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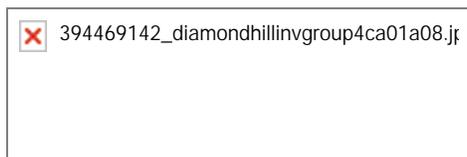
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Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018

Commission file number 000-24498



DIAMOND HILL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State of
incorporation)

65-0190407
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

325 John H. McConnell Blvd, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(614) 255-3333
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes: No:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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.

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

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock, as of August 1, 2018, is 3,530,124 shares.

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PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1: Consolidated Financial Statements

**Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	6/30/2018 (Unaudited)	12/31/2017
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 78,227,005	\$ 76,602,108
Investment portfolio	205,200,638	138,476,022
Accounts receivable	20,884,354	19,220,279
Prepaid expenses	2,139,139	2,073,343
Income taxes receivable	—	4,114,962
Property and equipment, net of depreciation	4,202,536	4,057,901
Deferred taxes	7,097,692	5,843,704
Total assets	\$ 317,751,364	\$ 250,388,319
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 20,470,960	\$ 11,890,403
Accrued incentive compensation	14,534,000	25,496,500
Deferred compensation	24,449,750	20,480,790
Income taxes payable	439,811	—
Total liabilities	59,894,521	57,867,693
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	50,777,801	20,076,806
Permanent Shareholders' equity		
Common stock, no par value 7,000,000 shares authorized; 3,532,634 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2018 (inclusive of 213,700 unvested shares); 3,470,428 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017 (inclusive of 191,900 unvested shares)	130,369,411	118,209,111
Preferred stock, undesignated, 1,000,000 shares authorized and unissued	—	—
Deferred equity compensation	(24,019,869)	(19,134,963)
Retained earnings	100,729,500	73,369,672
Total permanent shareholders' equity	207,079,042	172,443,820
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 317,751,364	\$ 250,388,319
Book value per share	\$ 58.62	\$ 49.69

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

Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
REVENUES:				
Investment advisory	\$ 33,526,273	\$ 32,558,324	\$ 68,157,563	\$ 64,323,301
Mutual fund administration, net	2,401,442	2,984,217	5,552,154	6,258,313
Total revenue	35,927,715	35,542,541	73,709,717	70,581,614
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Compensation and related costs	14,572,121	14,313,734	28,959,595	27,992,883
General and administrative	2,822,528	2,980,469	5,786,200	6,468,585
Sales and marketing	1,302,040	1,252,852	2,511,526	2,382,570
Mutual fund administration	881,487	1,028,738	1,898,906	2,029,354
Total operating expenses	19,578,176	19,575,793	39,156,227	38,873,392
NET OPERATING INCOME	16,349,539	15,966,748	34,553,490	31,708,222
Investment income, net	3,565,669	3,024,729	2,005,946	6,905,973
INCOME BEFORE TAXES	19,915,208	18,991,477	36,559,436	38,614,195
Income tax expense	(5,017,185)	(6,024,458)	(8,719,285)	(12,521,728)
NET INCOME	14,898,023	12,967,019	27,840,151	26,092,467
Less: Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest	(527,655)	(328,580)	(480,323)	(697,133)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$ 14,370,368	\$ 12,638,439	\$ 27,359,828	\$ 25,395,334
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders				
Basic	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.67	\$ 7.81	\$ 7.39
Diluted	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.66	\$ 7.81	\$ 7.38
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic	3,518,665	3,443,783	3,503,379	3,436,391
Diluted	3,519,816	3,449,128	3,505,136	3,441,022

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

Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity and Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest (unaudited)

	Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Deferred Equity Compensation	Retained Earnings	Total	Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest
Balance at December 31, 2017	3,470,428	\$ 118,209,111	\$ (19,134,963)	\$ 73,369,672	\$ 172,443,820	\$ 20,076,806
Issuance of restricted stock grants	61,650	11,917,937	(11,917,937)	—	—	—
Amortization of restricted stock grants	—	—	3,016,235	—	3,016,235	—
Issuance of stock grants	20,153	4,109,197	—	—	4,109,197	—
Issuance of common stock related to 401k plan match	5,242	1,067,125	—	—	1,067,125	—
Shares withheld related to employee tax withholding	(4,439)	(917,163)	—	—	(917,163)	—
Forfeiture of restricted stock grants	(20,400)	(4,016,796)	4,016,796	—	—	—
Net income	—	—	—	27,359,828	27,359,828	480,323
Net subscriptions of consolidated funds	—	—	—	—	—	13,776,032
New consolidations of Company sponsored investments	—	—	—	—	—	16,444,640
Balance at June 30, 2018	<u>3,532,634</u>	<u>\$ 130,369,411</u>	<u>\$ (24,019,869)</u>	<u>\$ 100,729,500</u>	<u>\$ 207,079,042</u>	<u>\$ 50,777,801</u>

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

Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Income	\$ 27,840,151	\$ 26,092,467
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	574,457	432,705
Share-based compensation	4,083,360	4,082,127
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(1,608,910)	327,183
Change in current income taxes	4,554,773	1,185,389
Change in deferred income taxes	(1,253,988)	(1,197,061)
Net losses (gains) on investments	644,680	(5,774,968)
Net change in securities held by Consolidated Funds	(46,416,866)	(3,725,638)
Decrease in accrued incentive compensation	(6,853,303)	(5,035,076)
Increase in deferred compensation	3,968,960	4,937,302
Other changes in assets and liabilities	7,129,382	380,641
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>(7,337,304)</u>	<u>21,705,071</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(593,989)	(129,669)
Purchase of Company sponsored investments	(3,286,872)	(11,358,395)
Proceeds from sale of Company sponsored investments	1,508,543	1,685,088
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(2,372,318)</u>	<u>(9,802,976)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Value of shares withheld related to employee tax withholding	(917,163)	(1,883,676)
Net subscriptions received from redeemable noncontrolling interest holders	12,251,682	3,296,134
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>11,334,519</u>	<u>1,412,458</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Net change during the period	1,624,897	13,314,553
At beginning of period	76,602,108	57,189,876
At end of period	<u>\$ 78,227,005</u>	<u>\$ 70,504,429</u>
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Income taxes paid	\$ 5,418,500	\$ 12,533,400
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash transactions:		
Common stock issued as incentive compensation	\$ 4,109,197	\$ 3,892,424
Charitable donation of corporate investments and property and equipment	1,989,803	1,748,841
Net subscriptions (redemptions) of ETF shares for marketable securities	1,524,350	(99,060)

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

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Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

Note 1 Business and Organization

Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. (the "Company"), an Ohio corporation, derives its consolidated revenues and net income from investment advisory and fund administration services.

Diamond Hill Capital Management, Inc. ("DHCM"), an Ohio corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and a registered investment adviser. DHCM is the investment adviser to the Diamond Hill Funds (the "Funds"), a series of open-end mutual funds, private investment funds ("Private Funds"), an exchange traded fund (the "ETF"), and other institutional accounts. In addition, DHCM is administrator for the Funds.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, and for the three- and six-month periods ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, for Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (referred to in these notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements as "the Company," "management," "we," "us," and "our") have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for a fair statement of the financial condition and results of operations at the dates and for the interim periods presented, have been included. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for any full fiscal year. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and footnotes should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 ("2017 Annual Report") as filed with the SEC.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions related to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassification

Certain prior period amounts and disclosures may have been reclassified to conform to the current period's financial presentation.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the operations of the Company and its controlled subsidiaries. All inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company holds certain investments in the Funds and the ETF for general corporate investment purposes, to provide seed capital for newly formed strategies or to add capital to existing strategies. The Funds are organized in a series fund structure in which there are multiple mutual funds within one Trust. The Trust is an open-end investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The ETF is an individual series of ETF Series Solutions which is also an open-end investment company registered under the 1940 Act. Each of the individual mutual funds and the ETF represents a separate share class of a legal entity organized under the Trust. The Company performs its analysis at the individual mutual fund and ETF level and has concluded the mutual funds and ETF are voting rights entities ("VREs") because the structure of the investment product is such that the shareholders are deemed to have the power through voting rights to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance. To the extent material, these investment products are consolidated if Company ownership, directly or indirectly, represents a majority interest (greater than 50%). The Company records redeemable noncontrolling interests in consolidated investments for which the Company's ownership is less than 100%. The Company has consolidated the ETF, the Diamond Hill Core Bond Fund, the Diamond Hill High Yield Fund,

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and the Diamond Hill Global Fund (collectively the "Consolidated Funds") as our ownership is greater than 50% in each as of June 30, 2018.

DHCM is the managing member of Diamond Hill General Partner, LLC (the "General Partner"), which is the general partner of Diamond Hill Investment Partners, L.P. ("DHIP"), and Diamond Hill International Equity Fund, L.P. ("DHIEF"), each a limited partnership (collectively, the "Partnerships" or "LPs") whose underlying assets consist primarily of marketable securities.

DHCM is wholly owned by the Company and is consolidated by us. Further, DHCM, through its control of the General Partner, has the power to direct each LP's economic activities and the right to receive investment advisory fees that may be significant to the LPs.

The Company concluded it did not have a variable interest in DHIP as the fees paid to the General Partner are considered to contain customary terms and conditions as found in the market for similar products and the Company has no equity ownership in DHIP.

The Company concluded DHIEF was a variable interest entity ("VIE") as DHCM has disproportionately less voting interests than economic interests, given that the limited partners have full power to remove the Company as the General Partner due to the existence of substantive kick-out rights. In addition, substantially all of DHIEF's activities are conducted on behalf of the General Partner which has disproportionately few voting rights. The Company concluded it is not the primary beneficiary of DHIEF as we lack the power to control the entity due to the existence of single-party kick-out rights where the limited partners have the unilateral ability to remove the General Partner without cause. DHCM's investments in DHIEF are reported as a component of the Company's investment portfolio, valued at DHCM's respective share of the net income or loss of DHIEF.

The LPs are not subject to lock-up periods and can be redeemed on demand. Gains and losses attributable to changes in the value of DHCM's interests in the LPs are included in the Company's reported investment income. The Company's exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with the LPs is limited to the amount of its investments. DHCM is not obligated to provide, and has not provided, financial or other support to the LPs, other than its investments to date and its contractually provided investment advisory responsibilities. The Company has not provided liquidity arrangements, guarantees or other commitments to support the LPs' operations, and the LPs' creditors and interest holders have no recourse to the general credit of the Company.

Certain board members, officers and employees of the Company invest in the LPs and are not subject to a management fee or an incentive fee. These individuals receive no remuneration as a result of their personal investment in the LPs. The capital of the General Partner is not subject to a management fee or an incentive fee.

Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest

Redeemable noncontrolling interest represents third-party interests in the Consolidated Funds. This interest is redeemable at the option of the investors and therefore is not treated as permanent equity. Redeemable noncontrolling interest is recorded at redemption value, which approximates the fair value each reporting period.

Segment Information

Management has determined that the Company operates in one business segment, providing investment management and administration services to mutual funds, institutional accounts, and private investment funds. Therefore, no disclosures relating to operating segments are presented in the Company's annual or interim financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and money market mutual funds held by DHCM.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded when they are due and are presented on the balance sheet net of any allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts receivable are written off when they are determined to be uncollectible. Any allowance for doubtful accounts is estimated based on the Company's historical losses, existing conditions in the industry, and the financial stability of the individuals or entities that owe the receivable. No allowance for doubtful accounts was deemed necessary at June 30, 2018 or December 31, 2017. Accounts receivable from the Funds were \$10.6 million as of June 30, 2018 and \$11.6 million as of December 31, 2017.

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Investments

Management determines the appropriate classification of its investments at the time of purchase and re-evaluates its determination at each reporting period.

Investments in the Funds we advise where the Company has neither control nor the ability to exercise significant influence, as well as securities held in the Consolidated Funds, are measured at fair value based on quoted market prices. Unrealized gains and losses are recorded as investment income (loss) in the Company's consolidated statements of income.

Investments classified as equity method investments represent investments in which the Company owns between 20-50% of the outstanding voting interests in the entity or when it is determined that the Company is able to exercise significant influence but not control over the investments. When using the equity method, the Company recognizes its respective share of the investee's net income or loss for the period which is recorded as investment income in the Company's consolidated statements of income.

Fair Value Measurements

Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement ("ASC 820") specifies a hierarchy of valuation classifications based on whether the inputs to the valuation techniques used in each valuation classification are observable or unobservable. These classifications are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-driven valuations in which all significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 - Valuations derived from techniques in which significant inputs are unobservable.

Inputs used to measure fair value might fall in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, in which case the Company defaults to the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. These levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investments. The following table summarizes investments that are recognized in our consolidated balance sheet using fair value measurements (excludes investments classified as equity method investments) determined based upon the differing levels of inputs as of June 30, 2018:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash equivalents	\$ 77,021,577	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 77,021,577
Fair value investments				
Securities held in Consolidated Funds ^(a)	44,931,719	104,017,818	—	148,949,537
Company sponsored investments	36,775,789	—	—	36,775,789

(a) Of the securities held in the Consolidated Funds as of June 30, 2018, \$86.3 million were held directly by the Company and \$62.7 million were held by noncontrolling shareholders.

Level 1 investments are comprised of investments in registered investment companies (mutual funds) or equity securities held in the Consolidated Funds and \$77.0 million of investments in money market mutual funds owned by DHCM that the Company classifies as cash equivalents.

Level 2 investments are comprised of investments in foreign equity securities and debt securities held in the Consolidated Funds, which are valued by an independent pricing service using pricing techniques which take into account factors such as trading activity, readily available market quotations, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics, call features, credit rates and other observable inputs.

The Company determines transfers between fair value hierarchy levels at the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers in or out of the levels during the six months ended June 30, 2018.

Changes in fair values of the investments are recorded in the Company's consolidated statements of income as investment income (loss), net.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, consisting of leasehold improvements, computer equipment, furniture, and fixtures, are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated lives of the assets.

New Accounting Guidance

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which supersedes existing accounting standards for revenue recognition and creates a single framework. ASU 2014-09 requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. This standard also specifies the accounting for certain costs to obtain or fulfill a contract with a customer. Our implementation efforts included a detailed review of revenue contracts within the scope of the guidance and an evaluation of the impact on the Company's revenue recognition policies. No transition-related practical expedients were applied. The Company adopted this ASU on its effective date, January 1, 2018, and it had no impact on the timing of the Company's revenue recognition.

Revenue Recognition – General

Revenue is recognized when performance obligations under the terms of a contract with a client are satisfied. The Company earns substantially all of its revenue from investment advisory and fund administration contracts. Investment advisory and administration fees, generally calculated as a percentage of assets under management ("AUM"), are recorded as revenue as services are performed. In addition to fixed fees based on a percentage of AUM, certain client accounts also provide periodic variable rate fees.

Revenue earned during the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 under contracts with clients include:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2018		
	Investment advisory	Mutual fund administration, net	Total revenue
Proprietary funds	\$ 26,294,908	\$ 2,401,442	\$ 28,696,350
Sub-advised funds and institutional accounts	7,231,365	—	7,231,365
	<u>\$ 33,526,273</u>	<u>\$ 2,401,442</u>	<u>\$ 35,927,715</u>

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017		
	Investment advisory	Mutual fund administration, net	Total revenue
Proprietary funds	\$ 25,553,777	\$ 2,984,217	\$ 28,537,994
Sub-advised funds and institutional accounts	7,004,547	—	7,004,547
	<u>\$ 32,558,324</u>	<u>\$ 2,984,217</u>	<u>\$ 35,542,541</u>

Revenue earned during the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 under contracts with clients include:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2018		
	Investment advisory	Mutual fund administration, net	Total revenue
Proprietary funds	\$ 53,600,106	\$ 5,552,154	\$ 59,152,260
Sub-advised funds and institutional accounts	14,557,457	—	14,557,457
	<u>\$ 68,157,563</u>	<u>\$ 5,552,154</u>	<u>\$ 73,709,717</u>

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	Six Months Ended June 30, 2017		
	Investment advisory	Mutual fund administration, net	Total revenue
Proprietary funds	\$ 50,403,848	\$ 6,258,313	\$ 56,662,161
Sub-advised funds and institutional accounts	13,919,453	—	13,919,453
	<u>\$ 64,323,301</u>	<u>\$ 6,258,313</u>	<u>\$ 70,581,614</u>

Revenue Recognition – Investment Advisory Fees

The Company's investment advisory contracts have a single performance obligation (the investment advisory services provided to the client) as the promised services are not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and, therefore, are not distinct. All performance obligations to provide advisory services are satisfied over time and the Company recognizes revenue as time passes.

The fees we receive for our services under our investment advisory contracts are based on our AUM, which changes based on the value of securities held under each advisory contract. These fees are thereby constrained and represent variable consideration, and are excluded from revenue until the AUM on which our client is billed is no longer subject to market fluctuations.

Revenue Recognition – Variable Rate Fees

The Company manages certain client accounts that provide for variable rate fees. These fees are calculated based on client investment results over rolling five-year periods. The Company records variable rate fees at the end of the contract measurement period because the variable fees earned are constrained based on movements in the financial markets. No variable rate fees were earned during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 or 2017. The table below shows AUM subject to variable rate fees and the amount of variable rate fees that would be recognized based upon investment results as of June 30, 2018:

Contractual Period Ends:	As of June 30, 2018	
	AUM subject to variable rate fees	Unearned variable rate fees
Quarter Ending December 31, 2018	\$ 103,406,795	\$ 1,352,041
Quarter Ending September 30, 2019	35,092,891	559,421
Quarter Ending March 31, 2020	12,800,012	—
Quarter Ending September 30, 2021	263,730,212	3,578,497
Total	<u>\$ 415,029,910</u>	<u>\$ 5,489,959</u>

The contractual end dates highlight the time remaining until the variable rate fees are scheduled to be earned. The amount of variable rate fees that would be recognized based upon investment results as of June 30, 2018 will increase or decrease based on future client investment results through the contractual period end. There can be no assurance that the unearned amounts will ultimately be earned.

Revenue Recognition – Mutual Fund Administration

DHCM has an administrative and transfer agency services agreement with the Funds under which DHCM performs certain services for each Fund. These services include performance obligations including mutual fund administration, fund accounting, transfer agency and other related functions. These services are performed concurrently under our agreement with the Funds and all performance obligations to provide these administrative services are satisfied over time and the Company recognizes revenue as time passes. For performing these services each Fund pays DHCM a fee, which is calculated using an annual rate times the average daily net assets of each respective share class. These fees are thereby constrained and represent variable consideration, and are excluded from revenue until the AUM on which we bill the Funds is no longer subject to market fluctuations.

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The Funds have selected and contractually engaged certain vendors to fulfill various services to benefit the Funds' shareholders or to satisfy regulatory requirements of the Funds. These services include, among others, required shareholder mailings, federal and state registrations, and legal and audit services. DHCM, in fulfilling a portion of its role under the administration agreement with the Funds, acts as agent to pay these obligations of the Funds. Each vendor is independently responsible for fulfillment of the services it has been engaged to provide and negotiates fees and terms with the management and board of trustees of the Funds. The fee that each Fund pays to DHCM is reviewed annually by the Funds' board of trustees and specifically takes into account the contractual expenses that DHCM pays on behalf of the Funds. As a result, DHCM is not involved in the delivery or pricing of these services and bears no risk related to these services. Revenue has been recorded net of these Fund related expenses. In addition, DHCM advances the upfront commissions that are paid to brokers who sell Class C shares of the Funds. These advances are capitalized and amortized over 12 months to correspond with the repayments DHCM receives from the principal underwriter to recoup this commission advancement.

Mutual fund administration gross and net revenue are summarized below:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Mutual fund administration:				
Administration revenue, gross	\$ 5,993,719	\$ 6,465,152	\$ 12,601,056	\$ 12,874,949
Fund related expense	(3,595,555)	(3,489,399)	(7,063,880)	(6,638,351)
Revenue, net of related expenses	2,398,164	2,975,753	5,537,176	6,236,598
DHCM C-Share financing:				
Broker commission advance repayments	83,380	100,576	179,858	214,047
Broker commission amortization	(80,102)	(92,112)	(164,880)	(192,332)
Financing activity, net	3,278	8,464	14,978	21,715
Mutual fund administration revenue, net	\$ 2,401,442	\$ 2,984,217	\$ 5,552,154	\$ 6,258,313

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for current and deferred income taxes through an asset and liability approach. Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

The Company is subject to examination by federal and applicable state and local jurisdictions for various tax periods. The Company's income tax positions are based on research and interpretations of the income tax laws and rulings in each of the jurisdictions in which it does business. Due to the subjectivity of interpretations of laws and rulings in each jurisdiction, the differences and interplay in tax laws among those jurisdictions, and the inherent uncertainty in estimating the final resolution of complex tax audit matters, the Company's estimates of income tax liabilities may differ from actual payments or assessments. The Company regularly assesses its position with regard to tax exposures and records liabilities for these uncertain tax positions and related interest and penalties, if any, according to the principles of FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. As of June 30, 2018, the Company has recorded approximately \$0.8 million for uncertain tax positions in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business. The Company records interest and penalties within income tax expense on the income statement.

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period, which includes participating securities. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution of EPS due to unvested restricted stock units. See Note 8.

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Newly Issued But Not Yet Adopted Accounting Guidance

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases", which, among other things, requires lessees to recognize most leases on-balance sheet. This will increase the reported assets and liabilities of lessees - in some cases significantly. Lessor accounting remains substantially similar to current GAAP. ASU 2016-02 supersedes Topic 840, *Leases*. ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. ASU 2016-02 mandates a modified retrospective transition method for all entities. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this standard on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Note 3 Investment Portfolio

As of June 30, 2018, the Company held investments (excluding money market funds, which are included with cash and cash equivalents) worth \$205.2 million. The following table summarizes the carrying value of these investments as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017:

	As of	
	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Fair value investments:		
Securities held in Consolidated Funds ^(a)	\$ 148,949,537	\$ 65,890,500
Company sponsored investments	36,775,789	36,541,818
Company sponsored equity method investments	19,475,312	36,043,704
Total Investment portfolio	\$ 205,200,638	\$ 138,476,022

(a) Of the securities held in the Consolidated Funds as of June 30, 2018, \$86.3 million were held directly by the Company and \$62.7 million were held by noncontrolling shareholders. Of the securities held in the Consolidated Funds as of December 31, 2017, \$42.6 million were held directly by the Company and \$23.3 million were held by noncontrolling shareholders.

New consolidations of Company sponsored investments of \$16.4 million in the six months ended June 30, 2018 included the consolidation of the Diamond Hill Global Fund and the Diamond Hill High Yield Fund. As of December 31, 2017, these investments were classified as equity method investments.

As of June 30, 2018, our equity method investees consisted of the Diamond Hill Research Opportunities Fund and DHIEF and our ownership percentages in these investments were 29% and 30%, respectively. The Company's equity method investments consist of cash, marketable equity securities and fixed income securities. The following table includes the condensed summary financial information from the Company's equity method investments as of and for the period ended June 30, 2018:

	As of	
	June 30, 2018	
Total assets	\$	97,401,862
Total liabilities		31,334,781
Net assets		66,067,081
DHCM's portion of net assets		19,475,312
	For the Three Months Ended	For the Six Months Ended
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2018
Investment income	\$ 292,943	\$ 556,095
Expenses	244,943	484,002
Net realized gains (losses)	725,794	(252,686)
Net change in unrealized appreciation	2,089,091	313,546
Net income	2,862,885	132,953
DHCM's portion of net income	860,657	74,718

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Note 4 Line of Credit

The Company has an uncommitted Line of Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with a commercial bank that matures in December of 2018 and permits the Company to borrow up to \$25.0 million. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate equal to LIBOR plus 1.50%. The Company has not borrowed under the Credit Agreement as of and for the period ended June 30, 2018. No interest is payable on the unused portion of the Credit Agreement.

The proceeds of the Credit Agreement may be used by the Company and its subsidiaries for ongoing working capital needs, to seed new and existing investment strategies and other general corporate purposes. The Credit Agreement contains representations, warranties and covenants that are customary for agreements of this type.

Note 5 Compensation Plans

Share-Based Payment Transactions

The Company issues restricted stock units and restricted stock awards (collectively, "Restricted Stock") under its 2014 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan ("2014 Plan"). Restricted stock units represent common shares which may be issued in the future, whereas restricted stock awards represent common shares issued and outstanding upon grant subject to vesting restrictions. The following table represents a roll-forward of outstanding Restricted Stock and related activity during the six months ended June 30, 2018:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Price per Share
Outstanding Restricted Stock as of December 31, 2017	197,900	\$ 165.60
Grants issued	58,650	203.20
Grants vested	(19,450)	74.61
Grants forfeited	(20,400)	196.90
Total Outstanding Restricted Stock as of June 30, 2018	<u>216,700</u>	<u>\$ 173.56</u>

As of June 30, 2018, there were 298,229 common shares available for awards under the 2014 Plan.

Total deferred equity compensation related to unvested Restricted Stock grants was \$24.0 million as of June 30, 2018. Compensation expense related to Restricted Stock grants is calculated based upon the fair market value of the common shares on grant date. The Company's policy is to adjust compensation expense for forfeitures as they occur. The recognition of compensation expense related to deferred compensation over the remaining vesting periods is as follows:

Six Months Remaining In	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Thereafter	Total
	\$ 3,699,502	\$ 6,807,766	\$ 5,333,844	\$ 4,011,302	\$ 3,024,169	\$ 1,143,286	\$ 24,019,869

Stock Grant Transactions

The following table represents common shares issued as part of our incentive compensation program during the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Shares Issued	Grant Date Value
June 30, 2018	20,153	\$ 4,109,197
June 30, 2017	19,219	3,892,424

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Deferred Compensation Plans

The Company offers two deferred compensation plans, the Diamond Hill Fixed Term Deferred Compensation Plan and the Diamond Hill Variable Term Deferred Compensation Plan (collectively the “Plans”). Under the Plans, participants may elect to voluntarily defer, for a minimum of five years, certain incentive compensation, which the Company then contributes into the Plans. Each participant is responsible for designating investment options for assets they contribute, and the distribution paid to each participant reflects any gains or losses on the assets realized while in the Plans. Assets held in the Plans are included in the Company’s investment portfolio, and the associated obligation to participants is included in deferred compensation liability. Assets held in the Plans are recorded at fair value. Deferred compensation liability was \$24.4 million and \$20.5 million as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Note 6 Operating Leases

The Company currently leases office space of approximately 37,829 square feet at one location. The following table summarizes the total lease and operating expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Three Months Ended	\$ 238,014	\$ 234,191
Six Months Ended	\$ 494,304	\$ 465,654

The approximate future minimum lease payments under the operating lease are as follows:

Future Minimum Lease Payments							
Six Months Remaining In	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Thereafter	Total
	\$ 293,175	\$ 595,807	\$ 624,179	\$ 624,179	\$ 624,179	\$ 1,092,000	\$ 3,853,519

In addition to the above lease payments, the Company is also responsible for normal operating expenses of the property. Such operating expenses were approximately \$0.4 million in 2017, and are expected to be approximately the same in 2018.

Note 7 Income Taxes

The Company has determined its interim tax provision projecting an estimated annual effective tax rate. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was passed on December 22, 2017. Among other federal tax law changes, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the new law establishes a flat corporate income tax rate of 21% to replace our prior year rate of 35% and eliminates the corporate alternative minimum tax.

For the three months ended June 30, 2018, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$5.0 million, yielding an effective tax rate of 25.2%. The effective tax rate of 25.2% differed from the federal statutory tax rate of 21% due primarily to the additional income tax expense recorded in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business, which was partially offset by \$0.3 million of excess tax benefits from the vesting of stock awards.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$8.7 million, yielding an effective tax rate of 23.8%. The effective tax rate of 23.8% differed from the federal statutory tax rate of 21% due primarily to the additional income tax expense recorded in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business, which was partially offset by \$0.5 million of excess tax benefits from the vesting of stock awards.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$6.0 million, yielding an effective tax rate of 31.7%. The effective tax rate of 31.7% differed from the federal statutory tax rate of 35% due primarily to \$0.8 million of excess tax benefits from the vesting of stock awards. The tax benefits were partially offset by the additional income tax expense recorded in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business.

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For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$12.5 million, yielding an effective tax rate of 32.4%. The effective tax rate of 32.4% differed from the federal statutory tax rate of 35% due primarily to \$1.3 million of excess tax benefits from the vesting of stock awards. The tax benefits were partially offset by the additional income tax expense recorded in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business.

The net temporary differences incurred to date will reverse in future periods as the Company generates taxable earnings. The Company believes it is more likely than not that the results of future operations will generate sufficient taxable income to realize the net deferred tax assets recorded. The Company records a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. As of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, no valuation allowance was deemed necessary.

FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. As of June 30, 2018, the Company has recorded approximately \$0.8 million for uncertain tax positions in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business. The Company did not record an accrual for tax related uncertainties or unrecognized tax positions as of December 31, 2017.

Note 8 Earnings Per Share

The Company's common shares outstanding consist of all shares issued and outstanding, including unvested restricted shares. Basic and diluted EPS are calculated under the two-class method. Restricted stock units are considered dilutive. The following table sets forth the computation for basic and diluted EPS and reconciliation between basic and diluted shares outstanding:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net Income	\$ 14,898,023	\$ 12,967,019	\$ 27,840,151	\$ 26,092,467
Less: Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest	(527,655)	(328,580)	(480,323)	(697,133)
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 14,370,368	\$ 12,638,439	\$ 27,359,828	\$ 25,395,334
Weighted average number of outstanding shares - Basic	3,518,665	3,443,783	3,503,379	3,436,391
Dilutive impact of restricted stock units	1,151	5,345	1,757	4,631
Weighted average number of outstanding shares - Diluted	3,519,816	3,449,128	3,505,136	3,441,022
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders				
Basic	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.67	\$ 7.81	\$ 7.39
Diluted	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.66	\$ 7.81	\$ 7.38

Note 9 Commitments and Contingencies

The Company indemnifies its directors, officers and certain of its employees for certain liabilities that might arise from their performance of their duties to the Company. From time to time, the Company is involved in legal matters relating to claims arising in the ordinary course of business. There are currently no such matters pending that the Company believes could have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial statements.

Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Company enters into agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnifications. Certain agreements do not contain any limits on the Company's liability and could involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the Company's potential liability under these indemnities. Further, the Company maintains insurance policies that may provide coverage against certain claims under these indemnities.

ITEM 2: Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of OperationsForward-looking Statements

Throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company may make forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and 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 such actual results or experiences to differ from results discussed in the forward-looking statements 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; our inability 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.

General

The Company derives its consolidated revenue and net income from investment advisory and fund administration services provided by DHCM. DHCM is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser under the 1940 Act. DHCM sponsors, distributes, and provides investment advisory and related services to various clients through the Funds, institutional accounts, the ETF, and the Partnerships.

The Company’s primary objective is to fulfill our fiduciary duty to our clients. Our secondary objective is to grow the intrinsic value of the Company in order to achieve an adequate long-term return for our shareholders.

Assets Under Management

Our revenue is derived primarily from investment advisory and administration fees. Investment advisory and administration fees paid to the Company are generally based on the value of the investment portfolios we manage and fluctuate with changes in the total value of our AUM. Substantially all of our AUM (94%) is valued based on readily available market quotations. AUM in the fixed income strategies (6%) is valued using evaluated prices from independent third-party providers. Fees are recognized in the period that the Company manages these assets.

Our revenues are highly dependent on both the value and composition of AUM. The following is a summary of our AUM by product and investment objective, and a roll-forward of the change in AUM for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

(in millions, except percentages)	Assets Under Management		
	As of June 30,		
	2018	2017	% Change
Proprietary funds	\$ 15,545	\$ 15,044	3%
Sub-advised funds	1,628	1,423	14%
Institutional accounts	4,654	4,457	4%
Total AUM	\$ 21,827	\$ 20,924	4%

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(in millions, except percentages)	Assets Under Management by Investment Strategy		
	As of June 30,		
	2018	2017	% Change
Small Cap	\$ 1,482	\$ 1,667	(11)%
Small-Mid Cap	3,409	3,440	(1)%
Mid Cap	130	108	20 %
Large Cap	11,020	9,572	15 %
All Cap Select	478	405	18 %
Long-Short	4,248	4,960	(14)%
Global/International	18	5	260 %
Short Duration Fixed Income	425	272	56 %
Core Fixed Income	52	42	24 %
Long Duration Fixed Income	25	—	NM
Corporate Credit	712	629	13 %
High Yield	50	27	85 %
(Less: Investments in affiliated funds) ^(a)	(222)	(203)	9 %
Total AUM	\$ 21,827	\$ 20,924	4 %

(a) Certain of the Funds own shares of the Diamond Hill Short Duration Total Return Fund. The Company reduces its total AUM by these investments held in this affiliated fund.

(in millions)	Change in Assets Under Management For the Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
	AUM at beginning of the period	\$ 21,929
Net cash inflows (outflows)		
proprietary funds	(362)	389
sub-advised funds	23	(54)
institutional accounts	(53)	(142)
	(392)	193
Net market appreciation and income	290	398
Increase (decrease) during the period	(102)	591
AUM at end of the period	\$ 21,827	\$ 20,924

(in millions)	Change in Assets Under Management For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017
	AUM at beginning of the period	\$ 22,317
Net cash inflows (outflows)		
proprietary funds	(174)	698
sub-advised funds	126	(132)
institutional accounts	(88)	(207)
	(136)	359
Net market appreciation (depreciation) and income	(354)	1,184
Increase (decrease) during the period	(490)	1,543
AUM at end of the period	\$ 21,827	\$ 20,924

Consolidated Results of Operations

The following is a discussion of our consolidated results of operations.

(in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2018	2017	% Change	2018	2017	% Change
Total revenue	\$ 35,928	\$ 35,543	1%	\$ 73,710	\$ 70,582	4%
Net operating income	\$ 16,350	\$ 15,967	2%	\$ 34,553	\$ 31,708	9%
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 14,370	\$ 12,638	14%	\$ 27,360	\$ 25,395	8%
Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders (Diluted)	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.66	11%	\$ 7.81	\$ 7.38	6%
Operating profit margin	46%	45%		47%	45%	
Operating profit margin, as adjusted ^(a)	47%	46%		47%	46%	

(a) Operating profit margin, as adjusted, is a non-GAAP performance measure. See the Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measure section within this report.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2018 compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2017

The Company generated net income attributable to common shareholders of \$14.4 million (\$4.08 per diluted share) for the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared with net income attributable to common shareholders of \$12.6 million (\$3.66 per diluted share) for the three months ended June 30, 2017. Revenue increased \$0.4 million period over period due to an increase in average AUM. The Company had \$3.6 million in investment income due to market appreciation for the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared to investment income of \$3.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2017.

Income tax expense decreased \$1.0 million from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018 due to the the reduction of the effective tax rate from 31.7% to 25.2%. This reduction was primarily due to the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed on December 22, 2017, which reduced our corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% quarter over quarter. The effective tax rate of 25.2% differed from the federal statutory tax rate of 21% due primarily to the additional income tax expense recorded in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business, which was partially offset by \$0.3 million of excess tax benefits from the vesting of stock awards.

Operating profit margin was 46% for the three months ended June 30, 2018 and 45% for the three months ended June 30, 2017. Operating profit margin, as adjusted, increased to 47% for the three months ended June 30, 2018 from 46% for the three months ended June 30, 2017. See Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measure section within this report. We expect that our operating margin may fluctuate from period-to-period based on various factors, including revenues; investment results; employee performance; staffing levels; development of investment strategies, products, or channels; and industry comparisons.

Revenue

(in thousands, except percentages)	Three Months Ended June 30,		% Change
	2018	2017	
Investment advisory	\$ 33,526	\$ 32,558	3%
Mutual fund administration, net	2,402	2,985	(20)%
Total	\$ 35,928	\$ 35,543	1%

As a percent of total revenues for the second quarter of 2018 and 2017, investment advisory fees accounted for 93% and 92%, respectively.

Investment Advisory Fees. Investment advisory fees increased \$1.0 million, or 3%, from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018. Investment advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of the market value of client accounts at contractual fee rates, which vary by investment product. The increase in investment advisory fees was driven by an increase of 7% in average AUM quarter over quarter, which was partially offset by a decrease of two basis points in the average advisory fee rate from 0.64% for the three months ended June 30, 2017 to 0.62% for the three months ended June 30, 2018.

Mutual Fund Administration Fees. Mutual fund administration fees decreased \$0.6 million, or 20%, from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018. Mutual fund administration fees include administration fees received from the Funds, which are calculated as a percentage of average Funds' AUM. The decrease was due to a reduction in the administration fee rates paid by the Funds and an increase in shareholder servicing expenses and required shareholder mailings that DHCM pays on behalf of the Funds. This was partially offset by the 8% increase in average Funds' AUM from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018. The table below summarizes the decreases in the administration fee rates during the periods indicated:

	Class A & C	Class I	Class Y
1/1/2017 - 5/31/2017	0.24%	0.19%	0.09%
6/1/2017 - 2/27/2018	0.23%	0.18%	0.08%
2/28/2018-6/30/2018	0.21%	0.17%	0.05%

Expenses

(in thousands, except percentages)	Three Months Ended June 30,		% Change
	2018	2017	
Compensation and related costs	\$ 14,572	\$ 14,314	2 %
General and administrative	2,823	2,980	(5)%
Sales and marketing	1,302	1,253	4 %
Mutual fund administration	881	1,029	(14)%
Total	\$ 19,578	\$ 19,576	— %

Compensation and Related Costs. Employee compensation and benefits increased by \$0.3 million, or 2%, from the three months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2018. This increase is primarily due to an increase in compensation cost for employees, including an increase in salary and related benefits of \$0.9 million, which was partially offset by a decrease in incentive compensation expense of \$0.3 million and a decrease in restricted stock expense of \$0.3 million. Incentive compensation can fluctuate significantly period over period as we review investment performance, individual performance, Company performance and other factors.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses decreased by \$0.2 million, or 5%, from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018. This decrease is due primarily to a decrease in information technology consulting expense of \$0.2 million.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses increased 4%, from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018. The increase was primarily due to additional payments made to third party intermediaries related to the sale of our proprietary funds.

Mutual Fund Administration. Mutual fund administration expenses decreased by \$0.1 million, or 14%, from the three months ended June 30, 2017 to the three months ended June 30, 2018. Mutual fund administration expenses consist of both variable and fixed expenses. The variable expenses are based on Fund AUM and the number of shareholder accounts. The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in outsourced administration services.

Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 compared with Six Months Ended June 30, 2017

The Company generated net income attributable to common shareholders of \$27.4 million (\$7.81 per diluted share) for the six months ended June 30, 2018, compared with net income attributable to common shareholders of \$25.4 million (\$7.38 per diluted share) for the six months ended June 30, 2017. Revenue increased \$3.1 million period over period primarily due to an increase in average AUM. The revenue increase was partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$0.3 million primarily related to increases in compensation and related costs. The Company had \$2.0 million in investment income due to market appreciation for the six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to investment income of \$6.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

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Income tax expense decreased \$3.8 million from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018 due to the reduction of the Company's effective tax rate from 32.4% to 23.8%. This reduction was primarily due to the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed on December 22, 2017, which reduced our corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% quarter over quarter. The effective tax rate of 23.8% differed from the federal statutory tax rate of 21% due primarily to the additional income tax expense recorded in the state and city jurisdictions in which we do business, which was partially offset by \$0.5 million of excess tax benefits from the vesting of stock awards.

Operating profit margin was 47% for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 45% for the six months ended June 30, 2017. Operating profit margin, as adjusted, increased to 47% for the six months ended June 30, 2018 from 46% for the six months ended June 30, 2017. See Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measure section within this report. We expect that our operating margin may fluctuate from period-to-period based on various factors, including revenues; investment results; employee performance; staffing levels; development of investment strategies, products, or channels; and industry comparisons.

Revenue

(in thousands, except percentages)	Six Months Ended June 30,		% Change
	2018	2017	
Investment advisory	\$ 68,158	\$ 64,323	6 %
Mutual fund administration, net	5,552	6,259	(11)%
Total	\$ 73,710	\$ 70,582	4 %

Investment advisory fees accounted for 92% and 91% of total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Investment Advisory Fees. Investment advisory fees increased \$3.8 million, or 6%, from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. Investment advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of the market value of client accounts at contractual fee rates, which vary by investment product. The increase in investment advisory fees was driven by an increase of 9% in average AUM period over period, and was partially offset by a decrease of two basis points in the average advisory fee rate from 0.64% for the six months ended June 30, 2017 to 0.62% for the six months ended June 30, 2018.

Mutual Fund Administration Fees. Mutual fund administration fees decreased \$0.7 million, or 11%, from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. Mutual fund administration fees include administration fees received from the Funds, which are calculated as a percentage of average Funds' AUM. The decrease was due to a reduction in the administration fee rates paid by the Funds and an increase in shareholder servicing expenses and required shareholder mailings that DHCM pays on behalf of the Funds. This was partially offset by the 10% increase in average Funds' AUM from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. The table below summarizes the decreases in the administration fee rates during the periods indicated:

	Class A & C	Class I	Class Y
1/1/2017 - 5/31/2017	0.24%	0.19%	0.09%
6/1/2017 - 2/27/2018	0.23%	0.18%	0.08%
2/28/2018-6/30/2018	0.21%	0.17%	0.05%

Expenses

(in thousands, except percentages)	Six Months Ended June 30,		% Change
	2018	2017	
Compensation and related costs	\$ 28,960	\$ 27,993	3 %
General and administrative	5,786	6,469	(11)%
Sales and marketing	2,512	2,383	5 %
Mutual fund administration	1,898	2,028	(6)%
Total	\$ 39,156	\$ 38,873	1 %

Compensation and Related Costs. Employee compensation and benefits increased by \$1.0 million, or 3%, from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. This increase is primarily due to an increase in salary and related benefits of \$1.8 million and an increase in incentive compensation of \$0.7 million. Those increases were partially offset by a decrease in deferred compensation expense of \$1.0 million, and a decrease in restricted stock expense of \$0.5 million. Incentive compensation expense can fluctuate significantly period over period as we evaluate investment performance, individual performance, Company performance and other factors.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses decreased by \$0.7 million, or 11%, from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. This decrease was due to a decrease in charitable donations of approximately \$0.7 million.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$0.1 million, or 5%, from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. The increase was primarily due to additional payments made to third party intermediaries related to the sale of our proprietary funds.

Mutual Fund Administration. Mutual fund administration expenses decreased by \$0.1 million, or 6%, from the six months ended June 30, 2017 to the six months ended June 30, 2018. Mutual fund administration expenses consist of both variable and fixed expenses. The variable expenses are based on Fund AUM and the number of shareholder accounts. The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in outsourced administration services.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Sources of Liquidity

Our current financial condition is highly liquid, with a significant amount of our assets comprised of cash and cash equivalents, investments, and accounts receivable. Our main source of liquidity is cash flows from operating activities, which are generated from investment advisory and fund administration fees. Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and investments represented approximately 96% and 94% of total assets as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. We believe these sources of liquidity, as well as our continuing cash flows from operating activities, will be sufficient to meet our current and future operating needs for at least the next 12 months.

Uses of Liquidity

In line with the Company's primary objective to fulfill our fiduciary duty to clients and secondary objective to achieve an adequate long-term return for shareholders, we anticipate our main uses of cash will be for operating expenses and seed capital to fund new and existing investment strategies.

The Board of Directors and management regularly review various factors to determine whether we have capital in excess of that required for our business and the appropriate use of any excess capital. The factors considered include our investment opportunities, capital needed for investment strategies, risks, and future dividend and capital gain tax rates. Evaluating management's stewardship of capital for shareholders is a central part of our investment discipline that we practice for our clients. We hold ourselves to the same standard.

Working Capital

As of June 30, 2018, the Company had working capital of approximately \$195.8 million, compared to \$162.5 million at December 31, 2017. Working capital includes cash, securities owned by common shareholders, prepaid expenses and current receivables, net of all liabilities. The Company has no debt, and we believe our available working capital is sufficient to cover current expenses and anticipated capital expenditures.

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Below is a summary of securities owned by the Company as of June 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

	As of	
	June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Corporate Investments:		
Diamond Hill Core Bond Fund	\$ 36,368,849	\$ 30,529,852
Diamond Hill High Yield Fund	25,124,671	14,200,885
Diamond Hill Mid Cap Fund	17,564,193	19,270,451
Diamond Hill Research Opportunities Fund	15,480,553	15,409,571
Diamond Hill Valuation-Weighted 500 ETF	12,442,222	12,096,719
Diamond Hill Global Fund	9,942,549	—
Diamond Hill Global Fund, L.P.	—	2,055,196
Diamond Hill International Equity Fund, L.P.	1,166,372	1,173,870
Total Corporate Investments	118,089,409	94,736,544
Deferred Compensation Plan Investments in the Funds	24,449,750	20,480,790
Total investments held by DHCM	142,539,159	115,217,334
Redeemable noncontrolling interest in Consolidated Funds	62,661,479	23,258,688
Total Investment Portfolio	\$ 205,200,638	\$ 138,476,022

Cash Flow Analysis

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

The Company's cash flows from operating activities are calculated by adjusting net income to reflect other significant operating sources and uses of cash, certain significant non-cash items such as share-based compensation, and timing differences in the cash settlement of operating assets and liabilities. We expect that cash flows provided by operating activities will continue to serve as our primary source of working capital in the near future.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, net cash used in operating activities totaled \$7.3 million. Cash used in operating activities was primarily driven by net purchases of securities held in the underlying investment portfolios of the Consolidated Funds of \$46.4 million. This cash outflow was partially offset by net income of \$27.8 million, the add back of share-based compensation of \$4.1 million, depreciation of \$0.6 million, and the cash impact of timing differences in the settlement of assets and liabilities of \$6.6 million. Absent the cash used by Consolidated Funds to purchase securities into their investment portfolios, cash flow provided by operations was \$33.1 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$21.7 million. Cash inflows provided by operating activities were primarily driven by net income of \$26.1 million, the add back of share-based compensation of \$4.1 million and depreciation of \$0.4 million. These cash inflows were partially offset by the net change in securities held in the underlying investment portfolios of the Consolidated Funds of \$3.7 million and the impact of timing differences in the settlement of assets and liabilities of \$5.2 million. Absent the cash used by the Consolidated Funds to purchase securities into their investment portfolios, cash flow provided by operations was approximately \$23.8 million.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

The Company's cash flows from investing activities consist primarily of capital expenditures and purchases and redemptions in our investment portfolio.

Cash flows used in investing activities totaled \$2.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018. The Company purchased investments of \$3.3 million and \$0.6 million of property and equipment purchases during the period. These cash outflows were partially offset by proceeds from the sale of investments of \$1.5 million.

Cash flows used in investing activities totaled \$9.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The Company purchased corporate investments of \$11.4 million and \$0.1 million of property and equipment purchases during the period. Those cash outflows were partially offset by proceeds from the sale of investments of \$1.7 million.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

The Company's cash flows from financing activities consist primarily of shares withheld related to employee tax withholding and distributions to, or contributions from, redeemable noncontrolling interest holders.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$11.3 million, consisting of net subscriptions received in the Consolidated Funds from redeemable noncontrolling interest holders of \$12.3 million, which were partially offset by the value of shares withheld related to employee tax withholding of \$0.9 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$1.4 million, consisting of net subscriptions received in the Consolidated Funds from redeemable noncontrolling interest holders of \$3.3 million, which were partially offset by the value of shares withheld related to employee tax withholding of \$1.9 million.

Supplemental Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

Our consolidated balance sheets reflect the investments and other assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Funds, as well as redeemable noncontrolling interests for the portion of the Consolidated Funds that are held by third party investors. Although we can redeem our net interest in the Consolidated Funds at any time, we cannot directly access or sell the assets held by the Consolidated Funds to obtain cash for general operations. Additionally, the assets of the Consolidated Funds are not available to our general creditors.

The following table summarizes the condensed cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2018, that are attributable to Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. and to the Consolidated Funds, and the related eliminations required in preparing the consolidated statements.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2018			As reported on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
	Cash flow attributable to Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.	Cash flow attributable to Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	
Cash flows from Operating Activities:				
Net Income	\$ 27,359,828	\$ 872,167	\$ (391,844)	\$ 27,840,151
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation	574,457	—	—	574,457
Share-based compensation	4,083,360	—	—	4,083,360
Net (gains)/losses on investments	1,125,003	(872,167)	391,844	644,680
Net change in securities held by Consolidated Funds	—	(46,416,866)	—	(46,416,866)
Other changes in assets and liabilities	(69,968)	6,006,882	—	5,936,914
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	33,072,680	(40,409,984)	—	(7,337,304)
Net cash used in investing activities	(30,530,622)	—	28,158,304	(2,372,318)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(917,161)	40,409,984	(28,158,304)	11,334,519
Net change during the period	1,624,897	—	—	1,624,897
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	76,602,108	—	—	76,602,108
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 78,227,005	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 78,227,005

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 GAAP, and may be calculated differently by other companies. The following schedule reconciles GAAP measures to non-GAAP measures for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(in thousands, except percentages and per share data)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Total revenue	\$ 35,928	\$ 35,543	\$ 73,710	\$ 70,582
Net operating income, GAAP basis	\$ 16,350	\$ 15,967	\$ 34,553	\$ 31,708
Non-GAAP adjustment:				
Gains (losses) on deferred compensation plan investments, net ⁽¹⁾	456	436	(60)	1,021
Net operating income, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽²⁾	16,806	16,403	34,493	32,729
Non-GAAP adjustment:				
Tax provision on net operating income, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽³⁾	(4,234)	(5,203)	(8,226)	(10,613)
Net operating income, as adjusted, after tax, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 12,572	\$ 11,200	\$ 26,267	\$ 22,116
Net operating income, as adjusted after tax per diluted share, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 3.57	\$ 3.25	\$ 7.49	\$ 6.43
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding, GAAP basis	3,520	3,449	3,505	3,441
Operating profit margin, GAAP basis	46%	45%	47%	45%
Operating profit margin, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁶⁾	47%	46%	47%	46%

⁽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.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements. We do not have any obligation under a guarantee contract, or a retained or contingent interest in assets or similar arrangement that serves as credit, liquidity or market risk support for such assets, or any other obligation, including a contingent obligation, under a contract that would be accounted for as a derivative instrument or arising out of a variable interest.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Consolidation. We consolidate all subsidiaries and certain investments in which we have a controlling interest. We are generally deemed to have a controlling interest when we own the majority of the voting interest of a VRE or are deemed to be the primary beneficiary of a VIE. VIEs are entities that lack sufficient equity to finance its activities or the equity holders do not have defined power to direct the activities of the entity normally associated with an equity investment. Our analysis to determine whether an entity is a VIE or a VRE involves judgment and considers several factors, including an entity's legal organization, equity structure, the rights of the investment holders, our ownership interest in the entity, and our contractual involvement with the entity. We continually review and reconsider our VIE or VRE conclusions upon the occurrence of certain events, such as changes to our ownership interest or amendments to contract documents. Our VIEs are primarily sponsored investment entities and our variable interest consists of our equity ownership in these entities. The Company concluded we are not the primary beneficiary of any of these VIEs as of June 30, 2018, as we lack the power to control these entities.

Provisions for Income Taxes. The objectives of accounting for income taxes are to recognize the amount of taxes payable or refundable for the current year and deferred tax liabilities and assets for the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in an entity's financial statements or tax returns. Judgment is required in assessing the future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our financial statements or tax returns.

Revenue Recognition on Performance-Based Advisory Contracts. We have certain investment advisory contracts in which a portion of the fees are based on investment performance achieved in the respective client portfolio in excess of a specified hurdle rate. These fees are calculated based on client investment results over rolling five-year periods. The Company records variable performance fees at the end of the contract measurement period because the variable fees earned are constrained based on movements in the financial markets.

Revenue Recognition when Acting as an Agent vs. Principal. The Funds have selected and contractually engaged certain vendors to fulfill various services to benefit the Funds' shareholders or to satisfy regulatory requirements of the Funds. These services include, among others, required Fund shareholder mailings, registration services, and legal and audit services. DHCM, in fulfilling a portion of its role under the administration agreement with the Funds, acts as agent to pay these obligations of the Funds. Each vendor is independently responsible for fulfillment of the services it has been engaged to provide and negotiates fees and terms with the management and board of trustees of the Funds. The fee that the Funds pay to DHCM is reviewed annually by the Funds' board of trustees and specifically takes into account the contractual expenses that DHCM pays on behalf of the Funds. As a result, DHCM is not involved in the delivery or pricing of these services and bears no risk related to these services. Revenue has been recorded net of these Fund expenses, as it is the appropriate accounting treatment for this agency relationship.

ITEM 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There has been no material change in the information provided in Item 7A of the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

ITEM 4: Controls and Procedures

Management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, has conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"). Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II: OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 1: Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, the Company is party to ordinary, routine litigation that is incidental to its business. There are currently no such matters pending that the Company believes could have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 1A: Risk Factors

There has been no material change to the information provided in Item 1A of the Company's 2017 Annual Report.

ITEM 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Company did not purchase any of its common shares and did not sell any common shares that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933. The following table sets forth information regarding the Company's repurchase program of its common shares and shares withheld for tax payments due upon employee Restricted Stock which vested during the second quarter of fiscal year 2018:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased^(a)</u>	<u>Average Price Paid Per Share</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</u>	<u>Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs^(b)</u>
April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018	2,012	\$ 206.56	—	318,433
May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018	—	\$ —	—	318,433
June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018	—	\$ —	—	318,433
Total	<u>2,012</u>	<u>\$ 206.56</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>318,433</u>

- (a) All of the 2,012 shares of the Company's common shares purchased during the quarter ended June 30, 2018 represented shares withheld for tax payments due upon employee Restricted Stock which vested during the quarter.
- (b) The Company's current share repurchase program was announced on August 9, 2007. The Board of Directors authorized management to repurchase up to 350,000 shares of the Company's common shares in the open market and in private transactions in accordance with applicable securities laws. The Company's share repurchase program is not subject to an expiration date.

ITEM 3: Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

ITEM 4: Mine Safety Disclosures

None

ITEM 5: Other Information

None

ITEM 6:	Exhibits
3.1	<u>Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (Incorporated by reference from Form 8-K Current Report for the event on May 2, 2002 filed with the SEC on May 7, 2002; File No. 000-24498.)</u>
3.2	<u>Certificate of Amendment by Shareholders to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company (Incorporated by reference from Form 8-K Current Report for the event on April 28, 2017; File No. 000-24498.)</u>
3.3	<u>Amended and Restated Code of Regulations of the Company (Incorporated by reference from Form 8-K Current Report, Exhibit 3.2, filed with the SEC on April 28, 2017; File No. 000-24498.)</u>
10.1	<u>Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims between Diamond Hill Capital Management, Inc. and Lisa Wesolek dated May 30, 2018. (Filed herewith)</u>
31.1	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).</u>
31.2	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).</u>
32.1	<u>Section 1350 Certifications.</u> (Furnished herewith)
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

DIAMOND HILL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

DIAMOND HILL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.

Date	Title	Signature
August 1, 2018	Chief Executive Officer and President	<u>/s/ Christopher M. Bingaman</u> Christopher M. Bingaman
August 1, 2018	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	<u>/s/ Thomas E. Line</u> Thomas E. Line

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Section 2: EX-10.1 (EXHIBIT 10.1)

SEPARATION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

This Separation Agreement and Release of All Claims (“Agreement”) is made by and between **Lisa M. Wesolek** (“Employee”), and **Diamond Hill Capital Management, Inc.** (“Employer” or “Company”).

WHEREAS, Employee’s employment with Employer will terminate effective December 31, 2018 (the “Separation Date”);

WHEREAS, Employee and Employer wish to enter into an agreement providing for an orderly separation of Employee’s employment and providing consideration for Employee to which Employee is not or may not be otherwise entitled;

NOW THEREFORE, in exchange for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, along with other good and valuable consideration, Employer and Employee hereby agree as follows:

1. **Employment Terms.** Through the Separation Date, Employee agrees to conduct herself at all times in a professional and appropriate manner, to diligently complete any work, and only such work, as assigned to Employee by the Company's Board or Chief Executive Officer, to make herself reasonably available to the executive leadership team during the transition period leading up to the Separation Date, and to abide by all Company policies and practices governing Employee’s employment.

2. **Separation Benefits.** Employer shall provide Employee with the following benefits (the “Separation Benefits”) in connection with Employee’s separation of employment with Employer:

(a) Salary at Employee’s current base salary of Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$20,833.33) per month including continuation of Employee’s 401K match, through December 31, 2018 (the “Salary Continuation Payments”), paid in accordance with existing Employer policy and payroll procedures;

(b) A payment in the gross amount of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,515,000.00) (the “Supplemental Payment”), contingent on Employee signing a Supplemental Release following and valid through the Separation Date, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Supplemental Payment will be paid on the first regularly scheduled payroll date following the effective date of the Supplemental Release; and

(c) In the event that Employee elects continuation of health and/or dental benefits pursuant to COBRA at any time following the Effective Date hereof, Employer will pay

100% of the premiums for such coverage as long as such COBRA coverage is legally available to Employee. Information regarding Employee's COBRA rights and how to elect continuation coverage shall be provided under separate cover as required by law.

The Separation Benefits described in this paragraph shall be the only payments and other benefits provided to or on behalf of Employee by Employer hereunder, and no interest on such amounts shall be paid. Employer shall withhold all federal, state, and local taxes from the Salary Continuation Payments and the Supplemental Payment as required by law, and will report all payments required hereby on IRS Form W-2. Employee acknowledges and agrees that no additional amounts are owed or will be paid to Employee for unused vacation, bonuses, commissions, sales-based incentive compensation, stock grants, or otherwise. Except as otherwise required herein, by law, and/or by the applicable plan documents, all benefits provided to Employee by Employer will cease on the Separation Date. Employee further acknowledges the receipt of all wages and other compensation or benefits to which Employee is entitled as a result of Employee's employment with Employer through the Effective Date of this Agreement.

3. Unvested Restricted Stock Grants. All unvested restricted stock grants of shares of Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. shall be forfeited in their entirety upon the Effective Date of this Agreement.

4. Fully Vested Sale-Restricted Stock Grants. Employee owns 21,336 shares of fully vested common stock of Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. Of these, 10,926 shares have sale restrictions that extend to various dates past the Separation Date. The Company agrees to remove the sale restrictions on these shares effective January 1, 2019.

5. Release in Full of All Claims. Employee, on her own behalf and on behalf of Employee's heirs, administrators, executors, agents, and assigns, does hereby forever release and discharge Employer and its agents, servants, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, members, trustees, partners, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, successors, predecessors, administrators, and assigns (hereinafter "the Released Parties"), from any and all charges, claims, demands, judgments, causes of action, damages, expenses, costs, and liabilities of any kind whatsoever. Employee expressly acknowledges that the claims released by this paragraph include all rights and claims relating to Employee's employment with Employer and the termination thereof, including without limitation any claims Employee may have under the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Equal Pay Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended by the Older Worker Benefit Protection Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, the Ohio Securities Act, Ohio R.C. Chapter 4112, any claims against Diamond Hill's 401k Plan, and any other federal, state, or local laws or regulations governing employment relationships. This Release specifically and without limitation includes a release of any claims for employment discrimination, wrongful discharge, breach of contract, or promissory estoppel, and extends to all claims of every nature and kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, presently existing or resulting from or attributable to any act or omission of Employer or the other Released Parties occurring prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Release contained

herein does not apply to rights or claims first arising after the Effective Date of this Agreement. **Employee is cautioned and encouraged to seek the advice of counsel of Employee's own choosing before signing this Agreement.**

6. Knowing and Voluntary Act. Employee acknowledges and agrees that the release set forth above is a general release. Employee, having been encouraged to and having had the opportunity to be advised by counsel, expressly waives all claims for damages which exist as of this date, but of which Employee does not now know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or otherwise, and which, if known, would materially affect Employee's decision to enter into this Agreement. Employee further agrees that Employee accepts the Separation Benefits as a complete compromise of matters involving disputed issues of law and fact and assumes the risk that the facts and law may be other than Employee believes. Employee further acknowledges and agrees that all the terms of this Agreement shall be in all respects effective and not subject to termination or rescission by reason of any such differences in the facts or law, and that Employee provides this release voluntarily and with full knowledge and understanding of the terms hereof.

7. No Claims, Charges, or Damages. Employee represents that Employee knows of no facts or circumstances that would give rise to a claim of, by, or for Employee against Employer under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, or any state workers' compensation law. Employee further represents that Employee knows of no actions at law or in equity, or of any administrative proceedings or complaints, that are currently pending or filed that relate to Employee's employment with, or separation from employment with, Employer. If any such actions, complaints, or proceedings are currently pending, Employee expressly agrees to dismiss them with prejudice.

8. Compliance With Older Worker Benefit Protection Act. Employee specifically acknowledges and understands that this Agreement is intended to release and discharge any claims Employee may have under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended by the Older Worker Benefit Protection Act. Accordingly, **Employee has 21 days in which to consider this Agreement and return a signed copy, though she may accept this Agreement at any time prior to the expiration of this consideration period.** To accept, Employee must deliver an original signed copy of this Agreement to Jill Williams, Director of Human Resources, Diamond Hill Capital Management, Inc., 325 John H. McConnell Blvd., Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Thereafter, **Employee will have 7 days from the date she executes this Agreement in which to revoke her acceptance, which period is not subject to waiver or reduction.** To revoke, Employee must deliver written notice of revocation to Jill Williams such that the notice is received on or before 5:00 P.M. on the seventh day following Employee's execution of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be effective or enforceable until the revocation period has expired, provided that during such time Employee does not revoke Employee's acceptance (the "Effective Date").

9. Return of Property. Employee agrees to return all Company property remaining in Employee's possession or control, including without limitation any and all equipment, documents, credit cards, hardware, software, source code, data, keys, or access cards, on or

before the Effective Date. Employer agrees to grant Employee access to her office during nonbusiness hours to retrieve her personal items.

10. Confidentiality; Non-Disparagement. (i) Employee agrees to keep the terms and conditions of this Agreement confidential. Except as specifically set forth below or to the extent that such information has to be made publicly available by virtue of any required regulatory filing, Employee agrees not to, at any time, disclose the terms of this Agreement, in whole or in part, or any fact concerning the negotiation, execution, or implementation of this Agreement, including the existence and amount of the Separation Benefits; *provided*, however, that Employee may discuss the terms of this Agreement with: (a) Employee's attorney, tax advisor, and immediate family, on condition that any such persons agree in advance to keep such terms confidential and not disclose them to others; (b) any court of competent jurisdiction, the Internal Revenue Service, or other governmental agency, upon proper lawful request by such court or agency enforceable by law compelling such disclosure; and (c) upon written consent of Employer. **Employee further agrees not to reveal to any person, unless authorized by Employer in writing, any information relating to or concerning the confidential business, financial, or personal affairs of Employer, the other Released Parties, or any Clients of Employer or the other Released Parties, and agrees not to do or say anything to disparage Employer or any other Released Party or harm the business reputation enjoyed by Employer or any other Released Party with its clients or in the community at large.**

(ii) Likewise, Employer's Executive Leadership Team shall keep the terms and conditions of this Agreement confidential and shall not, at any time, disclose the terms of this Agreement, in whole or in part, or any fact concerning the negotiation, execution, or implementation of this Agreement, including the existence and amount of the Separation Benefits, except to the extent that such information has to be made publicly available by virtue of any required regulatory filing; *provided*, however, that Employer may disclose such information as required by law or to persons Employer reasonably deems have a need to know such information in connection with the operation of Employer's business, on condition that all such persons agree in advance to keep such terms confidential and not to disclose them to others. Employer also agrees that its Executive Leadership Team shall not make any statements disparaging Employee's reputation or her tenure with Employer.

The provisions of this paragraph are expressly acknowledged by both parties to constitute material consideration for the obligations under this Agreement.

11. Medicare Certification. Employee warrants that Employee is not a Medicare beneficiary as of the date of this release, and no conditional payments have been made to Employee by Medicare.

12. Employment References. Employee should direct any prospective employer seeking a job reference relating to Employee's employment with Employer to contact Jill Williams, and Employer will instruct Ms. Williams that, upon receipt of such a request, she is to provide only information relating to Employee's dates of employment and positions held with Employer.

13. Non-Admission. This Agreement is not to be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of any party. Employee and Employer further understand and agree that this Agreement shall not be admissible as evidence in any federal, state, county, municipal, or administrative proceeding, except that Employee and Employer may submit this Agreement to the appropriate court or agency in the event the other party breaches the same.

14. Right to Damages; Return of Separation Benefits. In the event it is determined by an appropriate court that either party to this Agreement has not acted in accordance with their respective obligations under the provisions of this Agreement, the aggrieved party may recover any applicable damages, including without limitation, for Employer, the value of the Separation Benefits provided in accordance with this Agreement together with the legal rate of interest for judgments under Ohio law, and for Employee, any unpaid Separation Benefits together with the then legal rate of interest for judgments under Ohio law. In the event that Employee files any legal action asserting any claim released in accordance with this Agreement, then Employee agrees that Employee shall immediately repay to Employer the value of the Separation Benefits and shall also pay Employer the then legal rate of interest for judgments under Ohio law, computed on the value of the Separation Benefits beginning from the date that said Separation Benefits were provided, as a condition precedent to the maintenance of such a lawsuit; provided, however, that the terms of this paragraph shall not permit the setting aside of this Agreement by repayment of the value of the Separation Benefits without adjudication by a court that this Agreement is otherwise invalid.

15. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

16. Choice of Forum. The parties to this Agreement agree that jurisdiction for any action filed to enforce this Agreement or any provision hereof, or any action which involves interpretation of this Agreement or any provision hereof, shall be proper only in state court located in Franklin County, Ohio, or in federal court located in Columbus, Ohio.

17. No Waiver of Terms. Failure to insist upon strict compliance with any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any such term, covenant, or condition, nor shall any failure at any one time or more times be deemed a waiver or relinquishment at any other time or times of any right under the terms, covenants, or conditions hereof.

18. Enforceability. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted so as to be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be unlawful, improper, or unenforceable for any reason in any jurisdiction, such unenforceability shall not affect its validity or enforceability in any other jurisdiction, nor shall it affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof.

19. Modifications. No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same be in a writing duly executed by all the parties hereto.

20. Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire Agreement between Employer and Employee and supersedes and replaces any and all prior or contemporaneous representations or agreements, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter herein.

21. Execution in Parts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which shall constitute a single memorandum.

22. Binding Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding on any successors, assigns or entities that acquire or merge with Employer or purchase a controlling interest in Employer.

23. Attorney Fees. In the event either party is required to file a lawsuit to enforce her or its rights under this Agreement, or to defend against a claim that she or it violated the Agreement in any respect, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover her or its legal fees and costs in the court proceeding up to a maximum of \$50,000 if Employee prevails and a maximum of \$25,000 if Employer prevails.

24. Voluntary Acts. **EMPLOYEE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT EMPLOYEE HAS CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT, THAT EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN ADVISED AND ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OF EMPLOYEE'S CHOOSING, IF DESIRED, HAS RECEIVED ALL THE ADVICE EMPLOYEE DEEMS NECESSARY CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT, AND THAT EMPLOYEE HAS CHOSEN TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT FREELY, KNOWINGLY, AND VOLUNTARILY.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employee and Employer hereby execute this Agreement on the date indicated below.

Dated: 5/30/2018

/s/ Lisa M. Wesolek

Lisa M. Wesolek

Dated: 5/30/2018

DIAMOND HILL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas E. Line

Its: Chief Financial Officer

Section 3: EX-31.1 (EXHIBIT 31.1)

CERTIFICATION FOR QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q

I, Christopher M. Bingaman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects

the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 1, 2018

/s/ Christopher M. Bingaman

Christopher M. Bingaman

Chief Executive Officer

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Section 4: EX-31.2 (EXHIBIT 31.2)

CERTIFICATION FOR QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q

I, Thomas E. Line, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

- b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 1, 2018

/s/ Thomas E. Line

Thomas E. Line
Chief Financial Officer

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Section 5: EX-32.1 (EXHIBIT 32.1)

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Christopher M. Bingaman, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Thomas E. Line, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Christopher M. Bingaman

Print Name: Christopher M. Bingaman
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: August 1, 2018

/s/ Thomas E. Line

Print Name: Thomas E. Line
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Date: August 1, 2018

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