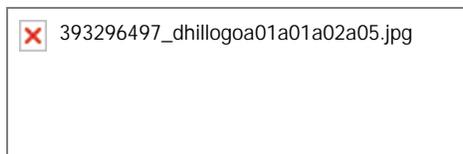

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CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 2, 2018



DIAMOND HILL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Ohio (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	000-24498 (Commission File Number)	65-0190407 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
325 John H. McConnell Blvd., Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		43215 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (614) 255-3333

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. (the "Company") has reported its results of operations for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018, as described in Company's press release dated May 2, 2018, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by the Registrant dated May 2, 2018.

SIGNATURES

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

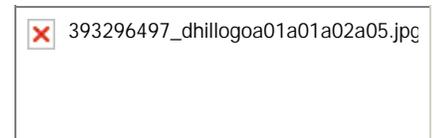
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Date: May 2, 2018

By: /s/ Thomas E. Line
Thomas E. Line, Chief Financial Officer

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DIAMOND HILL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC. REPORTS RESULTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2018

Columbus, Ohio - May 2, 2018 - Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. (the "Company," "we," "our") (NASDAQ:DHIL) today reported unaudited results for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 and filed its Form 10-Q.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2018	2017	Change
Revenue	\$ 37,782,002	\$ 35,134,129	8%
Net operating income	18,203,952	15,836,530	15%
Operating margin	48%	45%	
Investment income (loss), net	(1,559,723)	3,786,188	
Income tax provision	(3,702,100)	(6,497,270)	(43)%
Net income attributable to common shareholders	12,989,461	12,756,895	2%
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders - diluted	\$ 3.72	\$ 3.71	—%

	As Of		
	March 31, 2018	December 31, 2017	March 31, 2017
Assets under management (millions)	\$ 21,929	\$ 22,317	\$ 20,333
Book value per share	\$ 54.25	\$ 49.69	\$ 45.62
Total outstanding shares	3,518,957	3,470,428	3,443,013

(in millions)	Change in Assets Under Management For the Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2018	2017	
AUM at beginning of the period	\$ 22,317	\$	19,381
Net cash inflows (outflows)			
proprietary funds	187		310
sub-advised funds	104		(78)
institutional accounts	(35)		(65)
	256		167
Net market appreciation (depreciation) and income	(644)		785
Increase (decrease) during the period	(388)		952
AUM at end of the period	\$ 21,929	\$	20,333

About Diamond Hill:

We are an independent investment management firm with significant employee ownership and \$21.9 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2018. We provide investment management services to institutions and individuals through mutual funds, institutional separate accounts, an exchange traded fund, and private investment funds. Our entire investment team shares the same intrinsic value investment philosophy focused on absolute returns, and our interests are firmly aligned with our clients through significant investment in its strategies. For more information visit www.diamond-hill.com.

Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measure

As supplemental information, we are providing performance measures that are based on methodologies other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“non-GAAP”). We believe the non-GAAP measures below are useful measures of our core business activities, are important metrics in estimating the value of an asset management business and may enable more appropriate comparison to our peers. These non-GAAP measures should not be a substitute for financial measures calculated in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) and may be calculated differently by other companies. The following schedule reconciles GAAP measures to non-GAAP measures for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(in thousands, except percentages and per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2018	2017
Total revenue	\$ 37,782	\$ 35,134
Net operating income, GAAP basis	\$ 18,204	\$ 15,837
Non-GAAP adjustment:		
Gains (losses) on deferred compensation plan investments, net ⁽¹⁾	(515)	584

Net operating income, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽²⁾	17,689	16,421
Non-GAAP adjustment:		
Tax provision on net operating income, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽³⁾	(3,934)	(5,437)
Net operating income, as adjusted, after tax, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 13,755	\$ 10,984
Net operating income, as adjusted after tax per diluted share, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.20
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding, GAAP basis	3,492	3,435
Operating profit margin, GAAP basis	48%	45%
Operating profit margin, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁶⁾	47%	47%

⁽¹⁾ *Gains (losses) on deferred compensation plan investments, net:* The gain (loss) on deferred compensation plan investments, which increases (decreases) deferred compensation expense included in operating income, is removed from operating income in the calculation because it is offset by an equal amount in investment income (loss) below net operating income on the income statement, and thus has no impact on net income attributable to the Company.

⁽²⁾ *Net operating income, as adjusted:* This non-GAAP measure was calculated by taking the Company's net operating income adjusted to exclude the impact on compensation expense of gains and losses on investments in the deferred compensation plan.

⁽³⁾ *Tax provision on net operating income, as adjusted:* This non-GAAP measure represents the tax provision excluding the impact of investment related activity and is calculated by applying the tax rate from the actual tax provision to net operating income, as adjusted.

⁽⁴⁾ *Net operating income, as adjusted, after tax:* This non-GAAP measure was calculated by taking the net operating income, as adjusted, less the tax provision on net operating income, as adjusted.

⁽⁵⁾ *Net operating income, as adjusted after tax per diluted share:* This non-GAAP measure was calculated by dividing the net operating income, as adjusted after tax, by diluted weighted average shares outstanding.

⁽⁶⁾ *Operating profit margin, as adjusted:* This non-GAAP measure was calculated by dividing the net operating income, as adjusted, by total revenue.

Our management does not promote that investors consider the above non-GAAP financial measures alone, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Throughout this press release, the Company may make forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, relating to such matters as anticipated operating results, prospects and levels of assets under management, technological developments, economic trends (including interest rates and market volatility), expected transactions and similar matters. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "should," "hope," "seek," "plan," "intend" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date thereof. While we believe that the assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements are reasonable, investors are cautioned that any of the assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and, accordingly, our actual results and experiences could differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results referred to in the forward-looking statements we make in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in our press releases are discussed under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and elsewhere in the 2017 Annual Report and include, but are not limited to: the adverse effect from a decline in the securities markets; a decline in the performance of our products; changes in interest rates; changes in national and local economic and political conditions, the continuing economic uncertainty in various parts of the world; changes in government policy and regulation, including monetary policy; changes in our ability to attract or retain key employees; unforeseen costs and other effects related to legal proceedings or investigations of governmental and self-regulatory organizations; and other risks identified from time-to-time in other public documents on file with the SEC.

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