downturn in the California real estate market;

significant variability in our results of operations among quarters;

our leverage and debt service obligations and ability to incur additional indebtedness;

our ability to generate a sufficient amount of cash to satisfy working capital requirements and to service our existing and future indebtedness;

the success of our co-investment and joint venture activities;

our ability to attract new user and investor clients;

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

our ability to retain our senior management and attract and retain qualified and experienced employees;

our ability to comply with the laws and regulations applicable to real estate brokerage and mortgage transactions;

the ability of CBRE Investors to comply with applicable laws and regulations governing its role as a registered investment advisor;

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 to offset incentive compensation expense related thereto;

changes in the key components of revenue growth for large commercial real estate services companies, including consolidation of client accounts and increasing levels of institutional ownership of commercial real estate;

reliance of companies on outsourcing for their commercial real estate needs;

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

our ability to maximize cross-selling opportunities;

trends in use of large, full-service real estate providers;

diversification of our client base;

improvements in operating efficiency;

protection of our global brand;

trends in pricing for commercial real estate services;

the ability of CBRE Melody to periodically amend, or replace, on satisfactory terms the agreements for its indebtedness;

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

the other factors described in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including under the heading Risk Factors and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies.

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 Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

**Item 2. Properties** 

We occupied the following offices as of December 31, 2006:

Location

Corporate Offices

Total

228	2	230
68	1	69
52	1	53
348	4	352
	68 52	68 1   52 1

These offices also include employees of our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments. Almost all of our offices that contain employees of our Global Investment Management or our Development Services segment also contain employees of our other segments. As a result, offices of our Global Investment Management and Development Services segments have not been included above, as to do so would be duplicative.

In general, these leased offices are fully utilized. The most significant terms of the leasing arrangements for our offices are the terms 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 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 liability imposed on us that may result from disposition of these lawsuits will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2006.

#### PART II

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

#### **Stock Price Information**

Our Class A common stock has traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CBG since June 10, 2004. On April 28, 2006, our board of directors approved a three-for-one stock split of our outstanding Class A common stock effected as a 100% stock dividend, which was distributed on June 1, 2006. 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 and adjusted for our stock split.

	Price	ice Range	
Fiscal Year 2006	High	Low	
Quarter ending March 31, 2006	\$ 27.82	\$ 19.46	
Quarter ending June 30, 2006	\$ 29.83	\$ 21.88	
Quarter ending September 30, 2006	\$ 25.96	\$ 20.02	
Quarter ending December 31, 2006	\$ 34.26	\$ 22.73	
Fiscal Year 2005			
Quarter ending March 31, 2005	\$ 12.95	\$ 10.40	
Quarter ending June 30, 2005	\$ 14.73	\$ 10.58	
Quarter ending September 30, 2005	\$ 16.67	\$13.67	
Quarter ending December 31, 2005	\$ 19.92	\$ 15.02	

The closing share price for our Class A common stock on December 29, 2006, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, was \$33.20. As of February 15, 2007, there were 259 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 finance future growth and reduce debt. 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 amended and restated credit agreement governing our revolving credit facility and senior secured term loan facilities.

**Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities** 

None.

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table summarizes information about our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2006. All outstanding awards relate to our Class A common stock.

	Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))
Plan category	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1) Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	13,729,892	\$ 7.30	8,417,508(2)
Total	13,729,892	\$ 7.30	8,417,508

(1) Consists of our 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).

(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 that term is defined in the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. Each Stock Award other than a stock option or stock appreciation right shall reduce the number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan by 2.25.

#### Changes in Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

#### **Stock Performance Graph**

The following graph shows our cumulative total stockholder return for the period beginning with our initial public offering on June 10, 2004 and ending on December 31, 2006. The graph also shows the cumulative total returns of the Standard & Poor s 500 Stock Index, or S&P 500 Index, Russell 1000 Index, in which we are included, and an industry peer group. We are also required by Securities and Exchange Commission rules to include the Russell 1000 Index because we were listed on that index in 2005 and used the index for the Stock Performance Graph included in our annual proxy statement last year.

The comparison below assumes \$100 was invested on June 10, 2004 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 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.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table sets forth our selected historical consolidated financial information for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2006. The statement of operations data, the statement of cash flows data and the other data for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 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, 2003 and 2002, and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 were derived from our audited consolidated for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 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,									
		2006 (1)		2005		2004		2003 (2)		2002
	(dollars in			n thousands, except share data)						
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS DATA:										
Revenue (3)	\$	4,032,027	\$	3,194,026	\$	2,647,073	\$	1,810,111	\$	1,361,757
Operating income		550,139		372,406		171,008		25,830		96,736
Interest income		9,822		11,221		6,926		4,623		3,272
Interest expense		45,007		56,281		68,080		72,319		60,501
Loss on extinguishment of debt		33,847		7,386		21,075		13,479		
Net income (loss)		318,571		217,341		64,725		(34,704)		18,727
EPS (4) (5):										
Basic		1.41		0.98		0.32		(0.23)		0.15
Diluted		1.35		0.95		0.30		(0.23)		0.15
Weighted average shares:										
Basic	2	26,685,122	2	22,129,066	2	203,326,218	1	52,755,716	1	24,921,728
Diluted	2	35,118,341	2	29,855,056	2	214,035,219	1	52,755,716	1	26,557,967
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS DATA:										
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	370.481	\$	359.656	\$	187.207	\$	87,546	\$	79,989
Net cash used in investing activities	Ψ	(2,061,933)	Ψ	(115,509)	Ψ	(28,351)	Ψ	(308,400)	Ψ	(39,237)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing		(2,001,955)		(115,507)		(20,331)		(300,400)		(37,237)
activities		1,479,123		(47,272)		(67,366)		303,664		(17,838)
OTHER DATA:		1,77,123		(77,272)		(07,500)		505,004		(17,050)
EBITDA (6)	\$	653,524	\$	454,184	\$	245,340	\$	132,817	\$	130,676

	As of December 31,						
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002		
		(de	ollars in thousands	s)			
BALANCE SHEET DATA:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 244,476	\$ 449,289	\$ 256,896	\$ 163,881	\$ 79,701		

Total assets	5,944,631	2,815,672	2,271,636	2,213,481	1,324,876
Long-term debt, including current portion	2,078,509	561,069	612,838	802,705	509,715
Notes payable on real estate (7)	347,033				
Total liabilities	4,684,854	2,015,163	1,705,763	1,873,896	1,067,920
Total stockholders equity	1,181,641	793,685	559,948	332,929	251,341

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

- (1) The results for the year ended December 31, 2006 include the operations of Trammell Crow Company from December 20, 2006, the date we acquired Trammell Crow Company.
- (2) The results for the year ended December 31, 2003 include the operations of Insignia Financial Group, Inc. from July 23, 2003, the date we acquired Insignia.
- (3) Revenue has been increased from amounts previously reported. See revenue information in Note 2 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (4) EPS represents earnings (loss) per share. See Earnings Per Share information in Note 19 of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (5) On April 28, 2006, our board of directors approved a three-for-one stock split of our Class A common stock effected as a 100% stock dividend, which was distributed on June 1, 2006. The applicable share and per share data for all periods presented has been restated to give effect to this stock split.
- (6) EBITDA represents earnings before net interest expense, loss on extinguishment of debt, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Our management believes EBITDA is useful in evaluating our 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 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 performance of our various business lines and for other discretionary purposes, including as a significant component when measuring our performance under our employee incentive programs.

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 (loss) 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,						
	2006	2006 2005		2004 2003				
income (loss)	\$ 318,571	\$ 217,341	\$ 64,725	\$ (34,704)	\$ 18,727			
ation and amortization	67,595	45,516	54,857	92,622	24,614			
est expense	45,007	56,281	68,080	72,319	60,501			
extinguishment of debt	33,847	7,386	21,075	13,479				
(benefit) for income taxes	198,326	138,881	43,529	(6,276)	30,106			
	9,822	11,221	6,926	4,623	3,272			
A	\$ 653,524	\$ 454,184	\$ 245,340	\$ 132,817	\$ 130,676			

(7) Notes payable on real estate 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.

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 2006 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 commercial real estate assets. As of December 31, 2006, excluding affiliates and partner offices, we operated in more than 300 offices worldwide with approximately 24,000 employees providing commercial real estate services under the CB Richard Ellis brand name and development services under the Trammell Crow brand name. Our business is focused on several service competencies, including tenant representation, property/agency leasing, property sales, development services, commercial mortgage origination and servicing, capital markets (equity and debt) solutions, commercial property and corporate facilities management, valuation, proprietary research and real estate investment management. We generate revenues both on a per project or transaction basis and from annual management fees. In 2006, we became the first commercial real estate services company included in the S&P 500 and in both 2005 and 2006, were the only commercial real estate services company included in the largest U.S. publicly-held companies.

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 and make it challenging to predict our future performance based on our historical results. We believe that the following material trends and uncertainties are most crucial to an understanding of the variability in our historical earnings and cash flows and the potential for such variances in the future:

#### Macroeconomic Conditions

Economic trends and government policies directly affect our operations as well as global and regional commercial real estate markets generally. These include: overall economic activity and employment growth, interest rate levels, the availability of credit to finance transactions and the impact of tax and regulatory policies. Periods of economic slowdown or recession, significantly rising interest rates, a declining employment level, a declining demand for real estate or the public perception that any of these events may occur, can negatively affect the performance of many of our business lines. Weak economic conditions could result in a general decrease in transaction activity and decline in rents, which, in turn, would reduce revenue from property management fees and brokerage commissions derived from property sales and leases. In addition, these conditions could lead to a decline in funds invested in commercial real estate and related assets. An economic downturn or a significant increase in interest rates also may reduce the amount of loan originations and related servicing by our commercial mortgage brokerage businesses are negatively impacted, it is likely that our other lines of business would also suffer due to the relationship among our various business lines.

For example, beginning in 2003 and continuing through 2006, economic conditions in the United States improved from the economic downturn in 2001 and 2002, which positively impacted the commercial real estate market generally. This caused an improvement in our Americas segment s revenue, particularly in transaction revenue and we expect this trend to continue in the near term. However, in the event of a slowdown in the U.S. economy, our revenue growth could be negatively impacted.

Adverse changes in economic conditions would also affect our compensation expense, which is structured to decrease in line with any decrease in revenues. 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 on our operating margins during difficult market conditions is partially mitigated. In addition, in circumstances when economic conditions are

particularly severe, our management can look to improve operational performance by reducing senior

management bonuses, curtailing capital expenditures and other cutting of discretionary operating expenses. Notwithstanding these approaches, adverse global and regional economic changes remain one of the most significant risks to our future financial condition and results of operations.

#### 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. For example, we enhanced our mortgage brokerage services through our 1996 acquisition of L.J. Melody & Company (now known as CBRE Melody) and we significantly increased the scale of our investment management business through our 1995 acquisition of Westmark Realty Advisors (now known as CB Richard Ellis Investors) and our 1997 acquisition of Koll Real Estate Services. Our 2003 acquisition of Insignia Financial Group, Inc. (Insignia) significantly increased the scale of our real estate advisory services and outsourcing services business lines in our Americas segment and also significantly increased our presence in the New York, London and Paris metropolitan areas.

In December 2006, we completed our largest acquisition to date as we acquired Trammell Crow Company. The acquisition of Trammell Crow Company deepens our offering of outsourcing services for corporate and institutional clients, especially project and facilities management, strengthens our ability to provide integrated management solutions across geographies, and establishes people, resources and expertise to offer real estate development services throughout the United States.

Strategic in-fill acquisitions have also been an integral component of our growth plans. In 2005, we completed seven acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$100.0 million, including our acquisitions of CB Richard Ellis Gunne in Ireland and Dalgleish & Company in the United Kingdom, both within our Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) business segment. In 2006, in addition to our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, we completed 23 acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$155.0 million. These included: the acquisition of an additional stake in our Japanese affiliate, IKOMA CB Richard Ellis KK, or IKOMA, within our Asia Pacific business segment, increasing our equity interest in IKOMA to 51%; the acquisition of our Wisconsin affiliate, The Polacheck Company, within our Americas business segment, which enhanced our brand and market position in the U.S. Midwest; and the acquisition of Holley Blake, which augmented our position in the industrial and logistics sectors in the United Kingdom. These acquisitions are a good example of our efforts to broaden our geographic coverage. Our acquirees were generally either quality regional firms or niche specialty firms that complement our existing platform or affiliates in which we already held an equity interest.

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 and the charges and costs of integrating the acquired business and its financial and accounting systems into our own. For example, through December 31, 2006, we incurred \$200.9 million of transaction-related expenditures in connection with our acquisition of Insignia in 2003 (the Insignia Acquisition) and \$144.5 million of transaction-related expenditures in connection with our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company in 2006. Transaction-related expenditures included severance costs, lease termination costs, transaction costs, deferred financing costs and merger-related costs, among others. We incurred our final transaction expenditures with respect to the Insignia Acquisition in the third quarter of 2004. In addition, through December 31, 2006, we have incurred \$38.1 million of expenses in connection with the integration of Insignia s business lines, as well as accounting and other systems, into our own, \$3.0 million of which were incurred during 2006. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2006, we incurred \$4.6 million of integration expenses associated with other acquisitions completed in 2005 and 2006. We expect to incur total integration expenses of

approximately \$30 million during 2007, which include residual Insignia-related integration costs, integration costs associated with our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company as well as similar costs related to our strategic in-fill acquisitions in 2005 and 2006.

#### International Operations

We have made significant acquisitions of non-U.S. companies and we may acquire additional foreign companies in the future. As we increase our foreign 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. Due to the constantly changing currency exposures to which we are subject and the volatility of currency exchange rates, our management cannot predict the effect of exchange rate fluctuations upon future operating results. In addition, fluctuations in currencies relative to the U.S. dollar 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.

#### Leverage

On June 15, 2006, we redeemed all of our then outstanding 11 <sup>1</sup>/4% senior subordinated notes due in 2011. On December 5, 2006, in connection with our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, we successfully tendered substantially all of our remaining 9 <sup>3</sup>/4% senior notes due in 2010. Although we paid down our high-interest debt in 2006, we borrowed approximately \$2.1 billion under our new senior secured term loan facilities in December 2006 to finance our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company. As a result, we are highly leveraged and have significant debt service obligations.

Although our management believes that the incurrence of long-term indebtedness has been important in the development of our business, including facilitating our acquisition of Insignia and our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company, 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. For example, in June 2006, we entered into a new \$600.0 million revolving credit facility, which fully replaced our former credit agreement on more favorable terms. Despite the recent increase in our leverage, our management generally expects to look for opportunities to reduce our debt in the future.

Notwithstanding the actions described above, however, our level of indebtedness and the operating and financial restrictions in our debt agreements both place constraints on the operation of our business.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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**

We recognize revenue in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements*, which has four basic criteria that must be met before revenue is recognized:

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

collectibility is reasonably assured.

Our various 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: (1) at what point in time revenue is earned, (2) whether there are contingencies involved that would impact the timing of recognition of revenue, and (3) how and when such contingencies will be resolved. The actual timing of revenue recognition could vary if different judgments were made. The revenues of our business that are subject to the most judgment are our brokerage commission revenue and incentive-based management and development fees.

We record real estate commissions on sales generally upon close of escrow or transfer of title, except when future contingencies exist. Real estate commissions on leases are generally recorded as income once we satisfy all obligations under the commission agreement. 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 the lease commission upon the execution of the lease agreement by the tenant, while the remaining portion(s) of the lease commission is earned at a later date, usually upon tenant occupancy. The existence of any significant future contingencies, such as tenant occupancy, 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.

Investment management and property management fees are generally based upon percentages of the revenue or profit generated by the entities managed and are recognized when earned under the provisions of the related 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. With many of these investments, our Global Investment Management team has participation interests in such incentive fees. These participation interests are generally accrued for based upon the probability of such performance-based incentive fees being earned over the related vesting period.

We earn incentive development fees from our development services. These 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 require us to use varying levels of judgment in determining the timing of revenue recognition.

Pursuant to Emerging Issues Task Force, or EITF, Issue No. 01-14, *Income Statement Characterization of Reimbursements Received for Out of Pocket Expenses Incurred*, and EITF 99-19, *Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent*, our management concluded that the accounting for certain reimbursements (primarily salaries and related charges) related to our facilities and property management operations should be presented on a grossed up basis versus a net expense basis. Accordingly, during the fourth quarter of 2006, we reclassified such reimbursements from cost of services to revenue for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 to be consistent with the presentation for the year ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 have been increased from the amounts previously reported by \$283.4 million and \$282.0 million, respectively. This reclassification had no impact on operating income, net income, earnings per share or stockholders equity.

In establishing the appropriate provisions for trade receivables, we make assumptions with respect to future collectibility. Our assumptions are based on an individual assessment of a customer s credit quality as well as subjective factors and trends, including the aging of receivables balances. In addition to these individual assessments, in general, outstanding trade accounts receivable amounts that are more than 180 days overdue are fully provided for. Historically, our credit losses have 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, those of our majority-owned subsidiaries, as well as variable interest entities, or VIEs, in which we are the primary beneficiary and other subsidiaries of which we have control. The equity attributable to minority shareholders 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.

#### Variable Interest Entities

Our determination of the appropriate accounting method with respect to our VIEs, including co-investments with our clients, is based on Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), or FIN 46R, *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities an Interpretation of ARB No. 51*. We consolidate any VIE of which we are the primary beneficiary and disclose significant VIEs of which we are not the primary beneficiary, if any.

We determine if an entity is a VIE under FIN 46R 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. In a quantitative analysis, we incorporate 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 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

Our determination of the appropriate accounting method with respect to our investments in limited partnerships, limited liability companies and other subsidiaries is based on 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 participate in significant decisions made in the ordinary course of the entity substantive. 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 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 the underlying entity s net income or loss, to the extent of its investment or its guarantees of the underlying entity s debt. Accounting for an investment using either the equity or cost method has no impact on the evaluation of impairment of the underlying investment; under either method, impairment losses are recognized upon evidence of other-than-temporary losses of value.

#### Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price paid by us over the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities of acquired businesses, with the majority of the balance resulting from our acquisition of CB Richard Ellis Services in 2001, our acquisition of Insignia in 2003 and our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company in 2006. Other intangible assets include trademarks, which were separately identified as a

result of the 2001 acquisition, as well as a trade name separately identified as a result of the Insignia Acquisition representing the Richard Ellis trade name in the United Kingdom that was owned by Insignia prior to

the Insignia Acquisition and the Trammell Crow trade name separately identified as part of the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition to be used in providing development services. Both the trademarks and the trade names are not being amortized and have indefinite estimated useful lives. The remaining other intangible assets primarily include customer relationships, backlog, management contracts, loan servicing rights and franchise agreements, which are all being amortized on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives ranging up to 20 years.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, requires us to perform at least an annual assessment of impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite useful lives based on assumptions and estimates of fair value and future cash flow information. These assumptions and estimates developed by us may differ from actual results. If different assumptions and estimates were used, carrying values could be adversely impacted, resulting in write downs that would adversely affect our earnings.

We perform an annual assessment of our goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives for impairment based in part on a third-party valuation as of the beginning of the fourth quarter of each year. We also assess goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite useful lives for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable from future cash flows. We completed our required annual impairment tests as of October 1, 2006, 2005 and 2004, and determined that no impairment existed as of those dates.

#### Real Estate

As of December 31, 2006, the carrying value of our total real estate assets was \$459.9 million (7.7% of total assets). The significant accounting policies and estimates with regard to our real estate assets relate to classification and impairment evaluation and cost capitalization and allocation.

#### Classification and Impairment Evaluation

With respect to our real estate assets, SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* 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 the SFAS No. 144 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 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 completed assets not expected to be disposed of within one year of the balance sheet date and land on which development activities have not yet commenced.

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 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. 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 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 or market comparisons. This determination of fair value and the amount, if any, of the impairment loss, requires us to utilize judgments and estimates. Buildings and improvements included in real estate held for investment are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives, generally 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.

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 SFAS No. 144, 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 in accordance with SFAS No. 67, *Accounting for Costs and the Initial Rental Operations of Real Estate Properties*. Capitalization begins when we determine that activities related to development have begun and ceases when activities are complete, which are timing decisions that require judgment. Costs capitalized under SFAS No. 67 include pursuit costs, or pre-acquisition/pre-construction costs, taxes and insurance, development and construction costs and costs of incidental operations. 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 identified 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. Relative allocations of the costs are changed as the sales value estimates are revised.

When acquiring real estate with existing buildings, we allocate the purchase price between land, 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 net 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 net lease intangibles and tenant origination costs are amortized over the term of the underlying leases. Amortization related to net 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 used 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.

#### Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method in accordance with SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the financial reporting and the 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. Loss contingencies resulting from tax audits or certain tax positions are accrued when the potential loss can be reasonably estimated and where occurrence is probable.

### **Basis of Presentation**

### **Recent Significant Acquisitions**

On December 20, 2006, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated October 30, 2006 (the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition Agreement), by and among us, A-2 Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and our wholly owned subsidiary (Merger Sub) and Trammell Crow Company, the Merger Sub was merged with and into Trammell Crow Company (the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition). Trammell Crow Company was the surviving corporation in the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition and upon the closing of the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition became our indirect wholly owned subsidiary.

### Segment Reporting

We report our operations through five segments. The segments are as follows: (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, Mexico and 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 the United States, Europe and Asia. The Development Services business consists of real estate development and investment activities primarily in the United States, which were acquired in the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition.

#### **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth items derived from the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004:

			Year Ended Dec	ember 31,		
	2006	2006		2005		
		(Dollars in thousands)				
Revenue	\$ 4,032,027	100.0%	\$ 3,194,026	100.0%	\$ 2,647,073	100.0%
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of services	2,110,512	52.4	1,753,472	54.9	1,485,742	56.1
Operating, administrative and other	1,303,781	32.3	1,022,632	32.0	909,892	34.3
Depreciation and amortization	67,595	1.7	45,516	1.4	54,857	2.1
Merger-related charges					25,574	1.0

Operating income	550,139	13.6	372,406	11.7	171,008	6.5
Equity income from unconsolidated subsidiaries	33,300	0.8	38,425	1.2	20,977	0.8
Minority interest expense	6,120	0.1	2,163	0.1	1,502	0.1
Other income	8,610	0.2				
Interest income	9,822	0.2	11,221	0.4	6,926	0.3
Interest expense	45,007	1.1	56,281	1.8	68,080	2.6
Loss on extinguishment of debt	33,847	0.8	7,386	0.2	21,075	0.8
Income before provision for income taxes	516,897	12.8	356,222	11.2	108,254	4.1
Provision for income taxes	198,326	4.9	138,881	4.4	43,529	1.7
Net income	\$ 318,571	7.9%	\$ 217,341	6.8%	\$ 64,725	2.4%
EBITDA	\$ 653,524	16.2%	\$ 454,184	14.2%	\$ 245,340	9.3%

EBITDA represents earnings before net interest expense, loss on extinguishment of debt, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Our management believes EBITDA is useful in evaluating our 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 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 performance of our various business lines and for other discretionary purposes, including as a significant component when measuring our performance under our employee incentive programs.

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:

	164	Ended Decenii	er 51,				
	2006	2005	2004				
	(D	(Dollars in thousands)					
Net income	\$ 318,571	\$217,341	\$ 64,725				
Add:							
Depreciation and amortization	67,595	45,516	54,857				
Interest expense	45,007	56,281	68,080				
Loss on extinguishment of debt	33,847	7,386	21,075				
Provision for income taxes	198,326	138,881	43,529				
Less:							
Interest income	9,822	11,221	6,926				
EBITDA	\$ 653,524	\$454,184	\$ 245,340				

### Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005

We reported consolidated net income of \$318.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 on revenue of \$4.0 billion as compared to consolidated net income of \$217.3 million on revenue of \$3.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Our revenue on a consolidated basis increased by \$838.0 million, or 26.2%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. Over two-thirds of the improvement was due to organic growth, while the remainder was attributable to acquisitions completed during 2005 and 2006. The organic revenue growth was primarily driven by continued higher worldwide transaction revenue as well as increased appraisal/valuation, mortgage brokerage and property and facilities management fees. Additionally, carried interest revenue earned and higher fees generated in our

Year Ended December 31

Global Investment Management business contributed to the increase. Foreign currency translation had a \$28.1 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2006.

Our cost of services on a consolidated basis increased by \$357.0 million, or 20.4%, during the year ended December 31, 2006 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. Our sales and leasing professionals generally are paid on a commission and bonus basis, which substantially correlates with our revenue

performance. Accordingly, the overall increase was primarily driven by the increase in revenue. Also contributing to the increase was additional headcount, which primarily resulted from acquisitions. Foreign currency translation had a \$9.1 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2006. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue decreased from 54.9% for the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily attributable to our mix of revenue, with a higher composition of revenue being non-commissionable or earned from markets with lower cost of services.

Our operating, administrative and other expenses on a consolidated basis were \$1.3 billion, an increase of \$281.1 million, or 27.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2006 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase was primarily driven by higher worldwide payroll-related costs, including bonuses and carried interest incentive compensation expense, as well as increased marketing costs, which resulted from our improved operating performance. Also contributing to the increase were higher costs as a result of acquisitions, particularly our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company. Foreign currency translation had an \$8.9 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2006. Operating expenses as a percentage of revenue were essentially flat at 32.3% for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Our depreciation and amortization expense on a consolidated basis increased by \$22.1 million, or 48.5%, for the year ended December 31, 2006 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This increase was primarily driven by higher amortization expense related to the intangible assets representing net revenue backlog and incentive fees acquired in the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition. As of December 31, 2006, the net book value of the intangible asset representing net revenue backlog acquired in the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition was \$25.8 million, which will be fully amortized by the end of 2007. Also contributing to the increase over the prior year was higher depreciation expense resulting from increased capital expenditures as well as fixed assets acquired in recent acquisitions.

Our equity income from unconsolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis decreased by \$5.1 million, or 13.3%, for the year ended December 31, 2006 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This was primarily due to higher dispositions within selected funds in our Global Investment Management segment in 2005, partially offset by higher equity income in our EMEA and Americas segments in the current year.

Our consolidated minority interest expense increased \$4.0 million, or 182.9%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase was primarily due to minority interest associated with our Japanese affiliate, IKOMA, which we began fully consolidating in our results in 2006 as a result of our equity interest reaching 51% in the current year.

Our other income on a consolidated basis was \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, which represented income related to marking Trammell Crow Company s investment in Savills plc to market for the period December 20, 2006, the date of the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition, through December 31, 2006.

Our consolidated interest income was \$9.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, a decrease of \$1.4 million, or 12.5%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. This decrease was primarily driven by lower average cash balances in 2006 as a result of using cash to pay down debt as well as to fund acquisitions.

Our consolidated interest expense decreased \$11.3 million, or 20.0%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2005. The overall decline was primarily due to interest savings realized as a result of debt repayments made throughout 2005 and 2006, including the redemption of the remaining outstanding balance of our  $11^{1/4\%}$  senior subordinated notes in June 2006 and the repayment of substantially all of our  $9^{3/4\%}$  senior notes in December 2006. In December 2006, we also entered into an amended and restated credit agreement covering two new senior secured

term loan facilities for an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2.2 billion (of which we drew down \$2.1 billion) to finance our acquisition of Trammell Crow Company. We anticipate that annual interest expense for 2007 will be approximately \$140 million. Despite the significant increase in our

leverage as a result of the Trammell Crow Company Acquisition, our management generally expects to look for opportunities to reduce our debt in the future.

Our loss on extinguishment of debt on a consolidated basis was \$33.8 million and \$7.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These losses were related to the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees and unamortized discount, as well as premiums paid, all in connection with the repurchase of our  $11^{1/4\%}$  senior subordinated notes during the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2006, we incurred \$11.6 million of losses related to the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees, as well as premiums paid, in connection with the repurchase of our  $9^{3/4\%}$  senior notes and \$8.2 million of losses in connection with the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees associated with our prior credit facility, which was replaced during the current year. We expect to incur additional charges of this type as we continue our deleveraging efforts in the future.

Our provision for income taxes on a consolidated basis was \$198.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 as compared to \$138.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase in the provision for income taxes is attributable to the significant increase in pre-tax income over 2005. Our effective tax rate declined from 39.0% for the year ended December 31, 2005 to 38.4% for the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease in the effective tax rate is primarily a result of the change in our mix of domestic and foreign earnings.

### Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004

We reported consolidated net income of \$217.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 on revenue of \$3.2 billion as compared to consolidated net income of \$64.7 million on revenue of \$2.6 billion for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Our revenue on a consolidated basis increased by \$547.0 million, or 20.7%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004. The revenue growth was primarily driven by higher worldwide transaction revenue as well as increased appraisal and management fees. Additionally, the continued anticipation of interest rate hikes in the United States during 2005 drove an increase in loan origination volume, which resulted in higher loan origination fees. Investment management fees also increased primarily due to improved performance in the United States. Foreign currency translation had a \$2.2 million positive impact on total revenue during the year ended December 31, 2005.

Our cost of services on a consolidated basis increased by \$267.7 million, or 18.0%, during the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004. 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 overall increase was primarily driven by the increase in revenue. Foreign currency translation had a \$1.7 million negative impact on cost of services during the year ended December 31, 2005. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue decreased from 56.1% for the year ended December 31, 2004 to 54.9% for the year ended December 31, 2005. The decline was primarily due to salaries and related costs associated with our facilities and property management contracts remaining flat year-over-year, while overall revenue, the base of the cost of services percentage, significantly increased.

Our operating, administrative and other expenses on a consolidated basis were \$1.0 billion, an increase of \$112.7 million, or 12.4%, for the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004. The increase was primarily driven by higher worldwide payroll-related costs, including bonuses, as well as increased marketing costs, which resulted from our improved operating performance. The year-over-year overall increase in operating expenses was partially muted by the absence of \$15.0 million of one-time compensation expense related to our initial public offering, \$5.1 million in write-downs of investments in our Americas business segment and \$3.9 million of Insignia-related costs, all of which significantly impacted the results for the

year ended December 31, 2004. Finally, foreign currency translation had a \$5.0 million negative impact on total operating expenses during the year ended December 31, 2005. Operating expenses as a percentage of revenue decreased from 34.3% for the year ended December 31, 2004 to 32.0% for the year ended December 31, 2005, reflecting the operating leverage generally inherent in our business structure.

Our depreciation and amortization expense on a consolidated basis decreased by \$9.3 million, or 17.0%, for the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004. The decrease was largely due to lower amortization expense related to intangibles acquired in the Insignia Acquisition, particularly relative to acquired net revenue backlog. As of December 31, 2004, the intangible asset representing the net revenue backlog acquired in the Insignia Acquisition was fully amortized.

Our merger-related charges on a consolidated basis were \$25.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. These charges primarily consisted of lease termination costs associated with vacated spaces, consulting costs and severance costs, all of which were attributable to the Insignia Acquisition. We incurred our final merger-related charges associated with the Insignia Acquisition during the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Our equity income from unconsolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis increased by \$17.4 million, or 83.2%, for the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004, primarily due to improved performance in our Global Investment Management segment, resulting from gains realized from the disposition of assets maintained in our investment portfolios as well as higher equity income recognized from the ownership of affiliated companies which have also benefited from improved performance. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in earnings in Asian investments in our Global Investment Management.

Our consolidated interest income was \$11.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, an increase of \$4.3 million, or 62.0%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004. This increase was primarily driven by higher average cash balances maintained in 2005 as a result of our improved results as well as rising interest rates.

Our consolidated interest expense was \$56.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005, a decrease of \$11.8 million, or 17.3%, as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004. This decline was primarily driven by interest savings realized as a result of debt repayments during 2004 and 2005.

Our loss on extinguishment of debt on a consolidated basis was \$7.4 million and \$21.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The loss incurred for the year ended December 31, 2005 related to the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees and unamortized discount, as well as premiums paid, all in connection with repurchases of our  $11^{1/4\%}$  senior subordinated notes in the open market. The loss incurred for the year ended December 31, 2004 related to write-offs of unamortized deferred financing fees and unamortized discount, as well as premiums paid, all in connection with repurchases of our  $11^{1/4\%}$  senior subordinated notes in the open market. The loss incurred for the year ended December 31, 2004 related to write-offs of unamortized deferred financing fees and unamortized discount, as well as premiums paid, all in connection with the redemptions of \$70.0 million in aggregate principal amount of our  $9^{3/4\%}$  senior notes and \$38.3 million in aggregate principal amount of our 16.0% senior notes with the net proceeds received from our initial public offering as well as in connection with the \$21.6 million repurchase of our  $11^{1/4\%}$  senior subordinated notes in the open market during May and June 2004.

Our provision for income taxes on a consolidated basis was \$138.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to \$43.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. The increase in the provision for income taxes is mainly attributable to the significant increase in pre-tax income in 2005 versus 2004. The effective tax rate decreased from 40.2% for the year ended December 31, 2004 to 39.0% for the year ended December 31, 2005. The decrease was primarily a result of the change in mix of our domestic and foreign earnings.

## **Segment Operations**

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, 2006, 2005 and 2004.

		Year Ended December 31,							
	2006		2005		2004				
			(Dollars in tho	usands)					
Americas			(	,					
Revenue (1)	\$ 2,506,913	100.0%	\$ 2,172,813	100.0%	\$ 1,842,050	100.0%			
Costs and expenses:									
Cost of services (1)	1,453,632	58.0	1,278,185	58.8	1,106,599	60.1			
Operating, administrative and other	710,547	28.4	621,009	28.6	569,195	30.9			
Depreciation and amortization	38,846	1.5	30,782	1.4	37,514	2.0			
Merger-related charges					22,038	1.2			
Operating income	\$ 303,888	12.1%	\$ 242,837	11.2%	\$ 106,704	5.8%			
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EBITDA	\$ 366,103	14.6%	\$ 286,887	13.2%	\$ 154,506	8.4%			
EMEA									
Revenue (1)	\$ 933,517	100.0%	\$ 707,330	100.0%	\$ 551,307	100.0%			
Costs and expenses:	\$ 755,517	100.070	\$ 707,550	100.070	φ 551,507	100.070			
Cost of services (1)	462,807	49.6	379,163	53.6	297,824	54.0			
Operating, administrative and other	282,564	30.3	223,365	31.6	207,326	37.6			
Depreciation and amortization	15,152	1.6	10,468	1.5	12,050	2.2			
Merger-related charges	15,152	1.0	10,100	1.5	3,205	0.6			
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Operating income	\$ 172,994	18.5%	\$ 94,334	13.3%	\$ 30,902	5.6%			
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EBITDA	\$ 189,404	20.3%	\$ 104,493	14.8%	\$ 42,433	7.7%			
Asia Pacific									
Revenue (1)	\$ 354,756	100.0%	\$ 186,573	100.0%	\$ 159,702	100.0%			
Costs and expenses:									
Cost of services (1)	194,073	54.7	96,124	51.5	81,319	50.9			
Operating, administrative and other	115,165	32.5	64,173	34.4	57,354	35.9			
Depreciation and amortization	5,499	1.5	2,430	1.3	2,476	1.6			
Operating income	\$ 40,019	11.3%	\$ 23,846	12.8%	\$ 18,553	11.6%			
Operating income	\$ 40,019	11.5%	\$ 23,840	12.070	ф 16, <i>333</i>	11.0%			
EBITDA	\$ 43,268	12.2%	\$ 27,285	14.6%	\$ 21,584	13.5%			
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Global Investment Management									
Revenue	\$ 228,034	100.0%	\$ 127,310	100.0%	\$ 94,014	100.0%			
Costs and expenses:									
Operating, administrative and other	189,399	83.1	114,085	89.6	76,017	80.8			

Depreciation and amortization		2,306	1.0	1,836	1.4		2,817	3.0
Merger-related charges							331	0.4
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Operating income	\$	36,329	15.9%	\$ 11,389	9.0%	\$	14,849	15.8%
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EBITDA	\$	52,724	23.1%	\$ 35,519	27.9%	\$	26,817	28.5%
Development Services								
Revenue	\$	8,807	100.0%	\$	%	\$		%
Costs and expenses:								
Operating, administrative and other		6,106	69.3					
Depreciation and amortization		5,792	65.8					
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