
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): July 27, 2006

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 July 27, 2006, Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. issued a press release entitled "Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Announces 67% Increase in Quarterly Dividend, a Special Cash Dividend of \$0.85 per Share and Second Quarter 2006 Results; Assets Under Management Rise to Record \$5.4 Billion at June 30, 2006; Second Quarter Revenue Increases 26.4% Year-over-year to \$6.6 Million", 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 \$0.15 per common share and a special dividend of \$0.85 per common share, both payable on October 2, 2006 to stockholders of record on September 15, 2006.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

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Year-over-year to \$6.6 Million".

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: July 27, 2006

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ William R. Hardcastle, Jr.

William R. Hardcastle, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

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WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. ANNOUNCES 67% INCREASE IN QUARTERLY DIVIDEND, A SPECIAL CASH DIVIDEND OF \$0.85 PER SHARE AND SECOND QUARTER 2006 RESULTS

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT RISE TO RECORD \$5.4 BILLION AT JUNE 30, 2006; SECOND QUARTER REVENUE INCREASES 26.4% YEAR-OVER-YEAR TO \$6.6 MILLION

Dallas, July 27, 2006 - Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (NYSE: WHG) today announced that its Board of Directors has approved the payment of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per common share, an increase of 67% from the previous quarterly dividend of \$0.09 per share. The Board has also approved the payment of a special cash dividend of \$0.85 per share. Both the quarterly and special dividends will be payable on October 2, 2006 to stockholders of record on September 15, 2006.

Westwood also today reported 2006 second quarter revenues of \$6.6 million, net income of \$986,000 and earnings per diluted share of \$0.18. This compares to revenues of \$5.3 million, net income of \$937,000 and earnings per diluted share of \$0.17 in the second quarter of 2005. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, Westwood reported revenues of \$13.2 million and net income of \$2.3 million, or \$0.41 per diluted share, compared to revenues of \$10.3 million and net income of \$1.8 million, or \$0.32 per diluted share, for the same 2005 period.

Revenues for the 2006 second quarter increased 26.4% compared to the 2005 second quarter and increased 27.2% for the six months ended June 30, 2006 compared to the same 2005 period, primarily as a result of increased average assets under management. Assets under management reached the highest level in the Company's history at \$5.4 billion as of June 30, 2006, an increase of 26.5% compared to \$4.3 billion on June 30, 2005. Average assets under management for the second quarter of 2006 were \$5.4 billion, an increase of 28.9% compared with the same period in 2005. The increase in period ending assets under management was principally attributable to inflows of assets from new and existing clients and the market appreciation of assets under management, partially offset by the withdrawal of assets by certain clients.

Total expenses for the second quarter 2006 were \$5.0 million compared to \$3.7million for the second quarter 2005. The primary driver of the increase was higher employee compensation and benefits costs, most of which was due to an increase of approximately \$711,000 in non-cash restricted stock expense due to additional restricted stock grants in July 2005 and grants of performance-based restricted stock to our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer in May 2006. Total non-cash equity-based compensation expense was \$1.2 million, or 21 cents per diluted share in the second quarter 2006 compared to \$477,000, or 9 cents per diluted share in the second quarter 2005. In the second quarter of 2006, we concluded that it is probable that we will meet the performance goal required in order for the applicable percentage of these performance-based shares to vest for 2006. As a result, we recognized expense of approximately \$470,000 in the second quarter of 2006 related to the expected vesting of these shares. We expect to recognize a similar amount of expense in the third and fourth quarters of 2006 related to these performance-based restricted stock grants. Other components of the increase in employee compensation and benefits costs were increased salary expense due to salary increases for certain employees and increased headcount as well as increased incentive compensation expense.

Westwood Trust contributed revenue of \$2.1 million and net income of \$290,000 in the second quarter of 2006, compared to revenue of \$1.7 million and net income of \$181,000 in the second quarter of 2005. Westwood Trust assets under management as of June 30, 2006 were \$1.3 billion, an increase of 18.2% compared to June 30, 2005. Westwood Trust continues to enjoy referrals from existing clients and local professionals.

The Company also today entered into long-term employment agreements with Susan M. Byrne, Westwood's founder and Chief Investment Officer, and Brian O. Casey, the Company's Chief Executive Officer. These agreements will be filed tomorrow with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a Form 8-k.

Mr. Casey commented, "We are now seeing the results of continued strong performance in our clients' portfolios and recent new account wins in the form of solid growth in assets under management, revenue and cash generation. Cash flow from operations, which is not impacted by non-cash equity-based compensation expense, increased by 57.6% for the six months ended June 30, 2006

to \$2.4 million compared to \$1.5 million for the same period in 2005, illustrating the strong underlying fundamentals and cash generation capability of our business. Increasing cash generation has allowed us to consistently increase our dividend stream. Rising dividends benefit all stakeholders and would not be possible without the outstanding collective efforts of our owner-employees."

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, foundations, the WHG Funds, a family of institutional, no-load mutual funds, other 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 www.westwoodgroup.com.

Note on Forward-looking Statements

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 forward-looking 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 "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 forward-looking statements.

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

		ITHS ENDED	SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,			
	2006		2006	2005		
REVENUES:						
Advisory fees	\$ 4,311	\$ 3,309	\$ 8,490	\$ 6,500		
Trust fees	2,042	1,668	3,940	3,371		
Other revenues	286	276	720	464		
Total revenues	6,639	5,253	13,150	10,335		
EXPENSES:						
Employee compensation and benefits	3,730	2,681	6,921	5,279		
Sales and marketing	177	145	365	227		
Information technology	220	192	462	377		
Professional services	375	274	728	593		
General and administrative	520	435	1,014	912		
Total expenses	5,022	3,727	9,490	,		

Income before income taxes		1,617 631		1,526 589	 3,660 1,417	 2,947 1,135
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle,		986		937	2,243	1,812
net of income taxes of \$21		-		-	39	-
Net income	\$	986	\$	937	\$ 2,282	\$ 1,812
Earnings per share: Basic:						
Continuing operations	\$	0.18	\$	0.17	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.33
Net income	\$	0.18	\$	0.17	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.33
Diluted:						
Continuing operations	\$	0.18	\$	0.17	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.32
Net income	\$ ===:	0.18	\$ ===	0.17	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.32

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2006 AND DECEMBER 31, 2005 (in thousands, except par values and share amounts) (unaudited)

	J	UNE 30, 2006	DEC	EMBER 31, 2005
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,850	\$	1,897
Accounts receivable		2,411		2,452
Investments, at market value		18,469		17,878
Other current assets		347		410
Total current assets		24,077		22,637
Goodwill		2,302		2,302
Deferred income taxes		1,426		817
depreciation of \$654 and \$523		1,410		1,554
Total assets	\$		\$	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	621	\$	715
Dividends payable		575		539
Compensation and benefits payable		1,807		
Income taxes payable		771		694
Other current liabilities		9		7
Total current liabilities		3,783		4,935
Deferred rent		769		816
Total liabilities		4,552		5,751
Stockholders' Equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 10,000,000 shares, issued and				
outstanding 6,389,147 shares at June 30, 2006; issued and outstanding				
5,986,647 shares at December 31, 2005		64		60
Additional paid-in capital		16,819		21,459
Unamortized stock compensation		_		(6,572)
Retained earnings		7,780		6,612
Total stockholders' equity		24,663		21,559
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity		29,215	\$	27,310
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WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,

	2006		2005	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	2,282	\$	1,812
Depreciation and amortization		138		135
Unrealized gains on investments		(110)		(99)
Stock option expense		122		125
Restricted stock amortization		1,765		800
Deferred income taxes		(630)		(301)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(39)		-
Net purchases of investments - trading securities		(129)		(52)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable		41		(134)
Decrease in other current assets		55		170
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(94)		(17)
Decrease in compensation and benefits payable		(1,173)		(1, 126)
Increase in income taxes payable		114		126
Increase in other liabilities		9		53
Net cash provided by operating activities		2,351		1,492
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of money market funds - available for sale		(2,775) 2,423		(1,982) 2,233
Purchase of property and equipment		(40)		(52)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		(392)		199
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		72		165
Cash dividends		(1,078)		(920)
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,006)		(755)
NET INCREASE IN CASH		953		936
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		1,897		720
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	2,850		1,656
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Supplemental cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	Ş	1,934	\$	1,310
Cancellation of restricted stock Tax benefit allocated directly to equity		37		(140) 16

SOURCE: Westwood Holdings Group, Inc.

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