
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2005

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-31234 (Commission File Number) 75-2969997 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Crescent Court, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75201
(Address of principal executive offices)

(214) 756-6900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
-] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02: RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 34-47583, the following information, which is being furnished pursuant to the requirements of Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition," is being reported under Item 7.01, "Regulation FD Disclosure."

On February 9, 2005, Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. issued a press release entitled "Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Reports Q4 and Fiscal Year 2004 Results and Declares Quarterly Dividend," a copy of which is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

ITEM 7.01: REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Westwood announced today that its Board of Directors has approved the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.08 per common share, payable on April 1, 2005 to stockholders of record on March 15, 2005.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits: The following exhibit is furnished with this report:

Exhibit Number	Description				
99.1	Press Release dated February 9, 2005, entitled "Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Reports Q4 and Fiscal Year 2004 Results and Declares Quarterly Dividend"				

SIGNATURES

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

Date: February 9, 2005

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Brian O. Casey

Brian O. Casey,
President and Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. REPORTS Q4 AND FISCAL YEAR 2004 RESULTS AND DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

DALLAS, Feb. 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (NYSE: WHG) today reported 2004 fourth quarter revenues of \$5.1 million, net income of \$896,000, and earnings per diluted share of \$0.16. This compares to revenues of \$4.7 million and net income of \$1.1 million, or \$0.21 per diluted share in the fourth quarter of 2003. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, Westwood reported revenues of \$20.0 million and net income of \$3.7 million, or \$0.68 per diluted share, compared to revenues of \$20.1 million and net income of \$4.9 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share for the 2003 fiscal year.

Total expenses for the 2004 fourth quarter were \$3.7 million compared to \$2.9 million for the 2003 fourth quarter, and were \$14.0 million for the 2004 fiscal year compared to \$12.2 million for the 2003 fiscal year, an increase of approximately \$1.8 million. Employee compensation and benefits costs for the year 2004 increased by approximately \$1.3 million compared to 2003, primarily as a result of higher restricted stock expense. Professional services costs increased by approximately \$356,000 primarily due to increased costs associated with Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

Susan M. Byrne, Westwood's founder and Chief Executive Officer commented, "While many of our peers in the asset management industry have seen significant increases in cash compensation, we are gratified that our employees have chosen to receive restricted stock in lieu of increased cash compensation in an effort to participate in the future growth of the company."

Assets under management were \$4.0 billion as of December 31, 2004, an increase of 1.1% compared to December 31, 2003. Quarterly average assets under management for the year 2004 were \$3.9 billion compared to \$4.0 billion for the year 2003. The increase in period ending assets under management was primarily due to the market appreciation of assets under management offset by the withdrawal of assets by certain clients.

Westwood Trust continued its solid growth, reporting record revenue of \$5.9 million and net income of \$524,000 in 2004, compared to revenue of \$4.8 million and net income of \$380,000 for 2003. Westwood Trust also reported period ending assets under management of over \$1.0 billion for the first time in its history.

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Brian O. Casey, Westwood's President and Chief Operating Officer commented, "We are pleased to have delivered improved performance in our flagship LargeCap Value product and another year of strong performance in our seasoned SMidCap Value product. Until recently SMidCap Value has been available exclusively to Westwood Trust clients. We are now focusing on bringing this product to our institutional client base in 2005. We are off to a good start with a new SMidCap client earned last month and additional opportunities in the pipeline. Our AllCap Value and Alternative REAL Income products will complete a three-year record in 2005 and our new SmallCap Value product completed an excellent first year. We have spent considerable time and money over the past several years developing all of these products and look forward to adding additional clients in the years ahead."

About Westwood

Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. manages investment assets and provides services for its clients through two subsidiaries, Westwood Management Corp. and Westwood Trust. Westwood Management Corp. is a registered investment advisor and provides investment advisory services to corporate pension funds, public retirement plans, endowments and foundations, mutual funds and clients of Westwood Trust. Westwood Trust provides, to institutions and high net worth individuals, trust and custodial services and participation in common trust funds that it sponsors. Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "WHG." For more information, please visit the Company's website at http://www.westwoodgroup.com .

Statements that are not purely historical facts, including statements about anticipated or expected future revenue and earnings growth and profitability, as well as other statements including words such as "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "should," "could," "goal," "target," "designed," "on track," "continue," "comfortable with, " "optimistic, " "look forward to" and other similar expressions, constitute 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. These forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results to be materially different from those contemplated by the forwardlooking statements. Such factors include the risks and uncertainties referenced in our documents filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation those identified under the caption "Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forwardlooking statements.

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (in thousands, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

		Three months ended December 31,						
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
REVENUES:								
Advisory fees	\$	3,229	\$	3,204	\$	13,069	\$	14,008
Trust fees		1,494		1,324		5,818		4,794
Other revenues		340		178		1,093		1,276
Total revenues		5,063		4,706		19,980		20,078
EXPENSES:								
Employee compensation and								
benefits		2,458		1,995		9,799		8,492
Sales and marketing		112		112		473		563
Information technology		188		182		692		779
Professional services		401		216		1,248		892
General and administrative		513		392		1,783		1,472
Total expenses		3,672		2,897		13,995		12,198
Income before income taxes		1,391		1,809		5,985		7,880
Provision for income tax expense		495		693		2,299		2,996
Net income	\$	896	\$	1,116	\$	3,686	\$	4,884
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.17	\$	0.21	\$	0.68	\$	0.91
Diluted	\$	0.16	\$	0.21	\$	0.68	\$	0.90

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	2004		2003			
ASSETS						
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	720	\$	3,643		
Accounts receivable		1,832		1,931		
Investments, at market value		18,632		17,413		
Other current assets		414		385		
Total current assets		21,598		23,372		

Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization of \$640 Deferred income taxes Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$250 and \$620	2,302 517 1,860	2,302 364 199
Total assets	\$ 26,277	\$ 26,237
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 629	\$ 935
Dividends payable	460	167
Compensation and benefits payable	2,703	2,776
Income taxes payable		472
Other current liabilities	17	19
Total current liabilities	3,809	4,369
Deferred rent	805	15
Total liabilities	4,614	4,384
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized		
10,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding		
5,754,147 shares at December 31, 2004;		
issued 5,550,472 and outstanding 5,550,119		
shares at December 31, 2003	58	56
Additional paid-in capital	16,962	12,952
Treasury stock, at cost - 353 shares at		
December 31, 2003		(6)
Unamortized stock compensation	(4,821)	(2,609)
Retained earnings	9,464	11,460
Total stockholders' equity	21,663	21,853
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 26,277	\$ 26,237

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SOURCE Westwood Holdings Group, Inc.

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