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

SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. )\*

SABA SOFTWARE INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

784932600

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(CUSIP Number)

Marc D. Hauser  
Equity Group Investments, L.L.C.  
2 North Riverside Plaza, Suite 600  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
312-466-3281

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

April 15, 2005

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1. Name of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

ZF Partners, LP FEIN: 35-2214127

2. Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)    
(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC

5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware

	7. Sole Voting Power	0
NUMBER OF SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	8. Shared Voting Power	
OWNED BY	1,036,000	
EACH		
REPORTING	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
PERSON		
WITH		
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,036,000

12. Check Box If the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
6.4% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
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ZF Ventures, L.L.C. FEIN: 37-1473537

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(a)  [X]  
(b)  [ ]

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC

5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  [ ]

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7. Sole Voting Power	0
	8. Shared Voting Power	1,036,000
	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
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EGI-Fund (02-04) Investors, L.L.C. FEIN: 40-0002819

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(b)

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WC

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or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7. Sole Voting Power	0
	8. Shared Voting Power	1,036,000
	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
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EGI-Managing Member (02-04), L.L.C. FEIN: 40-0002816  
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2. Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  [X]  
(b)  [ ]  
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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d)  
or 2(e)  [ ]  
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6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware  
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	7. Sole Voting Power	0
NUMBER OF SHARES		
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BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8. Shared Voting Power	1,036,000
	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,036,000  
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SZ Investments, L.L.C. FEIN: 36-4150443

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(a)  [X]  
(b)  [ ]

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
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5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d)  
or 2(e)  [ ]

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7. Sole Voting Power	0
	8. Shared Voting Power	1,036,000
	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
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Chai Trust Company, L.L.C. FEIN: 36-6934216

2. Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

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3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

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5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

7. Sole Voting Power  
NUMBER OF SHARES 0

8. Shared Voting Power  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 1,036,000

9. Sole Dispositive Power  
0

10. Shared Dispositive Power  
1,036,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,036,000

12. Check Box If the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
6.4% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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SLF Partners, LLC FEIN: 20-0183973

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2. Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC

5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

	7. Sole Voting Power	0
NUMBER OF SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	8. Shared Voting Power	1,036,000
EACH		
REPORTING PERSON	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
WITH		
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,036,000

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13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
6.4% (1)

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
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1. Name of Reporting Persons.

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Steven L. Fingerhood

2. Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

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4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)  
WC

5. Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware

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	8. Shared Voting Power	1,036,000
	9. Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10. Shared Dispositive Power	1,036,000

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6.4% (1)

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ITEM 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of Saba Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). Issuer's principal executive office is located at 2400 Bridge Parkway, Redwood Shores, California 94065-1166.

ITEM 2. Identity and Background

(a)-(c) ZF Partners, LP ("Purchaser") is a Delaware limited partnership. The general partner of the Purchaser is ZF Ventures, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("General Partner"). The two members of the member-managed General Partner are EGI-Fund (02-04) Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited

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liability company ("Fund 02-04"), and SLF Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SLF Partners").

EGI-Managing Member (02-04), L.L.C. is a Delaware limited liability company and the managing member of Fund 02-04 ("Managing Member"). SZ Investments, L.L.C. ("SZ Investments") is a Delaware limited liability company and the managing member of Managing Member.

Purchaser has no executive officers. The executive officers of Fund 02-04, Managing Member and SZ Investments are as follows:

- Samuel Zell - President; Chairman of the Board of Directors of Equity Group Investments, L.L.C. ("EGI")
- Donald J. Liebenritt - Vice President; President of EGI
- William C. Pate - Vice President; Managing Director of EGI
- Philip Tinkler - Treasurer; Vice President and Treasurer of EGI

SZ Investments is indirectly owned by various trusts established for the benefit of Samuel Zell and his family. The trustee of each of those trusts is Chai Trust Company, L.L.C., an Illinois limited liability company ("Chai Trust"; together with Fund 02-04, Managing Member, and SZI, the "EGI Entities").

The officers and directors of Chai Trust are as follows:

- Bert Cohen is a Director of Chai Trust. Mr. Cohen is also a semi-retired investor, whose residence is 5000-4A Estate Enighed, #65, St. John, VI 00830.
- Kellie Zell Harper is a Director of Chai Trust and also works as a homemaker.
- Donald J. Liebenritt is the President and a Director of Chai Trust.
- Leah Zell Wanger is a Director of Chai Trust. Ms. Wanger also is a private investor whose business address is 227 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603.
- JoAnn Zell Gillis is a Director of Chai Trust. Mrs. Zell Gillis is a physician.
- Matthew Zell is a Director of Chai Trust and an employee of EGI.
- Robert M. Levin is a Senior Trust Officer of Chai Trust. Mr. Levin is also a partner in the law firm Levin & Schreder Ltd., whose business address is 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 3800, Chicago, Illinois 60602.
- James Bunegar is Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Trust Officer and Treasurer of Chai Trust. Mr. Bunegar is also the Vice President - Taxes of EGI.

The business address of each EGI Entity, Samuel Zell, Donald Liebenritt, William Pate, Philip Tinkler, Kellie Zell Harper, JoAnn Zell Gillis, Matthew Zell James Bunegar is Two North Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The founder and managing member of SLF Partners is Steven L. Fingerhood ("Fingerhood"; together with SLF Partners and the EGI Entities, the "Reporting Persons"). The business address of each of SLF Partners and Fingerhood are 132 Sunnyside Avenue, Mill Valley, California 94941.

(d) and (e) None of the Reporting Persons, nor any of their respective executive officers or directors, if any, has, during the last five years (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was, or is, subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) All of the Reporting Persons and their respective executive officers and directors, if any, are United States citizens.

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Between June 23, 2004 and April 12, 2005, Purchaser acquired 1,036,000 shares of Common Stock in open market purchases in a price range of \$3.48 to \$5.05 per share, at an average purchase price of \$4.35 per share, for a total purchase price of \$4,509,254. The source of all such purchases was Purchaser's working capital.

ITEM 4. Purpose of the Transaction

Purchaser acquired the Common Stock through open market purchases for investment purposes. Purchaser intends to review continuously its position in Issuer. Purchaser reserves the right to sell or otherwise dispose of some or all of the securities of Issuer beneficially owned by it in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, through derivative transactions or otherwise, or to acquire additional securities of Issuer, in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, in each case, depending upon market conditions and other factors.

ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of Issuer

(a) and (b) To the best knowledge of each of the Reporting Persons, there were 16,192,091 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of April 12, 2005, as reported by the Issuer on its Form 10-Q for the period ending February 28, 2005.

Purchaser and each of the other Reporting Persons share beneficial ownership and dispositive and voting power of 1,036,000 shares of Common Stock, representing 6.4% of Issuer's issued and outstanding Common Stock.

(c) Except as set forth above in Items 3 and 4, during the last 60 days no other transactions in Issuer's Common Stock or were effected by any of the reporting persons.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of Issuer.

None

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement dated as of April 15, 2005 made among the Reporting Persons

Exhibit 2 Powers of Attorney dated as of April 15, 2005 made by Fingerhood in favor of certain individuals to file on behalf of Fingerhood and SLF Partners

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of each of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: April 15, 2005

-ZF PARTNERS, LP

By: ZF Ventures, L.L.C., its general partner

By: EGI-Fund (02-04) Investors, L.L.C., a member

By: /s/ DONALD J. LIEBENTRITT

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Donald J. Liebentritt, Vice President

By: SLF Partners, LLC, a member

By: /s/ STEVEN L. FINGERHOOD

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Steven L. Fingerhood, Member

- ZF VENTURES, L.L.C.

By: EGI-Fund (02-04) Investors, L.L.C., a member

By: /s/ DONALD J. LIEBENTRITT

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Donald J. Liebentritt, Vice President

By: SLF Partners, LLC, a member

By: /s/ STEVEN L. FINGERHOOD

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Steven L. Fingerhood, Member

-EGI-FUND (02-04) INVESTORS, L.L.C.

-EGI-MANAGING MEMBER (02-04), L.L.C.

-SZ INVESTMENTS, L.L.C.

Each by: /s/ DONALD J. LIEBENTRITT

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Donald J. Liebentritt, Vice President

-CHAI TRUST COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: /s/ DONALD J. LIEBENTRITT

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Donald J. Liebentritt, President

-SLF PARTNERS, LLC

By: /s/ STEVEN L. FINGERHOOD

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Steven L. Fingerhood, Member

/s/ STEVEN L. FINGERHOOD  
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-STEVEN L. FINGERHOOD

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative (other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement: provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

ATTENTION: INTENTIONAL MISSTATEMENTS OR OMISSIONS OF FACT CONSTITUTE FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS (SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001)

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EXHIBIT 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of April 15, 2005 and is made by and among ZF Partners, LP, ZF Ventures, L.L.C., EGI-Fund (02-04) Investors, L.L.C., EGI-Managing Member (02-04), L.L.C., SZ Investments, L.L.C., Chai Trust Company, L.L.C., SLF Partners, LLC, and Steven L. Fingerhood (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

WHEREAS, each Reporting Person beneficially owns shares of common stock \$0.001 par value, of Saba Software, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Securities"); and

WHEREAS, each Reporting Person desires by this Agreement to provide for the joint filing of a Schedule 13D, and all amendments thereto, with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Each Reporting Person will join in the preparation and filing of a single statement containing the information required by Schedule 13D, and all amendments thereto, and the Schedule 13D and all such amendments will be filed on behalf of each Reporting Person. Each Reporting Person is eligible to use the Schedule 13D on which such information is filed.
2. Each Reporting Person will be responsible for the timely filing of the Schedule 13D, and all amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such party contained therein. No Reporting Person will be responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning any other Reporting Person contained in the Schedule 13D or any amendment thereto, except to the extent such Reporting Person knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

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3. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which when taken together will constitute one and the same instrument.

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EXHIBIT 2

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, Steven L. Fingerhood, has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint, each and any of Donald J. Liebentritt, Philip G. Tinkler and Joseph M. Paolucci, with full power of substitution, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, for him in his name, place and stead individually, and in his capacity as Member of SLF Partners, LLC, to execute, acknowledge, deliver and file any and all filings required by Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder respecting Rule 13d, Schedule 13D, and any amendments thereto, together with all filings required by Section 16 of the Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and any amendments thereto, to be filed by him and/or SLF Partners, LLC (alone and as a member of ZF Ventures, L.L.C.) in connection with the acquisition and/or disposition by ZF Partners, LP from time to time of the common stock, \$0.001 per share par value, of Saba Software, Inc., hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The validity of this Power of Attorney shall not be affected in any manner by reason of the execution, at any time, of other powers of attorney by the undersigned in favor of persons other than those named herein.

WITNESS THE EXECUTION HEREOF this 15th day of April, 2005, by Steven L. Fingerhood.