
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): April 26, 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 $(17\ \text{CFR}\ 230.425)$
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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 April 26, 2005, Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. issued a press release entitled "Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2005 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 July 1, 2005 to stockholders of record on June 15, 2005.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

Exhibit Number

Description

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______ Press Release dated April 26, 2005, entitled "Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Reports First Quarter 2005 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: April 26, 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 FIRST QUARTER 2005 RESULTS AND DECLARES OUARTERLY DIVIDEND

DALLAS, April 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (NYSE: WHG) today reported 2005 first quarter revenues of \$5.1 million, net income of \$875,000, and earnings per diluted share of \$0.16. This compares to revenues of \$5.0 million, net income of \$1.1 million and earnings per diluted share of \$0.21 in the first quarter of 2004.

Total expenses for the 2005 first quarter were \$3.7 million compared to \$3.2 million for the 2004 first quarter, an increase of approximately \$447,000. Employee compensation and benefits costs increased by approximately \$261,000 compared to the 2004 first quarter, primarily due to higher restricted stock expense as a result of our continued efforts to build the firm for future growth. Professional services costs increased by approximately \$95,000 primarily as a result of higher professional fees related to Sarbanes-Oxley compliance as well as higher subadvisory fees due to the engagement in the 2004 second quarter of a subadvisor for growth portfolios at Westwood Trust as well as increased assets under management at Westwood Trust. General and administrative costs increased by approximately \$96,000, primarily as a result of higher rent and depreciation expense due to our relocation to new office space in June 2004.

Assets under management were \$4.1 billion as of March 31, 2005, an increase of 5.2% compared to \$3.9 billion on March 31, 2004. Average assets under management for the first quarter of 2005 were \$4.0 billion, an increase of 3.1% compared with the first quarter of 2004. The increase in period ending assets under management was principally attributable to market appreciation of assets under management as well as inflows from new clients, partially offset by the withdrawal of assets by certain clients.

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

Susan M. Byrne, Westwood's founder and Chief Executive Officer commented, "This quarter witnessed continued strong performance by our product teams. We are especially pleased to have delivered positive rates of return for our clients in a difficult first quarter for the major financial markets."

Brian O. Casey, Westwood's President and Chief Operating Officer added, "In the first quarter Westwood Trust continued to gain new customers, which reinforces our belief that we have developed a compelling offering of excellent, cost-advantaged products combined with attentive client service. We are also seeing increased search activity from the institutional marketplace for our SMidCap Value product and hope to see asset growth in the year 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 .

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 "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 forward-looking statements.

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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

	Thre	ee months e	ended	March 31,	
		2005	2004		
REVENUES:					
Advisory fees	\$	3,191	\$	3,420	
Trust fees		1,703		1,452	
Other revenues		188		171	
Total revenues		5,082		5,043	
EXPENSES:					
Employee compensation and benefits		2,598		2,337	
Sales and marketing		82		100	
Information technology		185		172	
Professional services		319		224	
General and administrative		477		381	
Total expenses		3,661		3,214	
Income before income taxes		1,421		1,829	
Provision for income taxes		546		712	
Net income	\$	875	\$	1,117	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	0.16	\$	0.21	
Diluted	\$	0.16	\$	0.21	

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	March 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Investments, at market value Other current assets Total current assets Goodwill Deferred income taxes Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$317 and \$250 Total assets	\$ \$	1,542 2,019 16,845 364 20,770 2,302 673 1,787 25,532		720 1,832 18,632 414 21,598 2,302 517 1,860 26,277
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Dividends payable Compensation and benefits payable	\$	524 460 764	\$	629 460 2,703

Income taxes payable Other current liabilities Total current liabilities Deferred rent Total liabilities	452 6 2,206 788 2,994	17 3,809 805 4,614
Stockholders' Equity: Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 10,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding 5,746,897 shares at March 31, 2005; issued and outstanding 5,754,147 shares at		
December 31, 2004	58	58
Additional paid-in capital	16,897	16,962
Unamortized stock compensation	(4,296)	(4,821)
Retained earnings	9,879	9,464
Total stockholders' equity	22,538	21,663
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 25,532	\$ 26 , 277

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