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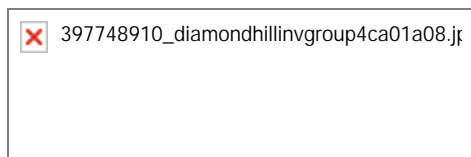
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Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2019

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 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

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

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 April 30, 2019, is 3,494,778 shares.

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PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1: Consolidated Financial Statements****Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets**

| | 3/31/2019 | 12/31/2018 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 82,132,927 | \$ 84,430,059 |
| Cash held by noncontrolling shareholders | 10,016,227 | — |
| Investments | 164,791,720 | 203,488,217 |
| Accounts receivable | 17,402,023 | 20,290,283 |
| Prepaid expenses | 2,526,105 | 2,372,712 |
| Property and equipment, net of depreciation | 6,329,166 | 3,680,472 |
| Deferred taxes | 11,956,745 | 11,466,100 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 295,154,913</u> | <u>\$ 325,727,843</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 12,298,154 | \$ 15,561,491 |
| Accrued incentive compensation | 4,500,000 | 26,754,167 |
| Income taxes payable | 4,918,929 | 2,768,681 |
| Deferred compensation | 26,777,526 | 22,387,874 |
| Total liabilities | <u>48,494,609</u> | <u>67,472,213</u> |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest | <u>36,249,454</u> | <u>62,679,687</u> |
| Permanent Shareholders' equity | | |
| Common stock, no par value 7,000,000 shares authorized; 3,494,599 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2019 (inclusive of 232,200 unvested shares); 3,499,285 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2018 (inclusive of 211,575 unvested shares) | 124,484,045 | 124,933,060 |
| Preferred stock, undesignated, 1,000,000 shares authorized and unissued | — | — |
| Deferred equity compensation | (23,656,774) | (22,008,054) |
| Retained earnings | 109,583,579 | 92,650,937 |
| Total permanent shareholders' equity | <u>210,410,850</u> | <u>195,575,943</u> |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | <u>\$ 295,154,913</u> | <u>\$ 325,727,843</u> |
| Book value per share | \$ 60.21 | \$ 55.89 |

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 March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| REVENUES: | | |
| Investment advisory | \$ 30,512,718 | \$ 34,631,290 |
| Mutual fund administration, net | 2,066,655 | 3,150,712 |
| Total revenue | 32,579,373 | 37,782,002 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| Compensation and related costs | 15,969,382 | 14,387,473 |
| General and administrative | 3,244,532 | 2,963,671 |
| Sales and marketing | 1,370,716 | 1,209,487 |
| Mutual fund administration | 861,040 | 1,017,419 |
| Total operating expenses | 21,445,670 | 19,578,050 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | 11,133,703 | 18,203,952 |
| Investment income (loss), net | 14,284,877 | (1,559,723) |
| INCOME BEFORE TAXES | 25,418,580 | 16,644,229 |
| Income tax expense | (5,862,733) | (3,702,100) |
| NET INCOME | 19,555,847 | 12,942,129 |
| Net (income) loss attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest | (2,623,205) | 47,332 |
| NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS | \$ 16,932,642 | \$ 12,989,461 |
| Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders | | |
| Basic | \$ 4.85 | \$ 3.72 |
| Diluted | \$ 4.84 | \$ 3.72 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | | |
| Basic | 3,493,843 | 3,487,923 |
| Diluted | 3,496,534 | 3,491,938 |

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)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Shares Outstanding | Common Stock | Deferred Equity Compensation | Retained Earnings | Total | Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest |
| Balance at December 31, 2018 | 3,499,285 | \$ 124,933,060 | \$ (22,008,054) | \$ 92,650,937 | \$ 195,575,943 | \$ 62,679,687 |
| Issuance of restricted stock grants | 24,875 | 3,859,300 | (3,859,300) | — | — | — |
| Amortization of restricted stock grants | — | — | 1,521,974 | — | 1,521,974 | — |
| Issuance of stock grants | 24,048 | 3,655,296 | — | — | 3,655,296 | — |
| Issuance of common stock related to 401k plan match | 4,286 | 632,050 | — | — | 632,050 | — |
| Forfeiture of restricted stock grants | (4,250) | (688,606) | 688,606 | — | — | — |
| Repurchase of common stock | (53,645) | (7,907,055) | — | — | (7,907,055) | — |
| Net income | — | — | — | 16,932,642 | 16,932,642 | 2,623,205 |
| Net redemptions of Consolidated Funds | — | — | — | — | — | (1,728,877) |
| Net deconsolidations of Company sponsored investments | — | — | — | — | — | (27,324,561) |
| Balance at March 31, 2019 | <u>3,494,599</u> | <u>\$ 124,484,045</u> | <u>\$ (23,656,774)</u> | <u>\$ 109,583,579</u> | <u>\$ 210,410,850</u> | <u>\$ 36,249,454</u> |
| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 | | | | | |
| | 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 | 32,050 | 6,755,108 | (6,755,108) | — | — | — |
| Amortization of restricted stock grants | — | — | 1,378,923 | — | 1,378,923 | — |
| Issuance of stock grants | 20,153 | 4,109,197 | — | — | 4,109,197 | — |
| Issuance of common stock related to 401k plan match | 2,253 | 472,779 | — | — | 472,779 | — |
| Shares withheld related to employee tax withholding | (2,427) | (501,564) | — | — | (501,564) | — |
| Forfeiture of restricted stock grants | (3,500) | (603,400) | 603,400 | — | — | — |
| Net income | — | — | — | 12,989,461 | 12,989,461 | (47,332) |
| Net subscriptions of consolidated funds | — | — | — | — | — | 5,186,193 |
| New consolidations of Company sponsored investments | — | — | — | — | — | 16,444,640 |
| Balance at March 31, 2018 | <u>3,518,957</u> | <u>\$ 128,441,231</u> | <u>\$ (23,907,748)</u> | <u>\$ 86,359,133</u> | <u>\$ 190,892,616</u> | <u>\$ 41,660,307</u> |

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

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

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net Income | \$ 19,555,847 | \$ 12,942,129 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 282,565 | 285,823 |
| Share-based compensation | 2,154,024 | 1,851,702 |
| Decrease in accounts receivable | 1,714,531 | 347,488 |
| Change in current income taxes | 2,150,248 | 4,167,325 |
| Change in deferred income taxes | (490,645) | (492,725) |
| Net (gains) losses on investments | (13,053,857) | 2,994,792 |
| Net change in securities held by Consolidated Funds | 18,908,654 | (35,143,135) |
| Decrease in accrued incentive compensation | (18,598,871) | (13,729,303) |
| Increase in deferred compensation | 4,389,652 | 3,513,366 |
| Other changes in assets and liabilities | (934,288) | 4,438,764 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | <u>16,077,860</u> | <u>(18,823,774)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (91,015) | (144,948) |
| Purchase of Company sponsored investments | (4,560,693) | (3,143,561) |
| Proceeds from sale of Company sponsored investments | 2,683,935 | 1,148,162 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(1,967,773)</u> | <u>(2,140,347)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Value of shares withheld related to employee tax withholding | — | (501,564) |
| Net subscriptions received from redeemable noncontrolling interest holders | 1,516,063 | 3,661,843 |
| Repurchase of common stock | (7,907,055) | — |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | <u>(6,390,992)</u> | <u>3,160,279</u> |
| CASH^(a) | | |
| Net change during the period | 7,719,095 | (17,803,842) |
| At beginning of period | 84,430,059 | 76,602,108 |
| At end of period | <u>\$ 92,149,154</u> | <u>\$ 58,798,266</u> |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Income taxes paid | \$ 4,203,130 | \$ 27,500 |
| Supplemental disclosure of non-cash transactions: | | |
| Common stock issued as incentive compensation | \$ 3,655,296 | \$ 4,109,197 |
| Charitable donation of corporate investments | — | 1,989,803 |
| Net subscriptions (redemptions) of ETF shares for marketable securities | (3,244,940) | 1,524,340 |

(a) Cash includes cash and cash equivalents and cash held by noncontrolling shareholders.

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, 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 March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, and for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, 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 (the "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, 2018 (the "2018 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 and the Diamond Hill Global Fund

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(collectively the "Consolidated Funds") as of March 31, 2019. The Company deconsolidated the Diamond Hill High Yield Fund during the three months ended March 31, 2019, as the Company's ownership declined to less than 50%.

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 "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 interest than economic interest, 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 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.

Cash Held by Noncontrolling Shareholders

As of March 31, 2019, there was approximately \$22.7 million of cash held in the consolidated ETF of which \$10.0 million was held by noncontrolling shareholders.

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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 March 31, 2019 or December 31, 2018. Accounts receivable from the Funds were \$10.1 million as of March 31, 2019 and \$9.4 million as of December 31, 2018.

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.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, consisting of leasehold improvements, right-of use lease assets, 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.

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 March 31, 2019 and 2018 under contracts with clients include:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Investment advisory | Mutual fund administration, net | Total revenue |
| Proprietary funds | \$ 23,579,877 | \$ 2,066,655 | \$ 25,646,532 |
| Sub-advised funds and institutional accounts | 6,932,841 | — | 6,932,841 |
| | <u>\$ 30,512,718</u> | <u>\$ 2,066,655</u> | <u>\$ 32,579,373</u> |

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2018 | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Investment advisory | Mutual fund administration, net | Total revenue |
| Proprietary funds | \$ 27,305,199 | \$ 3,150,712 | \$ 30,455,911 |
| Sub-advised funds and institutional accounts | 7,326,091 | — | 7,326,091 |
| | <u>\$ 34,631,290</u> | <u>\$ 3,150,712</u> | <u>\$ 37,782,002</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. During the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 the Company recorded no variable rate fees. 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 March 31, 2019:

| | As of March 31, 2019 | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | AUM subject to variable rate fees | Unearned variable rate fees |
| Contractual Period Ending: | | |
| Quarter Ending September 30, 2019 | \$ 36,224,545 | \$ 670,128 |
| Quarter Ending December 31, 2019 | 59,818,522 | 394,812 |
| Quarter Ending March 31, 2020 | 12,607,612 | — |
| Quarter Ending September 30, 2021 | 268,417,205 | 4,911,623 |
| Total | <u>\$ 377,067,884</u> | <u>\$ 5,976,563</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 March 31, 2019, 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, such as 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 March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Mutual fund administration: | | |
| Administration revenue, gross | \$ 5,402,728 | \$ 6,607,337 |
| Fund related expense | (3,349,541) | (3,468,325) |
| Revenue, net of related expenses | 2,053,187 | 3,139,012 |
| DHCM C-Share financing: | | |
| Broker commission advance repayments | 65,212 | 96,478 |
| Broker commission amortization | (51,744) | (84,778) |
| Financing activity, net | 13,468 | 11,700 |
| Mutual fund administration revenue, net | \$ 2,066,655 | \$ 3,150,712 |

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*. 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 9.

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Note 4 Fair Value Measurements

The Company determines the fair value of our cash equivalents and certain investments using the following 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. We do not value any investments using Level 3 inputs.

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 as of March 31, 2019:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|--|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|
| Cash equivalents | \$ 68,572,210 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 68,572,210 |
| Fair value investments | | | | |
| Securities held in Consolidated Funds ^(a) | 16,967,373 | 62,030,035 | — | \$ 78,997,408 |
| Company sponsored investments | 39,533,699 | — | — | \$ 39,533,699 |

(a) Of the securities held in the Consolidated Funds as of March 31, 2019, \$48.8 million were held directly by the Company and \$30.2 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 \$68.6 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 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 three months ended March 31, 2019.

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

Note 5 Line of Credit

The Company has a committed Line of Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with a commercial bank that matures in March of 2020 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 pays a commitment fee on the unused portion of the facility, accruing at a rate per annum of 0.10%.

The Company has not borrowed under the Credit Agreement as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2019.

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 for other general corporate purposes. The Credit Agreement contains representations, warranties and covenants that are customary for agreements of this type.

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Note 6 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 (the "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 three months ended March 31, 2019:

| | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant Date Price per Share |
|---|----------------|---|
| Outstanding Restricted Stock as of December 31, 2018 | 214,575 | \$ 177.22 |
| Grants issued | 24,875 | 155.15 |
| Grants vested | — | — |
| Grants forfeited | (4,250) | 162.03 |
| Total Outstanding Restricted Stock as of March 31, 2019 | <u>235,200</u> | <u>\$ 175.16</u> |

As of March 31, 2019, there were 242,681 common shares available for awards under the 2014 Plan.

Total deferred equity compensation related to unvested Restricted Stock grants was \$23.7 million as of March 31, 2019. 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:

| Nine Months Remaining In | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--|
| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Thereafter | Total | |
| \$ 5,501,114 | \$ 6,146,135 | \$ 4,865,576 | \$ 3,878,442 | \$ 1,641,414 | \$ 1,624,093 | \$ 23,656,774 | |

Stock Grant Transactions

The following table represents common shares issued as part of our incentive compensation program during the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018:

| | Shares Issued | Grant Date Value |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| March 31, 2019 | 24,048 | \$ 3,655,296 |
| March 31, 2018 | 20,153 | 4,109,197 |

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. Deferred compensation liability was \$26.8 million and \$22.4 million as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

Note 7 Operating Lease

The Company currently leases office space of approximately 37,829 square feet at one location.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases", which, among other things, requires lessees to recognize most leases on-balance sheet. The Company adopted this ASU on its effective date, January 1, 2019, using a modified retrospective approach without restating prior comparative periods. Upon implementation, the Company recorded a right-of use asset of

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approximately \$2.9 million, which includes the lease liability amount less deferred rent liabilities and lease incentives received, and a lease liability of approximately \$3.6 million related to our office lease. As of March 31, 2019, the carrying value of the right-of use asset, which is included in property and equipment, net of depreciation on the consolidated balance sheets, was approximately \$2.8 million. As of March 31, 2019, the carrying value of the lease liability which is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheets, was approximately \$3.5 million. The adoption of this ASU had no impact on our consolidated statements of income and cash flows and there was no cumulative-effect adjustment required to opening retained earnings.

The following table summarizes the total lease and operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018:

| | March 31, 2019 | March 31, 2018 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Three Months Ended | \$ 252,073 | \$ 256,290 |

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

| Future Minimum Lease Payments | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Nine Months Remaining In | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Thereafter | Total |
| | \$ 439,762 | \$ 614,721 | \$ 624,179 | \$ 624,179 | \$ 624,179 | \$ 780,223 | \$ 3,707,243 |

In addition to the above lease payments, the Company is also responsible for normal operating expenses of the property. These operating expenses were approximately \$0.4 million in 2018, and are expected to be approximately the same in 2019.

Note 8 Income Taxes

The Company has determined its interim tax provision projecting an estimated annual effective tax rate.

For the three months ended March 31, 2019, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$5.9 million, yielding an effective tax rate of 23.1%. The effective tax rate of 23.1% 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 including new jurisdictions in which we are filing in 2019. This is partially offset by the benefit attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests. The provision for income taxes includes a benefit attributable to the fact that the Company's operations include the Consolidated Funds which are not subject to federal income taxes. Accordingly, a portion of the Company's earnings are not subject to corporate tax levels. Absent the benefit attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests, the effective tax rate ("unconsolidated effective tax rate") would have been 25.7%.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$3.7 million, yielding an effective tax rate of 22.2%. The effective tax rate of 22.2% 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.

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 March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, 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. The Company recognizes tax benefits related to positions taken, or expected to be taken, on its tax returns, only if the positions are "more-likely-than-not" sustainable. Once this threshold has been met, the Company's measurement of its expected tax benefits is recognized in its financial statements.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2019, the Company completed our open examination for tax years 2014 through 2016 with the New York State Department of Finance and Taxation. During the period the Company also filed a Voluntary Disclosure Agreement with the New York City Department of Finance. The Company remains under audit with the California Franchise Tax Board for the Company's 2015 and 2016 tax years.

The outcome of open examinations is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. The Company believes that some of these audits and negotiations will conclude within the next 12 months and that any change in the amount of uncertain tax positions, including interest due to the settlement of audits would be immaterial.

The amount of uncertain tax positions as of March 31, 2019, which would impact the Company's effective tax rate if recognized and a reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of uncertain tax positions is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Uncertain tax positions, as of January 1, 2019 | \$ 2,982,337 |
| Gross addition for tax positions of the current year | — |
| Gross additions for tax positions of prior years | — |
| Reductions of tax positions of prior years for: | |
| Lapses of applicable statutes of limitations | — |
| Settlements during the period | (2,331,711) |
| Changes in judgment/excess reserve | — |
| Uncertain tax positions, as of March 31, 2019 | \$ 650,626 |

The Company did not recognize additional interest and penalties during the three months ended March 31, 2019, related to uncertain tax positions.

Note 9 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 March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Net Income | \$ 19,555,847 | \$ 12,942,129 |
| Less: Net income attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interest | (2,623,205) | 47,332 |
| Net income attributable to common shareholders | \$ 16,932,642 | \$ 12,989,461 |
| Weighted average number of outstanding shares - Basic | 3,493,843 | 3,487,923 |
| Dilutive impact of restricted stock units | 2,691 | 4,015 |
| Weighted average number of outstanding shares - Diluted | 3,496,534 | 3,491,938 |
| Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders | | |
| Basic | \$ 4.85 | \$ 3.72 |
| Diluted | \$ 4.84 | \$ 3.72 |

Note 10 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.

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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 Operations

Forward-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 LPs.

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 (92.1%) is valued based on readily available market quotations. AUM in the fixed income strategies (7.9%) 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 months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018:

| <u>(in millions, except percentages)</u> | Assets Under Management | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | As of March 31, | | |
| | 2019 | 2018 | % Change |
| Proprietary funds | \$ 14,623 | \$ 15,717 | (7)% |
| Sub-advised funds | 1,601 | 1,576 | 2 % |
| Institutional accounts | 4,656 | 4,636 | — % |
| Total AUM | <u>\$ 20,880</u> | <u>\$ 21,929</u> | (5)% |

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| (in millions, except percentages) | Assets Under Management by Investment Strategy As of March 31, | | |
|--|--|------------------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | % Change |
| | | | |
| Small Cap | \$ 954 | \$ 1,429 | (33)% |
| Small-Mid Cap | 3,025 | 3,399 | (11)% |
| Mid Cap | 249 | 127 | 96 % |
| Large Cap | 10,686 | 10,767 | (1)% |
| All Cap Select | 477 | 467 | 2 % |
| Long-Short | 3,959 | 4,794 | (17)% |
| Global/International | 21 | 17 | 24 % |
| Short Duration Fixed Income | 621 | 370 | 68 % |
| Core Fixed Income | 58 | 48 | 21 % |
| Long Duration Fixed Income | 54 | — | NM |
| Corporate Credit | 874 | 689 | 27 % |
| High Yield | 76 | 44 | 73 % |
| (Less: Investments in affiliated funds) ^(a) | (174) | (222) | (22)% |
| Total AUM | <u>\$ 20,880</u> | <u>\$ 21,929</u> | (5)% |

(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 March 31, | |
|---|---|------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| | | |
| AUM at beginning of the period | \$ 19,108 | \$ 22,317 |
| Net cash inflows (outflows) | | |
| proprietary funds | (309) | 187 |
| sub-advised funds | 59 | 104 |
| institutional accounts | (209) | (35) |
| | <u>(459)</u> | <u>256</u> |
| Net market appreciation (depreciation) and income | 2,231 | (644) |
| Increase (decrease) during the period | <u>1,772</u> | <u>(388)</u> |
| AUM at end of the period | <u>\$ 20,880</u> | <u>\$ 21,929</u> |

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 March 31, | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | % Change |
| Total revenue | \$ 32,579 | \$ 37,782 | (14)% |
| Net operating income | \$ 11,134 | \$ 18,204 | (39)% |
| Net operating income, as adjusted ^(a) | \$ 13,546 | \$ 17,689 | (23)% |
| Net income attributable to common shareholders | \$ 16,933 | \$ 12,989 | 30% |
| Earnings per share attributable to common shareholders (Diluted) | \$ 4.84 | \$ 3.72 | 30% |
| Operating profit margin | 34% | 48% | |
| Operating profit margin, as adjusted ^(a) | 42% | 47% | |

(a) Net operating income, as adjusted, and operating profit margin, as adjusted, are non-GAAP performance measurements. See the Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measure section within this report.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2018

The Company generated net income attributable to common shareholders of \$16.9 million (\$4.84 per diluted share) for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared with net income attributable to common shareholders of \$13.0 million (\$3.72 per diluted share) for the three months ended March 31, 2018. Revenue decreased \$5.2 million period over period, primarily due to a decrease in average AUM. Operating expenses increased \$1.9 million, primarily due to increases in deferred compensation expense (see additional information in Expense Discussion). The Company had \$14.3 million in investment income due to market appreciation for the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to investment loss of \$1.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Income tax expense increased \$2.2 million from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019 due to the increase in pretax income and an increase of the Company's effective tax rate from 22.2% to 23.1%. The effective tax rate of 23.1% 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, including new jurisdictions in which we are filing in 2019. This is partially offset by the benefit attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests. The provision for income taxes includes a benefit attributable to the fact that the Company's operations include the Consolidated Funds which are not subject to federal income taxes. Accordingly, a portion of the Company's earnings are not subject to corporate tax levels. Absent the benefit attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests, the effective tax rate would have been 25.7%.

Operating profit margin was 34% for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 and 48% for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. Operating profit margin, as adjusted, was 42% for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 and 47% for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. See Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measure section within this report. We expect that our operating margin will fluctuate from period to period based on various factors, including revenues; investment results; employee performance; staffing levels; gains and losses on investments held in deferred compensation plans; development of investment strategies, products, or channels; and industry comparisons.

Revenue

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | % Change |
| Investment advisory | \$ 30,513 | \$ 34,631 | (12)% |
| Mutual fund administration, net | 2,066 | 3,151 | (34)% |
| Total | \$ 32,579 | \$ 37,782 | (14)% |

Investment Advisory Fees. Investment advisory fees decreased \$4.1 million, or 12%, from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. 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 decrease in investment advisory fees was driven by a decrease of 8% in average AUM period over period and a decrease of two basis points in the average advisory fee rate from 0.62% for the three months ended March 31, 2018, to 0.60% for the three months ended March 31, 2019. The decrease in

average advisory fee rate was driven by a shift in the mix of assets held in lower fee rate strategies during the three months ended March 31, 2019, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Mutual Fund Administration Fees. Mutual fund administration fees decreased \$1.1 million, or 34%, from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. 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 11% decrease in average Funds' AUM from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. The table below summarizes the decreases in the administration fee rates during the periods indicated:

| | Class A & C | Class I | Class Y |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 6/1/2017 - 2/27/2018 | 0.23% | 0.18% | 0.08% |
| 2/28/2018 - 3/31/19 | 0.21% | 0.17% | 0.05% |

Expenses

| (in thousands, except percentages) | Three Months Ended March 31, | | % Change |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | |
| Compensation and related costs, excluding deferred compensation expense | \$ 13,557 | \$ 14,902 | (9)% |
| Deferred compensation expense (benefit) | 2,412 | (515) | NM |
| General and administrative | 3,245 | 2,964 | 9 % |
| Sales and marketing | 1,371 | 1,210 | 13 % |
| Mutual fund administration | 861 | 1,017 | (15)% |
| Total | \$ 21,446 | \$ 19,578 | 10 % |

Compensation and Related Costs, excluding deferred compensation expense. Employee compensation and benefits decreased by \$1.3 million, or 9%, from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. This decrease is due to a decrease in incentive compensation expense of \$2.8 million, which was partially offset by an increase in salary and related benefits of \$1.5 million. Incentive compensation expense can fluctuate significantly period over period as we evaluate investment performance, individual performance, Company performance and other factors.

Deferred Compensation expense (benefit). Deferred compensation expense (benefit) increased by \$2.9 million from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. The gain (loss) on deferred compensation plan investments increases (decreases) deferred compensation expense included in operating income. Deferred compensation expense (benefit) is offset by an equal amount in investment income (loss) below net operating income on the consolidated statements of income statement, and thus has no impact on net income attributable to the Company. During the three months ended March 31, 2019, there were gains on investments held in our deferred compensation plans of \$2.4 million.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses increased by \$0.3 million, or 9%, from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. This increase was primarily due to increases in research expenses to support our investment team of \$0.2 million and an increase in information technology expense of \$0.1 million.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$0.2 million, or 13%, from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. The increase was due to our branding and public relations initiatives primarily focused on our fixed income strategies.

Mutual Fund Administration. Mutual fund administration expenses decreased by \$0.2 million, or 15%, from the three months ended March 31, 2018 to the three months ended March 31, 2019. 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, accounts receivable, direct investments in consolidated funds and other current assets. Our main source of liquidity is cash flows from operating activities, which are generated from investment advisory and mutual fund administration fees. Cash and cash equivalents, investments held directly by DHCM, accounts receivable, and other current assets represented \$235.6 million and \$238.4 million of total assets as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, 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 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.

Our 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. Our board of directors has also authorized management to repurchase the Company's common shares having an aggregate purchase price up to \$50.0 million, of which \$34.9 million is remaining. The authority to repurchase shares may be exercised from time to time as market conditions warrant and is subject to regulatory considerations.

Working Capital

As of March 31, 2019, the Company had working capital of approximately \$192.1 million, compared to \$180.4 million at December 31, 2018. Working capital includes cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, investments, direct investments in Consolidated Funds, and other current assets of DHCM, net of accounts payable and accrued expenses, accrued incentive compensation, deferred compensation and other current liabilities of DHCM.

The Company has no debt, and we believe our available working capital is sufficient to cover current expenses and presently anticipated capital expenditures.

Below is a summary of securities owned by the Company as of March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

| | As of | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | March 31, 2019 | December 31, 2018 |
| Corporate Investments: | | |
| Diamond Hill Core Bond Fund | \$ 38,235,523 | \$ 37,197,134 |
| Diamond Hill High Yield Fund | 27,628,562 | 25,931,879 |
| Diamond Hill Mid Cap Fund | 17,086,085 | 15,035,251 |
| Diamond Hill Research Opportunities Fund | 14,177,063 | 12,912,291 |
| Diamond Hill Valuation-Weighted 500 ETF ^(a) | — | 11,497,699 |
| Diamond Hill Global Fund | 9,490,570 | 8,482,790 |
| Diamond Hill International Equity Fund, L.P. | 1,162,949 | 1,057,445 |
| Total Corporate Investments | 107,780,752 | 112,114,489 |
| Deferred Compensation Plan Investments in the Funds | 26,777,526 | 22,387,874 |
| Total investments held by DHCM | 134,558,278 | 134,502,363 |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest in Consolidated Funds | 30,233,442 | 68,985,854 |
| Total Investment Portfolio | \$ 164,791,720 | \$ 203,488,217 |

(a) In March of 2019, the ETF determined to close and liquidate the Fund after the close of business on April 5, 2019. On March 26, 2019 the ETF liquidated its holdings and it held all cash as of March 31, 2019. The cash was distributed to all shareholders on April 5, 2019.

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 three months ended March 31, 2019, net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$16.1 million. Cash inflows provided by operating activities was primarily driven by net income of \$19.6 million, the add back of share-based compensation of \$2.2 million, depreciation of \$0.3 million, and net redemptions of securities held in the underlying investment portfolios of the Consolidated Funds of \$18.9 million. These cash inflows were partially offset by the decrease in accrued incentive compensation of \$18.6 million, and the cash impact of timing differences in the settlement of assets and liabilities of \$6.3 million. Absent the cash used by Consolidated Funds to purchase securities into their investment portfolios, cash flow used in operations was \$4.7 million.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, net cash used in operating activities totaled \$18.8 million. Cash used in operating activities was primarily driven by net purchases of trading securities held in the underlying investment portfolio of the Consolidated Funds of \$35.1 million and the payment of accrued incentive compensation of \$13.7 million. These cash outflows were partially offset by net income of \$12.9 million, the add back of share-based compensation of \$1.9 million, depreciation of \$0.3 million, and the cash impact of timing differences in the settlement of assets and liabilities of \$15.0 million. Absent the cash used by Consolidated Funds to purchase securities into their investment portfolios, cash flow provided by operations would have been \$9.8 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 \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2019. The Company purchased investments of \$4.6 million and \$0.1 million of property and equipment during the period. These cash outflows were partially offset by proceeds from the sale of investments of \$2.7 million.

Cash flows used in investing activities totaled \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018. The Company purchased investments of \$3.1 million and \$0.1 million of property and equipment purchases during the period. These cash outflows were partially offset by proceeds from sale of investments of \$1.1 million.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

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

For the three months ended March 31, 2019, net cash used in financing activities totaled \$6.4 million, consisting of net subscriptions received in the Consolidated Funds from redeemable noncontrolling interest holders of \$1.5 million, which were partially offset by repurchases of the Company's common shares of \$7.9 million.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$3.2 million, consisting of net subscriptions received in the Consolidated Funds from redeemable noncontrolling interest holders of \$3.7 million, partially offset by the value of shares withheld related to employee tax withholding of \$0.5 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.

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The following table summarizes the condensed cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2019, that are attributable to Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. and to the Consolidated Funds, and the related eliminations required in preparing the consolidated statements.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2019 | | | |
|---|---|--|----------------|---|
| | Cash flow attributable to Diamond Hill Investment Group, Inc. | Cash flow attributable to Consolidated Funds | Eliminations | As reported on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows |
| Cash flows from Operating Activities: | | | | |
| Net Income | \$ 16,932,642 | \$ 6,224,058 | \$ (3,600,853) | \$ 19,555,847 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation | 282,565 | — | — | 282,565 |
| Share-based compensation | 2,154,024 | — | — | 2,154,024 |
| Net (gains)/losses on investments | (10,430,652) | (6,224,058) | 3,600,853 | (13,053,857) |
| Net change in securities held by Consolidated Funds | — | 18,908,654 | — | 18,908,654 |
| Other changes in assets and liabilities | (13,612,378) | 1,843,005 | — | (11,769,373) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (4,673,799) | 20,751,659 | — | 16,077,860 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2,423,904) | — | 456,131 | (1,967,773) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (7,907,055) | 1,972,194 | (456,131) | (6,390,992) |
| Net change during the period | (15,004,758) | 22,723,853 | — | 7,719,095 |
| Cash at beginning of period ^(a) | 84,430,059 | — | — | 84,430,059 |
| Cash at end of period ^(a) | \$ 69,425,301 | \$ 22,723,853 | \$ — | \$ 92,149,154 |

(a) Cash includes cash and cash equivalents and cash held by noncontrolling shareholders.

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 months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

| (in thousands, except percentages and per share data) | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Total revenue | \$ 32,579 | \$ 37,782 |
| Net operating income, GAAP basis | \$ 11,134 | \$ 18,204 |
| Non-GAAP adjustment: | | |
| Gains (losses) on deferred compensation plan investments, net ⁽¹⁾ | 2,412 | (515) |
| Net operating income, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽²⁾ | 13,546 | 17,689 |
| Non-GAAP adjustment: | | |
| Tax provision on net operating income, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽³⁾ | (3,484) | (3,923) |
| Net operating income, as adjusted, after tax, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 10,062 | \$ 13,766 |
| Net operating income, as adjusted after tax per diluted share, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 2.88 | \$ 3.94 |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding, GAAP basis | 3,497 | 3,492 |
| Operating profit margin, GAAP basis | 34% | 48% |
| Operating profit margin, as adjusted, non-GAAP basis ⁽⁶⁾ | 42% | 47% |

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

⁽²⁾ *Net operating income, as adjusted:* This non-GAAP measure represents 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 unconsolidated effective tax rate to net operating income, as adjusted.

⁽⁴⁾ *Net operating income, as adjusted, after tax:* This non-GAAP measure deducts from the net operating income, as adjusted, 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

For a summary of the critical accounting policies important to understanding the condensed consolidated financial statements see Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, in the condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this filing and Critical Accounting Policies in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the 2018 Annual Report and Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, in the 2018 Annual Report for further information.

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 2018 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 March 31, 2019, 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 2018 Annual Report.

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

During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, the Company 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 during the first quarter of fiscal year 2019:

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| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased for Employee Tax Withholdings ^(a) | Total Number of Shares Purchased as part of Publicly Announced Program ^(b) | Average Price Paid Per Share Purchased Under the Program | Purchase Price of Shares Purchased Under the Program | Aggregate Purchase Price Yet To Be Purchased Under the Program |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 | — | 21,299 | \$ 155.28 | \$ 3,307,974 | \$ 39,462,777 |
| February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 | — | 16,748 | \$ 145.22 | \$ 2,432,669 | \$ 37,030,108 |
| March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 | — | 15,598 | \$ 138.86 | \$ 2,166,412 | \$ 34,863,696 |
| Total | — | 53,645 | | \$ 7,907,055 | |

- (a) The Company regularly withholds shares for tax payments due upon employee Restricted Stock vestings. During the quarter ended March 31, 2019, no shares for employee tax withholdings were purchased.
- (b) The Company's current share repurchase program was announced on September 25, 2018. Our board of directors authorized management to repurchase up to \$50,000,000 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 will expire in September 2020.

The Company has entered into a Rule 10b5-1 repurchase plan in connection with its currently effective repurchase program. This plan is intended to qualify for the safe harbor under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. A Rule 10b5-1 plan allows a company to purchase its shares at times when it would not ordinarily be in the market due to its trading policies or the possession of material nonpublic information. Purchases may be made in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. Purchases in the open market will be made in compliance with Rule 10b-18 under the Exchange Act. Because the repurchases under the 10b5-1 plan are subject to specified parameters and certain price, timing and volume restraints specified in the plan, there is no guarantee as to the exact number of shares that will be repurchased, or that there will be any repurchases at all pursuant to the plan.

Since the commencement of the repurchase program through March 31, 2019, the Company has repurchased 99,115 of the Company's common shares at a total cost of \$15.1 million.

ITEM 3: Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

ITEM 4: Mine Safety Disclosures

None

ITEM 5: Other Information

None

ITEM 6: Exhibits

- 3.1 [Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company \(Incorporated by reference from Form 8-K Current Report for the event on May 2, 2002 filed with the SEC on May 7, 2002; File No. 000-24498.\)](#)
- 3.2 [Certificate of Amendment by Shareholders to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company \(Incorporated by reference from Form 8-K Current Report for the event on April 28, 2017; File No. 000-24498.\)](#)
- 3.3 [Amended and Restated Code of Regulations of the Company \(Incorporated by reference from Form 8-K Current Report, Exhibit 3.2, filed with the SEC on April 28, 2017; File No. 000-24498.\)](#)
- 31.1 [Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14\(a\) or Rule 15d-14\(a\).](#)
- 31.2 [Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14\(a\) or Rule 15d-14\(a\).](#)
- 32.1 [Section 1350 Certifications.](#) (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.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Signature</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| May 1, 2019 | Chief Executive Officer and President | <u>/s/ Christopher M. Bingaman</u> Christopher M. Bingaman |
| May 1, 2019 | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer | <u>/s/ Thomas E. Line</u> Thomas E. Line |

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Section 2: 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: May 1, 2019

/s/ Christopher M. Bingaman

Christopher M. Bingaman

Chief Executive Officer

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Section 3: 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: May 1, 2019

/s/ Thomas E. Line

Thomas E. Line

Chief Financial Officer

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Section 4: 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 March 31, 2019 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: May 1, 2019

/s/ Thomas E. Line

Print Name: Thomas E. Line

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 1, 2019

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