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(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014

or

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

For the transition period _____ from to _____

Commission File Number: 001-34594

TOWERS WATSON & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

901 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

27-0676603

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

(703) 258-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

and

NASDAQ Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of

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this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$8,933,271,686 based on the closing price as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, December 31, 2013.

As of August 6, 2014, there were 70,214,854 outstanding shares of Class A common stock at a par value of \$0.01.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report.

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Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report contains a number of “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, among others, statements regarding revenue drivers, growth opportunities and operational cost savings; the Executive Overview; Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates; the discussion of our capital expenditures; Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations; Liquidity and Capital Resources; Risk Management; and Part I, Item 3 “Legal Proceedings”. You can identify these statements and other forward-looking statements in this filing by words such as “may”, “will”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “estimate”, “intend”, “continue”, or similar words, expressions or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. You should read these statements carefully because they contain projections of our future results of operations or financial condition, or state other “forward-looking” information. A number of risks and uncertainties exist that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results reflected in these forward-looking statements are identified under “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. These statements are based on assumptions that may not come true. All forward-looking disclosure is speculative by its nature. Except where required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any of the forward-looking information included in this Annual Report, whether as a result of new information, future events, changed expectations or otherwise.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

The Company

Towers Watson & Co. (referred to herein as “Towers Watson”, the “Company” or “we”) is a leading global professional services company that helps organizations improve performance through effective people, risk and financial management. We offer consulting, technology and solutions in the areas of benefits, talent management, rewards, and risk and capital management. We provide clients with comprehensive services across four business segments – Benefits, Risk and Financial Services, Talent and Rewards, and Exchange Solutions – through a strong talent pool of approximately 14,800 full-time associates in 37 countries. Our professional employees, including fully accredited actuaries, are trusted advisors and experts in their fields. Towers Watson was formed on January 1, 2010, from the merger (the “Merger”) of Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, Inc. (“Towers Perrin”) and Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Inc. (“Watson Wyatt”), two leading professional services firms that traced their roots back more than 100 years.

We help our clients enhance business performance in a variety of ways. We help employers improve their ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified employees. We deliver consulting services and solutions that help organizations anticipate, identify and capitalize on emerging opportunities in benefit and human capital management. We advise the insurance industry on a wide range of strategic and risk management issues. We provide investment advice and solutions to help our clients develop and implement disciplined, efficient strategies to meet their investment goals. Also, we help employers make smart decisions with regard to employee benefit plans, including decisions regarding the use of private health insurance exchanges in the U.S. These decisions and others enable organizations to realize cost savings related to their workforce and retiree health plans, while providing plan participants with improved choice and control over their health benefits.

Our target market is generally large, multi-national and domestic companies, with particular focus on the insurance industry for our risk consulting business. Our clients include many of the world’s leading corporations, including approximately 92% of the Fortune Global 500 companies and 84% of the Fortune 1000. We also advise more than three-quarters of the world’s leading insurance companies. We work with major corporations, emerging growth companies, governmental agencies and not-for-profit institutions in a wide variety of industries.

Business Overview

As leading economies worldwide become more service-oriented and interconnected, effective human resource management and financial management are increasingly sources of competitive advantage for organizations. Employers, regardless of geography or industry, are facing unprecedented challenges involving the management of their people. Changing technology, expectations for innovation and quality enhancements, changing risks, skill shortages in selected areas, and an aging population in many developed countries have increased employers’ focus on attracting and retaining talented employees. Further, employers are focused on improving productivity and effectively managing the size and volatility of their labor costs. The growing demand for employee benefit and human capital

management services is directly related to the size and complexity of human resource programs and the changes associated with their design, financial management and administration, including health care reform in the U.S. Additionally, as organizations focus on improving business performance, they want to combine risk management and operational improvements within their overall financial management framework. It is crucial for employers, including insurance carriers, to link risk, capital and value in order to manage value creation and balance risk and return. These are among the primary business issues that lead employers to seek Towers Watson's advice and solutions.

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The Benefits segment is our largest segment. It provides benefits consulting and administration services through four lines of business. Retirement and Health and Group Benefits support organizations worldwide in designing, financing, and administering (in conjunction with our Technology and Administration Solutions line of business) all types of retirement and health and group benefit plans. The International Consulting group supports multinational companies as they look to govern these plans globally and bring global strategies, efficiencies and risk management techniques to bear. The group also provides support for mergers, acquisitions and other corporate transactions. Through our Technology and Administration Solutions line of business, we deliver benefits outsourcing solutions, including administration technology and call center support. A significant portion of this segment's revenue is from recurring work, driven in large part by our clients' ongoing needs for these services. The segment also generates revenue by helping our clients with various changes driven by legislation, regulation, and changes in work force preferences. The Benefits segment contributed 59% of Towers Watson's segment revenue during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

The Risk and Financial Services segment, our second largest, has two lines of business united by an approach that focuses on risk, capital and value. Our aim is to help clients improve business performance by effectively integrating risk management into their overall financial management framework. Risk Consulting and Software provides risk consulting and financial modeling software solutions primarily to the insurance industry. Investment provides consulting and solutions focused on investment strategy, risk assessment, asset allocation, manager selection and investment execution to institutional investors, primarily pension plans. A significant portion of the revenue in this segment is from recurring work, driven in large part by the heavily regulated nature of the insurance industry and ongoing demand for investment consulting services. The Risk and Financial Services segment, exclusive of our Reinsurance and Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage business ("Brokerage"), which was sold in November 2013, contributed 19% of Towers Watson's segment revenue during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

The Talent and Rewards segment has three lines of business that help clients improve workforce and business performance, with a focus on getting and keeping the right people, and having them do the right things at the right cost. Executive Compensation advises our clients' management and boards of directors on executive pay and incentive programs. Rewards, Talent and Communication provides a broad array of services including designing and implementing pay and other human resource programs and processes that influence employees' behavior, engagement and performance. Data, Surveys and Technology enhances workforce management programs through reward administration and talent management technology, compensation benchmarking, employee opinion surveys, and human resource (HR) function metrics. The revenues in this segment come from project-based work, technology services, and implementation and data products that are provided to a stable client base. The Talent and Rewards segment contributed 17% of Towers Watson's segment revenue during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

We created our fourth segment, Exchange Solutions, when we acquired Extend Health on May 29, 2012. Liazon Corporation, a leader in the active group exchange market, became part of the segment after we acquired it effective November 22, 2013. We broadly define our exchange product as 'OneExchange,' and Liazon is now a critical component of our OneExchange Active solution where we believe we have created one of the broadest offerings in the active exchange marketplace, capable of serving clients across the size and complexity spectrum, while offering either self or fully insured financing of healthcare costs. Our OneExchange Retiree solution operates the largest private Medicare insurance exchange in the U.S. Our retiree solution enables employers to transition their retirees to individual, defined contribution health plans at an annual cost that the employer controls - versus group-based, defined benefit health plans, which have uncertain annual costs. By moving to a defined contribution approach, our clients can provide their retirees with the same or better health care benefits as in the past, but at a lower overall cost. Revenues in our Exchange Solutions segment come predominantly from the commissions and overrides we receive from insurance carriers for enrolling individuals into their health plans. This revenue increases as the number of enrolled members grows. The Exchange Solutions segment contributed 5% of Towers Watson's segment revenue during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Towers Watson is recognized for its thought leadership and proprietary solutions. Our insights, derived from our extensive research across our four business segments, are a core part of our brand identity and are widely cited by major news outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, the Financial Times, BBC News and CNBC. We publish proprietary studies and white papers on topics that include employee attitudes toward the

workplace, executive pay trends, health care quality and costs, the impact of enterprise risk management on business performance, and strategies for managing pension risk and investments.

While we are focused on maintaining our deep expertise in products and services in the areas described above, we believe our ability to link the products and services from our various consulting areas is a key to comprehensively meeting our clients' complex needs.

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Below are total Towers Watson revenues and long-lived assets by geographic area for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Revenue			Long-Lived Assets		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
North America	\$2,046,488	\$1,972,981	\$1,760,749	\$2,484,019	\$2,293,045	\$2,263,592
Europe	1,162,888	1,161,973	1,205,519	1,211,700	1,193,188	1,110,367
Rest of World	272,536	297,561	291,630	44,466	47,308	66,131
	\$3,481,912	\$3,432,515	\$3,257,898	\$3,740,185	\$3,533,541	\$3,440,090

Principal Services

As noted earlier, our global operations include four segments: Benefits, Risk and Financial Services, Talent and Rewards, and Exchange Solutions. The percentages of segment revenue generated by the various groups are as follows (all years presented on a continuing operations basis):

	Year ended June 30,				
	2014	2013	2012		
Benefits	59	% 60	% 61		%
Risk and Financial Services	19	20	21		
Talent and Rewards	17	17	18		
Exchange Solutions	5	3	N/A*		
Total Segment Revenue	100	% 100	% 100		%

* The Exchange Solutions segment contributed \$3.6 million, or less than 1 percent, of revenue, for the one month of operations included in our fiscal year 2012 results.

Benefits Segment

The Benefits segment is our largest, with over 7,300 associates. The Benefits segment generated approximately 59% of Towers Watson's segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. This segment has grown organically and through business combinations. Benefits consultants work with clients to create and manage cost-effective benefit programs that help them attract, retain and motivate a talented workforce, while managing the costs and financial risks associated with these programs.

The lines of business within the Benefits segment are:

Retirement**Health and Group Benefits****Technology and Administration Solutions****International Consulting**

The Benefits lines of business often work closely together on client assignments, along with consultants from the Talent and Rewards and Risk and Financial Services segments. Examples of such client assignments include mergers and acquisitions, total reward program design, retiree benefit strategy, benefit program de-risking, benefits administration and benefit-related communication and change management.

Retirement

As one of the world's leading advisors on retirement plans, we provide actuarial and consulting services for large defined benefit and defined contribution plans, including consulting on plan design, funding and risk management strategies. We also help our clients assess the costs and risks of retirement plans on cash flow, earnings and the balance sheet, the effects of changing workforce demographics on their retirement plans and retiree benefit adequacy and security.

Towers Watson is the named actuary for many of the world's largest retirement plan sponsors. We provide actuarial services to more of the top 300 pension funds worldwide than any other consulting firm. In the U.S., we provide actuarial services to five of the six largest corporate-sponsored defined benefit plans (based on total pension plan assets), and, in the U.K., we advise 37 of the 100 largest corporate pension funds. We also have market-leading positions in Canada, Germany and the Netherlands. In 2012, we won actuarial employer of the year with three Towers Watson associates voted among the Top 30 Actuaries under 30 by Actuarial Post magazine in the U.K. We offer clients a full range of integrated, innovative retirement consulting services to meet the needs of all types of employers —

including those that continue to offer defined benefit plans and those that are reexamining their retirement benefit strategies. For clients that want to outsource some or all of their pension plan management,

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we offer integrated solutions that combine investment consulting, pension administration, core actuarial services, and communication and change management assistance.

Our retirement consulting services include:

• Retirement strategy and plan design

• Actuarial services and related support

• Retirement plan financial management

• Settlement solutions such as lump sum cash outs, longevity swaps and annuity purchases

• Compliance and governance strategies

• Risk management such as liability-driven investment changes

• Defined contribution solutions

Much of our recent consulting with clients relates to defining and managing pension plans to achieve a desired status (maintaining ongoing plans, continuing to sponsor frozen plans, exiting from plan sponsorship), managing risk and cost volatility, various regulatory changes (global accounting reform and U.S. and European pension funding legislation), and a broad-based desire on the part of many employers to reexamine their retirement design approach. Using in-depth data analysis, we provide perspective on the overall environment and help our clients make plan design decisions. As we have tracked the retirement designs of the largest public companies around the world over many years, we provide clients with data to better understand the true magnitude of the movement from defined benefit to defined contribution plan designs.

To ensure the consistency and efficiency of our retirement consulting service delivery in all of our offices worldwide, we dedicate significant resources to technology systems and tools. We also maintain extensive proprietary databases that enable our clients to track and benchmark benefit plan provisions. Our retirement consulting relationships are generally long-term in nature, and client retention rates for this line of business are high. Revenue for the retirement business is typically seasonal, as most of our work pertains to calendar-year-end reporting and compliance related to the completion of pension plan valuations; thus, the third quarter of our fiscal year is typically the strongest quarter. Major revenue growth drivers in this line of business include changes in regulations, capital market conditions, increased global demand and increased market share.

Health and Group Benefits

Health and Group Benefits is the second-largest line of business in the Benefits segment. We provide plan management consulting across the full spectrum of health and group benefit programs, including health, dental, disability, life and other coverage. We provide services to large and mid-size organizations. Our consulting relationships are generally long-term in nature, and client retention rates for this line of business are high.

Our consulting approach in this business includes:

• Broad and deep plan management and actuarial expertise

• Robust databases of plan designs and plan performance metrics used to diagnose program performance and inform solutions

• Investment in innovation and thought leadership to drive new market approaches

• A continuum-of-service approaches that allow clients to choose from among packaged yet customized solutions

• Deep specialty expertise in the areas of health management, pharmacy, absence and disability management, and benefit plan audit and measurement

Globally, many health care systems are strained by shrinking resources and increasing demand due to population aging and changes in employees' health status — factors that have increased benefit costs for employers. Our health and group benefits consulting services help employers provide health and welfare benefits designed to attract and retain qualified employees, while controlling costs and enhancing workforce health and productivity. In order to meet our clients' global health and group benefit needs, we are expanding our geographic footprint of health and group benefit operations. In the last 12 months, we have opened health and group benefit operations — including obtaining brokerage licenses — in Mexico, the Philippines and Singapore, and are working on setting up operations in several additional countries. Between our own operations and third party broking partners, we can provide health and group benefits advice and services in over 100 countries.

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In the U.S., the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has prompted employers to reevaluate their health plan strategies in light of expanded coverage requirements and new tax considerations. Our consultants are helping clients with these strategic decisions, including how to optimize their programs and evaluate emerging coverage options, specifically publicly subsidized health insurance exchanges and private exchanges.

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Given continued above-inflation-rate increases in health care costs, our consultants help employers find proven solutions for managing plan costs and engaging members in health management and cost-control. An increasing number of employers are adopting account-based approaches, increasing their emphasis on employee health engagement, and using behavior-based approaches in the design of their programs. In the U.S., the PPACA has also spawned new approaches in the ways that providers are paid. These approaches are intended to improve outcomes via more efficient care and service utilization. These models put employees in charge of spending their own health care dollars and provide them with appropriate incentives, tools and information to make wise health purchasing decisions. In addition to our consulting services, we manage a number of collective purchasing initiatives (e.g., pharmacy, stop-loss) that enable employers to realize greater value from third-party service providers than they can on their own. We recently announced GlobalAccess, a platform for the provision of pre-packaged health and group benefits plans in over 30 countries. Under GlobalAccess, our clients can select one of three plan designs in a covered country. The plan designs are benchmarked to local conditions with pre-negotiated pricing and terms with leading insurers globally. We also support OneExchange Active, our private health insurance exchange for active employees. This offering is integrated with other health insurance exchange offerings, OneExchange Retiree and OneExchange Access, which are provided within the Exchange Solutions segment. We have designed our health insurance exchange based on the same high performance plan principles underlying our advice to clients who choose to self-manage their health programs. Our clients now have the choice of continuing to self-manage and using our consulting services or to access our private exchange high performance platform. Our first OneExchange Active clients went live in our fiscal year 2014. Our global services include:

- Program strategy, design and pricing
- Employee engagement in health benefits
- Health condition management consulting
- Pharmacy benefit management consulting
- Absence and disability management consulting
- Workforce well-being evaluation and wellness and health promotion consulting
- Performance measurement and monitoring
- Development of funding strategies and forecasting, budgeting and reserve setting
- Vendor evaluation, selection and management
 - Claims audits and pre- and post-implementation audits

Regulatory compliance

Technology and Administration Solutions

Our Technology and Administration Solutions line of business, our third largest within the Benefits segment, provides benefits outsourcing services to hundreds of clients across multiple industries. Our services are supported by our robust technology platforms, including our BenefitConnect system in the U.S., and our dedicated, onshore benefits call centers.

Supporting more than eight million plan participants and their family members, we provide:

Pension

- Pension and retirement plan administration
- Pension de-risking
- Pension payroll administration
- Treasury and accounting administration
- Flexible benefits plan administration
- Trustee services
- Data clean-up
- Benefits call centers

Health & Welfare

- Health and welfare administration
- Private health insurance exchange

Dependent eligibility verification

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COBRA administration

Benefit billing

We have more than three decades of success in benefits outsourcing and were ranked a leader for the third year in a row on the Global Outsourcing 100 list. In the last three years, we were also ranked #1 and #2 in the Diversified Outsourcing Services category on Fortune magazine's list of "World's Most Admired Companies." To help meet the needs of all employers, we provide flexible benefits administration delivery model options, ranging from co-sourcing to full outsourcing for pension and health and welfare benefits.

In the U.S., we are a top-tier benefits outsourcing provider and a market leader for defined benefit and health and welfare administration. Our administration technology, BenefitConnect, includes case management and administration tools to help plan sponsors manage the entire life cycle, from new hire to retirement, and employee self-service tools that enhance employees' understanding of their benefits. BenefitConnect is also the administration engine for our U.S. private health insurance exchange. We deliver fully outsourced services through three U.S. service center locations, with representatives equipped with a recently upgraded, fully integrated technology suite and training that leverages the breadth of Towers Watson's benefits expertise. Within the U.S., participant satisfaction with our Technology and Administration Solutions customer service centers was approximately 98% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. In the U.K., we are a leader in retirement administration outsourcing and flexible benefits administration services to the private sector. We use highly automated processes and web technology to enable benefit plan members to access their records and improve their understanding of their benefits. Our technology also provides trustees and human resources departments with timely management information to monitor activity levels and reduce administration costs. In markets outside the U.K. with more complex defined contribution arrangements, we have deployed sophisticated defined contribution technology, processes and controls. Our defined contribution administration model used in Germany and the U.K. leverages web technology and provides clients with "back office" reconciliation, while offering clients the option to outsource or co-source front-office operations as needed. Participants can access their data directly and thereby be self-sufficient in managing their portfolios.

International Consulting

To help multinational companies address the challenges of operating in the global marketplace, Towers Watson provides expertise in dealing with international human capital management, as well as related benefits and compensation advice for corporate headquarters and their overseas subsidiaries. Multinationals increasingly need to manage and govern compensation and benefit policies and practices from a global perspective, and our international consultants work with the headquarters of multinationals to develop such strategies and implement them. In addition, activities within multinationals are increasingly global in nature (e.g. mergers, acquisitions and other corporate transactions, or the implementation of a more integrated and effective global benefits management system). Our global specialists, in cooperation with their colleagues in our local offices worldwide, help clients manage and ensure the success of such projects.

In addition to global strategy, governance and oversight, our services include:

Global actuarial services to over 260 companies, which is a market leading position

Global total rewards and benefit design

Global workforce health and wellbeing

Defined contribution plan oversight

Defined benefit plan risk management and reduction strategies

More efficient and effective financing of employee benefits through pooling and captives and our enhanced local capabilities

The optimization of global employee benefit management and spend

Towers Watson also has a global service offering with client-ready teams of experienced M&A practitioners across all our segments. The team has worked on hundreds of transactions across industry sectors and geographic borders and has participated in every phase, from target evaluation, through due diligence, to post-deal integration. This breadth of experience, coupled with our extensive knowledge of the employee mindset and the insurance sector, gives us a strong foundation to help organizations achieve their deal objectives. Our M&A team brings together a strong set of services to help clients evaluate and address the critical people-related issues, assets, liabilities, risks and opportunities

surrounding a transaction from due diligence through full integration.

Risk and Financial Services Segment

Risk and Financial Services ("RFS") is our second-largest segment. Exclusive of our Reinsurance and Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage business ("Brokerage"), which was sold in November, 2013, Risk and Financial Services segment

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revenues were approximately 19% of Towers Watson's segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. This segment includes two lines of business:

Risk Consulting and Software

Investment

We work with chief financial officers, treasurers, chief risk officers, senior actuaries, pension plan sponsors and trustees of our clients' organizations. Risk Consulting and Software has a particular focus on the insurance industry, while Investment focuses primarily on pension plans. The two lines of business also apply their expertise to serve broader markets.

We believe that we deliver significant value to our clients by bringing together capabilities from across RFS and other parts of Towers Watson to address their key issues. Our investment experts often work with colleagues in our Benefits segment on retirement financial management issues. In the future, we will look for more opportunities to combine our services to anticipate and address client needs in innovative ways.

We combine Towers Watson's innovative actuarial thinking with a range of financial modeling software products. The combination offers comprehensive solutions that enable our insurance clients to price their products, measure value, manage risk and monitor capital adequacy. We use these tools internally for consulting projects and license them to clients around the world.

Risk Consulting and Software

Our Risk Consulting and Software business serves the insurance industry as well as corporate clients with respect to their insurance and risk management needs. Our associates use strong analytical skills, proven consulting techniques and software solutions to help our clients improve business performance. We advise more than three-quarters of the world's leading insurers and believe we are a leading provider of financial modeling software to the insurance industry. We have more actuaries serving the insurance industry than any other consulting firm.

Our Risk Consulting and Software services include:

Financial and regulatory reporting

Enterprise risk and capital management

M&A and corporate restructuring (including actuarial valuation, capital analysis and due diligence)

Product and market strategies (including pricing and predictive modeling)

Financial modeling

Strategy and performance improvement

Software solutions (including financial and capital modeling, pricing and reserving)

We provide a wide range of enterprise risk management services to help insurance companies identify and control risks, enhance risk-adjusted returns and meet strategic objectives. We are a major provider of actuarial valuation and due diligence support for insurance industry mergers, acquisitions and restructurings. We help our clients evaluate their liabilities and economic capital requirements for financial reporting and management purposes. We also help them respond to regulatory changes that affect financial reporting. And we provide other services, including product development, predictive modeling, strategies for entry into new markets, claim consulting and catastrophe modeling. We help non-insurance entities with risk management issues, such as evaluating and optimizing their insurance programs as part of their overall risk and capital management processes, and designing and implementing risk mitigation strategies to align their risk profile with overall financial objectives. And we are extending our offerings into new areas — including telematics and usage-based insurance — building on our traditional strengths in modeling and data analysis. We also have an ongoing alliance with JLT Towers Re to offer integrated consulting and risk transfer services.

Investment

Our Investment business helps our clients manage investment complexity, establish their risk tolerance and improve governance.

We have one of the industry's largest investment consulting businesses. Our business is focused on creating value for institutional investors by providing objective, best-in-class investment advice. We provide coordinated investment advice and solutions — based on our expertise in risk assessment, asset-liability modeling, strategic asset allocation policy setting, manager selection and investment execution — to some of the world's largest pension funds and

institutional investors.

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Our Investment services include:

- Investment policy, governance and risk assessment
- Investment strategy
- Structured products design
- Manager structure and selection
- Manager monitoring and evaluation (including performance reporting)
- Delegated investment services including pooled fund solutions

Approximately 150 investment research professionals across the world's major markets are experienced in economic, capital market and manager research. With deep specialist expertise in asset management, economic forecasting and actuarial science, we provide practical advice tailored to meet the specific needs of each advisory client. For clients looking to outsource responsibility for investment decision-making and/or implementation, our delegated investment services enable investors to build and maintain diversified investment portfolios customized to their risk preferences. While our Investment clients primarily include defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans, we have seen significant growth potential in expanding our services to other institutional investors including insurance companies, wealth management companies, endowment funds and sovereign wealth funds, and we are continuing to enhance our capabilities in these areas. The addition of pooled fund solutions has enabled us to expand our delegated investment services to clients.

Talent and Rewards Segment

Our third segment, Talent and Rewards, generated approximately 17% of Towers Watson's segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. This segment includes three lines of business:

- Executive Compensation
- Rewards, Talent and Communication
- Data, Surveys and Technology

Executive Compensation

We advise our clients' management and boards of directors on all aspects of executive pay programs, including base pay, annual bonuses, long-term incentives, perquisites and other benefits. We help clients understand market practices in these areas. Given that companies in all world regions face scrutiny of executive pay from shareholders, regulators and other stakeholders, our focus is on aligning pay plans with the organization's business strategy and driving desired performance. Our services include executive compensation philosophy and strategy development, modeling and valuation of pay plan elements, performance measurement selection and calibration, board of director compensation and plan design, advice on change-in-control and severance programs, and total compensation assessment and benchmarking. We also provide clients with executive pay-related support associated with various transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, executive transitions and business restructuring.

Our global network of executive pay practitioners — including consultants on the ground in key countries worldwide supported by research and data covering the world's top markets — provides comprehensive solutions to our clients. We have dedicated in-house experts on legislative and regulatory requirements, tax and accounting issues, proxy advisor policies, disclosure rules and other considerations in designing executive pay programs. Whether we are retained by the board's compensation committee or by management, our extensive consulting protocols help ensure that our clients receive fully independent, objective advice.

Rewards, Talent and Communication

This line of business offers a broad array of advisory services focused on designing and implementing Rewards and Talent Management programs and processes. Our solutions help companies attract and deploy talent, engage them over time, manage and reward their performance, develop their skills, provide them with relevant career paths, communicate with them and manage organizational change initiatives.

Our primary practice areas are:

Talent Management. We help organizations define their human capital strategies to support business goals; develop integrated talent programs and processes; assess and develop leaders and managers; and gain insight from human capital analytics.

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Rewards. We provide the tools, advisory services and execution support to help organizations design and administer effective compensation programs. We help clients optimize their reward spend and ensure their programs drive the

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behaviors and performance required to meet business goals. Specialized teams focus on sales effectiveness and rewards, health care, high technology and financial services industries.

Communication and Change Management. Applying their deep expertise in change management, organizational effectiveness and communication, our communication and change management consultants help our clients drive employee engagement, align employee behavior with business results, and communicate HR programs and processes.

Data, Surveys and Technology

This line of business provides benchmarking data, employee surveys and HR software to help companies administer and manage their talent management and reward programs.

It includes our global compensation databases; offerings in employee surveys, human capital metrics and analytics benchmarking and HR service delivery consulting, as well as software applications for talent, performance and compensation management. These services generate recurring revenue by leveraging data, technology and a pool of staff resources that is flexibly deployed.

We provide data on compensation, benefits, and HR policies and practices in 110 countries across six continents, covering over 40 industry sectors, 50 functions/job families and 4,200 international general industry and 9,900 industry-specific jobs (disciplines/career levels). Underpinned by our extensive network of regional survey experts and local consulting offices, each country's surveys provide decision-quality data and interpretation reflecting local laws and practices. Our survey data support global clients wherever they do business.

Our HR service delivery consulting services help employers design and implement the human resource organizational structure, service delivery model, staff and technology they need to meet the needs of the organization and employees efficiently and effectively. We support clients in developing HR technology strategy, implementing Workday, and providing consulting support related to implementation of other platforms. Our capabilities include business case development, project planning, requirements definition, process design and implementation services supported by our change management expertise.

We also provide a broad array of proprietary Software as a Service ("SaaS") based HR software solutions, including:

- TalentREWARD, an integrated suite of applications for recruiting, performance management, global job leveling, compensation planning and administration, succession planning, career development, and learning management

- Total rewards portals and statements

- Onboarding applications

- HR and employee portals

Exchange Solutions Segment

Our fourth segment, Exchange Solutions, generated 5% of Towers Watson's segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. This segment includes two lines of business:

- Retiree & Access Exchanges

- Liazon

We are redefining the manner in which active employee and retiree health benefits are offered and delivered. Our solutions create cost savings for our employer clients and provide our individual customers with improved choice and control over their health benefits.

In November 2013, the segment was expanded through the acquisition of Liazon Corporation, a company specialized in developing and delivering private benefit exchanges for active employees. The Liazon solution complements the existing OneExchange Active offering by helping organizations of all sizes deliver self- and fully-insured benefits to employees in new and cost effective ways.

Our most mature solution within this segment, OneExchange Retiree, enables our employer clients to transition their retirees to individual, defined contribution health plans that provide individuals with a tax-free allowance or 'contribution' to spend on health care services at an annual cost that the employer controls as opposed to group-based, defined benefit health plans that provide groups of individuals with healthcare benefits at an uncertain annual cost.

With our OneExchange Retiree solution, our clients can provide their retirees with the same or better healthcare benefits at a lower cost. We have provided an effective alternative to traditional group Medicare health plans for private and public sector clients, including Fortune 500 companies. We have helped hundreds of thousands of retirees and their dependents navigate the individual retiree medical insurance market, and evaluate and choose a health plan

using our proprietary exchange platform and decision support tools. In addition, this line of business is developing and expanding its offerings to address the pre-65 individual retiree, or early retiree, and are working on exchange opportunities for individual, active employees.

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The Retiree & Access Exchanges line of business provides solutions through a proprietary technology platform, which integrates patented call routing technology, efficient quoting and an enrollment engine, a custom-developed Customer Relationship Management ("CRM") system and comprehensive insurance carrier connectivity. The Retiree & Access solution services include:

- Analyzing and optimizing employer healthcare benefit subsidies and developing healthcare coverage strategies that enables our clients to predict their healthcare liabilities and realize significant cost savings by transitioning their retirees to defined contribution plans
- Managing an exchange of over 100 national and regional insurance carriers offering thousands of health plans that compete on price, coverage and quality
- Simplifying the complexities of Medicare and the pre-65 individual market by helping individuals navigate through a meaningful choice of health plans using our proprietary software to analyze employer subsidies, health plan details and individuals' doctor, hospital and prescription drug needs
- Offering enrollment services that match an individual's health status and financial resources to a specific plan while giving unbiased guidance about these expanded healthcare options
- Providing lifelong advocacy and support services for all enrollees as they engage with insurance carriers beginning with their initial enrollment and continuing as their healthcare needs evolve

Liazon delivers benefits technology and merchandising for employers in the small- to mid-sized market through its Bright Choices Exchange. Bright Choices helps employers set predictable benefit budgets and receive more from their benefit investments by helping them deploy defined contribution funding strategies. Employees then use the money provided by their employers to shop in the Bright Choices on-line benefits store, to build a personalized benefits portfolio, and to make smarter, more economical benefits decisions.

Liazon distributes its products and services through an extensive group of brokers and benefits consultants. Liazon serves employers and their employees through:

• Flexible defined contributions capabilities and planning tools for employers and brokers

The Bright Choices Exchange, where employees are assisted in making informed decisions using educational tools and a simple online questionnaire that guides them to create a personalized portfolio of benefits from a wide variety of options, and provides access to year-round benefits information and education

• Extensive carrier relationships with leading insurance brands that allow Bright Choices to provide robust marketplaces with a wide range of benefits that employees value, including health care plans across a range of price points, Health Savings and Flexible Spending accounts, dental, vision, life, disability, critical illness, wellness, legal plans, and even pet insurance and telemedicine

• Year-round, on-line and telephonic support for employers and employees

On January 23, 2014, Towers Watson announced plans to expand the Exchange Solutions segment by combining operations and associates primarily from portions of the TAS North America line of business with the Retiree & Access Exchanges and Liazon lines of business to better align their respective strategic goals. The restructuring took effect on July 1, 2014. We are still evaluating the impact of this restructuring to our operating segments and the related disclosures.

Competition

The human capital and risk management consulting industries are highly competitive. We believe there are significant barriers to entry, and we have developed competitive advantages in providing HR consulting services. However, we face strong competition from several sources.

Our principal competitors in the global HR consulting industry are Mercer HR Consulting (a Marsh & McLennan company) and Aon Hewitt Consulting (an Aon company). The industry also includes other benefit and compensation firms and the human resource consulting divisions of diversified professional service firms, including Deloitte, Accenture, EY and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Our competitors in the area of HR software include SuccessFactors (an SAP company), Oracle Taleo and IBM Kenexa. Beyond these large players, the global HR consulting industry is highly fragmented.

Our major competitors in the insurance consulting and software industry include Milliman, Oliver Wyman (a Marsh & McLennan company), the big four accounting firms and SunGard. Aon Hewitt, Buck Consultants (a Xerox Company),

Connexions (a United Healthcare company) and Mercer (a Marsh & McLennan company) are our primary competitors in the insurance exchange industry. With the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, we also compete with the public exchanges run by the U.S. federal and state governments.

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The market for our services is subject to change as a result of economic, regulatory and legislative changes, technological developments, and increased competition from established and new competitors. Regulatory and legislative actions, along with continuously evolving technological developments will likely have the greatest impact on the overall market for our exchange products. We believe the primary factors in selecting a human resources or risk management consulting firm include reputation, the ability to provide measurable increases to shareholder value and return on investment, global scale, quality of service and the ability to tailor services to clients' unique needs. With regard to the market for exchanges, we believe that clients base their decisions on a variety of factors that include the ability of the provider to deliver measurable cost savings for clients, a strong reputation for efficient execution, a provider's capability in delivering a broad number of configurations to serve various population segments and financing options, and an innovative service delivery model and platform. For our traditional consulting and risk management services and the rapidly evolving exchange products, we believe we compete favorably with respect to these factors.

Executive Officers of the Company

As of August 14, 2014, the following individuals were executive officers of the Company:

James K. Foreman (age 56) has served as Managing Director of the Exchange Solutions business segment since February 1, 2014, and prior to that, as Managing Director, The Americas of Towers Watson since April 1, 2011. Immediately prior to that, he served as Managing Director of the North America region. Prior to the Merger, Mr. Foreman served as Managing Director of the Human Capital Group of Towers Perrin beginning June 2007, with overall responsibility for the global lines of business and geographic operations of Towers Perrin's Human Capital Group. Mr. Foreman joined Towers Perrin in 1985 and worked for almost 20 years at Towers Perrin in a number of leadership positions, including Managing Director of Towers Perrin's Health & Welfare practice and member of Towers Perrin's board of directors from 2003 to 2005, before joining Aetna Inc. in 2005 to become the executive vice president of its national businesses division. He rejoined Towers Perrin in June 2007. Mr. Foreman holds a B.A. in Business Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Julie J. Gebauer (age 53) has served as Managing Director of Towers Watson's Talent and Rewards business segment since January 1, 2010. Beginning in 2002, she served as a Managing Director of Towers Perrin and led Towers Perrin's global Workforce Effectiveness Practice and the global Towers Perrin-International Survey Research Corporation line of business. Ms. Gebauer was a member of Towers Perrin's board of directors from 2003 through 2006. She joined Towers Perrin in 1986 as a consultant and held several leadership positions at Towers Perrin, serving as the Managing Principal for the New York office from 1999 to 2001 and the U.S. East Region Leader for the Human Capital Group from 2002 to 2006. Ms. Gebauer is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and is an Enrolled Actuary in the Joint Board for Enrolled Actuaries. Ms. Gebauer graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a B.S. in Mathematics.

Patricia L. Guinn (age 59) has served as Managing Director of the Risk and Financial Services business segment of Towers Watson since January 1, 2010. Previously, she served as Managing Director of the Risk and Financial Services business group of Towers Perrin beginning in 2001. She was a member of Towers Perrin's board of directors from 2001 through 2004 and from 2007 until the consummation of the Merger. She joined Towers Perrin in 1976 and has held a number of leadership positions at the company. She is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. Ms. Guinn graduated with honors from Hendrix College with a B.A. degree in Mathematics.

John J. Haley (age 64) has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Towers Watson since January 1, 2010, and as President since October 3, 2011. Previously, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Watson Wyatt beginning on January 1, 1999, as Chairman of the Board of Watson Wyatt beginning in 1999 and as a director of Watson Wyatt beginning in 1992. Mr. Haley joined Watson Wyatt in 1977. Prior to becoming President and Chief Executive Officer of Watson Wyatt, he was the Global Director of the Benefits Group at Watson Wyatt. Mr. Haley is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and the Conference of Consulting Actuaries. He is also a co-author of Fundamentals of Private Pensions (University of Pennsylvania Press). Mr. Haley also serves on the boards of MAXIMUS, Inc., a provider of health and human services program management, consulting services and system solutions, and Hudson Global, Inc., an

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executive search, specialty staffing and related consulting services firm. He has an A.B. in Mathematics from Rutgers College and studied under a Fellowship at the Graduate School of Mathematics at Yale University.

Carl A. Hess (age 52) has served as Managing Director, The Americas of Towers Watson since February 1, 2014, and prior to that he served as the Managing Director of Towers Watson's Investment business since January 1, 2010. Prior to that, he worked in a variety of roles over 20 years at Watson Wyatt, lastly as Global Practice Director of Watson Wyatt's investment business. Mr. Hess is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, and a Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst. He has a B.A. cum laude in Logic and Language from Yale University.

Kirkland L. Hicks (age 42) has served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Towers Watson since November 2012. From July 2011 to October 2012, he served as chair of Towers Watson's Diversity and Inclusion Council for the

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Americas. Mr. Hicks was previously the Managing Counsel-Commercial, Americas for Towers Watson from January 2010 to November 2012. Prior to that, he was Senior Counsel and head of Commercial Law at Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Inc. from May 2000 to December 2009. Mr. Hicks was previously an attorney with major law firms from 1997 to 2000. He has a B.S. in computer science from North Carolina A&T State University and a J.D. from Duke University School of Law, where he serves on the board of visitors. Mr. Hicks has also completed an executive leadership program at Harvard Business School. He is a member of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (corporate counsel) bars, the Association of Corporate Counsel and The Conference Board Council of Chief Legal Officers.

Roger F. Millay (age 56) has served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Towers Watson since January 1, 2010, and he previously held the same position at Watson Wyatt from August 2008 until the consummation of the Merger. Prior to joining Watson Wyatt, Mr. Millay was with Discovery Communications LLC, a global cable TV programmer and digital media provider, where he served as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer beginning in 2006. At Discovery, he was responsible for the global financial functions, including accounting, treasury, budgeting, audit and tax. From 1999 to 2006, Mr. Millay was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer with Airgas, Inc., an industrial gases and supplies distributor and producer. Mr. Millay has over 25 years of experience in financial officer positions, including roles at Arthur Young & Company, Citigroup, and GE Capital. He holds a B.A. degree from the University of Virginia and an M.S. in Accounting from Georgetown University's Graduate School of Business, and he is a Certified Public Accountant.

Paul G. Morris (age 50) has served as Managing Director for Towers Watson in Europe, the Middle East and Africa since September 1, 2011. Previously, he served as Director, Consulting Services, for Towers Watson beginning January 1, 2010. Mr. Morris served as a Managing Consultant of Watson Wyatt from 2005 until the consummation of the Merger. He joined The Wyatt Company in 1988. Following the establishment of the global Watson Wyatt Worldwide alliance in 1995, Mr. Morris served as a Senior Consultant of Watson Wyatt Partners from 1995 through 1999 and became a partner in 1999. Mr. Morris is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Member of the Institute of Actuaries, and has a B.A. in Applied Mathematics from Harvard College and an M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics from Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Gene H. Wickes (age 62) has served as the Managing Director of the Benefits business segment of Towers Watson since January 1, 2010. Previously, he served as the Global Director of the Benefits Practice of Watson Wyatt beginning in 2005 and as a member of Watson Wyatt's board of directors from 2002 to 2007. Mr. Wickes was Watson Wyatt's Global Retirement Practice Director in 2004 and the U.S. West Division's Retirement Practice Leader from 1997 to 2004. Mr. Wickes joined Watson Wyatt in 1996 as a senior consultant and consulting actuary. Prior to joining Watson Wyatt, he spent 18 years with Towers Perrin, where he assisted organizations with welfare, retirement, and executive benefit issues. Mr. Wickes is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, and has a B.S. in Mathematics and Economics, an M.S. in Mathematics and an M.S. in Economics, all from Brigham Young University.

Employees

We employed approximately 14,800 full-time associates as of June 30, 2014 in the segments listed below; in addition, we have a number of part-time and contract associates whose numbers fluctuate in response to short-term demands. Associates listed for the 2013 fiscal year are excluding those employed in our Brokerage business in November 2013.

	As of June 30,	
	2014	2013
Benefits	7,300	6,900
Risk and Financial Services	2,000	2,100
Talent and Rewards	2,500	2,400
Exchange Solutions	700	300
Other	300	300
Business Services (incl. Corporate and field support)	2,000	2,100
Total associates	14,800	14,100

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Access to Public Filings, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Board Committee Charters

Our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports are available, without charge, on our web site (www.towerswatson.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These reports are also available without charge on the SEC web site (www.sec.gov). We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all associates, senior financial employees, the principal executive officer, other officers and members of senior management. We also have a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our directors. Both codes are posted on our website. Any

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amendments to the codes or any waivers of the director code requirements, or to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for any of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or our Chief Accounting Officer and Controller will be disclosed on our website or in a Form 8-K. Towers Watson's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Governance Committee and Risk Committee all operate pursuant to written charters adopted by our board of directors, which are available on our website. We have also adopted a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines, copies of which are available on our website. Copies of all of these documents are also available, without charge, from our Investor Relations Department at 901 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203.

Item 1A — Risk Factors.

In addition to the factors discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report, the following are some of the important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward-looking statements. These risk factors should be carefully considered in evaluating our business. The descriptions below are not the only risks and uncertainties that we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that are presently unknown to us may also impair our business operations, financial condition or results. If any of the risks and uncertainties below or other risks were to occur, our business operations, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely impacted. Demand for our services could decrease for various reasons, including a general economic downturn, a decline in a client's or an industry's financial condition or prospects, or a decline in defined benefit pension plans that could materially adversely affect our results of operations.

We can give no assurance that the demand for our services will grow or that we will compete successfully with our existing competitors, new competitors or our clients' internal capabilities. Client demand for our services may change based on the clients' needs and financial conditions.

Our results of operations are affected directly by the level of business activity of our clients, which in turn are affected by the level of economic activity in the industries and markets that they serve. Economic slowdowns in some markets, particularly in the United States, have caused and may continue to cause reduction in discretionary spending by our clients, result in longer client payment terms, an increase in late payments by clients and an increase in uncollectible accounts receivable, each of which may reduce the demand for our services, increase price competition and adversely impact our growth, profit margins and liquidity. If our clients enter bankruptcy or liquidate their operations (which has already occurred with respect to some of our current clients), our revenues could be materially adversely affected. In addition, the demand for many of our core benefit services, including compliance-related services, is affected by government regulation and taxation of employee benefit plans. Significant changes in tax or social welfare policy or other regulations could lead some employers to discontinue their employee benefit plans, including defined benefit pension plans, thereby reducing the demand for our services. A simplification of regulations or tax policy also could reduce the need for our services.

We could be subject to claims arising from our work, as well as government inquiries and investigations, which could materially adversely affect our reputation, business and financial condition.

Professional services providers, including those in the human capital and risk management sectors such as Towers Watson, depend in large part on their relationships with clients and their reputation for high-quality services. Clients that may become dissatisfied with our services may terminate their business relationships with us and clients and third parties that claim they suffered damages caused by our services may bring lawsuits against us. The nature of our work, particularly our actuarial services, necessarily involves the use of assumptions and the preparation of estimates relating to future and contingent events, the actual outcome of which we cannot know in advance. Our actuarial services also rely on substantial amounts of data provided by clients, the accuracy and quality of which we cannot ensure. In addition, we could make computational, software programming or data management errors in connection with the services we provide to clients.

Clients may seek to hold us responsible for the financial consequences of variances between assumptions and estimates and actual outcomes or for errors. For example, clients may make:

- Claims that actuarial assumptions were unreasonable or that there were computational errors leading to pension plan underfunding or under-reserving for insurance claim liabilities;
- Claims of failure to review adequately or detect deficiencies in data, which could lead to an underestimation of pension plan or insurance claim liabilities; and

Claims that employee benefit plan documents were misinterpreted or plan amendments were faulty, leading to unintended plan benefits or overpayments to beneficiaries.

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Given that we frequently work with large pension funds and insurance companies, relatively small percentage errors or variances can create significant financial variances and result in significant claims for unintended or unfunded liabilities. The risks from such variances or errors could be aggravated in an environment of declining pension fund asset values and insurance company capital levels. In almost all cases, our exposure to liability with respect to a particular engagement is substantially greater than the revenue opportunity that the engagement generates for us. In the case of liability for pension plan actuarial errors, a client's claims might focus on the client's alleged reliance that actuarial assumptions were reasonable and, based on such reliance, the client made benefit commitments the client may later claim are not affordable or funding decisions that result in plan underfunding if and when actual outcomes vary from actuarial assumptions.

Lawsuits arising out of any of our services could adversely affect our financial performance and financial condition and could result in increased insurance costs or a reduction in the amount of available insurance coverage. In addition to defense costs and liability exposure, which may be significant, claims may produce negative publicity that could hurt our reputation and business and could require substantial amounts of management attention, which could affect management's focus on operations.

Finally, we may be subject to inquiries and investigations by federal, state or other governmental agencies regarding aspects of our clients' businesses or our own businesses, especially regulated businesses such as our broker-dealer and investment advisory services. Such inquiries or investigations may consume significant management time and result in regulatory sanctions, fines or other actions as well as significant legal fees, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations and liquidity.

We could have liability or our reputation could be damaged if we do not protect client data or information systems or if our information systems are breached.

We depend on information technology networks and systems to process, transmit and store electronic information and to communicate among our locations around the world and with our alliance partners and clients. Security breaches could lead to shutdowns or disruptions of our systems and potential unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. We also are required at times to manage, utilize and store sensitive or confidential client or employee data. As a result, we are subject to numerous U.S. and foreign jurisdiction laws and regulations designed to protect this information, such as the European Union Directive on Data Protection and various U.S. federal and state laws governing the protection of health or other individually identifiable information. If any person, including any of our associates, fails to comply with, disregards or intentionally breaches our established controls with respect to such data or otherwise mismanages or misappropriates that data, we could be subject to monetary damages, fines or criminal prosecution. Unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential client or employee data, whether through systems failure, accident, employee negligence, fraud or misappropriation, could damage our reputation and cause us to lose clients. Similarly, unauthorized access to or through our information systems or those we develop for our clients, whether by our associates or third parties, could result in significant additional expenses (including expenses relating to notification of data security breaches and costs of credit monitoring services), negative publicity, legal liability and damage to our reputation, as well as require substantial resources and effort of management, thereby diverting management's focus and resources from business operations.

Our inability to successfully recover should we experience a disaster or other business continuity problem could cause material financial loss, loss of human capital, regulatory actions, reputational harm or legal liability.

Should we experience a disaster or other business continuity problem, such as an earthquake, hurricane, terrorist attack, pandemic, security breach, power loss, telecommunications failure or other natural or man-made disaster, our continued success will depend, in part, on the availability of our personnel, our office facilities, and the proper functioning of our computer, telecommunication and other related systems and operations. In such an event, we could experience near-term operational challenges with regard to particular areas of our operations.

In particular, our ability to recover from any disaster or other business continuity problem will depend on our ability to protect our technology infrastructure against damage from business continuity events that could have a significant disruptive effect on our operations. We could potentially lose client data or experience material adverse interruptions to our operations or delivery of services to our clients in a disaster.

We will continue to regularly assess and take steps to improve upon our business continuity plans. However, a disaster on a significant scale or affecting certain of our key operating areas within or across regions, or our inability to successfully recover should we experience a disaster or other business continuity problem, could materially interrupt our business operations and cause material financial loss, loss of human capital, regulatory actions, reputational harm, damaged client relationships or legal liability.

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Damage to our reputation could damage our businesses.

Maintaining a positive reputation is critical to our ability to attract and maintain relationships with clients and associates. Damage to our reputation could therefore cause significant harm to our business and prospects. Harm to our reputation can arise from numerous sources, including, among others, employee misconduct, litigation or regulatory action, failure to deliver minimum standards of service and quality, compliance failures and unethical behavior. Negative publicity regarding us, whether or not true, may also result in harm to our prospects.

We could also suffer significant reputational harm if we fail to properly identify and manage potential conflicts of interest. The failure or perceived failure to adequately address conflicts of interest could affect the willingness of clients to deal with us, or give rise to litigation or enforcement actions. There can be no assurance that conflicts of interest will not arise in the future that could cause material harm to us.

The ongoing uncertainty and volatility in the financial markets related to the U.S. budget deficit, the European sovereign debt crisis and the state of the U.S. economic recovery may adversely affect the Company's operating results.

Global financial markets continue to experience disruptions, including increased volatility, and diminished liquidity and credit availability. In particular, developments in Europe have created uncertainty with respect to the ability of certain European countries to continue to service their sovereign debt obligations. This debt crisis and related European financial restructuring efforts may cause the value of the Euro to deteriorate, reducing the purchasing power of our European clients and reducing the translation of Euro based revenues into U.S. dollars. For the year ended June 30, 2014, approximately 11% of our revenues were derived from countries which use the Euro as their primary currency. In the event that one or more countries were to replace the Euro with their legacy currency, then the Company's sales in and to such countries, or Europe generally, would likely be adversely affected until stable exchange rates were established. In addition, the European crisis is contributing to instability in global credit markets. If global economic and market conditions, or economic and financial market conditions in Europe, the United States or other key markets, remain uncertain, persist, or deteriorate further, our clients may respond by suspending, delaying or reducing their expenditures, which may adversely affect our cash flows and results of operations.

The loss of key associates could damage or result in the loss of client relationships and could result in such associates competing against Towers Watson.

Our success depends on our ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel, including key managers and associates. In addition, our success largely depends upon our associates' abilities to generate business and provide quality services. In particular, our associates' business relationships with our clients are a critical element of obtaining and maintaining client engagements. If we lose associates who manage substantial client relationships or possess substantial experience or expertise or if we are unable to successfully attract new talent, it could materially adversely affect our ability to secure and complete engagements, which would materially adversely affect our results of operations and prospects. In addition, if any of our key associates were to join a competitor or form a competing company, existing and potential clients could choose to use the services of that competitor instead of Towers Watson's services.

There can be no assurance that confidentiality and non-solicitation/non-competition agreements signed by senior associates who were former Towers Perrin or Watson Wyatt associates before the "merger of equals" between the two entities, or agreements signed by Towers Watson associates previously or in the future, will be effective in preventing a loss of business.

Over time, the trend of employers shifting from defined benefit plans to defined contribution plans could materially adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Our retirement consulting and actuarial business comprises a substantial portion of our revenue and profit. We provide clients with actuarial and consulting services relating to both defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans. Defined benefit pension plans generally require more actuarial services than defined contribution plans because defined benefit plans typically involve large asset pools, complex calculations to determine employer costs, funding requirements and sophisticated analysis to match liabilities and assets over long periods of time. If organizations shift to defined contribution plans more rapidly than we anticipate, or if we are unable to otherwise compensate for the decline in our business that results from employers moving away from defined benefit plans, our business operations

and related results of operations will be materially adversely affected.

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We are subject to risks of doing business internationally.

For the year ended June 30, 2014, 47% of our revenue relates to business located outside the United States. As a result, a significant portion of our business operations is subject to foreign financial, tax and business risks, which could arise in the event of:

• Currency exchange rate fluctuations;

• Unexpected increases in taxes or changes in U.S. or foreign tax laws;

• Compliance with a variety of international laws and regulations, such as data privacy, employment regulations, trade barriers and restrictions on the import and export of technologies, as well as U.S. laws affecting the activities of U.S. companies abroad, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 and sanctions programs administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control, and similar foreign laws such as the U.K. Bribery Act;

• Absence in some jurisdictions of effective laws to protect our intellectual property rights;

• New regulatory requirements or changes in policies and local laws that materially affect the demand for our services or directly affect our foreign operations;

• Local economic and political conditions, including unusual, severe, or protracted recessions in foreign economies and inflation risk;

• The length of payment cycles and potential difficulties in collecting accounts receivable, particularly in light of the number of insolvencies in the current economic environment and the numerous bankruptcy laws to which they are subject;

• Unusual and unexpected monetary exchange controls, price controls or restrictions on transfers of cash; or

• Civil disturbance, terrorism or other catastrophic events that reduce business activity in other parts of the world.

These factors may lead to decreased revenues or profits and therefore may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our clients could terminate or reduce our services at any time, which could decrease associate utilization, adversely impacting our profitability and results of operations.

Our clients generally are able to terminate or reduce our engagements at any time. If a client reduces the scope of, or terminates the use of, our services with little or no notice, our associate utilization will decline. In such cases, we will need to rapidly re-deploy our associates to other engagements (if possible) in order to minimize the potential negative impact on our financial performance. In addition, because a sizeable portion of our work is project-based rather than recurring in nature, our associate utilization will depend on our ability to continually secure additional engagements. Our quarterly revenues could fluctuate while our expenses are relatively fixed.

Quarterly variations in our revenues and results of operations have occurred in the past and could occur as a result of a number of factors, such as:

• The significance of client engagements commenced and completed during a quarter;

• The seasonality of certain types of services. For example, our retirement revenues typically are more heavily weighted toward the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year, when annual actuarial valuations are required to be completed for calendar year-end companies and the related services are performed;

• The number of business days in a quarter;

• Associate hiring and utilization rates;

• Clients' ability to terminate engagements without penalty;

• The size and scope of assignments; and

• General economic conditions.

A sizeable portion of our total operating expenses is relatively fixed, encompassing the majority of administrative, occupancy, communications and other expenses, depreciation and amortization, and salaries and employee benefits excluding fiscal year-end incentive bonuses. Therefore, a variation in the number of client assignments or in the timing of the initiation or the completion of client assignments or our inability to forecast demand can cause significant variations in quarterly operating results and could result in losses and volatility in our stock price.

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Improper management of our engagements could hurt our financial results.

Most of our contracts are structured on a fixed-fee basis or a time-and-expense basis. The profitability of our fixed-fee engagements depends on our ability to correctly estimate the costs and timing required for completion of the engagements and our ability to control our costs and improve our efficiency. The profitability of the engagements that are priced on a time-and-expense basis depends on our ability to maintain competitive billing rates, as well as our ability to control our costs. If we do not correctly estimate the costs and manage the performance of our engagements, we may incur losses on individual engagements and experience lower profit margins and, as a result, our overall financial results could be materially adversely affected.

Our business will be negatively affected if we are not able to anticipate and keep pace with rapid changes in government regulations or if government regulations decrease the need for our services or increase our costs.

A material portion of our revenue is affected by statutory changes. Many areas in which we provide services are the subject of government regulation, which is constantly evolving. Changes in government and accounting regulations in the United States and the United Kingdom, two of our principal geographic markets, affecting the value, use or delivery of benefits and human capital programs, including recent changes in regulations relating to health care (such as medical plans), defined contribution plans (such as 401(k) plans), defined benefit plans (such as pension plans) or executive compensation, may materially adversely affect the demand for, or the profitability of, our services. In addition, more restrictive rules or interpretations of the federal Centers for Medicare Services marketing rules, or judicial decisions that restrict or otherwise change existing provisions of U.S. healthcare regulation, could have a material adverse impact on our Exchange Solutions business. Further, changes to insurance regulatory schemes, or our failure to keep pace with such changes, could negatively affect demand for services in our Risk and Financial Services business segment. For example, our continuing ability to provide investment advisory services depends on compliance with the rules and regulations in each of these jurisdictions. Any failure to comply with these regulations could lead to disciplinary action, including compensating clients for loss, the imposition of fines or the revocation of the authorization to operate as well as damage to our reputation.

In addition, we have significant operations throughout the world, which further subject us to applicable laws and regulations of countries outside the United States and the United Kingdom. Changes in legislation or regulations and actions by regulators in particular countries, including changes in administration and enforcement policies, could require operational improvements or modifications, which may result in higher costs or hinder our ability to operate our business in those countries.

If we are unable to adapt our services to applicable laws and regulations, our ability to provide effective services in these areas will be substantially diminished.

Our business could be negatively affected by recently enacted or future legislative or regulatory activity concerning compensation consultants.

Recent legislative and regulatory activity in the United States has focused on the independence of compensation consultants retained to provide advice to compensation committees of publicly traded companies. In 2009, the SEC published final rules, which became effective in 2010, with respect to issuer disclosures on compensation consultants. Among other requirements, the rules require disclosure of fees paid to compensation consultants as well as a description of any additional services provided to the issuer by the compensation consultant and its affiliates and the aggregate fees paid for such services. Due in part to this regulation and continued legislative activity, prior to the Merger, some clients of Towers Perrin and Watson Wyatt and, after the Merger, some clients of Towers Watson decided to terminate their relationships with the respective company (either with respect to compensation consulting services or with respect to other consulting services) to avoid perceived or potential conflicts of interest.

In addition, in 2010, the U.S. President signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which requires the SEC to issue rules directing national securities exchanges and associations to require the compensation committee of a listed company to consider the independence of an advisor when selecting a compensation consultant. The SEC was also required to identify factors affecting independence.

In 2012, the SEC issued final rules to implement these provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act pertaining to the role of, and certain disclosure relating to, compensation consultants. The final rules require the national security exchanges to adopt listing standards requiring a company's compensation committee to consider certain independence factors,

including whether the compensation consultant's firm provides other services to the company, before selecting a compensation consultant. These rules also require a company to disclose in its proxy statement whether its compensation committee has retained or obtained the advice of a compensation consultant, whether the work of the compensation consultant raised any conflicts of interest, and if so, the nature of the conflicts and how any such conflicts are being addressed.

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In January 2013, the SEC approved new listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and The Nasdaq Stock Market consistent with the final SEC rules and which require the compensation committee to consider the independence of advisors, including compensation consultants, as described above. Effective July 1, 2013, listed companies' compensation committees are not permitted to select, or receive advice from, an adviser unless the compensation committee has conducted the independence assessment that the new listing standards require. The final rules and the newly-adopted listing standards do not require that the selected compensation consultant be independent, only that the compensation committee considers independence before selecting a compensation consultant. However, if companies' compensation committees elect to engage compensation consultants that do not perform any other services for the company, then this could cause additional clients to terminate their relationships with Towers Watson (either with respect to compensation consulting services or with respect to other consulting services) to avoid perceived or potential conflicts of interest. If this happens, the future termination of such relationships could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, due in part to such regulation and continued legislative activity, some former Towers Perrin, Watson Wyatt or Towers Watson consultants terminated their relationships with us, and many have begun to compete with us or have indicated that they intend to compete with us. Such talent migration, and any future such talent migration, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Competition could result in loss of our market share and reduced profitability.

The markets for our principal services are highly competitive. Our competitors include other human capital and risk management consulting and actuarial firms, as well as the human capital and risk management divisions of diversified professional services, insurance, brokerage and accounting firms. Some of our competitors have greater financial, technical and marketing resources than us, which could enhance their ability to finance acquisitions, fund internal growth and respond more quickly to professional and technological changes. Some competitors have or may develop a lower cost structure, or have more tax-efficient operations. New competitors or alliances among competitors could emerge, creating additional competition and gaining significant market share, resulting in a loss of business for us and a corresponding decline in revenues and profit margin. In order to respond to increased competition and pricing pressure, we may have to lower our prices, which would also have an adverse effect on our revenues and profit margin.

Consolidation in the industries that we serve could materially adversely affect our business.

Companies in the industries that we serve may seek to achieve economies of scale and other synergies by combining with or acquiring other companies. If two or more of our clients merge or consolidate and combine their operations, we may experience a decrease in the amount of services we perform for these clients. If one of our clients merges or consolidates with a company that relies on another provider for its services, we may lose work from that client or lose the opportunity to gain additional work. The increased market power of larger companies could also increase pricing and competitive pressures on us. Any of these possible results of industry consolidation could materially adversely affect our revenues and profits.

Our growth strategy depends, in part, on our ability to make acquisitions, and if we have difficulty in acquiring, overpay for, or are unable to acquire other businesses, our business may be materially adversely affected.

Our growth depends in part on our ability to make acquisitions. We may not be successful in identifying appropriate acquisition candidates or consummating acquisitions on terms acceptable or favorable to us, on the proposed timetables, or at all. We also face additional risks related to acquisitions, including that we could overpay for acquired businesses and that any acquired business could significantly underperform relative to our expectations. If we are unable to identify and successfully make acquisitions, our business could be materially adversely affected.

We face risks when we acquire or divest businesses, and may have difficulty integrating or managing acquired businesses, or with effecting internal reorganizations, which may harm our business, financial condition, results of operations or reputation.

We may acquire other companies or divest certain businesses in the future. We cannot be certain that our acquisitions will be accretive to earnings or that our acquisitions or divestitures will otherwise meet our operational or strategic expectations. Acquisitions involve special risks, including the potential assumption of unanticipated liabilities and contingencies and difficulties in integrating acquired businesses, and acquired businesses may not achieve the levels

of revenue, profit or productivity we anticipate or otherwise perform as we expect. In addition, if the operating performance of an acquired business deteriorates significantly, we may need to write down the value of the goodwill and other acquisition-related intangible assets recorded on our balance sheet.

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We may be unable to effectively integrate an acquired business into our organization, and may not succeed in managing such acquired businesses or the larger company that results from such acquisitions. The process of integration of an acquired business may subject us to a number of risks, including:

- Diversion of management attention;
- Amortization of intangible assets, adversely affecting our reported results of operations;
- Inability to retain the management, key personnel and other employees of the acquired business;
- Inability to establish uniform standards, controls, systems, procedures and policies;
- Inability to retain the acquired company's clients;
- Exposure to legal claims for activities of the acquired business prior to acquisition; and
- Incurrence of additional expenses in connection with the integration process.

We may also face similar challenges in effecting internal reorganizations, such as the internal reorganization of our Exchange Solutions segment that began in 2014. If acquisitions or internal reorganizations are not successfully integrated, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected, as well as our professional reputation.

We advise or act on behalf of clients regarding investments whose results are not guaranteed, and clients that experience investment return shortfalls may assert claims against us.

We provide advice on both asset allocation and selection of investment managers. For some clients, we are responsible for making decisions on both these matters, or we may serve in a fiduciary capacity. Asset classes may experience poor absolute performance, and investment managers may underperform their benchmarks; in both cases the investment return shortfall can be significant. Clients experiencing this underperformance may assert claims against us, and such claims may be for significant amounts. Defending against these claims can involve potentially significant costs, including legal defense costs. Our ability to limit our potential liability may be limited in certain jurisdictions or in connection with claims involving breaches of fiduciary duties or other alleged errors or omissions. Our investment activities may require specialized operational competencies, and if we fail to properly execute our role in cash and investment management, our clients or third parties may assert claims against us.

For certain clients, we are responsible for some portions of cash and investment management, including rebalancing of investment portfolios and guidance to third parties on structure of derivatives and securities transactions. Our failure to properly execute our role can cause monetary damage to our clients or such third parties for which we might be found liable, and such claims may be for significant amounts. Defending against these claims can involve potentially significant costs, including legal defense costs. Our ability to limit our potential liability may be constrained in certain jurisdictions.

Towers Watson is engaged in providing services and products outside the core human capital and risk management businesses previously conducted by the Company, which may carry greater risk of liability and regulatory action. We continue to grow the business of providing professional services and products to institutional investors, financial services companies and other clients. The risk of claims from these lines of business and related products and services may be greater than from our core human capital and risk management business, and such claims may be for significant amounts. For example, we may assist a pension plan to hedge its exposure to changes in interest rates. If the hedge does not perform as expected, we could be exposed to claims. Contractual provisions intended to mitigate risk may not be enforceable. Other examples of recently implemented ventures that may increase our exposure to client and regulator claims include pooled investment solutions in various jurisdictions in our Investment line of business; new licensed work and expansion into new jurisdictions in our Health and Group Benefits line of business; and in our Retirement line of business, establishing and servicing structures to facilitate the funding of our clients' employee benefit plans. In addition, with respect to some of these new ventures, we may enter into arrangements that need to be examined to determine whether they fall under the variable interest entity (VIE) accounting guidance. The structure of such arrangements could require us to consolidate assets or liabilities on which we do not have risk of loss.

Our business faces rapid technological change, and our failure to respond to this change quickly could materially adversely affect our business.

To remain competitive in the business lines in which we engage, we have to identify and offer the most current technologies and methodologies. In some cases, significant technology choices and investments are required. If we do not respond correctly, quickly or in a cost-effective manner, our business and results of operations might be harmed.

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The effort to gain technological expertise and develop new technologies in our business may require us to incur significant expenses and, in some cases, to implement these new technologies globally, particularly with respect to the integration activities that are ongoing in connection with the Merger. If we cannot offer new technologies as quickly or effectively as our competitors, we could lose market share. We also could lose market share if our competitors develop more cost-effective technologies than we will offer or develop.

Limited protection of our intellectual property could harm our business, and we face the risk that our services or products may infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others.

We cannot guarantee that trade secret, trademark and copyright law protections are adequate to deter misappropriation of our intellectual property (including our software, which may become an increasingly important part of our business). Existing laws of some countries in which we provide services or products may offer only limited protection of our intellectual property rights. Redressing infringements may consume significant management time and financial resources. Also, we may be unable to detect the unauthorized use of our intellectual property and take the necessary steps to enforce our rights, which may have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations. We cannot be sure that our services and products, or the products of others that we offer to our clients, do not infringe on the intellectual property rights of third parties, and we may have infringement claims asserted against us or our clients. These claims may harm our reputation, result in financial liability and prevent us from offering some services or products.

Insurance may become more difficult or expensive to obtain.

The availability, terms and price of insurance are subject to many variables, including general insurance market conditions, loss experience in related industries and in the actuarial and benefits consulting industry, and the specific claims experience of an individual firm. We are subject to various regulatory requirements relating to insurance as well as client requirements. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain insurance at cost-effective rates or with reasonable retentions. Increases in the cost of insurance could affect our profitability and the unavailability of insurance to cover certain risks could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or our ability to transact business in certain geographic areas, particularly in any specific period.

Towers Watson and its subsidiaries could encounter significant obstacles in securing adequate insurance coverage for errors and omissions liability risks on favorable or acceptable terms.

Towers Perrin and Watson Wyatt each historically obtained primary insurance for errors and omissions liability risks from a Vermont-regulated group captive insurance company known as Professional Consultants Insurance Company, Inc. (which we refer to as "PCIC"). The stockholders and insureds of PCIC were legacy Towers Perrin, legacy Watson Wyatt and Milliman, Inc. ("Milliman"). On January 1, 2010, the effective date of the Merger, Towers Watson became the owner of 72.8% of the stock of PCIC.

Towers Perrin and Watson Wyatt provided PCIC with notice of non-renewal of the respective PCIC policies of insurance that expired at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2010. PCIC provided a notice of non-renewal to Milliman and did not issue a policy of insurance to Milliman for the policy period starting July 1, 2010 or thereafter. PCIC continues to operate in Run-off in order to pay losses arising from claims reported by its insureds during the periods covered by previously issued policies of insurance.

Since July 1, 2010, we have obtained our primary insurance for errors and omissions liability risks from a Vermont-regulated wholly owned captive insurance company known as Stone Mountain Insurance Company ("Stone Mountain"). Stone Mountain has secured reinsurance for a portion of the Towers Watson risks it underwrites. Towers Watson has secured excess errors and omissions liability coverage above the coverage provided by Stone Mountain in amounts we consider to be prudent. Stone Mountain has issued a policy of insurance to us that is substantially similar in form to the policy of insurance issued by PCIC.

The combination of the formation of Stone Mountain, which results in Towers Watson and Stone Mountain bearing the first \$25 million of loss per claim and in the aggregate above the \$1 million per claim self-insured retention, and our controlling ownership interest in PCIC and the accompanying requirement that we consolidate PCIC's financial results into our financial results is likely to result in increased earnings volatility for us. In addition, the inability of Stone Mountain to secure reinsurance or our inability to secure excess errors and omissions professional liability coverage in the future could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or our ability to transact

business in certain geographic areas, particularly in any specific period.

We have material pension liabilities that can fluctuate significantly.

We have material pension liabilities. The projected benefit obligation for our pension and other postretirement benefit plans at June 30, 2014 was \$4.3 billion, of which \$786.9 million represented unfunded and underfunded pension and postretirement

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liabilities. Movements in the interest rate environment, inflation or changes in other assumptions that are used for the estimates of our benefit obligations and other factors could have a material effect on the level of liabilities in these plans at any given time. These pension plans have minimum funding requirements that may require material amounts of periodic additional funding. Cash required to fund pension plans may have to be diverted from other corporate initiatives.

Our Exchange Solutions business may be harmed if we lose our relationships with insurance carriers, fail to maintain good relationships with insurance carriers, become dependent upon a limited number of insurance carriers or fail to develop new carrier relationships.

Our Exchange Solutions business typically enters into contractual agency relationships with insurance carriers that are non-exclusive and terminable on short notice by either party for any reason. In many cases, insurance carriers also have the ability to amend the terms of our agreements unilaterally on short notice. Insurance carriers may be unwilling to allow us to sell their existing or new health insurance plans or may amend our agreements with them, for a variety of reasons, including for competitive or regulatory reasons or because of a reluctance to distribute their products through our exchange platform. Insurance carriers may decide to rely on their own internal distribution channels, including traditional in-house agents, carrier websites or other sales channels, or to market their own plans, and, in turn, could limit or prohibit us from marketing their plans. For example, in August 2011, one of Exchange Solutions' largest insurance carrier partners discontinued the indirect distribution of Medicare supplement policies through all of their distribution vendors. As a result, our new Medicare supplement enrollments shifted to other insurance carriers that pay us lower commission rates on average. Insurance carriers may also choose to exclude us from their most profitable or popular plans or may determine not to distribute insurance plans in individual markets in certain geographies or altogether. Additionally, if one of the insurance carriers with which we are associated violates the law or comes under scrutiny by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"), CMS may impose sanctions on such carriers, resulting in a loss of supply of insurance plans that we are able to sell. The termination or amendment of our relationship with an insurance carrier could reduce the variety of health insurance plans we offer. We also could lose a source of, or be paid reduced commissions for, future sales and could lose renewal commissions for past sales. Our business could also be harmed if we fail to develop new carrier relationships or are unable to offer customers a wide variety of health insurance plans.

The private health insurance industry in the United States has experienced a substantial amount of consolidation over the past several years, resulting in a decrease in the number of insurance carriers. In the future, it may become necessary for us to offer insurance plans from a reduced number of insurance carriers or to derive a greater portion of our revenue from a more concentrated number of carriers as our business and the health insurance industry evolve. For example, in fiscal year 2014, the top five carriers accounted for an aggregate of approximately 73% of our commission revenue in our Retiree & Access Exchanges business. Each of these insurance carriers may terminate our agreements with them, and, in some cases, as a result of the termination we may lose our right to receive future commissions for policies we have sold. Should our dependence on a smaller number of insurance carriers increase, whether as a result of the termination of carrier relationships, further insurance carrier consolidation or otherwise, we may become more vulnerable to adverse changes in our relationships with our carriers, particularly in states where we offer health insurance plans from a relatively small number of carriers or where a small number of insurance carriers dominate the market. The termination, amendment or consolidation of our relationship with our insurance carriers could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Changes and developments in the health insurance system in the United States could harm our Exchange Solutions business.

In 2010, the Federal government enacted significant reforms to healthcare legislation through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or PPACA, and the Healthcare and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, or HCERA, which we refer to collectively as Healthcare Reform. Our Exchange Solutions business depends upon the private sector of the United States insurance system, its role in financing health care delivery, and insurance carriers' use of, and payment of commissions to, agents, brokers and other organizations to market and sell individual and family health insurance plans. Healthcare Reform contains provisions that have changed and will continue to change the industry in which we operate in substantial ways.

Many aspects of Healthcare Reform do not go into effect until 2014 and the required effective dates for other aspects of Healthcare Reform have been postponed until 2015, although certain provisions currently are effective, such as medical loss ratio requirements for individual, family and small business health insurance and a prohibition against using pre-existing health conditions as a reason to deny health coverage for children. In addition, state governments have adopted, and will continue to adopt, changes to their existing laws and regulations in light of Healthcare Reform and related regulations. Future postponements of or changes to Healthcare Reform may not be beneficial to us. Certain key members of Congress have expressed a desire to withhold the funding necessary to implement Healthcare Reform as well as the desire to replace or amend all or a portion of Healthcare Reform. Any partial or complete repeal or amendment or

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implementation difficulties, or uncertainty regarding such events, could increase our costs of compliance, prevent or delay future adoption of our exchange platform, and adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition. The implementation of Healthcare Reform could have negative effects on us, including:

- Increase our competition;
- Reduce or eliminate the need for health insurance agents and brokers or demand for the health insurance that we sell;
- Decrease the number of types of health insurance plans that we sell, as well as the number of insurance carriers offering such plans;
- Cause insurance carriers to change the benefits and/or premiums for the plans they sell;
- Cause insurance carriers to reduce the amount they pay for our services or change our relationship with them in other ways; or
- Materially restrict our call center operations.

Any of these effects could materially harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. For example, the manner in which the Federal government and the states implement health insurance exchanges and the process for receiving subsidies and cost-sharing credits could substantially increase our competition and member turnover and substantially reduce the number of individuals who purchase insurance through us. Various aspects of Healthcare Reform could cause insurance carriers to limit the type of health insurance plans we are able to sell and the geographies in which we are able to sell them. In addition, the U.S. Congress has been charged with finding spending cuts, and such cuts are expected to include Medicare. If cuts are made to Medicare, there may be substantial changes in the types of health insurance plans we are able to sell. Changes in the law could also cause insurance carriers to exit the business of selling insurance plans in a particular jurisdiction, to eliminate certain categories of products or to attempt to move members into new plans for which we receive lower commissions. If insurance carriers decide to limit our ability to sell their plans or determine not to sell individual health insurance plans altogether, our business, results of operations and financial condition would be materially harmed.

We may not be able to obtain financing on favorable terms or at all.

The maintenance and growth of our business depends on our access to capital, which will depend in large part on cash flow generated by our business and the availability of equity and debt financing. There can be no assurance that our operations will generate sufficient positive cash flow to finance all of our capital needs or that we will be able to obtain equity or debt financing on favorable terms or at all.

Our revolving credit facility and term loan contain a number of restrictive covenants that restrict our operations.

The Towers Watson \$500 million revolving credit facility and \$250 million term loan contain a number of customary restrictive covenants imposing operating and financial restrictions on Towers Watson, including restrictions that limit our ability to engage in acts that may be in our long-term best interests. These covenants include, among others, limitations (and in some cases, prohibitions) that, directly or indirectly, restrict our ability to:

- Incur liens or additional indebtedness (including guarantees or contingent obligations);
- Engage in mergers and other fundamental changes;
- Sell or otherwise dispose of property or assets;
- Pay dividends and other distributions; and
- Change the nature of our business.

The credit agreements also contain financial covenants that limit our interest expense and total debt relative to EBITDA.

The operating restrictions and financial covenants in our credit agreements do, and any future financing agreements may, limit our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage in other business activities. Our ability to comply with any financial covenants could be materially affected by events beyond our control, and there can be no assurance that we will satisfy any such requirements. If we fail to comply with these covenants, we may need to seek waivers or amendments of such covenants, seek alternative or additional sources of financing or reduce our expenditures. We may be unable to obtain such waivers, amendments or alternative or additional financing at all, or on terms favorable to us.

The credit agreements specify several events of default, including non-payment, certain cross-defaults, certain bankruptcy events, covenant or representation breaches and certain changes in control. If an event of default occurs,

the lenders under the credit agreements are expected to be able to elect to declare all outstanding borrowings, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable. We may not be able to repay all amounts due under the credit agreements in the event these amounts are declared due upon an event of default.

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We rely on third parties to provide services and their failure to perform the services could harm our business. As part of providing services to clients and managing our business, we rely on a number of third-party service providers. Our ability to perform effectively depends in part on the ability of these service providers to meet their obligations, as well as on our effective oversight of their performance. The quality of our services could suffer or we could be required to incur unanticipated costs if our third-party service providers do not perform as expected or their services are disrupted. This could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We are a holding company and, therefore, may not be able to receive dividends or other distributions in needed amounts from our subsidiaries.

The Company is organized as a holding company, a legal entity separate and distinct from our operating subsidiaries. As a holding company without significant operations of our own, we are dependent upon dividends and other payments from our operating subsidiaries to meet our obligations for paying principal and interest on outstanding debt obligations, for paying dividends to stockholders and for corporate expenses. In the event our operating subsidiaries are unable to pay dividends and other payments to the Company, we may not be able to service debt, pay obligations or pay dividends on common stock.

Further, the Company derives a significant portion of its revenue and operating profit from operating subsidiaries located outside the U.S. Since the majority of financing obligations as well as dividends to stockholders are made from the U.S., it is important to be able to access cash generated outside the U.S. Funds from the Company's operating subsidiaries outside of the U.S. are periodically repatriated to the U.S. via shareholder distributions and repayment of intercompany financing. A number of factors may arise that could limit our ability to repatriate funds or make repatriation cost prohibitive, including, but not limited to, foreign exchange rates and tax-related costs.

In the event we are unable to generate cash from our operating subsidiaries for any of the reasons discussed above, our overall liquidity could deteriorate.

Changes in our accounting estimates and assumptions could negatively affect our financial position and results of operations.

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These accounting principles require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. We are also required to make certain judgments that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during each reporting period. We periodically evaluate our estimates and assumptions including those relating to revenue recognition, valuation of billed and unbilled receivables from clients, discretionary compensation, incurred but not reported liabilities, restructuring, pensions, goodwill and other intangible assets, contingencies, share-based payments and income taxes. We base our estimates on historical experience and various assumptions that we believe to be reasonable based on specific circumstances. Actual results could differ from these estimates, and changes in accounting standards could have an adverse impact on our future financial position and results of operations.

Our accounting for our long-term outsourcing contracts requires using estimates and projections that may change over time. These changes may have a significant or adverse effect on our reported results of operations or financial condition.

Projecting contract profitability on our long-term outsourcing contracts requires us to make assumptions and estimates of future contract results. All estimates are inherently uncertain and subject to change. In an effort to maintain appropriate estimates, we review each of our long-term outsourcing contracts, the related contract reserves and intangible assets on a regular basis. If we determine that we need to change our estimates for a contract, we will change the estimates in the period in which the determination is made. These assumptions and estimates involve the exercise of judgment and discretion, which may also evolve over time in light of operational experience, regulatory direction, developments in accounting principles and other factors. Further, changes in assumptions, estimates or developments in the business or the application of accounting principles related to long-term outsourcing contracts may change our initial estimates of future contract results. Application of, and changes in, assumptions, estimates and policies may adversely affect our financial results.

The stock price of Class A common stock may be volatile.

The stock price of the Class A common stock may in the future be volatile and subject to wide fluctuations. In addition, the trading volume of the Class A common stock may in the future fluctuate and cause significant price variations to occur. Some of the factors that could cause fluctuations in the stock price or trading volume of the Class A common stock include:

- General market and economic conditions, including market conditions in the human capital and risk and financial management consulting industries and regulatory developments in the United States, foreign countries or both;

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Actual or expected variations in our quarterly results of operations and in the quarterly results of operations of companies perceived to be similar to us;

- Differences between actual results of operations and those expected by investors and analysts;

Changes in recommendations by securities analysts;

Operations and stock performance of competitors;

Accounting charges, including charges relating to the impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets;

Significant acquisitions, dispositions or strategic alliances by us or by competitors;

Sales of the Class A common stock, including sales by our directors and officers or significant investors;

Incurrence of additional debt;

Dilutive issuance of equity;

Recruitment or departure of key personnel;

Loss or gain of key clients;

Litigation involving us, our general industry or both; and

Changes in reserves for professional liability claims.

There can be no assurance that the stock price of the Class A common stock will not fluctuate or decline significantly in the future. In addition, the stock market in general can experience considerable price and volume fluctuations that may be unrelated to our performance.

We will only pay dividends if and when declared by our board of directors.

Any determination to pay dividends in the future is at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial condition, contractual restrictions, restrictions imposed by applicable law, rule or regulation, business and investment strategy, and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant. If we do not pay dividends, then the return on an investment in our common stock will depend entirely upon any future appreciation in its stock price. There is no guarantee that our common stock will appreciate in value or maintain its value.

We have various mechanisms in place that could prevent a change in control that a stockholder might favor.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that might discourage, delay or prevent a change in control that a stockholder might favor. Our certificate of incorporation or bylaws:

• Authorize the issuance of preferred stock without fixed characteristics, which could be issued by our board of directors pursuant to a stockholder rights plan and deter a takeover attempt;

• Provide that only the Chief Executive Officer, President or our board of directors may call a special meeting of stockholders;

• Limit business at special stockholder meetings to such business as is brought before the meeting by or at the direction of our board of directors;

• Prohibit stockholder action by written consent, and require all stockholder actions to be taken at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders;

• Provide our board of directors with exclusive power to change the number of directors;

• Provide that all vacancies on our board of directors, including new directorships, may only be filled by a resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office;

Do not opt out of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits business combinations between a corporation and any interested stockholder for a period of three years following the time that such stockholder became an interested stockholder;

• Require a supermajority vote for the stockholders to amend the bylaws; and

• Prohibit any stockholder from presenting a proposal or director nomination at an annual stockholders' meeting unless such stockholder provides us with sufficient advance notice.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

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Item 2. Properties.

As of June 30, 2014, we operated offices in more than 114 markets and 37 countries throughout the Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe, South Africa and the Middle East. Operations of each of our segments are carried out in leased offices under operating leases that typically do not exceed 10 years in length. We do not anticipate difficulty in meeting our space needs at lease expiration.

The fixed assets owned by us represented approximately 7% of total assets as of June 30, 2014, and consisted primarily of computer equipment and software, office furniture and leasehold improvements.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, we are a party to various lawsuits, arbitrations or mediations that arise in the ordinary course of business. The disclosure called for by Item 3 regarding our legal proceedings is incorporated by reference herein from Note 11, "Debt, Commitments and Contingent Liabilities", of the notes to the consolidated financial statements in this Annual Report.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Part II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Market Information

Towers Watson & Co. Class A common stock is currently traded on the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ under the symbol TW. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices per share of our Class A common stock for the periods indicated.

	High	Low
Fiscal Year 2013		
First quarter (July 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012)	\$60.98	\$51.68
Second quarter (October 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012)	\$58.63	\$50.01
Third quarter (January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013)	\$69.32	\$57.02
Fourth quarter (April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013)	\$81.95	\$68.02
Fiscal Year 2014		
First quarter (July 1, 2013 - September 30, 2013)	\$108.16	\$80.99
Second quarter (October 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013)	\$127.61	\$107.09
Third quarter (January 1, 2014 - March 31, 2014)	\$129.61	\$105.01
Fourth quarter (April 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014)	\$117.76	\$102.30

Holders

As of August 6, 2014, there were approximately 390 registered stockholders of our Class A common stock.

Dividends

Fiscal Year 2014 Dividends - During May 2014, our board of directors approved the payment of a quarterly cash dividend in the amount of \$0.14 per share which was paid in July 2014. Additional quarterly cash dividends were declared in the amount of \$0.14 per share in November 2013 and February 2014, which were paid in January 2014 and April 2014, respectively.

Fiscal Year 2013 Dividends - During November 2012, our board of directors approved the payment of a quarterly cash dividend in the amount of \$0.115 per share, which was paid in December 2012. Additionally, the board of directors declared an acceleration for calendar year 2013 of dividends otherwise payable in April 2013, July 2013 and October 2013. The \$0.345 per share accelerated dividend was paid in December 2012. Since all dividends that would have been otherwise payable in calendar year 2013 were paid in December 2012, there were no dividend payments for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Total dividends paid in fiscal year 2014 and in fiscal year 2013 were \$21.1 million and \$48.2 million, respectively.

The amount in fiscal years 2014 and 2013 includes \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, of dividends paid by our consolidated, majority-owned subsidiary, Fifth Quadrant, to its third-party shareholders.

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The continued payment of cash dividends in the future is at the discretion of our board of directors and depends on numerous factors, including, without limitation, our net earnings, financial condition, availability of capital, debt covenant limitations and our other business needs, including those of our subsidiaries and affiliates. Additionally, our Revolving Credit Facility and Term Loan require us to observe certain covenants, including requirements for minimum net worth, which potentially act to restrict dividends.

Performance Graph

The graphs below depict total cumulative stockholder return on \$100 invested on June 30, 2009 and January 4, 2010, respectively, in (i) Watson Wyatt Worldwide Inc. common stock and Towers Watson & Co. common stock, (ii) the New York Stock Exchange Composite Index; and (iii) a peer group index comprised of the common stock of Aon PLC and Marsh & McLennan Companies and certain publicly traded companies within the management consulting services standard industrial classification code having a reported market capitalization exceeding \$150 million. The graphs assume reinvestment of dividends.

*\$100 invested on 6/30/09 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends.

	6/09	12/09
Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Inc.	\$100.00	\$127.04
NYSE Composite	\$100.00	\$123.03
Peer Group	\$100.00	\$113.81

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*\$100 invested on 1/4/10 in stock or 12/31/09 in index, including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending June 30.

	1/4/10	6/30/10	6/30/11	6/30/12	6/30/13	6/30/14
Towers Watson & Co.	\$100.00	\$77.96	\$132.60	\$121.67	\$168.16	\$214.70
NYSE Composite	\$100.00	\$91.14	\$119.85	\$115.40	\$139.10	\$170.75
Peer Group	\$100.00	\$96.64	\$143.04	\$143.95	\$183.97	\$229.59

The two Performance Graphs respectively show (i) legacy Watson Wyatt's stock performance from June 30, 2009 through December 31, 2009, the day prior to the closing date of the Merger and (ii) Towers Watson's stock performance from January 4, 2010 through June 30, 2014.

Companies included in the peer group index in both graphs include: Accenture PLC, Aon PLC, FTI Consulting Inc., Huron Consulting Group Inc.; Marsh & McLennan Companies; Maximus Inc.; Navigant Consulting Inc.; and The Corporate Executive Board Company.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The Towers Watson Board has authorized the Company to periodically repurchase shares of common stock under two distinct sets of authority.

The purpose of the first authority is to offset the dilutive effect of issuance of shares under the Company's equity based compensation plans ("Dilution"). During the third quarter of fiscal year 2010, our Board of Directors approved the repurchase of up to 750,000 shares of our Class A Common Stock to offset Dilution. During the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the Board of Directors approved the repurchase of an additional 1,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock to offset Dilution. As of June 30, 2014, 427,189 shares remained available for repurchase under this authority.

The purpose of the second authority is to purchase shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock outside of the anti-dilutive authorization. During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, the Board of Directors approved the repurchase of \$150 million of the Company's Class A Common Stock. As of June 30, 2014, \$70.5 million remained available for repurchase of shares under this authority.

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There are no expiration dates for any of these repurchase plans or programs. The table below presents specified information about the Company's Class A Common Stock repurchases in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2014 and the Company's repurchase plans.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (a)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (b)
April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014	90,300	\$110.57	90,300	1,179,529
May 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014	76,200	\$109.31	76,200	1,103,329
June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014	-	-	-	1,103,329
	166,500	\$109.99	166,500	1,103,329

(a) All shares repurchased in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2014 were repurchased under the \$150 million authority approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) The maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under our two stock repurchase plans is 1,103,329. An estimate of the maximum number of shares under the repurchase of up to \$150 million was determined using the closing price of our stock on June 30, 2014, the last trading day of our fiscal year, of \$104.23.

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Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data

The following table sets forth selected consolidated financial data of Towers Watson for each of the years in the five-year period ended June 30, 2014. The selected consolidated financial data as of and for each of the years in the five year period ended June 30, 2014 were derived from our audited consolidated financial statements of Towers Watson. Prior period amounts have been restated to reflect discontinued operations in all periods presented. The consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

Statement of Operations Data: (amounts are in thousands, except per share data)	Year Ended June 30,					
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010 (a)	
Revenue	\$3,481,912	\$3,432,515	\$3,257,898	\$3,108,706	\$2,313,246	
Costs of providing services:						
Salaries and employee benefits	2,106,431	2,085,188	1,978,653	1,951,854	1,494,888	
Professional and subcontracted services	249,775	267,715	283,783	245,076	162,988	
Occupancy	137,883	139,942	136,557	139,211	107,664	
General and administrative expenses	317,448	303,472	259,064	256,581	207,959	
Depreciation and amortization	174,818	173,040	150,006	127,602	99,720	
Transaction and integration expenses	1,049	30,753	86,130	100,535	87,644	
	2,987,404	3,000,110	2,894,193	2,820,859	2,160,863	
Income from operations	494,508	432,405	363,705	287,847	152,383	
(Loss) / income from affiliates	—	(56) 262	1,081	(1,274)
Interest income	2,803	2,400	3,860	5,523	2,950	
Interest expense	(9,031) (12,676) (9,156) (12,475) (7,508)
Other non-operating income	10,226	6,928	11,350	19,349	11,304	
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	498,506	429,001	370,021	301,325	157,855	
Provision for income taxes	138,249	136,991	132,443	121,480	46,982	
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	360,257	292,010	237,578	179,845	110,873	
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax of \$39,202, \$15,561, \$13,313, \$8,436 and \$3,925, respectively	6,057	23,642	22,898	16,880	8,137	
NET INCOME BEFORE NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	366,314	315,652	260,476	196,725	119,010	
Income / (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	7,014	(3,160) 263	2,288	(1,587)
NET INCOME (attributable to common stockholders)	\$359,300	\$318,812	\$260,213	\$194,437	\$120,597	
Basic earnings per share (attributable to common stockholders):						
Net income from continuing operations	\$5.00	\$4.15	\$3.28	\$2.39	\$1.90	
Net income from discontinued operations	0.09	0.33	0.32	0.23	0.14	
Net income - basic	\$5.09	\$4.48	\$3.60	\$2.62	\$2.04	
Diluted earnings per share (attributable to common stockholders):						
Net income from continuing operations	\$4.98	\$4.13	\$3.27	\$2.39	\$1.89	
Net income from discontinued operations	0.08	0.33	0.32	0.23	0.14	
Net income - diluted	\$5.06	\$4.46	\$3.59	\$2.62	\$2.03	

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Dividends declared per share	\$0.42	\$0.46	\$0.40	\$0.30	\$0.30
Weighted average shares of common stock (000):					
Basic	70,587	71,150	72,221	74,075	59,257
Diluted	70,955	71,555	72,542	74,139	59,372

(a) Includes the effect of the Merger as of January 1, 2010

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Balance Sheet and Other Data: (amounts are in thousands)	As of June 30,				
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010 (a)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$727,849	\$532,805	\$478,179	\$528,923	\$435,927
Fiduciary assets	12,010	148,414	171,406	153,154	164,539
Working capital	773,899	599,348	656,415	472,357	479,521
Goodwill and intangible assets	2,970,351	2,906,693	3,021,403	2,638,496	2,400,782
Total assets	5,627,786	5,332,077	5,356,978	5,098,950	4,573,617
Revolving credit facility, term loan and notes	225,000	250,000	458,000	99,341	201,967
Dividends declared	30,780	42,027	25,752	22,846	17,661
Stockholders' equity	3,096,908	2,724,494	2,432,520	2,591,527	1,955,607
Shares outstanding	70,339	70,716	71,702	73,601	74,204

(a) Includes the effect of the Merger as of January 1, 2010

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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Executive Overview

General

We are a global consulting firm focusing on providing human capital and financial consulting services.

At Towers Watson, we bring together professionals from around the world — experts in their areas of specialty — to deliver the perspectives that give organizations a clear path forward. We do this by working with clients to develop solutions in the areas of employee benefits, risk and capital management, and talent and rewards.

We help our clients enhance business performance by improving their ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified employees. We focus on delivering consulting services that help organizations anticipate, identify and capitalize on emerging opportunities in human capital management. We also provide independent financial advice regarding all aspects of life insurance and general insurance, as well as investment advice to help our clients develop disciplined and efficient strategies to meet their investment goals. We operate the largest private Medicare exchange in the United States. Through this exchange, we help our clients move to a more sustainable economic model by capping and controlling the costs associated with retiree healthcare benefits.

As leading economies worldwide become more service-oriented, human resources and financial management have become increasingly important to companies and other organizations. The heightened competition for skilled employees, unprecedented changes in workforce demographics, regulatory changes related to compensation and retiree benefits, and rising employee-related costs have increased the importance of effective human capital management. Insurance and investment decisions have become increasingly complex and important in the face of changing economies and dynamic financial markets. Towers Watson helps its clients address these issues by combining expertise in human capital and financial management with consulting and technology solutions, to improve the design and implementation of various human resources and financial programs, including compensation, retirement, health care, and insurance and investment plans.

The human capital and financial consulting services industries, although highly fragmented, are highly competitive. It is composed of major human capital consulting firms, specialty firms, consulting arms of accounting firms and information technology consulting firms.

In the short term, our revenue is driven by many factors, including the general state of the global economy and the resulting level of discretionary spending, the continuing regulatory compliance requirements of our clients, changes in investment markets, the ability of our consultants to attract new clients and provide additional services to existing clients, the impact of new regulations in the legal and accounting fields, and the impact of our ongoing cost-saving initiatives. In the long term, we expect that our financial results will depend in large part upon how well we succeed in deepening our existing client relationships through thought leadership and a focus on developing cross-business solutions, actively pursuing new clients in our target markets, cross selling and making strategic acquisitions. We believe that the highly fragmented industry in which we operate offers us growth opportunities, because we provide a unique business combination of benefits and human capital consulting, as well as risk and capital management and strategic technology solutions.

Segments

We provide services in four business segments: Benefits, Risk and Financial Services, Talent and Rewards, and Exchange Solutions.

Benefits Segment. The Benefits segment is our largest and most established segment. This segment has grown through business combinations as well as strong organic growth. It helps clients create and manage cost-effective benefits programs that help them attract, retain and motivate a talented workforce.

The Benefits segment provides benefits consulting and administration services through four lines of business:

• Retirement;

• Health and Group Benefits;

• Technology and Administration Solutions; and

• International Consulting.

Retirement supports organizations worldwide in designing, managing, administering and communicating all types of retirement plans. Health and Group Benefits provides advice on the strategy, design, financing, delivery, ongoing plan management and communication of health and group benefit programs. Through our Technology and Administration Solutions line of business,

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we deliver cost-effective benefit outsourcing solutions. The International Consulting Group provides expertise in dealing with international human capital management and related benefits and compensation advice for corporate headquarters and their subsidiaries. A significant portion of the revenue in this segment is from recurring work, driven in large part by the heavily regulated nature of employee benefits plans and our clients' annual needs for these services. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Benefits segment contributed 59% of our segment revenue. For the same period, approximately 44% of the Benefits segment's revenue originates from outside the United States and is thus subject to translation exposure resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

Risk and Financial Services Segment. Within the Risk and Financial Services segment, our second largest segment, we have two lines of business:

Risk Consulting and Software ("RCS"); and

Investment.

The Risk and Financial Services segment, exclusive of our Reinsurance and Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage business ("Brokerage"), which was sold in November 2013, accounted for 19% of our total segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Approximately 73% of the segment's revenue originates from outside the United States and is thus subject to translation exposure resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations. The segment has a strong base of recurring revenue, driven by long-term client relationships in retainer investment consulting assignments, software solutions, consulting services on financial reporting, and actuarial opinions on property/casualty loss reserves. Some of these relationships have been in place for more than 20 years. A portion of the revenue is related to project work, which is more heavily dependent on the overall level of discretionary spending by clients. This work is favorably influenced by strong client relationships, particularly related to mergers and acquisitions consulting. Major revenue growth drivers include changes in regulations, the level of merger and acquisition activity in the insurance industry, and growth in pension and other asset pools. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, we entered into an agreement to sell our Brokerage business to JLT and we closed the transaction in our second quarter. We have reclassified the operating results of Brokerage as discontinued operations in our consolidated statements of operations for fiscal years 2014, 2013, and 2012.

Talent and Rewards Segment. Our third largest segment, Talent and Rewards, is focused on three lines of business:

Executive Compensation;

Rewards, Talent and Communication; and

Data, Surveys and Technology.

The Talent and Rewards segment accounted for approximately 17% of our total segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Few of the segment's projects have a recurring element. As a result, this segment is most sensitive to changes in discretionary spending due to cyclical economic fluctuations. Approximately 47% of the segment's revenue originates from outside the United States and is thus subject to translation exposure resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations. Revenue for Talent and Rewards consulting has increasing seasonality, with a meaningful amount of heightened activity in the second half of the calendar year during the annual compensation, benefits and survey cycles. Major revenue growth drivers in this group include demand for workforce productivity improvements and labor cost reductions, focus on high performance culture, globalization of the workforce, changes in regulations and benefits programs, merger and acquisition activity, the demand for universal metrics related to workforce engagement and the opportunity to leverage technology to manage annual talent management and reward processes.

Exchange Solutions Segment. Our fourth largest segment, Exchange Solutions, has two lines of business:

Retiree & Access Exchanges; and

Liaison.

We established our fourth segment, Exchange Solutions, when we acquired Extend Health on May 29, 2012. The Exchange Solutions segment accounted for approximately 5% of our total segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. In November 2013, the segment was expanded through the acquisition of Liazon Corporation, a leader in developing and delivering private benefit exchanges for active employees.

Our OneExchange Retiree solution enables employers to transition their retirees to individual, defined contribution health plans at an annual cost that the employer controls — versus group-based, defined benefit health plans, which have

uncertain annual costs. By moving to a defined contribution approach, our clients can provide their retirees with the same or better health care benefits at a lower overall cost. The Liazon solution complements our existing OneExchange Active offering by helping organizations of all sizes deliver self- and fully-insured benefits to employees in new and cost-effective ways. Most Retiree & Access revenue comes from the commissions we receive from insurance carriers for enrolling individuals into their health plans. This revenue generally increases as the number of enrolled members grows. Revenues for Liazon are derived from a

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combination of monthly administration fees and carrier commissions and overrides. Exchange Solutions experiences seasonality due to the timing of the commissions we receive from our carriers and the costs incurred to enroll members. Most of our revenue is recognized ratably over the term of the policy, whereas the costs are incurred during our corporate clients' open enrollment period, typically in our fiscal year first and second quarters. We hire additional seasonal staff to supplement our full-time service center associates, and we expect to incur higher costs during our client's busiest enrollment periods.

On January 23, 2014, Towers Watson announced plans to expand the Exchange Solutions segment by combining operations and associates primarily from portions of the TAS North America line of business with the Retiree & Access Exchanges and Liazon lines of business to better align their respective strategic goals. The restructuring took effect on July 1, 2014. We are still evaluating the impact of this restructuring to our operating segments and the related disclosures.

Financial Statement Overview

Towers Watson's fiscal year ends June 30.

Shown below are Towers Watson's top five geographies based on percentage of consolidated revenue. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the information provided excludes the Brokerage business.

Geographic Region	Fiscal Year			
	2014	2013	2012	
United States	53	% 53	% 48	%
United Kingdom	20	22	23	
Canada	6	6	6	
Germany	5	4	5	
Netherlands	2	2	3	

We derive the majority of our revenue from fees for consulting services. Approximately 60% of these arrangements are billed at standard hourly rates and expense reimbursement, which we refer to as time and expense basis. The remaining 40% of these arrangements are billed on a fixed-fee basis. Clients are typically invoiced on a monthly basis with revenue generally recognized as services are performed. No single client accounted for more than 1% of our consolidated revenues for any of our most recent three fiscal years.

Our most significant expense is compensation to associates, which typically comprises approximately 70% of total costs of providing services. We compensate our directors, executive officers and other select associates with incentive non-cash stock-based compensation awards which generally vest equally over three years. We use a graded vesting expense methodology that assumes the equity awards are issued to participants in equal amounts of shares that vest over one year, two years and three years, giving the effect of more expense in the first year than the second and third. Our equity awards are settled in Towers Watson Class A common stock.

Salaries and employee benefits are comprised of wages paid to associates, related taxes, severance, benefit expenses such as pension, medical and insurance costs, and fiscal year-end incentive bonuses.

Professional and subcontracted services represent fees paid to external service providers for employment, marketing and other services. For the three most recent fiscal years, approximately 30% to 40% of the professional and subcontracted services were directly incurred on behalf of clients and were reimbursed by them, with such reimbursements being included in revenue. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 for Towers Watson, approximately 35% of professional and subcontracted services represent these reimbursable services.

Occupancy includes expenses for rent and utilities.

General and administrative expenses include legal, marketing, supplies, telephone and networking costs to operate office locations as well as insurance, including premiums on excess insurance and losses on professional liability claims, non-client-reimbursed travel by associates, publications and professional development. This line item also includes miscellaneous expenses, including gains and losses on foreign currency transactions.

Depreciation and amortization includes the depreciation of fixed assets and amortization of intangible assets and internally-developed software.

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Transaction and integration expenses include fees and charges associated with the Merger and with our other acquisitions. Transaction and integration expenses principally consist of investment banker fees, regulatory filing expenses, integration consultants, as well as legal, accounting, marketing, and information technology integration expenses.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Our estimates, judgments and assumptions are continually evaluated based on available information and experience. Because of the use of estimates inherent in the financial reporting process, actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas that we believe are critical accounting policies include revenue recognition, valuation of billed and unbilled receivables from clients, discretionary compensation, income taxes, pension assumptions, incurred but not reported claims, and goodwill and intangible assets. The critical accounting policies discussed below involve making difficult, subjective or complex accounting estimates that could have a material effect on our financial condition and results of operations. These critical accounting policies require us to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time of the estimate or assumption. Different estimates that we could have used, or changes in estimates that are reasonably likely to occur, may have a material effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when it is earned and realized or realizable as demonstrated by persuasive evidence of an arrangement with a client, a fixed or determinable price, services have been rendered or products delivered or available for use, and collectability is reasonably assured.

The majority of our revenue consists of fees earned from providing consulting services. We recognize revenue from these consulting engagements when hours are worked, either on a time-and-expense basis or on a fixed-fee basis, depending on the terms and conditions defined at the inception of an engagement with a client. We have engagement letters with our clients that specify the terms and conditions upon which the engagements are based. These terms and conditions can only be changed upon agreement by both parties. Individual associates' billing rates are principally based on a multiple of salary and compensation costs.

Revenue for fixed-fee arrangements is based upon the proportional performance method. We typically have three types of fixed-fee arrangements: annual recurring projects, projects of a short duration, and non-recurring system projects. Annual recurring projects and the projects of short duration are typically straightforward and highly predictable in nature. As a result, the project manager and financial staff are able to identify, as the project status is reviewed and bills are prepared monthly, the occasions when cost overruns could lead to the recording of a loss accrual.

We have non-recurring system projects that are longer in duration and subject to more changes in scope as the project progresses. We evaluate at least quarterly, and more often as needed, project managers' estimates-to-complete to assure that the projects' current statuses are accounted for properly. Certain software contracts generally provide that if the client terminates a contract, we are entitled to payment for services performed through termination.

Revenue recognition for fixed-fee engagements is affected by a number of factors that change the estimated amount of work required to complete the project such as changes in scope, the staffing on the engagement and/or the level of client participation. The periodic engagement evaluations require us to make judgments and estimates regarding the overall profitability and stage of project completion that, in turn, affect how we recognize revenue. We recognize a loss on an engagement when estimated revenue to be received for that engagement is less than the total estimated costs associated with the engagement. Losses are recognized in the period in which the loss becomes probable and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. We have experienced certain costs in excess of estimates from time to time. Management believes it is rare, however, for these excess costs to result in overall project losses.

We have developed various software programs and technologies that we provide to clients in connection with consulting services. In most instances, such software is hosted and maintained by us and ownership of the technology and rights to the related code remain with us. We defer costs for software developed to be utilized in providing

services to a client, but for which the client does not have the contractual right to take possession, during the implementation stage. We recognize these deferred costs from the go live date, signaling the end of the implementation stage, until the end of the initial term of the contract with the client. We determined that the system implementation and customized ongoing administrative services are one combined service. Revenue is recognized over the service period, after the go live date, in proportion to the services performed. As a result, we do not recognize revenue during the implementation phase of an engagement.

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We deliver software under arrangements with clients that take possession of our software. The maintenance associated with the initial software fees is a fixed percentage which enables us to determine the stand-alone value of the delivered software separate from the maintenance. We recognize the initial software fees as software is delivered to the client and we recognize the maintenance ratably over the contract period based on each element's relative fair value. For software arrangements in which initial fees are received in connection with mandatory maintenance for the initial software license to remain active, we determined that the initial maintenance period is substantive. Therefore, we recognize the fees for the initial license and maintenance bundle ratably over the initial contract term, which is generally one year. Each subsequent renewal fee is recognized ratably over the contractually stated renewal period. We collect, analyze and compile data in the form of surveys for our clients who have the option of participating in the survey. The surveys are published online via a web tool which provides simplistic functionality. We have determined that the web tool is inconsequential to the overall arrangement. We record the survey revenue when the results are delivered online and made available to our clients that have a contractual right to the data. If the data is updated more frequently than annually, we recognize the survey revenue ratably over the contractually stated period.

Prior to the sale of our reinsurance brokerage business in November 2013 (see Note 2 for further discussion), in our capacity as a reinsurance broker, we collected premiums from our reinsurance clients and, after deducting our brokerage commissions, we remitted the premiums to the respective reinsurance underwriters on behalf of our reinsurance clients. In general, compensation for reinsurance brokerage services was earned on a commission basis. Commissions were calculated as a percentage of a reinsurance premium as stipulated in the reinsurance contracts with our clients and reinsurers. We recognized brokerage services revenue on the later of the contract's inception or billing date as fees became known or as our services were provided for premium processing. In addition, we held cash needed to settle amounts due reinsurers or our reinsurance clients, net of any commissions due to us, pending remittance to the ultimate recipient. We were permitted to invest these funds in high quality liquid instruments.

As an insurance exchange, we generate revenue from commission paid to us by insurance carriers for health insurance policies issued through our enrollment services. Under our contracts with insurance carriers, once an application has been accepted by an insurance carrier and a policy has been issued, we will receive commission payments from the policy effective date until the end of the annual policy period as long as the policy is not cancelled by the insured or the carrier. We defer upfront fees and recognize revenue ratably from the policy effective date over the policy period, generally one year. The commission fee per policy placed with a carrier could vary by whether the insured was previously a Medicare participant and whether the policy is in its first or subsequent year. Due to the uncertainty of the commission fee per policy, we do not recognize revenue until the policy is accepted by the carrier, the policy is effective and a communication is received from the carrier of the fee per insured. As the commission fee is cancellable on a pro rata basis related to the underlying insurance policy which we are not party to, we recognize the commission fee ratably over the policy period. Our carrier contracts entitle us to receive commission fees per policy for the life of the policy unless limited by legislation or cancelled by the carrier or insured. As a result, the majority of the revenue is recurring in nature and grows in direct proportion to the number of new policies added each year.

Revenue recognized in excess of billings is recorded as unbilled accounts receivable. Cash collections in excess of revenue recognized are recorded as deferred revenue until the revenue recognition criteria are met. Client reimbursable expenses, including those relating to travel, other out-of-pocket expenses and any third-party costs, are included in revenue, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses are included in professional and subcontracted services as a cost of revenue.

Valuation of Billed and Unbilled Receivables from Clients

We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts to reflect estimated losses resulting from the clients' failure to pay for the services after the services have been rendered, including allowances when customer disputes may exist. The related provision is recorded as a reduction to revenue. Our allowance policy is based on the aging of the billed and unbilled client receivables and has been developed based on the write-off history. Facts and circumstances such as the average length of time the receivables are past due, general market conditions, current economic trends and our clients' ability to pay may cause fluctuations in our valuation of billed and unbilled receivables.

Discretionary Compensation

Our compensation program includes a discretionary bonus that is determined by management and has historically been paid once per fiscal year in the form of cash and/or deferred stock units after our annual operating results are finalized.

An estimated annual bonus amount is initially developed at the beginning of each fiscal year in conjunction with our budgeting process. Estimated annual operating performance is reviewed quarterly and the discretionary annual bonus amount is then adjusted, if necessary, by management to reflect changes in the forecast of pre-bonus profitability for the year.

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Income Taxes

We account for income taxes in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 740, Income Taxes, which prescribes the use of the asset and liability approach to the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities related to the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our financial statements or income tax returns. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that a portion or all of a given deferred tax asset will not be realized. In accordance with ASC 740, income tax expense includes (i) deferred tax expense, which generally represents the net change in the deferred tax asset or liability balance during the year plus any change in valuation allowances and (ii) current tax expense, which represents the amount of tax currently payable to or receivable from a taxing authority plus amounts accrued for expected tax contingencies (including both tax and interest). ASC 740 prescribes a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not, and a measurement attribute for all tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return, in order for those positions to be recognized in the financial statements. We continually review tax laws, regulations and related guidance in order to properly record any uncertain tax positions. We adjust these reserves in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the outcome of tax audits.

Variable Interest Entities

In connection with the pooled investment fund solutions we provide, we may enter into arrangements that need to be examined to determine whether they fall under the variable interest entity (VIE) accounting guidance. Management needs to exercise significant judgment to determine if these entities are VIEs and, if so, whether such VIE relationships require the Company to consolidate these entities. This process involves management’s understanding of the arrangements to determine whether the entity is considered a VIE under the accounting guidance. This evaluation of whether the entity is considered a VIE under the accounting guidance involves judging whether the various structures qualify as investment companies under the deferred provisions of ASC 810-10-65-2 (the “Deferral”) in applying the guidance in the VIE subsections of the Deferral. We use a variety of complex estimating processes that may consider both qualitative and quantitative factors, and may involve the use of assumptions (where necessary) about the business environment in which an entity operates; the VIE’s purpose and design, including the risks the VIE was designed to create and pass through to its variable interest holders; the VIE’s capital structure; the terms between the VIE and its variable interest holders and other parties involved with the VIE (and when necessary, to determine who is most closely associated with the VIE); identification of related-party relationships and de-facto agency relationships; which variable interest holder has the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIE’s economic performance; analysis and calculation of its expected losses and its expected residual returns in determining which variable interest holder has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The quantitative processes involve estimating the expected future cash flows and performance of the entity, analyzing the variability in those cash flows, and allocating the losses and returns among the identified parties having variable interests. Where an entity is determined to be a VIE, our interests are compared to those of the other parties involved with the VIE to identify the party that is the primary beneficiary, and thus should consolidate the entity. In addition to the areas of judgment mentioned above, a significant amount of judgment is exercised in interpreting the provisions of the accounting guidance and applying them to our specific transactions. Management reassesses its initial evaluation of whether an entity is a VIE when certain reconsideration events occur. Management reassesses its determination of whether it is the primary beneficiary of a VIE on an ongoing basis based on current facts and circumstances.

Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) Claims

We accrue for IBNR professional liability claims that are probable and estimable. We use actuarial assumptions to estimate and record a liability for IBNR professional liability claims. Our estimated IBNR liability is based on long-term trends and averages, and considers a number of factors, including changes in claim reporting patterns, claim settlement patterns, judicial decisions, and legislation and economic decisions. Our estimated IBNR liability does not include actuarial projections for the effect of claims data for large cases due to the insufficiency of actuarial experience with such cases. Our estimated IBNR liability will fluctuate if claims experience changes over time. As of

June 30, 2014, we had a \$173.8 million IBNR liability, net of estimated IBNR recoverable receivables of our captive insurance companies. This net liability decreased from \$174.3 million as of June 30, 2013. To the extent our captive insurance companies, PCIC and SMIC, expect losses to be covered by a third party, they record a receivable for the amount expected to be recovered. This receivable is classified in other current or other noncurrent assets in our consolidated balance sheet.

Pension Assumptions

Towers Watson sponsors both qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plan (“OPEB”) plans in North America and Europe. As of June 30, 2014, these funded and unfunded plans represented 98 percent of Towers Watson’s pension and OPEB obligations and are disclosed herein. Towers Watson also sponsors funded and unfunded

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defined benefit pension plans in certain other countries, representing an additional \$98.0 million in projected benefit obligations, \$73.3 million in assets and a net liability of \$24.8 million.

North America

United States – Beginning January 1, 2012, all associates, including named executive officers, accrue qualified and non-qualified benefits under a new stable value pension design. Prior to this date, associates hired prior to December 31, 2010 earned benefits under their legacy plan formulas, which were frozen on December 31, 2011. The non-qualified plan is unfunded. Retiree medical benefits provided under our U.S. postretirement benefit plans were closed to new hires effective January 1, 2011. Life insurance benefits under the same plans were frozen with respect to service, eligibility and amounts as of January 1, 2012 for active associates.

Canada – Effective on January 1, 2011, associates hired on or after January 1, 2011 and effective on January 1, 2012 associates hired prior to January 1, 2011, accrue qualified and non-qualified benefits based on a career average benefit formula. Additionally, participants can choose to make voluntary contributions to purchase enhancements to their pension. Prior to the January 1, 2011, associates earned benefits under their legacy plan formulas.

The non-qualified plans in North America provide for the additional pension benefits that would be covered under the qualified plan in the respective country were it not for statutory maximums. The non-qualified plans are unfunded.

Europe

United Kingdom – For associates previously participating under the legacy Watson Wyatt defined benefit plan, benefits accrue based on the number of years of service and the associate’s average compensation during the associate’s term of service since January 2008 (prior to this date, benefits accrued under a different formula). Benefit accruals earned under the legacy Towers Perrin defined benefit plan were frozen on March 31, 2008, and the plan predominantly provides lump sum benefits. All associates not earning benefits under the legacy Watson Wyatt defined benefit component of the plan accrue benefits under a defined contribution component.

Germany – Effective January 1, 2011, all new associates participate in a defined contribution plan. Associates hired prior to this date continue to participate in various defined contribution and defined benefit arrangements according to legacy plan formulas. The legacy defined benefit plans are primarily account-based, with some long-service associates continuing to accrue benefits according to grandfathered final-average-pay formulas.

Netherlands – Benefits under the Netherlands plan used to accrue on a final pay basis on earnings up to a maximum amount each year. The benefit accrual under the final pay plan stopped at December 31, 2010. The accrued benefits will receive conditional indexation each year.

The determination of Towers Watson’s obligations and annual expense under the plans is based on a number of assumptions that, given the longevity of the plans, are long-term in focus. A change in one or a combination of these assumptions could have a material impact on Towers Watson’s pension benefit obligation and related cost. Any difference between actual and assumed results is amortized into Towers Watson’s pension cost over the average remaining service period of participating associates. Towers Watson considers several factors prior to the start of each fiscal year when determining the appropriate annual assumptions, including economic forecasts, relevant benchmarks, historical trends, portfolio composition and peer company comparisons.

Funding is based on actuarially determined contributions and is limited to amounts that are currently deductible for tax purposes. Since funding calculations are based on different measurements than those used for accounting purposes, pension contributions are not equal to net periodic pension cost.

The assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,						
	2014		2013		2012		
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	
Discount rate	5.32	% 4.41	% 4.86	% 4.80	% 5.79	% 5.59	%
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	7.67	% 5.77	% 8.11	% 6.07	% 8.14	% 6.78	%

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Rate of increase in compensation levels	4.36	%	3.93	%	4.35	%	3.93	%	3.82	%	3.93	%
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The following table presents the assumptions used in the valuation to determine the projected benefit obligation for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	June 30, 2014		June 30, 2013		
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	
Discount rate	4.86	% 3.99	% 5.32	% 4.41	%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	3.98	% 3.00	% 4.36	% 3.93	%

Towers Watson's discount rate assumptions were determined by matching expected future pension benefit payments with current AA corporate bond yields from the respective countries for the same periods. In the United States, specific bonds were selected to match plan cash flows. In Canada, yields were taken from a corporate bond yield curve. In Europe, the discount rate was set based on yields on European AA corporate bonds at the measurement date. The U.K. is based on the yields on U.K. AA corporate bonds, while Germany and the Netherlands are based on yields on European AA corporate bonds.

The expected rates of return assumptions for North America and Europe were supported by an analysis performed by Towers Watson of the weighted-average yield expected to be achieved with the anticipated makeup of investments.

The following information illustrates the sensitivity to a change in certain assumptions for the North American pension plans for fiscal year 2014:

Change in Assumption	Effect on FY 2014 Pre-Tax Pension Expense
25 basis point decrease in discount rate	+ \$9.0 million
25 basis point increase in discount rate	- \$8.7 million
25 basis point decrease in expected return on assets	+ \$7.0 million
25 basis point increase in expected return on assets	- \$7.0 million

The following information illustrates the sensitivity to a change in certain assumptions for the European pension plans for fiscal year 2014:

Change in Assumption	Effect on FY 2014 Pre-Tax Pension Expense
25 basis point decrease in discount rate	+ \$4.7 million
25 basis point increase in discount rate	- \$4.8 million
25 basis point decrease in expected return on assets	+ \$2.3 million
25 basis point increase in expected return on assets	- \$2.3 million

The above sensitivities reflect the impact of changing one assumption at a time. Economic factors and conditions often affect multiple assumptions simultaneously and the effects of changes in key assumptions are not necessarily linear.

The differences in the discount rate and compensation level assumption used for the North American and European plans above can be attributed to the differing interest rate environments associated with the currencies and economies to which the plans are subject. The differences in the expected return on assets are primarily driven by the respective asset allocation in each plan, coupled with the return expectations for assets in the respective currencies.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

In applying the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, amounts assigned to identifiable assets and liabilities acquired were based on estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition, with the remainder recorded as goodwill. Intangible assets are initially valued at fair value using generally accepted valuation methods appropriate for the type of intangible asset. Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and are reviewed for impairment if indicators of impairment arise. Intangible assets with indefinite lives are tested for impairment annually as of April 1, and whenever indicators of impairment exist. The fair value of the intangible assets is compared with their carrying value and an impairment loss would be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the fair value. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually as of April 1, and whenever

indicators of impairment exist. Goodwill is tested at the reporting unit level which is one level below our operating segments. The Company had ten reporting units on April 1, 2014. During fiscal 2014, the Company performed Step 1 of the two-step impairment test for all reporting units in order to update the estimated fair value for all reporting units. All reporting units' estimated fair values were substantially in excess of the carrying

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values, with the exception of the Liazon reporting unit which was only recently acquired. Liazon's fair value exceeded its carrying value, but had a passing margin of approximately 11%. To perform the test, we used Level 3 valuation techniques to estimate the fair value of a reporting unit that fall under income or market approaches. Under the discounted cash flow method, an income approach, the business enterprise value is determined by discounting to present value the terminal value which is calculated using debt-free after-tax cash flows for a finite period of years. Key estimates in this approach were internal financial projection estimates prepared by management, business risk, and expected rate of return on capital. The guideline company method, a market approach, develops valuation multiples by comparing our reporting units to similar publicly traded companies. Key estimates and selection of valuation multiples rely on the selection of similar companies, obtaining estimates of forecasted revenue and EBITDA estimates for the similar companies and selection of valuation multiples as they apply to the reporting unit characteristics. Under the similar transactions method, a market approach, actual transaction prices and operating data from companies deemed reasonably similar to the reporting units is used to develop valuation multiples as an indication of how much a knowledgeable investor in the marketplace would be willing to pay for the business units.

If the Company was required to perform Step 2, we would determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit used in Step 1 to all the assets and liabilities of that reporting unit (including any recognized or unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination. Then the implied fair value of goodwill would be compared to the carrying amount of goodwill to determine if goodwill is impaired. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we did not record any impairment losses of goodwill or intangibles.

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Results of Operations

The table below sets forth our consolidated statements of operations and data as a percentage of revenue for the periods indicated.

Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,								
	2014			2013			2012		
Revenue	\$3,481,912	100	%	\$3,432,515	100	%	\$3,257,898	100	%
Costs of providing services:									
Salaries and employee benefits	2,106,431	60	%	2,085,188	61	%	1,978,653	61	%
Professional and subcontracted services	249,775	7	%	267,715	8	%	283,783	9	%
Occupancy	137,883	4	%	139,942	4	%	136,557	4	%
General and administrative expenses	317,448	9	%	303,472	9	%	259,064	8	%
Depreciation and amortization	174,818	5	%	173,040	5	%	150,006	5	%
Transaction and integration expenses	1,049	—	%	30,753	1	%	86,130	3	%
	2,987,404	86	%	3,000,110	87	%	2,894,193	89	%
Income from operations	494,508	14	%	432,405	13	%	363,705	11	%
(Loss) / income from affiliates	—	—		(56)	)	—	262	—	
Interest income	2,803	—		2,400	—		3,860	—	
Interest expense	(9,031)	)	—	(12,676)	)	—	(9,156))	—
Other non-operating income	10,226	—		6,928	—		11,350	—	
Income before income taxes	498,506	14	%	429,001	12	%	370,021	11	%
Provision for income taxes	138,249	4	%	136,991	4	%	132,443	4	%
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	360,257	10	%	292,010	9	%	237,578	7	%
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax of \$39,202, \$15,561, \$13,313, respectively	6,057	—	%	23,642	1	%	22,898	1	%
NET INCOME BEFORE NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	366,314	11	%	315,652	9	%	260,476	8	%
Net income / (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	7,014	—	%	(3,160)	)	—	263	—	%
NET INCOME (attributable to common stockholders)	\$359,300	10	%	\$318,812	9	%	260,213	8	%

Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Compared to Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

Revenue

The following discussion of the results of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 reflects our Brokerage discontinued operations presentation in this current year filing. Revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 was \$3.5 billion, an increase of \$0.05 billion, or 1%, compared to \$3.4 billion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. On an organic basis, which excludes the effects of acquisitions and currency, revenue increased 1% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Our Exchange Solutions segment contributed 5% to our total revenue in fiscal year 2014. During fiscal year 2014 we continued to assist companies with de-risking activities related to bulk-lump sum projects. We further enhanced our client development group outside the U.S. to better align our organization with our multi-national and global clients, and expanded our global footprint into rapidly developing markets such as South Africa, India and Russia.

The average exchange rate used to translate our revenues earned in British pounds sterling increased to 1.6364 for fiscal year 2014 from 1.5686 for fiscal year 2013, and the average exchange rate used to translate our revenues earned

in Euros increased to 1.3592 for fiscal year 2014 from 1.2941 for fiscal year 2013. Constant currency is calculated by translating prior year

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revenue at the current year average exchange rate. Segment results are presented both on a reported basis and on a constant currency basis. Line of business results are presented only on a constant currency basis.

A comparison of segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, as compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, is as follows:

Benefits revenue decreased \$14.8 million, or 1%, and was \$1.98 billion for fiscal year 2014 compared to \$1.99 billion for fiscal year 2013. On a constant currency basis, Benefits revenue decreased 1%. Our Retirement business revenue, which makes up the majority of the segment, decreased 3%. While we continue to perform bulk lump sum projects, we have not had, and did not expect to have, the level of project work and revenue that we attained in fiscal year 2013. Our Health and Group Benefits business increased 1%. Our Technology and Administration Solutions business experienced 7% revenue growth due to new client work. The revenues in this line of business are recognized from the go-live date. The revenue growth in fiscal 2014 was primarily a result of new client wins in fiscal 2013. We have also experienced an increase in implementation projects in fiscal 2014. Our International business revenue declined 1%. Risk and Financial Services revenue was \$638.4 million for fiscal year 2014 compared to \$645.3 million for fiscal year 2013, a 1% decrease. Risk and Financial Services revenue decreased 2% on a constant currency basis. The results associated with the operations of our Brokerage business have been classified as discontinued operations in fiscal years 2014 and 2013. The Risk and Financial Services segment revenue decline was primarily from a 6% decrease in our Risk Consulting and Software business revenue across all regions, particularly in Asia Pacific and EMEA. In fiscal year 2013, we began restructuring efforts, as there was low client demand for discretionary projects. The restructuring was completed in fiscal year 2014. While we experienced a decrease in consulting revenue, our property and casualty software revenue continued to be strong. Our Investment business experienced 5% revenue growth, across all regions, due to increased project work and performance fees.

Talent and Rewards revenue was \$582.7 million for fiscal year 2014 compared to \$573.3 million for fiscal year 2013, a 2% increase on an as reported and constant currency basis. Data, Surveys and Technology business revenue increased 9%, as demand for human resources software implementations and employee surveys drove revenue growth across all regions. Rewards, Talent and Communication revenue, which is primarily project-oriented, decreased 4%. We experienced softness in this line of business in the Americas and EMEA regions this fiscal year. Additionally, our results were impacted as our communications consultants were redeployed to support Exchange Solutions product development and sales. Our Executive Compensation business experienced a 2% increase in revenue, primarily in the Americas, where demand remained solid. We anticipate modest revenue growth for our Talent and Rewards segment from several of our practice areas, including Data, Surveys and Technology. In June 2014, we released three Software-as-a Service HR technology solutions. We are seeing a higher usage of HR service center technology as organizations look to improve their employees' experience without increasing costs.

Exchange Solutions revenue increased \$75.1 million, and was \$170.0 million, for fiscal year 2014 compared to \$94.9 million for fiscal year 2013. As our newest segment, Exchange Solutions contributed 5% to the Company's total revenue for fiscal year 2014. In the second quarter of the fiscal year 2014, we acquired Liazon to round out our portfolio of exchange offerings by adding fully-insured healthcare options and enhancing the ancillary benefit programs to the OneExchange platform. As of June 30, 2014, we had approximately 670,000 enrolled retirees/employees, which equates to approximately 730,000 covered lives, in OneExchange.

Salaries and Employee Benefits

Salaries and employee benefits was \$2.11 billion for fiscal year 2014 compared to \$2.09 billion for fiscal year 2013, an increase of \$21.2 million, or 1%. We experienced a \$64.0 million increase in salaries, wage related taxes and fringe benefits for fiscal year 2014. The increase was driven by our adding personnel in high growth areas of our business coupled with our rationalizing in other business areas which resulted in increased severance costs. Our discretionary annual bonus is based on pre-bonus profitability, and fluctuates based on our operating results. As a result, our bonus expense for fiscal year 2014 decreased by \$24.8 million compared to fiscal year 2013. Our pension expense decreased \$15.3 million. The decrease in our pension expense was due to increases in discount rates and favorable investment returns. As a percentage of revenue, salaries and employee benefits was 60% for fiscal year 2014 compared to 61% for fiscal year 2013.

Professional and Subcontracted Services

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Professional and subcontracted services for fiscal year 2014 was \$249.8 million, compared to \$267.7 million for fiscal year 2013, a decrease of \$17.9 million, or 6.7%. Our external service provider fees decreased by \$15.7 million compared to fiscal year 2013. We contracted with these service providers to supplement our day-to-day operations. In fiscal year 2014, our telecommunication, video conferencing, and internet services were managed by our in-house information technology department, and these expenses are classified in general and administrative expenses. Our pass-through expenses, which are generally reimbursable under our contracts, decreased by \$2.3 million. As a percentage of revenue, professional and subcontracted services decreased to 7% for fiscal year 2014 from 8% for fiscal year 2013.

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Occupancy

Occupancy expense for fiscal year 2014 was \$137.9 million, compared to \$139.9 million for fiscal year 2013, a decrease of \$2.0 million, or 1%. The decrease in occupancy expenses relates to cost savings from the combination of duplicative office spaces. As a percentage of revenue, occupancy expense was 4% for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2014 was \$317.4 million, compared to \$303.5 million for fiscal year 2013, an increase of \$13.9 million, or 5%. The increase was primarily from additional travel expenses and software maintenance costs, as well as an increase of \$1.7 million in our professional liability and other claims expense due to increases in our current legal reserves and reductions in prior year IBNR reserves. The increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$2.5 million in our telecommunications, video conferencing, internet and general office expenses for fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013. These expenses were classified in professional and subcontracted services in fiscal year 2013, as we previously contracted with an external service provider for these services. As a percentage of revenue, general and administrative expenses was 9% for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense for fiscal year 2014 was \$174.8 million, compared to \$173.0 million for fiscal year 2013, an increase of \$1.8 million, or 1%. As a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortization expenses was 5% for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

Transaction and Integration Expenses

Transaction and integration expense for fiscal year 2014 was \$1.0 million, compared to \$30.8 million for fiscal year 2013, a decrease of \$29.8 million. The decrease was principally due to a reduction in expenses related to information technology integration projects that were ongoing in fiscal year 2012 and completed in fiscal year 2013. As a percentage of revenue, transaction and integration expenses was 1% for fiscal year 2013.

(Loss) / Income from Affiliates

Loss from affiliates for fiscal year 2013 was \$0.1 million.

Interest Income

Interest income was \$2.8 million and \$2.4 million for fiscal years 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$9.0 million for fiscal year 2014, compared to \$12.7 million for fiscal year 2013, which was in line with our outstanding principal balances during the fiscal years.

Other Non-Operating Income

Other non-operating income for fiscal year 2014 was \$10.2 million, compared to \$6.9 million for fiscal year 2013. During fiscal year 2014, we recorded \$6.3 million of mark-to-market gains on investments held by a consolidated variable interest entity. The variable interest entity was subsequently deconsolidated in our third fiscal quarter.

Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for fiscal year 2014 was 27.7% compared with 31.9% in fiscal year 2013. Our effective tax rate decreased by 4.2% for fiscal year 2014 as compared to fiscal year 2013, primarily due to current year income tax benefits on the release of uncertain tax positions related to lapses in statute of limitations and income tax settlements in various taxing jurisdictions, primarily the U.S.

Income from Discontinued Operations, net of income tax

Income from discontinued operations for fiscal year 2014 was \$6.1 million, compared to \$23.6 million for fiscal year 2013. The operations of our Brokerage business, formerly part of our Risk and Financial Services segment, have been classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented, as a result of our Board of Directors committing to a plan of action to sell the business in our first quarter of fiscal year 2014. During the second quarter, we closed the sale of the business to JLT. Included in income from discontinued operations for fiscal year 2014 is a pre-tax gain on the sale of \$24.0 million. This gain results from the adjusted consideration of \$215.1 million, offset by transaction costs of \$6.4 million, accelerated stock-based compensation awards of \$1.0 million, and \$184.8 million in removal of Brokerage net assets, primarily goodwill and intangible assets, not transferred in the deal. The sale of our Brokerage business resulted in a significant taxable gain, since the disposal of the

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goodwill and intangible assets associated with the business is not tax-deductible. The following selected financial information relates to the Brokerage business's operations for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Fiscal Year Ended,	
	2014	2013
Revenue from discontinued operations	\$63,762	\$164,270
Income from discontinued operations before taxes	21,308	39,203
Tax expense on discontinued operations	7,522	15,561
Net income from discontinued operations	13,786	23,642
Gain from sale of discontinued operations	23,951	—
Tax expense on gain from sale of discontinued operations	31,680	—
Net loss from sale of discontinued operations	(7,729)) —
Total net income from discontinued operations	\$6,057	\$23,642
Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders		

Net income attributable to common stockholders for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 was \$359.3 million, an increase of \$40.5 million, or 13%, compared to \$318.8 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. As a percentage of revenue, net income attributable to controlling interests was 10% for fiscal year 2014, compared to 9% for fiscal year 2013.

Diluted Earnings Per Share

Diluted earnings per share for fiscal year 2014 was \$5.06, compared to \$4.46 for fiscal year 2013.

Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**Compared to Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012**

The following discussion of the results of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 has been adjusted from the fiscal 2013 filing on Form 10-K to reflect our Brokerage discontinued operations presentation in this current year filing.

Revenue

Revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 was \$3.4 billion, an increase of \$175 million, or 5%, compared to \$3.3 billion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. Our newest segment, Exchange Solutions, contributed 3% to our total revenue growth in fiscal year 2013 compared to 2012 due to a full fiscal year of operations in which we increased membership in the retiree exchange by more than 80%. In addition, several successes contributed to our growth in fiscal year 2013. We assisted companies with de-risking activities related to bulk lump sum projects. We enhanced our client development group outside the U.S. to better align our organization with our multi-national and global clients and expanded our global footprint into rapidly developing markets such as South Africa, India and Russia. On an organic basis, which excludes the effects of acquisitions and currency, revenue increased 4% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. All of our segments experienced constant currency revenue growth in fiscal year 2013 compared to 2012.

The average exchange rate used to translate our revenues earned in British pounds sterling decreased to 1.5686 for fiscal year 2013 from 1.5782 for fiscal year 2012, and the average exchange rate used to translate our revenues earned in Euros increased to 1.2941 for fiscal year 2013 from 1.2757 for fiscal 2012. Constant currency is calculated by translating prior year revenue at the current year average exchange rate. Segment results are presented both on a reported basis and on a constant currency basis. Line of business results are presented only on a constant currency basis.

A comparison of segment revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, as compared to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, is as follows:

Benefits revenue increased \$71.8 million, or 4%, and was \$2.0 billion for fiscal year 2013 compared to \$1.9 billion for fiscal year 2012. On a constant currency basis, Benefits revenue increased 5% due to increased project work across all lines of business. The 5% increase in our Retirement business revenue, which makes up the majority of the

segment, was driven by 6% revenue growth in the Americas, primarily due to bulk lump sum projects. The 2% increase in Retirement revenue in EMEA was due to an increase in auto-enrollment project activity in the U.K. Our Technology and Administration Solutions business experienced 8% revenue growth primarily due to new client work in the U.K.

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and Germany. The growth in EMEA was driven by new administration work, and the growth in the Americas was due in part to call center support for the bulk lump sum projects. Our International business experienced 2% revenue growth. Our Health and Group Benefits business experienced 3% growth.

Risk and Financial Services revenue was \$645.3 million for fiscal year 2013 compared to \$655.9 million for fiscal year 2012, a 2% decrease. Risk and Financial Services revenue was flat on a constant currency basis. The results associated with the operations of our Brokerage business have been classified as discontinued operations in fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012. Our lines of business experienced mixed results, with revenue growth in the Americas, while EMEA and Asia Pacific remained flat. Our Investment business had 8% constant currency revenue growth led by EMEA, due to an increase in project work and performance fees. Our Risk Consulting and Software business has two distinct offerings; software and consulting; each of which experienced different results in fiscal year 2013. Our software sales increased 11% due to our portfolio of software solutions for both life and property and casualty insurance. Our consulting services revenue, which is primarily project oriented, decreased due to tightening of discretionary spending, principally in EMEA. In addition, it appears likely that the timeline for European regulators to implement Solvency II will slip beyond 2014 and related project work may not reappear for some time. As a result, our Risk Consulting and Software business had a 4% constant currency decrease in revenue in fiscal year 2013 compared to 2012.

Talent and Rewards revenue remained consistent and was \$573.3 million for fiscal year 2013 compared to \$570.5 million for fiscal year 2012. We achieved organic growth in all regions and in the Executive Compensation and Data, Surveys and Technology lines of business. The 5% organic revenue growth in our Executive Compensation business was led by EMEA. This growth was due to increased regulation and governance activity demand in all regions, particularly Europe. Rewards, Talent and Communication business revenue, which is primarily project oriented, decreased 1% compared to the prior year due to tightening discretionary spending. In fiscal year 2013, there were opportunities for project work related to health care reform and other benefit changes in the Americas. We experienced 2% growth in Data, Surveys and Technology revenue due to an increase in software implementations in the Americas.

Exchange Solutions revenue increased \$91.2 million, and was \$94.9 million, for fiscal year 2013 compared to \$3.6 million for fiscal year 2012. As our newest segment, Exchange Solutions contributed 3% to the Company's total revenue growth for fiscal year 2013 compared to fiscal year 2012. We established our fourth segment in fiscal year 2012 when we acquired Extend Health in May 2012. Our fiscal year 2012 revenue includes one month of revenue compared to a full fiscal year in 2013. In addition, Exchange Solutions segment revenue growth was due to the enrollment of new members, lower than expected attrition of members and our carrier volume incentives. During fiscal year 2013, we completed a very successful enrollment period for January 1 effective policies, during which we enrolled three times the number of new members compared to Extend Health's historical results for the past two comparable enrollment seasons. As a result of purchase accounting, we did not recognize \$12 million and \$3 million of deferred revenue in fiscal year 2013 and 2012, respectively, associated with cash received for commissions for policies placed prior to the acquisition, as there is no subsequent performance obligation. In fiscal year 2013, we launched OneExchange, our integrated health insurance exchange solution for active employees and retirees.

Salaries and Employee Benefits

Salaries and employee benefits was \$2.09 billion for fiscal year 2013 compared to \$1.98 billion for fiscal year 2012, an increase of \$106.5 million, or 5%. This increase was driven by an increase in base salary of \$73.1 million attributable to a 3% increase in headcount, our annual salary merit increases and the impact of foreign currency translation. Our EMEA and APAC operations accounted for 2% of our headcount increase as of June 30, 2013, compared to June 30, 2012. Contributing to the increase, our Exchange Solutions segment had one month of operations in fiscal year 2012 compared to a full fiscal year in 2013. Our discretionary annual bonus is based on pre-bonus profitability and fluctuates based on our operating results, and as a result, our bonus expense for fiscal year 2013 increased by \$17.7 million compared to fiscal year 2012. As a result of the increase in bonus and salary, our fringe benefits expense increased \$19.7 million. The \$17.1 million increase in our pension expense was due to decreases in discount rates. These increases were partially offset by a \$22.2 million decrease in non-cash stock-based compensation primarily from the January 1, 2013 end of the service period and vesting of the restricted stock units

issued to employees of Towers Perrin in the Merger. As a percentage of revenue, salaries and employee benefits was 61% for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

Professional and Subcontracted Services

Professional and subcontracted services for fiscal year 2013 was \$267.7 million, compared to \$283.8 million for fiscal year 2012, a decrease of \$16.1 million, or 6%. Our external service provider fees decreased by \$17.6 million compared to fiscal year 2012. We contracted with these service providers to supplement our day-to-day operations. In fiscal year 2013, our telecommunication, video conferencing, and internet services have been managed by our in-house information technology department, and these expenses are classified in general and administrative expenses. Our pass-through expenses, which are

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reimbursable under our contracts, increased by \$1.5 million. As a percentage of revenue, professional and subcontracted services decreased to 8% for fiscal year 2013 from 9% for fiscal year 2012.

Occupancy

Occupancy expense for fiscal year 2013 was \$139.9 million, compared to \$136.6 million for fiscal year 2012, an increase of \$3.3 million, or 2%. The increase was due to higher utilities, a decrease in sublease income and lower tenant improvement allowances, partially offset by a decrease in rent. As a percentage of revenue, occupancy expense was 4% for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2013 was \$303.5 million, compared to \$259.1 million for fiscal year 2012, an increase of \$44.4 million, or 17%. Our professional liability and other claims expense increased \$29.8 million in fiscal year 2013 compared to 2012 due to increases in our current legal reserves and reductions in prior year IBNR reserves. We also experienced an increase of \$13.3 million in our telecommunications, video conferencing, internet and general office expenses for fiscal year 2013 compared to 2012. These expenses were classified in professional and subcontracted services in fiscal year 2012, as we previously contracted with an external service provider for these services. In addition, our newest segment Exchange Solutions was formed in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012, contributing to higher general and administrative expenses in fiscal year 2013. As a percentage of revenue, general and administrative expenses was 9% for fiscal year 2013, compared to 8% for fiscal year 2012.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense for fiscal year 2013 was \$173.0 million, compared to \$150.0 million for fiscal year 2012, an increase of \$23 million, or 15%. The increase is primarily due to the amortization of intangibles related to our acquisition of Extend Health in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012. In addition, we accelerated amortization for a software application that we acquired in the Merger, as management determined that its use would be primarily discontinued in the next two to three years. A portion of the increase is also attributable to increased depreciation on the computer hardware that was placed in service in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. As a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortization expenses was 5% for fiscal years 2013 and 2012.

Transaction and Integration Expenses

Transaction and integration expense for fiscal year 2013 was \$30.8 million, compared to \$86.1 million for fiscal year 2012, a decrease of \$55.3 million. The decrease was principally due to a reduction in expenses related to information technology integration projects that were ongoing in fiscal year 2012 and completed in fiscal year 2013. As a percentage of revenue, transaction and integration expenses was 1% for fiscal year 2013 and 3% for fiscal year 2012.

(Loss) / Income from Affiliates

Loss from affiliates for fiscal year 2013 was \$0.1 million compared to income from affiliates of \$0.3 million for fiscal year 2012. In the second quarter of fiscal year 2012, we purchased a majority ownership in Fifth Quadrant Actuaries and Consultants Holdings (Pty) Ltd. ("Fifth Quadrant") and began to consolidate its operations. Fifth Quadrant has historically been the primary source of income from affiliates.

Interest Income

Interest income was \$2.4 million and \$3.9 million for fiscal years 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$12.7 million for fiscal year 2013, compared to \$9.2 million for fiscal year 2012, which was in line with our outstanding principal balances during the fiscal years.

Other Non-Operating Income

Other non-operating income for fiscal year 2013 was \$6.9 million, compared to \$11.4 million for fiscal year 2012. In fiscal year 2012, we recorded a \$2.8 million gain resulting from the fair value adjustment to our investment in Fifth Quadrant upon the purchase of a controlling interest. We acquired an additional ownership in Fifth Quadrant and consolidated our former equity investee in our results of operations beginning in the second quarter of fiscal year 2012. In fiscal year 2012, we also recorded deferred payments from divestitures.

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Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for fiscal year 2013 was 31.9% compared with 35.8% in fiscal year 2012. Our effective tax rate decreased by 3.9% for fiscal year 2013 as compared to fiscal year 2012 primarily due to a current year income tax benefit for foreign exchange losses recognized from legal entity restructurings.

Income from Discontinued Operations, net of income tax

Income from discontinued operations for fiscal year 2013 was \$23.6 million, compared to \$22.9 million for fiscal year 2012.

Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders

Net income attributable to common stockholders for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 was \$318.8 million, an increase of \$58.6 million, or 23%, compared to \$260.2 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. As a percentage of revenue, net income attributable to controlling interests was 9% for fiscal year 2013, compared to 8% for fiscal year 2012.

Diluted Earnings Per Share

Diluted earnings per share for fiscal year 2013 was \$4.46, compared to \$3.59 for fiscal year 2012.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our most significant sources of liquidity are funds generated by operating activities, available cash and cash equivalents, and our credit facility. Consistent with our liquidity position, management considers various alternative strategic uses of cash reserves including acquisitions, dividends and stock buybacks, or any combination of these options.

We believe that we have sufficient resources to fund operations beyond the next 12 months. The key variables that we manage in response to current and projected capital resource needs include credit facilities and short-term borrowing arrangements, working capital and our stock repurchase program.

Our cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2014 totaled \$727.8 million, compared to \$532.8 million at June 30, 2013. The increase in cash in fiscal 2014 was due to net cash flows from operations and proceeds from the sale of our Brokerage business, partially offset by the cash paid for the acquisition of Liazon, repurchases of common stock and purchases of long-lived assets and investments.

Short-term investments at June 30, 2014 totaled \$122.8 million compared to \$56.6 million at June 30, 2013. These assets consist primarily of held-to-maturity investments in certificates of deposit and time deposits which have been classified as short-term.

Cash and cash equivalents and short term investments include \$34.8 million and \$15.1 million, respectively, from the consolidated balance sheets of PCIC and SMIC, which are available for payment of professional liability and other claims reserves. Additionally we have fiduciary assets totaling \$12.0 million at June 30, 2014, which is related to our health and welfare benefits administration outsourcing business. These amounts are held in a fiduciary capacity on behalf of clients and are not available for other general use by the Company. Adjusting for these items, we have a net \$693.0 million of cash and \$107.7 million of short-term investments that are available for our general use.

Our non-U.S. operations are substantially self-sufficient for their working capital needs. As of June 30, 2014, \$580.6 million of Towers Watson's total cash and cash equivalents balance of \$727.8 million and \$107.6 million of our \$122.8 million of our total short-term investments were held outside of the United States. Should we require more capital in the U.S. than is generated by our U.S. operations, we may decide to make additional borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility, repatriate funds held in foreign jurisdictions or raise capital in the U.S. through debt or equity issuances. These alternatives could result in higher effective tax rates or increased interest expense. We do not expect restrictions or taxes on repatriation of cash held outside the U.S. to have a material effect on the Company's overall liquidity, financial condition or results of operations.

During fiscal 2014, the Company has accrued approximately \$2.5 million in income tax expense with respect to the future distribution of current year earnings in our Japan, Australia, Bermuda and Philippines subsidiaries. ASC 740, Income Taxes, requires a company to recognize income tax expense when it becomes apparent that some or all of the undistributed earnings of a foreign subsidiary will be remitted in the foreseeable future. Except as noted above, we have not provided U.S. federal income taxes on undistributed foreign earnings of our foreign subsidiaries, including previously accumulated foreign earnings of our Japan, Australia, Bermuda and Philippines subsidiaries, because such

earnings are considered indefinitely reinvested outside the United States. It is not practicable to estimate the U.S. federal income tax liability that might be payable if such earnings are not invested indefinitely. If future events, including material changes in estimates of cash, working capital and

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long-term investment requirements, necessitate that these earnings be repatriated, an additional provision for U.S. income and foreign withholding taxes, net of foreign tax credits, may be necessary.

Assets and liabilities associated with non-U.S. entities have been translated into U.S. dollars as of June 30, 2014, at U.S. dollar rates that fluctuate compared to historical periods. As a result, cash flows derived from changes in the consolidated balance sheets include the impact of the change in foreign exchange translation rates.

Events that could change the historical cash flow dynamics discussed above include significant changes in operating results, potential future acquisitions, material changes in geographic sources of cash, unexpected adverse impacts from litigation or future pension funding during periods of severe downturn in the capital markets.

Cash Flows From Operating Activities.

Cash flows from operating activities were \$456.1 million for fiscal year 2014 compared to cash flows from operating activities of \$531.3 million for fiscal year 2013. This decrease of \$75.2 million is primarily attributable to higher bonus payments made during the first quarter of fiscal year 2014 as compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. The allowance for doubtful accounts decreased \$4.7 million from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The number of days of accounts receivable outstanding decreased to 80 at June 30, 2014 compared to 83 at June 30, 2013.

Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities.

Cash flows used in investing activities for fiscal year 2014 were \$268.1 million, compared to \$137.8 million of cash flows used in fiscal year 2013. This increase in cash flows used in investing activities was primarily due to discrete events that occurred during fiscal year 2014; specifically the cash outflows from the acquisition of Liazon and the purchase of \$109.5 million of investments by funds that we manage, which were previously consolidated (this is offset by an equal amount of cash inflows from financing activities), as well as the purchase of held-to-maturity securities that do not have a comparable amount in fiscal year 2013. The cash outflows were partially offset by the cash proceeds from the sale of our Brokerage business.

Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities.

Cash flows used in financing activities in fiscal year 2014 were \$15.2 million, compared to cash flows used in financing activities of \$326.7 million in fiscal year 2013. The decrease in cash flows used in financing activities of \$311.4 million was primarily due to cash subscriptions of \$109.5 million into funds that we manage, which were previously consolidated (this is offset by an equal amount of cash outflows from investing activities) that does not have a comparable amount in fiscal year 2013. Additionally, we utilized our Senior Credit Facility less during fiscal year 2014 than in the prior fiscal year, and had lower net repayments of borrowings during fiscal year 2014 as compared to fiscal year 2013.

During fiscal year 2014, the average outstanding balance on our Senior Credit Facility was \$9.3 million, and the largest outstanding balance at any point in time was \$57.5 million.

Capital Commitments

Capital expenditures were \$64.8 million for fiscal year 2014. Additionally, during fiscal year 2014, we spent \$56.0 million for internally-developed capitalized software for external use by our clients.

Dividends

During May 2014, our board of directors approved the payment of a quarterly cash dividend in the amount of \$0.14 per share which was paid in July 2014. Total dividends paid in fiscal year 2014 and in fiscal year 2013 were \$21.1 million and \$48.2 million, respectively. The amount in fiscal years 2014 and 2013 includes \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, of dividends paid by our consolidated, majority-owned subsidiary, Fifth Quadrant, to its third-party shareholders.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

Contractual Cash Obligations (in thousands)	Remaining payments by fiscal year due as of June 30, 2014				
	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Term loan	\$225,000	\$25,000	\$200,000	\$—	\$—
Lease commitments	565,557	109,926	180,499	127,996	147,136
	\$790,557	\$134,926	\$380,499	\$127,996	\$147,136

Operating Leases. We lease office space under operating lease agreements with terms typically averaging 10 years. We have determined that there is not a large concentration of leases that will expire in any one fiscal year. Consequently, management anticipates that any increase in future rent expense on leases will be mainly market driven. While the future operating lease

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payments presented above are not recognized on our balance sheet, we do have certain assets and liabilities related to these leases in the form of deferred rent accruals and intangible assets and liabilities. The intangible assets and liabilities were recognized for the difference between the contractual cash obligations shown above and the estimated market rates at the time of certain past acquisitions. The resulting intangibles will amortize to rent expense but do not impact the amounts shown above since there is no change to our contractual cash obligations.

Pension Contribution. The table above does not include contributions for pension plans. Contributions to our qualified pension plans for fiscal year 2015 are projected to be \$88.4 million. Additionally, the Company expects to pay \$57.8 million in benefits directly to participants for fiscal 2015.

Uncertain Tax Positions. The table above does not include liabilities for uncertain tax positions under ASC 740, Income Taxes. The settlement period for the \$32.4 million liability, which excludes interest and penalties, cannot be reasonably estimated since it depends on the timing and possible outcomes of tax examinations with various tax authorities.

Contingent Consideration from Acquisitions. The table above does not include liabilities for contingent consideration for our EMB acquisition in fiscal year 2011 and our DaVinci acquisition in fiscal year 2013. As of June 30, 2014, we still expect to pay out £2.4 million per year for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 related to the EMB contingent consideration provisions in our agreements and subject to performance requirements on behalf of the sellers. Related to the DaVinci acquisition, we expect to pay out approximately \$125 thousand per year for fiscal year 2015 through fiscal year 2017.

Indebtedness

Towers Watson Senior Credit Facility

On November 7, 2011, Towers Watson and certain subsidiaries entered into a five-year, \$500 million revolving credit facility, which amount may be increased by an aggregate amount of \$250 million, subject to the satisfaction of customary terms and conditions, with a syndicate of banks (the "Senior Credit Facility"). Borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility bear interest at a spread to either LIBOR or the Prime Rate. During fiscal 2014 and 2013, the weighted-average interest rate on the Senior Credit Facility was 1.93% and 1.49%, respectively. We are charged a quarterly commitment fee, currently 0.175% of the Senior Credit Facility, which varies with our financial leverage and is paid on the unused portion of the Senior Credit Facility. Obligations under the Senior Credit Facility are guaranteed by Towers Watson and all of its domestic subsidiaries (other than our captive insurance companies). The Senior Credit Facility contains customary representations and warranties and affirmative and negative covenants. The Senior Credit Facility requires Towers Watson to maintain certain financial covenants that include a minimum Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio and a maximum Consolidated Leverage Ratio (which terms in each case are defined in the Senior Credit Facility). In addition, the Senior Credit Facility contains restrictions on the ability of Towers Watson to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness; pay dividends; make distributions; create liens on assets; make acquisitions; dispose of property; engage in sale-leaseback transactions; engage in mergers or consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and make changes in lines of businesses. As of June 30, 2014, we were in compliance with our covenants.

As of June 30, 2014, Towers Watson had no borrowings outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility.

Letters of Credit under the Senior Credit Facility

As of June 30, 2014, Towers Watson had standby letters of credit totaling \$21.4 million associated with our captive insurance companies in the event that we fail to meet our financial obligations. Additionally, Towers Watson had \$1.0 million of standby letters of credit covering various other existing or potential business obligations. The aforementioned letters of credit are issued under the Senior Credit Facility, and therefore reduce the amount that can be borrowed under the Senior Credit Facility by the outstanding amount of these standby letters of credit.

Additional Borrowings, Letters of Credit and Guarantees not part of the Senior Credit Facility

Towers Watson Consultoria Ltda. (Brazil) has a bilateral credit facility with a major bank totaling Brazilian Real (BRL) 4.5 million (U.S. \$2.0 million). BRL 2.0 million of the credit facility is committed to an overdraft facility and as of June 30, 2014, there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility. BRL 2.5 million of the credit facility is committed to lease guarantees.

Towers Watson has also provided a \$5 million Australian dollar-denominated letter of credit (U.S. \$4.7 million) to an Australian governmental agency as required by local regulations. The estimated fair market value of this letter of credit is immaterial because it has never been used, and we believe that the likelihood of future usage is remote.

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Towers Watson also has \$5.6 million of the credit facility committed to lease guarantees of letters of guarantee from major banks in support of office leases and performance under existing or prospective contracts.

Term Loan Agreement Due June 2017

On June 1, 2012, the Company entered into a five-year \$250 million amortizing Term Loan with a consortium of banks. The interest rate on the term loan is based on the Company's choice of one, three or six month LIBOR plus a spread of 1.25% to 1.75%, or alternatively the bank base rate plus 0.25% to 0.75%. The spread to each index is dependent on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio. The weighted-average interest rate elected on the Term Loan during fiscal 2014 and 2013 was 1.42% and 1.46%, respectively. The Term Loan amortizes at a rate of \$6.25 million per quarter, beginning in September 2013, with a final maturity of June 1, 2017. The Company has the right to prepay a portion or all of the outstanding Term Loan balance on any interest payment date without penalty.

This agreement contains substantially the same terms and conditions as our existing Senior Credit Facility dated November 7, 2011, including guarantees from all of the domestic subsidiaries of Towers Watson (other than PCIC and SMIC).

The Company entered into the Term Loan as part of the financing of our acquisition of Extend Health (see Note 2).

Non-U.S. GAAP Measures

In order to assist readers of our financial statements in understanding the core operating results that the Company's management uses to evaluate the business and for financial planning, we present the following non-U.S. GAAP measures: (1) Adjusted EBITDA, (2) Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share from continuing operations, and (3) Adjusted income from continuing operations (attributable to common stockholders). The Company believes these measures are relevant and provide useful information widely used by analysts, investors and other interested parties in our industry to provide a baseline for evaluating and comparing our operating results.

These non-U.S. GAAP measures are not defined in the same manner by all companies and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Non-U.S. GAAP measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, the information contained within our financial statements.

Adjusted EBITDA

We consider Adjusted EBITDA to be an important financial measure, which is used to internally evaluate and assess our core operations, to benchmark our operating results against our competitors, and to evaluate and measure our performance based compensation plans.

Since the Merger in January 2010, we have incurred significant acquisition-related expenses related to our merger and integration activities necessary to combine Watson Wyatt and Towers Perrin. These acquisition-related expenses include transaction and integration costs, severance costs, non-cash charges for amortization of intangible assets and merger-related stock-based compensation costs from the issuance of merger-related restricted shares. Included in our transaction and integration costs are integration consultant fees and legal, accounting, marketing and information technology integration expenses. Adjusted EBITDA excludes the impact of these acquisition-related expenses and is important in illustrating what our operating results would have been had these expenses not been incurred.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as Net income (attributable to common stockholders) adjusted for discontinued operations, net of tax, provision for income taxes, interest, net, depreciation and amortization, transaction and integration expenses, stock-based compensation, and other non-operating income excluding income from variable interest entity.

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A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net income (attributable to common stockholders) is as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
	(in thousands)		
NET INCOME (attributable to common stockholders)	\$359,300	\$318,812	\$260,213
Less: Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	6,057	23,642	22,898
Income from continuing operations (attributable to common stockholders)	353,243	295,170	237,315
Provision for income taxes	138,249	136,991	132,443
Interest, net	6,228	10,276	5,296
Depreciation and amortization	174,818	173,040	150,006
Transaction and integration expenses	1,049	30,753	86,130
Stock-based compensation (a)	—	8,931	27,925
Change in accounting method for pension	—	—	2,963
Extend Health stock-based compensation	—	—	931
Other non-operating income (b)	(3,929)	) (6,872	) (11,612
Adjusted EBITDA	\$669,658	\$648,289	\$631,397

Stock-based compensation is included in salary and employee benefits expense and relates to Towers Watson

(a) Restricted Class A shares held by our current associates which were awarded to them in connection with the Merger in 2010 and Extend Health stock options held by our current associates which were assumed by the Company in connection with the acquisition.

(b) Other non-operating income includes income from affiliates and other non-operating income excluding income from variable interest entity of \$6.3 million for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Adjusted diluted earnings per share and Adjusted Income from continuing operations (attributable to common stockholders)

Adjusted diluted earnings per share is another measure which excludes the impact of acquisition related expenses that is used to internally evaluate and assess our core operations and to benchmark our operating results against our competitors.

Adjusted diluted earnings per share is defined as Adjusted Income from continuing operations divided by the weighted average shares of common stock, diluted.

Adjusted Income from continuing operations is defined as Net income (attributable to common stockholders) adjusted for discontinued operations, net of tax, and adjusted for certain tax-effected merger and acquisition related items of transaction and integration expenses, non-cash stock-based compensation, and amortization of intangible assets. This measure is used solely for the purpose of calculating Adjusted diluted earnings per share.

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A reconciliation of Adjusted diluted earnings per share to Net income (attributable to common stockholders) is as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
	(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)		
NET INCOME (attributable to common stockholders)	\$359,300	\$318,812	\$260,213
Less: Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	6,057	23,642	22,898
Income from continuing operations (attributable to common stockholders)	353,243	295,170	237,315
Adjusted for certain acquisition related items (c), (d):			
Amortization of intangible assets	54,354	52,387	41,192
Transaction and integration expenses including severance	758	20,933	54,110
Stock-based compensation (e)	—	6,079	18,505
Change in accounting method for pension	—	—	1,859
Gain on investment in Fifth Quadrant	—	—	(1,779)
Gain on investment in Extend Health	—	—	(727)
Release of acquisition related liability	—	—	(601)
Other merger-related tax items	—	—	(698)
Extend Health stock-based compensation	—	—	615
Adjusted income from continuing operations (attributable to common stockholders)	\$408,355	\$374,569	\$349,791
Weighted average shares of common stock — diluted (000)	70,955	71,555	72,542
Diluted earnings per share, as reported from continuing operations	\$4.98	\$4.13	\$3.27
Adjusted for certain acquisition-related items:			
Amortization of intangible assets	0.77	0.73	0.57
Transaction and integration expenses including severance	0.01	0.29	0.74
Stock-based compensation	—	0.08	0.26
Change in accounting method for pension	—	—	0.03
Gain on investment in Fifth Quadrant	—	—	(0.03)
Gain on investment in Extend Health	—	—	(0.01)
Release of acquisition related liability	—	—	(0.01)
Other merger-related tax items	—	—	(0.01)
Extend Health stock-based compensation	—	—	0.01
Adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$5.76	\$5.23	\$4.82

The adjustments to net income attributable to common stockholders and diluted earnings per share of certain acquisition-related items are net of tax. In calculating the net of tax amounts, all adjustments were tax effected at the applicable effective tax rate (ETR) for the period, which was 27.7% for the year ended June 30, 2014 and 31.9% for the year ended June 30, 2013.

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(d) In fiscal 2012, there were significant variances between the interim period ETR and the applicable ETR for each merger-related item. In calculating the net of tax amounts for the year ended June 30, 2012, the ETRs applied were as follows:

	Year Ended	
	2012	
Amortization of intangible assets	35.40	%
Transaction and integration expenses including severance	37.20	%
Stock-based compensation	33.70	%
Change in accounting method for pension	37.30	%
Gain on investment in Fifth Quadrant	28.00	%
Gain on investment in Extend Health	39.90	%
Release of acquisition related liability	39.90	%
Extend Health stock-based compensation	34.00	%

Included in other merger-related tax items in 2012 is a \$0.7 million benefit resulting from tax restructurings in Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Belgium, Sweden, Ireland and France. All merger-related tax items are included in the consolidated statement of operations under provision for income taxes for 2012.

(e) Stock-based compensation relates to shares of Restricted Class A common stock held by our current associates which were awarded to them as former Towers Perrin employees in connection with the Merger.

Risk Management

As a part of our risk management program, we purchase customary commercial insurance policies, including commercial general liability and claims-made professional liability insurance. Our professional liability insurance currently includes a self-insured retention of \$1 million per claim, together with a self-insured retention of \$10 million aggregate, above the \$1 million self-insured retention, and covers professional liability claims against us, including the cost of defending such claims.

For the policy period beginning July 1, 2011 certain changes were made to our professional liability insurance program. These changes remain in-force for the annual policy periods beginning July 1, 2011 and ending July 1, 2015. Our professional liability insurance includes a self-insured retention of \$1 million per claim. Towers Watson also retains a \$10 million aggregate self-insured retention above the \$1 million self-insured retention per claim, including the cost of defending such claims. Stone Mountain Insurance Company ("SMIC") provides us with \$40 million of coverage per claim and in the aggregate, above these retentions, including the cost of defending such claims. SMIC secured \$25 million of reinsurance from unaffiliated reinsurance companies in excess of the \$15 million SMIC retained layer. Excess insurance attaching above the SMIC coverage is provided by various unaffiliated commercial insurance companies. Because of the \$1 million self-insured retention per claim and the additional \$10 million aggregate self-insured retention above, and because SMIC is wholly-owned by us, our primary errors and omissions risk is borne by Towers Watson and the subsidiary SMIC. We reserve for contingent liabilities based on ASC 450, Contingencies, when it is determined that a liability, inclusive of defense costs, is probable and reasonably estimable. The contingent liabilities recorded are primarily developed actuarially.

Before the Merger, Watson Wyatt and Towers Perrin each obtained substantial professional liability insurance from an affiliated captive insurance company, Professional Consultants Insurance Company ("PCIC"). A limit of \$50 million per claim and in the aggregate was provided by PCIC subject to a \$1 million per claim self-insured retention. PCIC secured reinsurance of \$25 million attaching above the \$25 million PCIC retained layer. In addition, both legacy companies carried excess insurance from unaffiliated commercial insurance companies above the self-insured retention and the coverage provided by PCIC.

Our ownership interest in PCIC is 72.86%. As a consequence, PCIC's results of operations are consolidated into our results of operations. PCIC ceased issuing insurance policies effective July 1, 2010 and at that time entered into a run-off mode of operation. Our shareholder agreements with PCIC could require additional payments to PCIC if development of claims significantly exceeds prior expectations.

We provide for the self-insured retention where specific estimated losses and loss expenses for known claims are considered probable and reasonably estimable. Although we maintain professional liability insurance coverage, this

insurance does not cover claims made after expiration of our current policies of insurance. Generally accepted accounting principles require that we record a liability for incurred but not reported (“IBNR”) professional liability claims if they are probable and reasonably estimable, and for which we have not yet contracted for insurance coverage. We use actuarial assumptions to estimate and record our IBNR liability. As of June 30, 2014, we had a \$173.8 million IBNR liability, net of estimated IBNR recoverable

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receivables of our captive insurance companies. This net liability decreased from \$174.3 million as of June 30, 2013. To the extent our captive insurance companies, PCIC and SMIC, expect losses to be covered by a third party, they record a receivable for the amount expected to be recovered. This receivable is classified in other current or other noncurrent assets in our consolidated balance sheet.

Insurance market conditions for us and our industry have varied in recent years, but the long-term trend has been increasing premium cost. Although the market for professional liability insurance is presently reasonably accessible, trends toward higher self-insured retentions, constraints on aggregate excess coverage for this class of professional liability risk and financial difficulties which have, over the past few years, been faced by several longstanding E&O carriers, are anticipated to recur periodically, and to be reflected in our future annual insurance renewals. As a result, we will continue to assess our ability to secure future insurance coverage, and we cannot assure that such coverage will continue to be available in the event of adverse claims experience, adverse loss trends, market capacity constraints or other factors.

In light of increasing litigation worldwide, including litigation against professionals, we have a policy that all client relationships be documented by engagement letters containing specific risk mitigation clauses that were not included in all historical client agreements. Certain contractual provisions designed to mitigate risk may not be legally enforceable in litigation involving breaches of fiduciary duty or certain other alleged errors or omissions, or in certain jurisdictions. We may incur significant legal expenses in defending against litigation.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Not yet adopted

On June 7, 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-8, "Financial Services – Investment Companies (Topic 946): Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements," which amends the criteria an entity would need to meet to qualify as an investment company under ASC 946. The ASU (1) introduces new disclosure requirements that apply to all investment companies and (2) amends the measurement criteria for certain interests in other investment companies. The ASU also amends the requirements in ASC 810 related to qualifying for the "investment-company deferral" in ASU 2010-10 as well as the requirements in ASC 820 related to qualifying for the "net asset value practical expedient" in ASU 2009-12. We manage certain funds that are considered variable interest entities and for which our management fee is considered a variable interest. These funds qualify for the "investment-company deferral" in ASU 2010-10 and therefore are subject to the consolidation guidance prior to the issuance of ASU 2009-17. The ASU is effective for interim and annual periods that begin after December 15, 2013, and early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating whether these funds will continue to qualify for the "investment-company deferral" based on the amended investment company criteria proscribed by ASU 2013-8.

On May 28, 2014, the FASB and IASB issued their final standard on revenue from contracts with customers. The standard, issued as ASU 2014-09 by the FASB, outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance. The core principle of the revenue model is that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU applies to all contracts with customers except those that are within the scope of other topics in the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Compared with current U.S. GAAP, the ASU also requires significantly expanded disclosures about revenue recognition. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods that begin after December 15, 2016 and early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this provision.

On June 19, 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide a Performance Target Could Be Achieved After the Requisite Service Period. The update is intended to resolve the diverse accounting treatment of these types of awards in practice. The amendments require that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. A reporting entity should apply existing guidance in "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718)" as it relates to awards with performance conditions that affect vesting to account for such awards. As such, the performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award.

Compensation cost should be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will

be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the period(s) for which the requisite service has already been rendered. If the performance target becomes probable of being achieved before the end of the requisite service period, the remaining unrecognized compensation cost should be recognized prospectively over the remaining requisite service period. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods that begin after December 15, 2015. The Company does not expect the adoption of this pronouncement to have an impact on our financial statements as this guidance mirrors our existing policy for such share-based awards.

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Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We are exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of business. These risks include interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange and translation risk.

Interest Rate Risk

We are primarily exposed to changes in short-term interest rates globally with respect to the return on our cash and short-term investments, and in the United States with respect to our cost of borrowing under our term loan and revolving credit facility.

Because of our desire for flexibility with respect to our investment balances, and our primary objective of preservation of principal, we primarily invest our portfolios in short-term securities that are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value.

We monitor our cost of borrowing under our various facilities, taking into account the seasonal nature of our funding requirements, and our expectation for short-term rates in the future.

We have material pension obligations that are impacted by interest rates. In recent years, the declining interest rate environment has resulted in lower discount rates, one of the main assumptions used in valuing a pension plan. As discount rates are determined by corporate bond yields, significant changes in the bond market can adversely affect our discount rate, which in turn increases our pension liabilities.

Foreign Currency Risk

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 47% of our revenue was denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, typically in the local currency of our foreign operations. These operations also incur most of their expenses in the local currency. Accordingly, our foreign operations use the local currency as their functional currency and our primary international operations use the British pound sterling, Canadian dollar and the Euro. Our international operations are subject to risks typical of international operations, including, but not limited to, differing economic conditions, changes in political climate, differing tax structures, other regulations and restrictions, and foreign exchange rate volatility. Accordingly, our future results could be adversely impacted by changes in these or other factors. At June 30, 2014, a uniform 10% strengthening in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the currencies in which our transactions are denominated would result in a decrease in net income attributable to controlling interests of \$22.5 million, or 6%, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. This theoretical calculation assumes that each exchange rate would change in the same direction relative to the U.S. dollar. This calculation is not indicative of our actual experience in foreign currency transactions.

Translation Exposure

Foreign exchange rate fluctuations may adversely impact our consolidated financial position as well as our consolidated results of operations and may adversely impact our financial position as the assets and liabilities of our foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars in preparing our consolidated balance sheet. Additionally, foreign exchange rate fluctuations may adversely impact our consolidated results of operations as exchange rate fluctuations on transactions denominated in currencies other than our functional currencies result in gains and losses that are reflected in our consolidated statement of operations. Certain of Towers Watson's foreign subsidiaries, primarily in the United Kingdom, receive revenue in currencies that differ from their functional currencies. To reduce this variability, Towers Watson uses foreign exchange forward contracts and has the ability to use over-the-counter options to hedge the foreign exchange risk of the forecasted collections. See Note 7, "Derivative Financial Instruments" in the notes to the consolidated financial statements contained in this Form 10-K for a further discussion of our foreign currency forwards and their fair market value.

We consolidate our international subsidiaries by converting them into U.S. dollars in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles of foreign currency translation. The results of operations and our financial position will fluctuate when there is a change in foreign currency exchange rates.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Our consolidated financial statements, together with the related notes and the report of independent registered public accounting firm, are set forth on the pages indicated in Item 15.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

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Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the chief executive officer, or CEO, and chief financial officer, or CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2014 in providing reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in our periodic reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting in the quarter ended June 30, 2014 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Internal control over financial reporting refers to the process designed by, or under the supervision of, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and overseen by our board of directors, management and other personnel, 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, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company;
Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial
- (2) statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and
- (3) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk. Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the company. Management has used the framework set forth in the report entitled Internal Control — Integrated Framework (1992) published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on this evaluation, management has concluded that the company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of June 30, 2014. The effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included herein.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Towers Watson & Co.
Arlington, Virginia

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Towers Watson & Co. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of June 30, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management’s Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2014, based on the criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 of the Company and our report dated August 14, 2014 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
McLean, Virginia
August 14, 2014

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Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

Part III.

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

Information with respect to the executive officers of the Company is provided in Part I, Item 1 above under the heading "Executive Officers of the Company". Information as to the individuals serving on the board of directors of the Company is set forth below.

The remaining information required by this item will be included in a definitive proxy statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, and that information is incorporated herein by this reference.

Directors of the Company

Victor F. Ganzi

Retired Chief Executive Officer, The Hearst Corporation

John J. Haley

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors

Leslie S. Heisz

Former Managing Director, Lazard Freres & Co.

Brendan R. O'Neill

Retired Chief Executive Officer, Imperial Chemical Industries PLC

Linda D. Rabbitt

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Rand Construction Corporation, and Lead Director

Gilbert T. Ray

Retired Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

Paul Thomas

Senior Executive, Rank Group North America

Wilhelm Zeller

Retired Chief Executive Officer, Hannover Re Group

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The response to this item will be included in a definitive proxy statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, and that information is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The response to this item will be included in a definitive proxy statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, and that information is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The response to this item will be included in a definitive proxy statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, and that information is incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The response to this item will be included in a definitive proxy statement to be filed within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, and that information is incorporated herein by this reference.

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Part IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

a) Financial Information

Consolidated Financial Statements of Towers Watson & Co.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Financial Statements:

Consolidated Statements of Operations for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014

Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2014 and 2013

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

b) Exhibits:

See Exhibit Index on page 113.

c) Financial Statement Schedules:

Consolidated Financial Statement Schedule for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014

Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves (Schedule II)

All other schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

TOWERS WATSON & CO.
(Registrant)

Date: August 14, 2014

By: /s/ John J. Haley
John J. Haley
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ John J. Haley John J. Haley	Chief Executive Officer and Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Roger F. Millay Roger F. Millay	Chief Financial Officer	August 14, 2014
/s/ Michael M. Thomson Michael M. Thomson	Chief Accounting Officer	August 14, 2014
/s/ Victor F. Ganzi Victor F. Ganzi	Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Leslie S. Heisz Leslie S. Heisz	Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Brendan R. O'Neill Brendan R. O'Neill	Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Linda D. Rabbitt Linda D. Rabbitt	Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Gilbert T. Ray Gilbert T. Ray	Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Paul D. Thomas Paul D. Thomas	Director	August 14, 2014
/s/ Wilhelm Zeller Wilhelm Zeller	Director	August 14, 2014

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Towers Watson & Co.
Arlington, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Towers Watson & Co. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of June 30, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Towers Watson & Co. and subsidiaries at June 30, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 30, 2014, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2014, based on the criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated August 14, 2014 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

McLean, Virginia
August 14, 2014

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TOWERS WATSON & CO.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Thousands of U.S. dollars, except share and per share data)

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Revenue	\$3,481,912	\$3,432,515	\$3,257,898
Costs of providing services:			
Salaries and employee benefits	2,106,431	2,085,188	1,978,653
Professional and subcontracted services	249,775	267,715	283,783
Occupancy	137,883	139,942	136,557
General and administrative expenses	317,448	303,472	259,064
Depreciation and amortization	174,818	173,040	150,006
Transaction and integration expenses	1,049	30,753	86,130
	2,987,404	3,000,110	2,894,193
Income from operations	494,508	432,405	363,705
(Loss) / income from affiliates	—	(56	) 262
Interest income	2,803	2,400	3,860
Interest expense	(9,031	) (12,676	) (9,156
Other non-operating income	10,226	6,928	11,350
Income before income taxes	498,506	429,001	370,021
Provision for income taxes	138,249	136,991	132,443
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	360,257	292,010	237,578
Income from discontinued operations, net of income tax of \$39,202, \$15,561, \$13,313, respectively	6,057	23,642	22,898
NET INCOME BEFORE NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	366,314	315,652	260,476
Income / (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	7,014	(3,160	) 263
NET INCOME (attributable to common stockholders)	\$359,300	\$318,812	\$260,213
Basic earnings per share (attributable to common stockholders):			
Net income from continuing operations	\$5.00	\$4.15	\$3.28
Net income from discontinued operations	0.09	0.33	0.32
Net income - basic	\$5.09	\$4.48	\$3.60
Diluted earnings per share (attributable to common stockholders):			
Net income from continuing operations	\$4.98	\$4.13	\$3.27
Net income from discontinued operations	0.08	0.33	0.32
Net income - diluted	\$5.06	\$4.46	\$3.59
Weighted average shares of common stock, basic (000)	70,587	71,150	72,221
Weighted average shares of common stock, diluted (000)	70,955	71,555	72,542
See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements			

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TOWERS WATSON & CO.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(In thousands of U.S. dollars)

(Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Net income before non-controlling interests	\$366,314	\$315,652	\$260,476
Other comprehensive income / (loss), net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation	132,648	(57,036	) (73,009)
Defined pension and post-retirement benefit costs	(23,355	) 107,223	(263,319)
Hedge effectiveness	(67	) (122	) (918)
Available-for-sale securities	(183	) (81	) (788)
Other comprehensive income / (loss) before non-controlling interests	109,043	49,984	(338,034)
Comprehensive income / (loss) before non-controlling interests	475,357	365,636	(77,558)
Comprehensive income / (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	6,295	(4,457	) (331)
Comprehensive income / (loss) attributable to controlling interests	469,062	370,093	(77,227)
See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements			

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TOWERS WATSON & CO.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Thousands of U.S. dollars, except share data)

	June 30, 2014	2013
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$727,849	\$532,805
Fiduciary assets	12,010	148,414
Short-term investments	122,761	56,645
Receivables from clients:		
Billed, net of allowances of \$8,075 and \$12,768	507,213	519,580
Unbilled, at estimated net realizable value	314,020	306,258
	821,233	825,838
Other current assets	124,645	148,519
Total current assets	1,808,498	1,712,221
Fixed assets, net	374,444	346,915
Deferred income taxes	79,103	86,313
Goodwill	2,313,058	2,218,935
Intangible assets, net	657,293	687,758
Other assets	395,390	279,935
Total Assets	\$5,627,786	\$5,332,077
Liabilities		
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income	\$404,760	\$351,648
Employee-related liabilities	518,532	560,831
Fiduciary liabilities	12,010	148,414
Term loan - current	25,000	25,000
Other current liabilities	74,297	26,980
Total current liabilities	1,034,599	1,112,873
Revolving credit facility	—	—
Term loan	200,000	225,000
Accrued retirement benefits and other employee-related liabilities	768,024	771,429
Professional liability and other claims reserve	225,959	251,191
Other noncurrent liabilities	288,255	226,750
Total Liabilities	2,516,837	2,587,243
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity		
Class A Common Stock — \$0.01 par value: 300,000,000 shares authorized; 74,552,661 and 69,178,097 issued and 70,338,891 and 65,341,759 outstanding	746	692
Class B Common Stock — \$0.01 par value: 93,500,000 shares authorized; 0 and 5,374,070 issued and outstanding	—	54
Additional paid-in capital	1,849,119	1,850,448
Treasury stock, at cost — 4,213,770 and 3,836,338 shares	(286,182)	(221,643)
Retained earnings	1,722,927	1,394,407
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(189,702)	(299,464)
Total Stockholders' Equity	3,096,908	2,724,494
Non-controlling interest	14,041	20,340
Total Equity	3,110,949	2,744,834
Total Liabilities and Total Equity	\$5,627,786	\$5,332,077

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements

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TOWERS WATSON & CO.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Thousands of U.S. dollars)

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income before non-controlling interests	\$366,314	\$315,652	\$260,476
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:			
Provision for doubtful receivables from clients	4,429	8,351	21,722
Depreciation	99,606	96,811	87,273
Amortization of intangible assets	75,932	78,910	65,619
Gain on sale of discontinued operations, pretax	(23,950)	—	—
Provision for deferred income taxes	58,220	62,510	107,560
Equity from affiliates	—	—	212
Stock-based compensation	22,517	28,906	53,785
Other, net	(3,704)	(3,249)	7,595
Changes in operating assets and liabilities (net of business acquisitions)			
Receivables from clients	17,528	40,079	(149,186)
Fiduciary assets	113,317	23,177	(19,925)
Other current assets	14,722	(16,710)	(1,862)
Other noncurrent assets	(9,175)	10,507	(10,318)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income	16,000	31,144	55,255
Employee-related liabilities	(46,766)	33,642	5,020
Fiduciary liabilities	(113,317)	(23,177)	25,566
Accrued retirement benefits and other employee-related liabilities	(139,922)	(141,895)	(76,752)
Professional liability claims reserves	(27,967)	(13,575)	(75,019)
Other current liabilities	4,838	(1,800)	(588)
Other noncurrent liabilities	(26,095)	(2,649)	(2,047)
Income tax related accounts	53,564	4,680	(38,328)
Cash flows from operating activities	456,091	531,314	316,058
Cash flows used in investing activities:			
Cash paid for business acquisitions	(211,894)	(5,678)	(438,932)
Cash transferred with discontinued operations	(25,066)	—	—
Proceeds from discontinued operations	259,677	7,371	4,497
Cash acquired from business acquisitions	17,763	636	7,044
Fixed assets and software for internal use	(64,825)	(77,891)	(123,696)
Purchases of investments of consolidated variable interest entity	(109,510)	—	—
Capitalized software costs	(55,996)	(50,081)	(34,926)
Purchases of held-to-maturity securities	(142,971)	—	—
Redemptions of held-to-maturity securities	37,161	—	—
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(30,143)	(61,251)	(24,825)
Sales and redemptions of available-for-sale securities	57,742	49,128	68,503
Cash flows used in investing activities	(268,062)	(137,766)	(542,335)
Cash flows (used in) / from financing activities:			
Borrowings under credit facility	220,600	422,600	755,300
Repayments under credit facility	(220,600)	(630,600)	(547,300)
Borrowings under term loan	—	—	250,000
Loan origination fees	—	—	(4,803)
Repayments of notes payable	(25,000)	—	(100,771)

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Earn-out payments	(3,652) (3,556) (3,683)
Cash received from consolidated variable interest entity	109,510	—	—	
Contingent retention liability	21,746	—	—	
Cash paid on retention liability	(1,939) —	—	
Dividends paid	(21,058	) (48,153	) (26,448)
Repurchases of common stock	(92,823	) (46,618	) (108,896)
Payroll tax payments on vested shares	(11,822	) (25,010	) (33,183)
Excess tax benefits	9,794	4,657	8,573	
Cash flows (used in) / from financing activities	(15,244	) (326,680	) 188,789	
Effect of exchange rates on cash	22,259	(12,242	) (13,256)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	195,044	54,626	(50,744)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	532,805	478,179	528,923	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$727,849	\$532,805	\$478,179	
Supplemental disclosures:				
Cash paid for interest	\$3,677	\$7,461	\$4,837	
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$62,898	\$81,958	\$55,873	
Common stock issued upon the vesting of our restricted stock units	\$29,194	\$9,513	\$22,099	
Transfers into consolidated investment funds	\$223,212	\$—	\$—	
Deconsolidation of investment funds (see Note 12)	\$339,019	\$—	\$—	
See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements				

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity

(In Thousands of U.S. dollars and Number of Shares in Thousands)

	Class A Common Stock Outstanding	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock Outstanding	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock, at Cost	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Non- Controlling Interest	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2011	57,898	\$579	16,652	\$167	\$1,773,285	\$(52,360)	\$883,161	\$(13,305)	\$11,143	\$2,602,670
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	260,213	—	263	260,476
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(337,440)	(594)	(338,034)
Acquisition of Fifth Quadrant Stock options assumed in Extend Health acquisition	—	—	—	—	11,160	—	—	—	13,985	13,985
Repurchases of common stock	—	—	—	—	—	(108,895)	—	—	—	(108,895)
Shares received for employee taxes upon conversion of Restricted A shares	—	—	—	—	—	(33,183)	—	—	—	(33,183)
Exercises of stock options and purchases under our ESPP	—	—	—	—	806	4,749	—	—	—	5,555
Vesting of restricted stock units	—	—	—	—	(8,492)	20,788	—	—	—	12,296
Class A Common Stock:										—
Cash dividends declared (\$0.40 per share)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(25,752)	—	—	(25,752)
Issuances of common stock and excess tax benefits	—	—	—	—	3,255	—	—	—	—	3,255
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	53,785	—	—	—	—	53,785
Conversion of Class B-2	5,615	56	(5,616)	(57)	—	—	—	—	—	(1)

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shares to											
Class A shares											
Balance as of	63,522	\$635	11,036	\$110	\$1,833,799	\$(168,901)	\$1,117,622	\$(350,745)	\$24,797	\$2,457,317	
June 30, 2012											
Net											
Income/(loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	318,812	—	(3,160)	315,652	
Other											
comprehensive	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51,281	(1,297)	49,984	
income/(loss)											
Repurchases of	—	—	—	—	—	(46,618)	—	—	—	(46,618)	
common stock											
Shares received											
for employee											
taxes upon	(2)	—	—	—	—	(25,010)	—	—	—	(25,010)	
conversion of											
Restricted A											
shares											
Exercises of	—	—	—	—	(8,240)	9,373	—	—	—	1,133	
stock options											
Vesting of											
restricted stock	(3)	—	—	—	(8,674)	9,513	—	—	—	839	
units											
Class A											
Common											
Stock:										—	
Cash dividends											
declared (\$0.46	—	—	—	—	—	—	(42,027)	—	—	(42,027)	
per share)											
Excess tax	—	—	—	—	4,657	—	—	—	—	4,657	
benefits											
Stock-based	—	—	—	—	28,906	—	—	—	—	28,906	
compensation											
Conversion of											
Class B-3	5,661	57	(5,662)	(56)	—	—	—	—	—	1	
shares to											
Class A shares											
Balance as of	69,178	\$692	5,374	\$54	\$1,850,448	\$(221,643)	\$1,394,407	\$(299,464)	\$20,340	\$2,744,834	
June 30, 2013											
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	359,300	—	7,014	366,314	
Other											
comprehensive	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	109,762	(719)	109,043	
income/(loss)											
Repurchases of	—	—	—	—	—	(92,823)	—	—	—	(92,823)	
common stock											

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	Class A Common Stock Outstanding	Class A Common Stock Outstanding	Class B Common Stock Outstanding	Class B Common Stock Outstanding	Additional Paid-in Common Capital	Treasury Stock, at Cost	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Non- Controlling Interest	Total
Shares received for employee taxes upon conversion of Restricted A shares	—	—	—	—	—	(7,612)	—	—	—	(7,612)
Exercises of stock options	—	—	—	—	(6,018)	6,702	—	—	—	684
Vesting of restricted stock units	—	—	—	—	(35,377)	29,194	—	—	—	(6,183)
Acquisitions Redeemable non-controlling interest from consolidated variable interest entity	—	—	—	—	6,718	—	—	—	(6,297)	421
Deconsolidation of redeemable non-controlling interest from variable interest entity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	332,722	332,722
Class A Common Stock: Cash dividends declared (\$0.42 per share)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(30,780)	—	—	(30,780)
Excess tax benefits	—	—	—	—	9,794	—	—	—	—	9,794
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	23,554	—	—	—	—	23,554
Conversion of Class B-4 shares to Class A shares	5,374	54	(5,374)	(54)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balance as of June 30, 2014	74,552	\$746	—	\$—	\$1,849,119	\$(286,182)	\$1,722,927	\$(189,702)	\$14,041	\$3,110,949
See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements										

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TOWERS WATSON & CO.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

(Tabular amounts in thousands except per share data)

Note 1 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of the Business — Towers Watson & Co. (referred herein as “Towers Watson”, the “Company” or “we”) is a leading global professional services company that helps organizations improve performance through effective people, risk and financial management. We offer solutions in the areas of employee benefits, talent management, rewards, risk and capital management and healthcare exchanges for both retirees and active employees. Our fiscal year ends on June 30th.

Merger — Towers Watson was formed on January 1, 2010, from the merger (the “Merger”) of Towers, Perrin, Forster & Crosby, Inc. (“Towers Perrin”) and Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Inc. (“Watson Wyatt”), two leading professional services firms that traced their roots back more than 100 years.

Principles of Consolidation — Our consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our majority-owned and controlled subsidiaries after elimination of intercompany accounts and transactions. Investments in affiliated companies over which we have the ability to exercise significant influence are accounted for using the equity method.

We determine whether we have a controlling financial interest in an entity by first evaluating whether the entity is a voting interest entity or a variable interest entity (“VIE”).

Variable interest entities are entities that lack one or more of the characteristics of a voting interest entity and therefore require a different approach in determining which party involved with the VIE should consolidate the entity. With a VIE, either the entity does not have sufficient equity at risk to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties or the entity has equity investors that do not have the ability to make significant decisions relating to the entity’s operations through voting rights. The entity that has a controlling financial interest in a VIE is referred to as the primary beneficiary and is required to consolidate the VIE.

Voting interest entities are entities that have sufficient equity and provide equity investors voting rights that give them the power to make significant decisions relating to the entity’s operations. The usual condition for a controlling financial interest in a voting interest entity is ownership of a majority voting interest. Accordingly, we consolidate our voting interest entity investments in which we hold, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the voting rights.

Use of Estimates — The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Our estimates, judgments and assumptions are continually evaluated based on available information and experience. Because of the use of estimates inherent in the financial reporting process, actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used when accounting for revenue recognition, allowances for billed and unbilled receivables from clients, discretionary compensation, income taxes, pension and post-retirement assumptions, incurred but not reported claims, legal reserves and goodwill and intangible assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents — We consider all instruments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and with original maturities of 90 days or less (calculated from the trade date to maturity date) to be cash equivalents. We consider Term deposits and certificates of deposits with original maturities 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. Term deposits and certificates of deposits with original maturities greater than 90 days are considered to be short-term investments.

Fiduciary assets and liabilities — Certain of our health and welfare benefits administration outsourcing agreements require us to hold funds on behalf of clients to pay obligations on their behalf. These amounts are included in fiduciary assets and fiduciary liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets.

Investments — Our investments are classified at the time of purchase as either available-for-sale or held-to-maturity, and reassessed as of each balance sheet date. Held-to-maturity securities are recorded at amortized cost. The carrying value of our held-to-maturity securities approximates fair value, due to the short-term nature of our investments of less than 12 months. Held-to-maturity securities are classified as short-term investments. Available-for-sale securities are

marked-to-market based on prices provided by our investment advisors. Available-for-sale securities are classified as either short-term or long-term based on management's intention of when to sell the securities or maturity date, if applicable.

Receivables from Clients — Billed receivables from clients are presented at their billed amount less an allowance for doubtful accounts. Billed receivables also include amounts due to us for commissions on premiums currently due from our clients to the reinsurers but uncollected by us as of the balance sheet date. Unbilled receivables are stated at net realizable value less an

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allowance for unbillable amounts. Allowance for doubtful accounts related to billed receivables was \$8.1 million and \$12.8 million as of June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Allowance for unbilled receivables was \$9.1 million and \$10.3 million as of June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Revenue Recognition — We recognize revenue when it is earned and realized or realizable as demonstrated by persuasive evidence of an arrangement with a client, a fixed or determinable price, services have been rendered or products delivered or available for use, and collectability is reasonably assured.

The majority of our revenue consists of fees earned from providing consulting services. We recognize revenue from these consulting engagements when hours are worked, either on a time-and-expense basis or on a fixed-fee basis, depending on the terms and conditions defined at the inception of an engagement with a client. We have engagement letters with our clients that specify the terms and conditions upon which the engagements are based. These terms and conditions can only be changed upon agreement by both parties. Individual associates' billing rates are principally based on a multiple of salary and compensation costs.

Revenue for fixed-fee arrangements is based upon the proportional performance method. We typically have three types of fixed-fee arrangements: annual recurring projects, projects of a short duration, and non-recurring system projects. Annual recurring projects and the projects of short duration are typically straightforward and highly predictable in nature. As a result, the project manager and financial staff are able to identify, as the project status is reviewed and bills are prepared monthly, the occasions when cost overruns could lead to the recording of a loss accrual.

We have non-recurring system projects that are longer in duration and subject to more changes in scope as the project progresses. We evaluate at least quarterly, and more often as needed, project managers' estimates-to-complete to assure that the projects' current statuses are accounted for properly. Certain software contracts generally provide that if the client terminates a contract, we are entitled to payment for services performed through termination.

Revenue recognition for fixed-fee engagements is affected by a number of factors that change the estimated amount of work required to complete the project such as changes in scope, the staffing on the engagement and/or the level of client participation. The periodic engagement evaluations require us to make judgments and estimates regarding the overall profitability and stage of project completion that, in turn, affect how we recognize revenue. We recognize a loss on an engagement when estimated revenue to be received for that engagement is less than the total estimated costs associated with the engagement. Losses are recognized in the period in which the loss becomes probable and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. We have experienced certain costs in excess of estimates from time to time. Management believes it is rare, however, for these excess costs to result in overall project losses.

We have developed various software programs and technologies that we provide to clients in connection with consulting services. In most instances, such software is hosted and maintained by us and ownership of the technology and rights to the related code remain with us. We defer costs for software developed to be utilized in providing services to a client, but for which the client does not have the contractual right to take possession, during the implementation stage. We recognize these deferred costs from the go live date, signaling the end of the implementation stage, until the end of the initial term of the contract with the client. We determined that the system implementation and customized ongoing administrative services are one combined service. Revenue is recognized over the service period, after the go live date, in proportion to the services performed. As a result, we do not recognize revenue during the implementation phase of an engagement.

We deliver software under arrangements with clients that take possession of our software. The maintenance associated with the initial software fees is a fixed percentage which enables us to determine the stand-alone value of the delivered software separate from the maintenance. We recognize the initial software fees as software is delivered to the client and we recognize the maintenance ratably over the contract period based on each element's relative fair value. For software arrangements in which initial fees are received in connection with mandatory maintenance for the initial software license to remain active, we determined that the initial maintenance period is substantive. Therefore, we recognize the fees for the initial license and maintenance bundle ratably over the initial contract term, which is generally one year. Each subsequent renewal fee is recognized ratably over the contractually stated renewal period.

We collect, analyze and compile data in the form of surveys for our clients who have the option of participating in the survey. The surveys are published online via a web tool which provides simplistic functionality. We have determined that the web tool is inconsequential to the overall arrangement. We record the survey revenue when the results are delivered online and made available to our clients that have a contractual right to the data, including the ability to download and manipulate the data. If the data is updated more frequently than annually, we recognize the survey revenue ratably over the contractually stated period.

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Prior to the sale of our reinsurance brokerage business in November, 2013 (see Note 2 for further discussion), in our capacity as a reinsurance broker, we collected premiums from our reinsurance clients and, after deducting our brokerage commissions, we remitted the premiums to the respective reinsurance underwriters on behalf of our reinsurance clients. In general, compensation for reinsurance brokerage services was earned on a commission basis. Commissions were calculated as a percentage of a reinsurance premium as stipulated in the reinsurance contracts with our clients and reinsurers. We recognized brokerage services revenue on the later of the contract's inception or billing date as fees became known or as our services were provided for premium processing. In addition, we held cash needed to settle amounts due reinsurers or our reinsurance clients, net of any commissions due to us, pending remittance to the ultimate recipient. We were permitted to invest these funds in high quality liquid instruments.

As an insurance exchange, we generate revenue from commission paid to us by insurance carriers for health insurance policies issued through our enrollment services. Under our contracts with insurance carriers, once an application has been accepted by an insurance carrier and a policy has been issued, we will receive commission payments from the policy effective date until the end of the annual policy period as long as the policy is not cancelled by the insured or the carrier. We defer upfront fees and recognize revenue ratably from the policy effective date over the policy period, generally one year. The commission fee per policy placed with a carrier could vary by whether the insured was previously a Medicare participant and whether the policy is in its first or subsequent year. Due to the uncertainty of the commission fee per policy, we do not recognize revenue until the policy is accepted by the carrier, the policy is effective and a communication is received from the carrier of the fee per insured. As the commission fee is cancellable on a pro rata basis related to the underlying insurance policy which we are not party to, we recognize the commission fee ratably over the policy period. Our carrier contracts entitle us to receive commission fees per policy for the life of the policy unless limited by legislation or cancelled by the carrier or insured. As a result, the majority of the revenue is recurring in nature and grows in direct proportion to the number of new policies added each year.

Revenue recognized in excess of billings is recorded as unbilled accounts receivable. Cash collections in excess of revenue recognized are recorded as deferred revenue until the revenue recognition criteria are met. Client reimbursable expenses, including those relating to travel, other out-of-pocket expenses and any third-party costs, are included in revenue, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses are included in professional and subcontracted services as a cost of revenue.

Income Taxes — We account for income taxes in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 740, Income Taxes, which prescribes the use of the asset and liability approach to the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities related to the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in our financial statements or income tax returns. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that a portion or all of a given deferred tax asset will not be realized. In accordance with ASC 740, income tax expense includes (i) deferred tax expense, which generally represents the net change in the deferred tax asset or liability balance during the year plus any change in valuation allowances and (ii) current tax expense, which represents the amount of tax currently payable to or receivable from a taxing authority plus amounts accrued for expected tax contingencies (including both tax penalties and interest). ASC 740-10 prescribes a recognition threshold of more-likely-than-not, and a measurement attribute for all tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return, in order for those positions to be recognized in the financial statements. We continually review tax laws, regulations and related guidance in order to properly record any uncertain tax liability positions. We adjust these reserves in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the outcome of tax audits.

Foreign Currency — Gains and losses on foreign currency transactions, including settlement of intercompany receivables and payables, are recognized currently in the general and administrative expenses line of our consolidated statements of operations. Foreign currency transactions resulted in losses of \$7.0 million, \$0.8 million and \$1.1 million in fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Assets and liabilities of our subsidiaries outside the United States are translated into the reporting currency, the U.S. dollar, based on exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Revenue and expenses of our subsidiaries outside the United States are translated into U.S. dollars at weighted

average exchange rates. Gains and losses on translation of our equity interests in our subsidiaries outside the United States and on intercompany notes are reported separately as accumulated other comprehensive income within stockholders' equity in the consolidated balance sheets, since we do not plan or anticipate settlement of such balances in the foreseeable future.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments — The carrying amount of our cash and cash equivalents, receivables from clients, notes and accounts payable approximates fair value because of the short maturity and liquidity of those instruments. The investments are available-for-sale securities held at estimated fair value with maturities of less than two years. The term loan and revolving credit facility include variable interest rates that approximate market rates and as such, we consider its carrying amount to approximate fair value. Refer to Note 11 for the significant terms of these agreements.

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Fair Value Measurement — Financial assets and liabilities recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets are categorized based on the inputs in the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1 — Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 — Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 — Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Derivatives — All derivative instruments are recognized in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at fair value.

Derivative instruments with a positive fair value are reported in other current assets and derivative instruments with a negative fair value are reported in other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. Changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recognized immediately in general and administrative expenses, unless the derivative is designated as a hedge and qualifies for hedge accounting.

There are three hedging relationships where a derivative (hedging instrument) may qualify for hedge accounting: (1) a hedge of the change in fair value of a recognized asset or liability or firm commitment (fair value hedge), (2) a hedge of the variability in cash flows from forecasted transactions (cash flow hedge), and (3) a hedge of the variability caused by changes in foreign currency exchange rates (foreign currency hedge). Under hedge accounting, recognition of derivative gains and losses can be matched in the same period with that of the hedged exposure and thereby minimize earnings volatility. If the underlying risk is recognized in the balance sheet and offsetting the gain / losses in the derivative, we consider the derivative transaction to be an “economic hedge” and changes in the fair value of the derivative are recognized immediately in general and administrative expenses. At June 30, 2014, we had entered into foreign currency cash flow hedges and economic hedges.

In order for a derivative to qualify for hedge accounting, the derivative must be formally designated as a fair value, cash flow, or a foreign currency hedge by documenting the relationship between the derivative and the hedged item. Additionally, the hedge relationship must be expected to be highly effective at offsetting changes in either the fair value or cash flows of the hedged item at both inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis. We assess the ongoing effectiveness of our hedges and measure and record hedge ineffectiveness, if any, at the end of each quarter.

For a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the change in fair value of a hedging instrument is recognized in other comprehensive income, as a component of shareholders’ equity, and subsequently reclassified to general and administrative expenses. The ineffective portion of a cash flow hedge is recognized immediately in general and administrative expenses.

We discontinue hedge accounting prospectively when (1) the derivative expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, (2) we determine that the hedging transaction is no longer highly effective, (3) a hedged forecasted transaction is no longer probable of occurring in the time period described in the hedge documentation, (4) the hedged item matures or is sold, or (5) management elects to discontinue hedge accounting voluntarily.

When hedge accounting is discontinued because the derivative no longer qualifies as a cash flow hedge we continue to carry the derivative in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at its fair value, recognize subsequent changes in the fair value of the derivative in current-period general and administrative expenses, and continue to defer the derivative gain or loss in other comprehensive income or loss until the hedged forecasted transaction affects expenses. If the hedged forecasted transaction is not likely to occur in the time period described in the hedge documentation or within a two month period of time thereafter, the deferred derivative gain or loss is reclassified immediately to general and administrative expenses.

Concentration of Credit Risk — Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of certain cash and cash equivalents, fixed income securities, and receivables from clients. We invest our excess cash in financial instruments that are primarily rated in the highest short-term rating category by major rating agencies. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to receivables from clients are limited due to our large number of clients and their dispersion across many industries and geographic regions.

Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) Claims — We accrue for IBNR professional liability claims that are probable and estimable. We use actuarial assumptions to estimate and record a liability for IBNR professional liability claims. Our

estimated IBNR liability is based on long-term trends and averages, and considers a number of factors, including changes in claim reporting patterns, claim settlement patterns, judicial decisions, and legislation and economic decisions, but excludes the effect of claims data for large cases due to the insufficiency of actual experience with such cases. Our estimated IBNR liability will fluctuate if claims experience changes over time. As of June 30, 2014 we had a \$173.8 million IBNR liability, net of estimated IBNR recoverable receivables of our captive insurance companies. This net liability decreased from \$174.3 million as of June 30, 2013. To the extent our captive insurance companies, PCIC and SMIC, expect losses to be covered by a third party, they record

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a receivable for the amount expected to be recovered. This receivable is classified in other current or other noncurrent assets in our consolidated balance sheet.

Stock-based Compensation — We compensate our directors, executive officers and other select associates with incentive stock-based compensation plans. When granted, awards are governed by the Towers Watson & Co. 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan, which provides for the awards to be valued at their grant date fair value. We record non-cash stock-based compensation on a graded vesting methodology over the expected term of the awards, generally three years. Graded vesting expense methodology assumes that the equity awards are issued to participants in equal amounts of shares that vest over one year, two years and three years giving the effect of more expense in the first year than the second and third. Our equity awards are settled in Towers Watson Class A common stock. During fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recognized compensation expense of \$23.6 million, \$28.9 million and \$54.5 million, and associated income tax benefit of \$6.2 million, \$10.0 million and \$19.5 million, respectively, in connection with our stock-based compensation plans.

Earnings per Share (“EPS”) — We present EPS using the two-class method which discloses the portion of net income attributable to controlling interests and basic and diluted shares are available for common stockholders separate from participating security holders. Our Restricted Class A shares issued in the Merger were classified as participating securities because of their voting and dividend rights. These non-vested restricted shares were fully vested as of January 1, 2013 and converted to Towers Watson Class A common stock.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets — In applying the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, amounts assigned to identifiable assets and liabilities acquired were based on estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition, with the remainder recorded as goodwill. Intangible assets are initially valued at fair value using generally accepted valuation methods appropriate for the type of intangible asset. Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives and are reviewed for impairment if indicators of impairment arise. Intangible assets with indefinite lives are tested for impairment annually as of April 1, and whenever indicators of impairment exist. The fair value of the intangible assets is compared with their carrying value and an impairment loss would be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the fair value. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually as of April 1, and whenever indicators of impairment exist. Goodwill is tested at the reporting unit level which is one level below our operating segments. The Company had ten reporting units on April 1, 2014.

During fiscal 2014, the Company performed Step 1 of the two-step impairment test for all reporting units in order to update the estimated fair value for all reporting units. The fair value for all reporting units exceeded the carrying value. To perform this test, we used Level 3 valuation techniques to estimate the fair value of a reporting unit that fall under income or market approaches. Under the discounted cash flow method, an income approach, the business enterprise value is determined by discounting to present value the terminal value which is calculated using debt-free after-tax cash flows for a finite period of years. Key estimates in this approach were internal financial projection estimates prepared by management, business risk, and expected rate of return on capital. The guideline company method, a market approach, develops valuation multiples by comparing our reporting units to similar publicly traded companies. Key estimates and selection of valuation multiples rely on the selection of similar companies, obtaining estimates of forecasted revenue and EBITDA estimates for the similar companies and selection of valuation multiples as they apply to the reporting unit characteristics. Under the similar transactions method, a market approach, actual transaction prices and operating data from companies deemed reasonably similar to the reporting units is used to develop valuation multiples as an indication of how much a knowledgeable investor in the marketplace would be willing to pay for the business units.

If the Company was required to perform Step 2, we would determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit used in Step 1 to all the assets and liabilities of that reporting unit (including any recognized or unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination. Then the implied fair value of goodwill would be compared to the carrying amount of goodwill to determine if goodwill is impaired. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we did not record any impairment losses of goodwill or intangibles.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Not yet adopted

On June 7, 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-8, “Financial Services – Investment Companies (Topic 946): Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements,” which amends the criteria an entity would need to meet to qualify as an investment company under ASC 946. The ASU (1) introduces new disclosure requirements that apply to all investment companies and (2) amends the measurement criteria for certain interests in other investment companies. The ASU also amends the requirements in ASC 810 related to qualifying for the “investment-company deferral” in ASU 2010-10 as well as the requirements in ASC 820 related to qualifying for the “net asset value practical expedient” in ASU 2009-12. We manage certain funds that are considered variable interest entities and for which our management fee is considered a variable interest. These

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funds qualify for the “investment-company deferral” in ASU 2010-10 and therefore are subject to the consolidation guidance prior to the issuance of ASU 2009-17. The ASU is effective for interim and annual periods that begin after December 15, 2013, and early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating whether these funds will continue to qualify for the “investment-company deferral” based on the amended investment company criteria proscribed by ASU 2013-8.

On May 28, 2014, the FASB and IASB issued their final standard on revenue from contracts with customers. The standard, issued as ASU 2014-09 by the FASB, outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance. The core principle of the revenue model is that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU applies to all contracts with customers except those that are within the scope of other topics in the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Compared with current U.S. GAAP, the ASU also requires significantly expanded disclosures about revenue recognition. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods that begin after December 15, 2016 and early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this provision.

On June 19, 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide a Performance Target Could Be Achieved After the Requisite Service Period. The update is intended to resolve the diverse accounting treatment of these types of awards in practice. The amendments require that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. A reporting entity should apply existing guidance in "Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718)" as it relates to awards with performance conditions that affect vesting to account for such awards. As such, the performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award. Compensation cost should be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the period(s) for which the requisite service has already been rendered. If the performance target becomes probable of being achieved before the end of the requisite service period, the remaining unrecognized compensation cost should be recognized prospectively over the remaining requisite service period. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods that begin after December 15, 2015. The Company does not expect the adoption of this pronouncement to have an impact on our financial statements as this guidance mirrors our existing policy for such share-based awards.

Note 2 — Acquisitions and Divestitures.

Our acquisitions and divestitures in fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012 were not material for the purposes of financial statement disclosures as required by Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 805. Our acquisition and divestiture information is included to provide our investors with a better understanding of our strategic acquisitions.

Acquisitions

Liazon Corporation Acquisition

On November 22, 2013, Towers Watson purchased Liazon Corporation (“Liazon”), a business focused on developing and delivering private benefit exchanges for active employees, for \$204.3 million in cash and assumed equity awards valued at \$8.0 million. See Note 15 for further information on the assumed stock options. The Liazon business became a new line of business, which complements our existing OneExchange offerings under the Exchange Solutions segment. Together these solutions help organizations, both large and small, deliver self- and fully-insured benefits to both employees as well as pre- and post-65 retirees. We included the results of Liazon's operations since the acquisition date in the Exchange Solutions segment and in our consolidated financial statements.

During the second and third quarters of fiscal 2014, we recorded the tangible assets received, liabilities assumed, and the preliminary fair value of intangibles. The intangibles included developed technology, valued at \$34.3 million, and other intangibles that were collectively immaterial. Our estimate of fair value for the technology intangible was developed using the multi-period excess earnings method valuation model. Significant assumptions used in the valuation were estimated revenues and expenses, contributory asset charges, required rates of return, and discount rates. We also recorded a net deferred tax asset of \$8.1 million. It was determined that total consideration was \$212.3 million, and we recorded \$174.2 million of goodwill related to the acquisition of Liazon.

Extend Health Acquisition

On May 29, 2012, Towers Watson purchased Extend Health, a provider of health benefit management services and operator of the largest private Medicare exchange, for \$435 million in cash and assumed stock options valued at \$11.2 million. See Note 15 for further information on the assumed stock options. This acquisition enabled Towers Watson to provide employers with health care solutions that combine specialized retiree medical transition consulting with the choice and cost advantages of individual Medicare plans purchased on a private exchange. Extend Health now operates, together with Liazon Corporation, as a business

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segment called Exchange Solutions, alongside the existing segments of Benefits, Talent and Rewards, and Risk and Financial Services. We include the results of Extend Health's operations since its acquisition date in the Exchange Solutions segment and in our consolidated financial statements.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we recorded the tangible assets received, liabilities assumed and the preliminary fair value of intangibles as follows: \$123.2 million of customer related intangibles, \$26.7 million of developed technology, and less than \$1.0 million of favorable lease agreements and trade name intangibles. Our estimate of fair value was developed using income approach valuation models such as the multi-period excess earnings method for the customer-related intangibles and the relief from royalty method for the developed technology intangible. Significant assumptions used in the valuation were revenue growth rates, retention rates, expense and contributory asset charges, royalty rates and discount rates. We recorded current income tax receivables of \$2.7 million for tax losses to be carried back to the June 30, 2011 U.S. federal income tax return. Also related to taxes, we recorded net deferred tax liabilities of \$53.8 million. In accordance with acquisition accounting under U.S. GAAP, we did not realize \$14.6 million of deferred revenue associated with cash received for commissions paid by carriers for policies placed prior to the acquisition and for which no subsequent performance obligation is required. We determined that total consideration was \$446.2 million, and recorded \$341.4 million of goodwill related to the acquisition of Extend Health. The acquisition accounting was finalized during the second quarter of fiscal 2013.

Divestitures

Sale of our Brokerage business.

On September 19, 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell our Reinsurance and Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage ("Brokerage") business to Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc ("JLT") for cash consideration of \$250 million. The Brokerage business was a component of our Risk and Financial Services segment. The sale closed during our second quarter of fiscal year 2014. We divested this business as part of our strategy to focus on other areas of the business. We continue to focus on risk consulting, software and other services for the insurance industry. The business will be branded for a transitional period of 15 months from the closing date as JLT Towers Re.

As part of the transaction, we entered into an Alliance Agreement with JLT to ensure clients have continued access to our risk consulting and software services. This agreement also provides JLT Towers Re with continued use of Towers Watson's proprietary actuarial models and software.

The Company assessed the guidance under ASC 205 to determine if the Alliance Agreement or any other terms of the sale agreement constituted significant continuing direct cash flows or significant continuing involvement with the Brokerage business after the sale. The Company compared the cash flows expected to be recognized from the Brokerage business as a result of the continuation or migration of activities after the disposal transaction to the projected generation of cash flows by the Brokerage business that we could have expected absent the disposal transaction. Based on this analysis, the expected annual cash inflows or outflows related to the portion of revenues shared or commissions received or paid and software sales under the Alliance Agreement are each expected to represent approximately 1% or less of the annual revenues generated by our Brokerage business operations prior to the disposal. This was deemed not significant.

The Company also calculated the expected cash flows associated with the placement of its insurance and reinsurance arrangements. The Company agreed to use JLT as its broker-of-record for all insurance and reinsurance transactions to which the Company's wholly-owned captive insurance company, Stone Mountain Insurance Company, is a party through November 2018. These amounts were previously eliminated as intercompany transactions, and are \$2.8 million for fiscal year 2014. Additionally, the Company agreed to a Transitional Services Agreement with JLT for a two-year period ending November 5, 2015. The Company expects to incur approximately \$6.3 million each year in occupancy or other infrastructure costs, which were prepaid as part of deal consideration or will be repaid by JLT over the next two years. The cash flows associated with these arrangements represent approximately 7.4% of the annual expenses generated by our Brokerage operations prior to the disposal, which was deemed not significant.

The Company noted that none of the aforementioned agreements or arrangements constituted significant continuing involvement, because they do not afford the Company the ability to influence the financial or operating decisions of JLT. Accordingly, we concluded that the continuing cash flows expected after the sale of our Brokerage business do not preclude discontinued operations presentation, and the Company has therefore reclassified the results of our

Brokerage business's operations as discontinued operations for all periods presented in our consolidated statements of operations. The following selected financial information relates to the Brokerage business's operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively:

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	Fiscal Year Ended,		
	2014	2013	2012
Revenue from discontinued operations	\$63,762	\$164,270	\$159,839
Income from discontinued operations before taxes	21,308	39,203	\$36,211
Tax expense on discontinued operations	7,522	15,561	\$13,313
Net income from discontinued operations	13,786	23,642	22,898
Gain from sale of discontinued operations	23,951	—	—
Tax expense on gain from sale of discontinued operations	31,680	—	—
Net loss from sale of discontinued operations	(7,729) —	—
Total net income from discontinued operations	\$6,057	\$23,642	\$22,898

Only the fiduciary assets and liabilities associated with the European businesses were sold. North American fiduciary assets and liabilities have not been disposed of due to certain legal restrictions which do not permit the transfer of these assets and liabilities. The subsequent settlement of the North American fiduciary assets and liabilities is presented within the operating section of our accompanying statement of cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2014. In addition to the stated \$250 million cash consideration stipulated in the sale agreement, a purchase price adjustment of \$31.4 million was paid to the Company by JLT representing the value of net assets transferred in the sale.

As part of the sale, the Company agreed to repay JLT for retention payments made to certain employees of Brokerage if they remain with the business on the 30-day anniversary of the sale and the first and second anniversary of the sale. The value ascribed to this portion of the obligation is \$21.7 million at the time of the sale. The remaining liability at June 30, 2014 is carried at fair value on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets (see Note 6 – Fair Value Measurements). The total amount has been classified as current or non-current liabilities based on the expected payment dates.

The obligation for retention payments and certain other negotiated terms reduced total consideration received at close to \$215.1 million. Total transaction costs were approximately \$6.4 million. We finalized the completion accounts and the purchase price adjustments during the third quarter of fiscal year 2014. Our final pre-tax gain on the sale is \$24.0 million. The sale of our Brokerage business resulted in a significant taxable gain, since the disposal of the goodwill and intangible assets associated with the business is not tax-deductible.

Note 3 — Investments

Held-to-maturity

We hold held-to-maturity securities comprised of term deposits and certificates of deposits with original maturities greater than 90 days. As of June 30, 2014, all held-to-maturity securities were included in short-term investments in the consolidated balance sheet. We did not have any held-to-maturity securities during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012. Proceeds from maturities of held-to-maturity securities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 were \$37.2 million resulting in immaterial gains.

Available-for-sale

We hold available-for-sale securities comprised of fixed income securities, equity securities and mutual funds / exchange-traded funds (See Note 6 for the investments by type of security). The fixed income securities all mature within 12 months of the balance sheet date. Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments of available-for-sale securities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 were \$57.7 million, resulting in a gain of \$1.0 million. Of these proceeds, \$1.6 million related to the sale of investments as part of the divestiture of the Brokerage business. Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments of available-for-sale securities during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 were \$47.6 million and \$68.5 million, respectively, resulting in a gain of \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

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Additional information on the Company's investments is provided in the following table as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	As of June 30, 2014				As of June 30, 2013			
	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Short Term Investments:								
Held-to-maturity:								
Term deposits & Certificates of deposits	\$ 107,556	\$—	\$—	\$ 107,556	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Available-for-sale:								
Fixed income securities	—	—	—	—	56,602	15	(2)	56,615
Equity securities	126	7	(3)	130	31	—	(1)	30
Mutual funds and exchange-traded funds	15,033	42	—	15,075	—	—	—	—
Total Short-term Investments:	122,715	49	(3)	122,761	56,633	15	(3)	56,645
Other Investments:								
Available-for-sale:								
Equity Securities	—	—	—	—	822	476	—	1,298
Mutual funds and exchange-traded funds	42,147	451	—	42,598	26,666	14	(97)	26,583
Total other Investments in Other Assets	\$42,147	\$451	\$—	\$42,598	\$27,488	\$490	\$(97)	\$27,881

For all investments other than fixed income securities, amortized cost represents the cost basis of the investment as of the purchase or Merger date. There were no material investments that have been in a continuous loss position for more than six months, and there have been no other-than-temporary impairments recognized. The aggregate fair value of investments with unrealized losses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 was immaterial. The aggregate fair value of investments with unrealized losses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 was \$36.3 million.

Note 4 — Fixed Assets

Furniture, fixtures, equipment and leasehold improvements are recorded at cost and presented net of depreciation or amortization. Furniture, fixtures, and equipment are depreciated straight-line over lives ranging from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease terms or the asset lives.

The components of fixed assets are as follows:

	June 30,	
	2014	2013
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$205,598	\$207,667
Computer software, excluding internally developed software	192,206	161,382
Internally developed software	165,695	123,943
Leasehold improvements	207,126	187,537
	770,625	680,529
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(396,181)	(333,614)
Fixed assets, net	\$374,444	\$346,915

Total computer software, net, including internally developed software, was \$210.7 million and \$179.0 million as of June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Total amortization expense for computer software was \$44.7 million, \$40.5 million and \$39.6 million for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Total depreciation expense was \$54.9 million, \$56.3 million and \$47.7 million for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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Note 5 — Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The components of goodwill and intangible assets are outlined below for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Benefits	Risk and Financial Services	Talent and Rewards	Exchange Solutions	All Other	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$1,253,255	\$545,862	\$111,212	\$341,012	\$1,214	\$2,252,555
Goodwill acquired	—	2,480	—	437	—	2,917
Translation adjustment	(19,983)	(14,192)	(2,362)	—	—	(36,537)
Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$1,233,272	\$534,150	\$108,850	\$341,449	\$1,214	\$2,218,935
Goodwill acquired	—	—	—	174,195	—	174,195
Goodwill related to disposals	—	(167,822)	—	—	—	(167,822)
Translation adjustment	57,517	25,221	5,012	—	—	87,750
Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$1,290,789	\$391,549	\$113,862	\$515,644	\$1,214	\$2,313,058

Included in the Risk and Financial Services activity is a \$167.8 million reduction in goodwill related to the disposal of our Brokerage business, which was completed on November 6, 2013. See Note 2 for additional information regarding the sale of this business.

Included in the Exchange Solutions goodwill acquired is \$174.2 million of goodwill related to the acquisition of Liazon, which closed on November 22, 2013. We recorded the consideration less the tangible assets and liabilities as goodwill during the year ended June 30, 2014. See Note 2 for additional information regarding this acquisition.

The following table reflects changes in the net carrying amount of the components of finite-lived intangible assets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Trademark & trade name	Customer related intangible	Core/ developed technology	Favorable lease agreements	Total
Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$—	\$289,521	\$103,289	\$4,554	\$397,364
Intangible assets acquired	—	3,923	—	—	3,923
Amortization	—	(45,435)	(33,475)	(972)	(79,882)
Translation adjustment	—	(1,762)	(299)	(17)	(2,078)
Balance as of June 30, 2013	—	246,247	69,515	3,565	319,327
Intangible assets acquired	150	600	34,300	—	35,050
Intangible assets related to disposal	—	(8,254)	—	—	(8,254)
Amortization	(150)	(46,907)	(28,875)	(947)	(76,879)
Translation adjustment	—	7,169	887	(1)	8,055
Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$—	\$198,855	\$75,827	\$2,617	\$277,299

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recorded \$75.9 million, \$78.9 million and \$65.6 million, respectively, of amortization related to our intangible assets. These amounts include amortization that has been classified within income from discontinued operations on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Included in the change in customer related intangible assets is the reduction of \$8.3 million associated with the sale of our Brokerage business, which closed on November 6, 2013.

Due to integration of our Retirement business, management decided to discontinue the use of an application that was acquired in the Merger with an expected useful life of ten years. We calculated no impairment and we plan to shorten the life of the intangible asset and accelerate the amortization in the same pattern in which our clients are transitioned to the surviving application, which is expected to occur over the next three to four years. To develop our estimated useful remaining life of the application, we are using client engagement revenue and the planned transition developed by our business management. We recorded an additional \$2.1 million and \$5.6 million of amortization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, respectively.

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Our indefinite-lived non-amortizable intangible assets consist of acquired trademarks and trade names. The carrying value of these assets was \$380.0 million and \$368.4 million as of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, respectively. The change during the period was due to foreign currency translation adjustment.

We estimated the fair value of acquired leases and recorded an unfavorable lease liability in accordance with ASC 805. As of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, this liability was \$10.2 million and \$13.5 million, respectively. The change for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 was comprised of a reduction to rent expense of \$3.2 million and a foreign currency translation adjustment of \$0.1 million.

Components of the change in the gross carrying amount of customer related intangibles, core/developed technology and favorable and unfavorable lease agreements reflect foreign currency translation adjustments for fiscal years 2014 and 2013. Certain of the intangible assets and liabilities are denominated in the currencies of our subsidiaries outside the United States, and are translated into our reporting currency, the U.S. dollar, based on exchange rates at the balance sheet date.

The following table reflects the weighted average remaining life and carrying value of finite-lived intangible assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Fiscal Year 2014			Fiscal Year 2013		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Weighted Average Remaining Life	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Weighted Average Remaining Life
Finite-lived intangible assets and liabilities:						
Trademark and trade name	\$520	520	—	\$370	\$ 370	—
Customer related intangibles	391,201	192,346	5.6	390,027	143,780	6.6
Core/developed technology	175,948	100,121	4.1	164,762	95,247	3.8
Favorable lease agreements	6,488	3,871	3.6	6,496	2,931	4.4
Total finite-lived intangible assets	\$574,157	\$ 296,858		\$561,655	\$ 242,328	
Unfavorable lease agreements	24,818	14,588	3.9	25,591	12,122	4.7
Total finite-lived intangible liabilities	\$24,818	\$ 14,588		\$25,591	\$ 12,122	

Certain trademark and trade-name intangibles have indefinite useful lives and are not amortized. The weighted average remaining life of the net amortizable intangible assets and liabilities was 5.1 years and 5.9 years, respectively at June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013.

The following table reflects:

- 1) future estimated amortization expense for amortizable intangible assets consisting of customer related intangibles and core/developed technology.
- 2) the rent offset resulting from the amortization of the net lease intangible assets and liabilities for future fiscal years as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Amortization	Rent Offset	
2015	\$68,821	(2,029)
2016	57,740	(1,567)
2017	53,368	(1,864)
2018	42,928	(1,981)
2019	27,850	(315)
Thereafter	23,975	143)
Total	\$274,682	\$(7,613)

Note 6 — Fair Value Measurements

We have categorized our financial instruments into a three-level fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). In some cases, the inputs used to measure fair value might fall into different levels of

the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls

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is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Refer to Note 1 for a description of each fair value measurement category.

The following presents our assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Fair Value Measurements on a Recurring Basis at June 30, 2014			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Available-for-sale:				
Equity securities	\$ 130	\$—	\$—	\$ 130
Mutual funds / exchange-traded funds	57,673	—	—	57,673
Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange forwards (a)	—	639	—	639
Liabilities:				
Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange forwards (a)	—	550	—	550
Contingent Liabilities:				
Retention bonus liability (b)	—	—	19,998	19,998
	Fair Value Measurements on a Recurring Basis at June 30, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Available-for-sale securities:				
Fixed income securities:				
U.S. treasury securities and obligations of the U.S. government, government agencies and authorities	\$ 2,014	\$—	\$—	\$ 2,014
U.S. corporate bonds	—	53,100	—	53,100
Foreign corporate bonds	—	1,501	—	1,501
Equity securities	1,328	—	—	1,328
Mutual funds / exchange-traded funds	26,583	—	—	26,583
Derivatives:				
Foreign exchange forwards (a)	—	546	—	546
Liabilities:				
Derivatives				
Foreign exchange forwards (a)	—	353	—	353

These derivative investments are included in other current assets or accounts payable, accrued liabilities and (a) deferred income on the consolidated balance sheet. See Note 7 for further information on our derivative investments.

(b) These liabilities are included in other current liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. The fair value was determined using a discounted cash flow model.

We record gains or losses related to the changes in the fair value of our financial instruments for foreign exchange forward contracts accounted for as foreign currency hedges in general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. We recorded immaterial losses for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, related to the changes in the fair value of these foreign exchange forward contracts which were still held as of June 30, 2014 and 2013. No material gain or loss was recorded in the consolidated statements of operations for available-for-sale securities still held as of June 30, 2014 and 2013.

We generally use third-party pricing services in determining the fair value of our investments. The pricing services use observable inputs when available. These values take into account recent market activity as well as other market observable data such as interest rate, spread and prepayment information. We perform various procedures to evaluate the accuracy of the fair

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values provided by the third-party service provider. These procedures include obtaining a detailed understanding of the models, inputs, and assumptions used in developing prices provided by the pricing services. This understanding includes a review of the vendors' Service Organization Controls report and, as necessary, discussions with valuation resources at the pricing services. We obtain the information necessary to assert the model, inputs and assumptions used to comply with U.S. GAAP, including disclosure requirements. In addition, our investment committee periodically reviews the investment portfolios and the performance of our investments against expectations.

We independently review the listing of Level 1 financial assets in the portfolio, including U.S. Treasury securities, equity securities and mutual funds securities, and agree the price received from the third-party pricing service to the closing stock price from a national securities exchange, and on a sample basis.

We also independently review our Level 2 and Level 3 financial assets and liabilities, which include derivative investments, corporate bonds and certain obligations of government agencies or states, municipalities and political subdivisions, pooled funds and mutual funds, limited partnerships and insurance contracts. Corporate bonds and certain obligations of government agencies or states, municipalities and political subdivisions are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. Derivative investments are valued using a quoted value from the counterparty for each contract. The quoted price we receive is a Level 2 valuation based on observable quotes in the marketplace for the underlying currency. We use these underlying values to estimate amounts that would be paid or received to terminate the contracts at the reporting date based on current market prices for the underlying currency. See Note 10 for a description of the valuation methodologies used for Level 2 and Level 3 plan assets and liabilities by category.

We perform additional procedures to validate and confirm the accuracy of the Level 2 prices provided by the pricing service. Stale prices and significant price movements are monitored and investigated. If the price changes significantly, the fluctuation is reviewed for reasonableness based on our expectations or other market factors and adjusted if deemed necessary by management.

If we determine that a price provided to us is outside our expectation, we will further examine the price, including having follow-up discussions with the pricing service. If we conclude that a price is not valid, we will adjust the price with the appropriate documentation and approvals by management. These adjustments do not occur frequently and have not historically been material.

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period. No other-than-temporary impairments occurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Transfers in and out of Level 1 and 2

There were no securities transferred between Level 1 and Level 2 for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. The Company's policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out as of the beginning of the reporting period.

Level 3 Financial Instruments

The fair value of the retention bonus liability is determined using a discounted cash flows model. The significant unobservable inputs used in the discounted cash flows model are a credit adjusted interest rate of 1.7% and an assumed forfeiture rate of 7.0%. Changes in each of these unobservable inputs would have adjusted the fair value as follows:

• Interest rate - The lowest and highest interest rates that we could have used to value the bonus retention liability are 0.5% to 8.0%, which would have resulted in values of \$20.2 million and \$18.8 million, respectively.

• Forfeiture rates - Changing the assumed forfeiture rate to either 5.0% or 10.0% would have resulted in values of \$20.4 million and \$19.4 million, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the change in fair value of the Level 3 liabilities for fiscal year-ended June 30, 2014:

	Fair Value Measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
	Total
Beginning balance - June 30, 2013	\$ —
Obligation assumed	(21,746)
Transfers	—
Payments	1,939
Realized gains /(loss)	—
Unrealized gains / (losses)	(191)
Ending balance - June 30, 2014	\$ (19,998)

Note 7 — Derivative Financial Instruments

We are exposed to market risk from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Where possible, we identify exposures in our business that can be offset internally. Where no natural offset is identified, we may choose to enter into various derivative transactions. These instruments have the effect of reducing our exposure to unfavorable changes in foreign currency rates. We do not enter into derivative transactions for trading purposes.

Derivative transactions are governed by our established set of policies and procedures covering areas such as authorization, counterparty exposure and hedging practices. We also evaluate new and existing transactions and agreements to determine if they require derivative accounting treatment. Positions are monitored using fair market value and sensitivity analyses. See Note 1 for further information on the accounting policy for derivatives. The Company reviewed the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: Title VII, Derivatives and has elected and is in compliance with the end-user exemption.

Certain derivatives also give rise to credit risks from the possible non-performance by counterparties. The credit risk is generally limited to the fair value of those contracts that are favorable to us. We have established strict counterparty credit guidelines and enter into transactions only with financial institutions with securities of investment grade or better. We monitor counterparty exposures and review any downgrade in credit rating. To mitigate pre-settlement risk, minimum credit standards become more stringent as the duration of the derivative financial instrument increases. To minimize the concentration of credit risk, we enter into derivative transactions with a portfolio of financial institutions. Based on these factors, we consider the risk of counterparty default to be minimal.

A number of our foreign subsidiaries receive revenues (through either internal or external billing) in currencies other than their functional currency. As a result, the foreign subsidiary's functional currency revenue will fluctuate as the currency exchange rates change. To reduce this variability, we use foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge the foreign exchange risk of the forecasted collections. We have designated these derivatives as cash flow hedges of our forecasted foreign currency denominated collections. We also use derivative financial contracts, principally foreign exchange forward contracts, to hedge other non-functional currency obligations. These exposures primarily arise from intercompany lending and other liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. At June 30, 2014, the longest outstanding maturity was 15 months. As of June 30, 2014, a net \$0.1 million pretax gain has been deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income and is expected to be recognized in general and administrative expenses during the next twelve months. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we recognized no material gains or losses due to hedge ineffectiveness.

As of June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 we had cash flow and economic hedges with a notional value of \$49.5 million, \$107.2 million and \$66.4 million, respectively, to hedge internal and external revenue cash flows. We determine the fair value of our foreign currency derivatives based on quoted prices received from the counterparty for each contract, which we evaluate using pricing models whose inputs are observable. The net fair value of all derivatives held as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 was an asset of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. See Note 6, Fair Value Measurements, for further information regarding the determination of fair value.

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The fair value of our derivative instruments held as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 and their location in the consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

	Asset derivatives		Liability derivatives	
	Balance sheet location	Fair value June 30, 2014 2013	Balance sheet location	Fair value June 30, 2014 2013
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign exchange forwards	Other current assets	\$618 \$395	Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income	\$(513) \$(159)
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign exchange forwards	Other current assets	\$21 \$151	Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income	\$(37) \$(194)
Total derivative assets (liabilities)		\$639 \$546		\$(550) \$(353)

The effect of derivative instruments that are designated as hedging instruments on the consolidated statement of operations and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are as follows:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:	Loss recognized in OCI (effective portion)			Location of (loss) gain reclassified from OCI into income (effective portion)	(Loss) gain reclassified into income (effective portion)			Location of gain (loss) recognized in income (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing)	Gain (loss) recognized in income (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing)		
	2014	2013	2012		2014	2013	2012		2014	2013	2012
Foreign exchange forwards	\$(1,540)	\$(294)	\$(732)	General and administrative expenses	\$(1,447)	\$(125)	\$798	General and administrative expenses	\$2	\$(1)	\$(2)
Total	\$(1,540)	\$(294)	\$(732)		\$(1,447)	\$(125)	\$798		\$2	\$(1)	\$(2)

Included in the notional values above are \$24.2 million, \$33.6 million and \$59.1 million as of June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, of derivatives held as economic hedges primarily to hedge intercompany loans denominated in currencies other than the functional currency. The effect of derivatives that have not been designated as hedging instruments on the consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 is as follows:

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:	Location of gain recognized in income	Gain recognized in income Fiscal year ended June 30,		
		2014	2013	2012
Foreign exchange forwards	General and administrative expenses	\$561	\$3,325	\$1,399
Total		\$561	\$3,325	\$1,399

Note 8 —Supplementary information for select balance sheet accounts
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income consists of:

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	2014	2013
Accounts payable	\$20,228	\$31,962
Accrued liabilities	116,709	104,378
Deferred income	267,823	215,308
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income	\$404,760	\$351,648

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Current employee-related liabilities consist of:

	June 30,	
	2014	2013
Accrued payroll and bonuses	\$447,145	\$477,942
Current pension liability	53,146	69,143
Other employee-related liabilities	18,241	13,746
Total employee-related liabilities	\$518,532	\$560,831

Note 9 — Leases

We lease office space under operating lease agreements with terms generally averaging ten years. Our real estate lease agreements contain rent increases, rent holidays, leasehold incentives or rent concessions. All costs incurred for rent expense are recorded on a straight-line basis (inclusive of any lease incentives and rent holidays) over the life of the lease.

Rental expenses and sub-lease rental income for operating leases are recorded as part of occupancy costs in the consolidated statements of operations along with other occupancy related expenses such as utilities and the amortization of intangible lease assets and liabilities. Rental expense, exclusive of sublease income, was \$144.1 million, \$146.4 million, and \$148.2 million for fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. We have entered into sublease agreements for some of our excess leased space. Sublease income was \$0.9 million, \$3.1 million, and \$2.6 million, respectively, for fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012.

Future minimum lease payments for the operating lease commitments, which have not been reduced by cumulative anticipated cash inflows for sublease income of \$0.7 million, are as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Amortization
2015	\$109,926
2016	97,238
2017	83,261
2018	71,215
2019	56,781
Thereafter	147,136
Total	\$565,557

We evaluate office capacity on an ongoing basis to meet changing needs in our markets with a goal of minimizing our occupancy expense.

Note 10 — Retirement Benefits

Defined Benefit Plans

Towers Watson sponsors both qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plan (“OPEB”) plans in North America and Europe. As of June 30, 2014, these funded and unfunded plans represented 98 percent of Towers Watson’s pension and OPEB obligations and are disclosed herein. Towers Watson also sponsors funded and unfunded defined benefit pension plans in certain other countries, representing an additional \$98.0 million in projected benefit obligations, \$73.3 million in assets and a net liability of \$24.8 million.

North America

United States – Beginning January 1, 2012, all associates, including named executive officers, accrue qualified and non-qualified benefits under a new stable value pension design. Prior to this date, associates hired prior to December 31, 2010 earned benefits under their legacy plan formulas, which were frozen on December 31, 2011. The non-qualified plan is unfunded. Retiree medical benefits provided under our U.S. postretirement benefit plans were closed to new hires effective January 1, 2011. Life insurance benefits under the same plans were frozen with respect to service, eligibility and amounts as of January 1, 2012 for active associates.

Canada – Effective on January 1, 2011, associates hired on or after January 1, 2011 and effective on January 1, 2012 associates hired prior to January 1, 2011, accrue qualified and non-qualified benefits based on a career average benefit

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formula. Additionally, participants can choose to make voluntary contributions to purchase enhancements to their pension. Prior to the January 1, 2011, associates earned benefits under their legacy plan formulas.

The non-qualified plans in North America provide for the additional pension benefits that would be covered under the qualified plan in the respective country were it not for statutory maximums. The non-qualified plans are unfunded.

Europe

United Kingdom – For associates previously participating under the legacy Watson Wyatt defined benefit plan, benefits accrue based on the number of years of service and the associate’s average compensation during the associate’s term of service since January 2008 (prior to this date, benefits accrued under a different formula). Benefit accruals earned under the legacy Towers Perrin defined benefit plan were frozen on March 31, 2008, and the plan predominantly provides lump sum benefits. All associates not earning benefits under the legacy Watson Wyatt defined benefit component of the plan accrue benefits under a defined contribution component.

Germany – Effective January 1, 2011, all new associates participate in a defined contribution plan. Associates hired prior to this date continue to participate in various defined contribution and defined benefit arrangements according to legacy plan formulas. The legacy defined benefit plans are primarily account-based, with some long-service associates continuing to accrue benefits according to grandfathered final-average-pay formulas.

Netherlands – Benefits under the Netherlands plan used to accrue on a final pay basis on earnings up to a maximum amount each year. The benefit accrual under the final pay plan stopped at December 31, 2010. The accrued benefits will receive conditional indexation each year.

The determination of Towers Watson’s obligations and annual expense under the plans is based on a number of assumptions that, given the longevity of the plans, are long-term in focus. A change in one or a combination of these assumptions could have a material impact on Towers Watson’s pension benefit obligation and related cost. Any difference between actual and assumed results is amortized into Towers Watson’s pension cost over the average remaining service period of participating associates. Towers Watson considers several factors prior to the start of each fiscal year when determining the appropriate annual assumptions, including economic forecasts, relevant benchmarks, historical trends, portfolio composition and peer company comparisons.

Funding is based on actuarially determined contributions and is limited to amounts that are currently deductible for tax purposes. Since funding calculations are based on different measurements than those used for accounting purposes, pension contributions are not equal to net periodic pension cost.

Assumptions Used in the Valuations of the Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The following assumptions were used in the valuations of Towers Watson’s defined benefit pension plans. The assumptions presented for the North American plans represent the weighted-average of rates for all U.S. and Canadian plans. The assumptions presented for Towers Watson’s European plans represent the weighted-average of rates for the U.K., Germany and Netherlands plans.

The assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,						
	2014		2013		2012		
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	
Discount rate	5.32	% 4.41	% 4.86	% 4.80	% 5.79	% 5.59	%
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	7.67	% 5.77	% 8.11	% 6.07	% 8.14	% 6.78	%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	4.36	% 3.93	% 4.35	% 3.93	% 3.82	% 3.93	%

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The following table presents the assumptions used in the valuation to determine the projected benefit obligation for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	June 30, 2014		June 30, 2013		
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	
Discount rate	4.86	% 3.99	% 5.32	% 4.41	%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	3.98	% 3.00	% 4.36	% 3.93	%

Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost for Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The following tables set forth the components of net periodic benefit cost for our defined benefit pension plans for North America and Europe for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012:

	Year ended June 30,					
	2014		2013		2012	
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	Europe
Service cost	\$70,346	\$12,321	\$70,795	\$10,262	\$61,158	\$10,199
Interest cost	140,736	41,148	135,726	37,937	141,390	38,173
Expected return on plan assets	(188,391)	(46,352)	(185,435)	(42,244)	(172,827)	(44,922)
Amortization of net loss/(gain)	22,088	9,019	45,372	5,905	18,240	(3,717)
Amortization of prior service (credit)/cost	(8,379)	42	(8,377)	41	(8,338)	41
Settlement/curtailment loss	—	—	—	—	—	4,258
Other adjustments (a)	—	254	—	85	9,512	545
Net periodic benefit cost	\$36,400	\$16,432	\$58,081	\$11,986	\$49,135	\$4,577

(a) This adjustment for North America in fiscal year 2012 is primarily due to the cumulative effect of the change in the method of determining the market-related value of plan assets.

Changes to other comprehensive income for the Company's defined benefit pension plans as follows:

	Year ended June 30,					
	2014		2013		2012	
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	Europe
Current year actuarial (gain)/loss	\$(26,558)	\$60,022	\$(188,011)	\$51,384	\$314,754	\$110,377
Amortization of actuarial (gain)/loss	(22,088)	(9,019)	(45,372)	(5,905)	(18,240)	3,717
Amortization of prior service credit/(cost)	8,379	(42)	8,377	(41)	8,338	(41)
Recognition of actuarial loss due to settlement/curtailment	—	—	—	—	—	(4,258)
Other	(909)	12,992	(1,699)	(1,418)	(13,477)	(1,512)
Total recognized in other comprehensive (income)/loss	\$(41,176)	\$63,953	\$(226,705)	\$44,020	\$291,375	\$108,283

The change in Other in the 2014 fiscal year is primarily due to the currency impact, specifically the increase in the British Pound. During fiscal year 2012, it includes the effect of the change in the method of determining the market-related value of plan assets.

For North America, the actuarial gain recorded in the 2013 fiscal year was due to an increase in the discount rates used for our plans. For Europe, the actuarial loss recorded in the 2013 fiscal year is primarily due to a decrease in the discount rates used for our plans. Towers Watson's discount rate assumptions were determined by matching expected future pension benefit payments with current AA corporate bond yields from the respective countries for the same periods. In the United States, specific bonds were selected to match plan cash flows. In Canada, yields were taken from a corporate bond yield curve. In Europe, the discount rate was set based on yields on European AA corporate bonds at the measurement date. The U.K. is based on the U.K. AA corporate bonds, while Germany and the

Netherlands are based on European AA corporate bonds.

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The estimated amounts that will be amortized from other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost during fiscal 2015 for the Company's defined benefit pension plans are shown below:

	Fiscal 2015	
	North America	Europe
Actuarial loss	\$17,603	\$13,571
Prior service (credit)/cost	(8,378	) 44
Total	\$9,225	\$13,615

The following table provides a reconciliation of the changes in the projected benefit obligations and fair value of assets for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, and the funded status as of June 30, 2014 and 2013. During the fiscal 2014 year, the German plan was funded and has therefore been combined with the reporting of the other European plans. For comparative purposes, the information previously presented for the European plans as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013 have been recast to combine the information for the German plan with the other European plans.

	2014			2013		
	North America - Qualified	North America - Unqualified	Europe	North America- Qualified	North America- Unqualified	Europe
Change in Benefit Obligation						
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$2,324,353	\$416,461	\$887,047	\$2,412,004	\$466,809	\$809,874
Service cost	58,777	11,569	12,321	59,327	11,468	10,262
Interest cost	121,548	19,187	41,148	115,418	20,307	37,938
Actuarial losses/(gains)	149,163	21,416	61,836	(160,794)	11,023	62,461
Benefit payments	(102,495)	(71,576)	(20,566)	(91,546)	(90,035)	(16,907)
Participant contributions	—	—	2,338	—	—	2,361
Other	516	—	1,462	—	—	85
Foreign currency adjustment	(4,081)	(1,279)	101,712	(10,056)	(3,111)	(19,027)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$2,547,781	\$395,778	\$1,087,298	\$2,324,353	\$416,461	\$887,047
Change in Plan Assets						
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$2,461,764	\$—	\$750,856	\$2,269,318	\$—	\$688,983
Actual return on plan assets	385,528	—	48,166	223,675	—	53,322
Company contributions	71,663	71,576	41,941	69,305	90,035	46,182
Participant contributions	—	—	2,338	—	—	2,361
Benefit payments	(102,495)	(71,576)	(20,566)	(91,546)	(90,035)	(16,907)
Other	516	—	1,208	—	—	—
Foreign currency adjustment	(3,385)	—	95,217	(8,988)	—	(23,085)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$2,813,591	\$—	\$919,160	\$2,461,764	\$—	\$750,856
Funded status at end of year	\$265,810	\$(395,778)	\$(168,138)	\$137,411	\$(416,461)	\$(136,191)
Accumulated Benefit Obligation	\$2,517,911	\$390,246	\$1,077,939	\$2,293,705	\$411,011	\$853,121

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	2014			2013		
	North America - Qualified	North America- Unqualified	Europe	North America- Qualified	North America- Unqualified	Europe
Amounts recognized in Consolidated Balance Sheets consist of:						
Noncurrent assets	\$273,940	\$—	\$9,593	\$180,371	\$—	\$18,103
Current liabilities	—	(51,113)	—	—	(62,466)	(4,430)
Noncurrent liabilities	(8,131)	(344,665)	(177,730)	(42,960)	(353,944)	(149,862)
Net amount recognized	\$265,809	\$(395,778)	\$(168,137)	\$137,411	\$(416,410)	\$(136,189)

Amounts recognized in Accumulated

Other Comprehensive Income consist of:

Net actuarial loss	\$100,608	\$68,224	\$178,395	\$165,719	\$52,667	\$114,455
Net prior service (credit)/cost	(41,757)	(10,965)	477	(48,242)	(12,858)	464
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	\$58,851	\$57,259	\$178,872	\$117,477	\$39,809	\$114,919

The following table presents the projected benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets for our qualified plans that have a projected benefit obligation in excess of plan assets as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	2014		2013	
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	\$105,278	\$210,898	\$293,657	\$27,882
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$97,147	\$33,168	\$250,697	\$20,281

The following table presents the projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets for our qualified plans that have an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	2014		2013	
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	\$—	\$210,898	\$101,176	\$27,882
Accumulated benefit obligation at end of year	\$—	\$201,540	\$91,025	\$27,882
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$—	\$33,168	\$78,356	\$20,281

Our investment strategy is designed to generate returns that will reduce the interest rate risk inherent in each of the plans' benefit obligations and enable the plans to meet their future obligations. The precise amount for which these obligations will be settled depends on future events, including the life expectancy of the plan participants and salary inflation. The obligations are estimated using actuarial assumptions, based on the current economic environment. Each pension plan seeks to achieve total returns sufficient to meet expected future obligations when considered in conjunction with expected future company contributions and prudent levels of investment risk and diversification. Each plan's targeted asset allocation is determined through a plan-specific Asset-Liability Modeling study. These comprehensive studies provide an evaluation of the projected status of asset and benefit obligation measures for each plan under a range of both positive and negative environments. The studies include a number of different asset mixes, spanning a range of diversification and potential equity exposures.

In evaluating the strategic asset allocation choices, an emphasis is placed on the long-term characteristics of each individual asset class, such as expected return, volatility of returns and correlations with other asset classes within the portfolios. Consideration is also given to the proper long-term level of risk for each plan, the impact on the volatility and magnitude of plan contributions and cost, and the impact certain actuarial techniques may have on the plan's recognition of investment experience.

For the Towers Watson funded plans in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., the targeted equity allocation as of June 30, 2014 is 23%, 60% and 31.4%, respectively. In the U.S. and U.K. funded plans, besides the target equity allocation, an

additional 44% and 9%, respectively, of the target allocation is directed to other investment vehicles including alternative credit, alternative beta and private equities. The remaining allocation for each of the funded plans is directed to fixed income securities. The duration of the

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fixed income assets is plan specific and each has been targeted to minimize fluctuations in plan funded status as a result of changes in interest rates. The Netherlands plan is invested in an insurance contract. Consequently, the asset allocation of the plan is managed by the insurer.

We monitor investment performance and portfolio characteristics on a quarterly basis to ensure that managers are meeting expectations with respect to their investment approach. There are also various restrictions and controls placed on managers, including prohibition from investing in our stock.

The expected rate of return on assets assumption is developed in conjunction with advisors and using our asset model that reflects a combination of rigorous historical analysis and the forward-looking views of the financial markets as revealed through the yield on long-term bonds, the price-earnings ratios of the major stock market indices and long-term inflation.

We evaluate the need to transfer between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to the total net assets of the plans. In accordance with the refinement of the policy made by the Company in fiscal year 2014, the Company transferred \$161.0 million of pooled funds from Level 2 to Level 3. Pooled funds, which use net asset value as a practical expedient, are classified as Level 3 when the investment has redemption restrictions that prevent the plans from redeeming the majority of the investment within the near term. During fiscal year 2014, the Company refined its policy and defined a substantive restriction as a redemption restriction of 10% or greater of the investment value or a redemption restriction period of more than 90 days from the measurement date.

There were no other significant transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 in the year ended June 30, 2014.

The fair value of our plan assets by asset category at June 30, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (see Note 1 for a description of the fair value levels and Note 6 for a summary of management's procedures around prices received from third-parties):

Asset category:	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2014						Total
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	
Cash	\$1,845	\$69,433	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$71,278
Short-term securities	499	—	63,864	—	—	—	64,363
Equity securities:							
U.S. large cap companies	127,996	15,440	—	—	—	—	143,436
U.S. mid cap companies	49,494	563	—	—	—	—	50,057
U.S. small cap companies	40,691	—	—	—	—	—	40,691
International equities	114,441	471	—	—	—	—	114,912
Fixed income:							
Government issued securities	206,517	—	—	—	—	—	206,517
Corporate bonds (S&P rating of A or higher)	—	—	320,005	—	—	—	320,005
Corporate bonds (S&P rating of lower than A)	—	—	216,983	—	450	—	217,433
Other fixed income	—	—	56,519	(a) 155,160	(a) —	—	211,679
Pooled / commingled funds	—	—	908,119	(b) 427,901	(b) 470,649	115,810	1,922,479
Mutual funds	96,129	44,917	47,968	—	—	—	189,014
Private equity	—	—	—	—	88,851	66,605	155,456
Derivatives	—	—	1,654	(c) 4,758	(c) —	—	6,412
Insurance contracts	—	—	—	—	—	18,091	18,091
Total assets	\$637,612	\$130,824	\$1,615,112	\$587,819	\$559,950	\$200,506	\$3,731,823

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Liability category:

Derivatives	\$—	\$—	\$(350)	(c) \$—	\$—	\$—	\$(350)
Net assets	\$637,612	\$130,824	\$1,614,762	\$587,819	\$559,950	\$200,506	\$3,731,473

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Asset category:	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2013						Total
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		
	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	North America	Europe	
Cash	\$7,308	\$13,337	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$20,645
Short-term securities	—	—	107,992	38,164	—	—	146,156
Equity securities:							
U.S. large cap companies	109,837	—	—	—	—	—	109,837
U.S. mid cap companies	90,544	—	—	—	—	—	90,544
U.S. small cap companies	58,261	—	—	—	—	—	58,261
International equities	198,375	18,535	—	—	—	—	216,910
Fixed income:							
Government issued securities	226,352	4,629	74,832	—	—	—	305,813
Corporate bonds (S&P rating of A or higher)	—	—	235,590	—	—	—	235,590
Corporate bonds (S&P rating of lower than A)	—	—	206,328	—	411	—	206,739
Other fixed income	—	104,554	33,045	(a) 34,339	(a) —	—	171,938
Pooled / commingled funds	—	—	484,842	(b) 431,676	(b) —	40,585	957,103
Mutual funds	—	—	588,152	—	—	—	588,152
Private equity	—	—	—	—	75,555	34,213	109,768
Derivatives	—	—	539	(c) 15,785	(c) —	—	16,324
Insurance contracts	—	—	—	—	—	15,040	15,040
Total assets	\$690,677	\$141,055	\$1,731,320	\$519,964	\$75,966	\$89,838	\$3,248,820
Liability category:							
Derivatives	\$—	\$—	\$659	(c) \$—	\$—	\$—	\$659
Net assets	\$690,677	\$141,055	\$1,730,661	\$519,964	\$75,966	\$89,838	\$3,248,161

(a) This category includes municipal and foreign bonds.

(b) This category includes pooled funds of both equity and fixed income securities. Fair value is based on the calculated net asset value of shares held by the plan as reported by the sponsor of the funds.

(c) We use various derivatives such as interest rate swaps, futures and options to match the duration of the corporate bond portfolio with the duration of the plan liability.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments at fair value:

Short-term securities: Valued at the net value of shares held by the Company at year end as reported by the sponsor of the funds.

Common stocks and exchange-traded mutual funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Government issued securities: Valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the individual security is traded. Government bonds are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the bond is traded.

Corporate bonds: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

Fixed Income: Foreign and municipal bonds are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the bond is traded. Corporate bonds are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

Pooled / Commingled Funds and Mutual Funds: Valued at the net value of shares held by the Company at year end as reported by the manager of the funds. Pooled funds are classified as Level 3 when, in accordance with the policy

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refinement by the Company during fiscal year 2014, the investment has redemption restrictions that prevent the plans from redeeming greater than 90% of our investment in 90 days or less from the measurement date.

Derivative investments: Valued at the closing level of the relevant index or security and interest accrual through the valuation date.

Private equity funds: The fair value for these investments is estimated based on the net asset value derived from the latest audited financial statements or most recent capital account statements provided by the private equity fund's investment manager or third-party administrator.

Insurance contracts: The fair values are determined using model-based techniques that include option-pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

The following table reconciles the net plan investments to the total fair value of the plan assets:

	June 30,	
	2014	2013
Net assets held in investments	\$3,731,473	\$3,248,161
Net payable for investments purchased	(5,541	) (41,951
Dividend and interest receivable	8,856	8,847
Other, net	(2,037	) (2,437
Fair value of plan assets	\$3,732,751	\$3,212,620

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the plan's Level 3 assets for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Private Equity	Insurance Contracts	Pooled Funds	Corporate Bonds	Total
Beginning balance at June 30, 2012	\$91,574	\$15,848	\$—	\$—	\$107,422
Transfers to Level 3	—	—	21,832	411	\$22,243
Net actual return on plan assets relating to assets still held at the end of the year	16,725	622	3,853	—	21,200
Net purchases, sales and settlements	1,493	(1,882	) 14,900	—	14,511
Change in foreign currency exchange rates	(24	) 452	—	—	428
Ending balance at June 30, 2013	\$109,768	\$15,040	\$40,585	\$411	\$165,804
Transfers to Level 3	—	—	160,985	—	160,985
Net actual return on plan assets relating to assets still held at the end of the year	26,531	676	29,474	39	56,720
Net purchases, sales and settlements	11,952	1,586	337,945	—	351,483
Change in foreign currency exchange rates	7,205	789	17,470	—	25,464
Ending balance at June 30, 2014	\$155,456	\$18,091	\$586,459	\$450	\$760,456

The following table sets forth our projected pension contributions to our qualified plans for fiscal year 2015, as well as the pension contributions to our qualified plans in fiscal years 2014 and 2013:

	2015 (Projected)	2014 (Actual)	2013 (Actual)
U.S.	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Canada	6,580	21,663	19,305
UK	29,812	28,706	43,640
Germany	22,054	10,178	—

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Expected benefit payments from our defined benefit pension plans to current plan participants, including the effect of their expected future service, as appropriate, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Benefit Payments		
	North America	Europe	Total
2015	\$172,691	\$26,844	\$199,535
2016	175,802	27,894	203,696
2017	178,527	30,954	209,481
2018	183,317	32,320	215,637
2019	187,247	35,258	222,505
Years 2020 - 2024	1,050,077	230,643	1,280,720
	\$1,947,661	\$383,913	\$2,331,574

Defined Contribution Plan

Eligible Towers Watson U.S. associates participate in a savings plan design which provides for 100% match on the first 2% of pay and 50% match on the next 4% of pay; associates vest in the employer match upon two years of service. The cost of the Company's contributions to the plans for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 amounted to \$30.0 million, \$30.2 million and \$28.7 million, respectively.

The Towers Watson U.K. pension plan has a money purchase feature to which we make core contributions plus additional contributions matching those of the participating associates up to a maximum rate. Contribution rates depend on the age of the participant and whether or not they arise from salary sacrifice arrangements through which the associate has elected to receive a pension contribution in lieu of additional salary. The cost of the Company's contributions to the plan for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 amounted to \$20.2 million, \$22.2 million, and \$21.4 million respectively.

Health Care Benefits

We sponsor a contributory health care plan that provides hospitalization, medical and dental benefits to substantially all U.S. associates. We accrue a liability for estimated incurred but unreported claims. The liability totaled \$6.0 million and \$5.3 million at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. This liability is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

Postretirement Benefits

We provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired associates. The principal plans cover associates in the U.S. and Canada who have met certain eligibility requirements. Our principal post-retirement benefit plans are primarily unfunded. Retiree medical benefits provided under our U.S. postretirement benefit plans were closed to new hires effective January 1, 2011. Life insurance benefits under the plans were frozen with respect to service, eligibility and amounts as of January 1, 2012 for active associates.

The assumptions used in the valuation of the postretirement benefit cost and obligation were as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,			
	2014	2013	2012	
Discount rate	5.30	% 4.80	% 5.65	%
Expected long-term rate of return on assets	2.00	% 2.00	% 2.00	%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	—	% 4.50	% 4.06	%
Health care cost trend				
Initial rate	7.08	% 7.16	% 7.61	%
Ultimate rate	5.00	% 5.00	% 5.00	%
Year reaching ultimate rate	2019	2019	2016	

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	June 30,		
	2014	2013	
Discount rate, accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	4.68	% 5.30	%
Rate of compensation increase	—	% 4.50	%
Health care cost trend			
Initial rate	7.00	% 7.08	%
Ultimate rate	5.00	% 5.00	%
Year reaching ultimate rate	2019	2019	

Actuarial gains and losses associated with changing any of the assumptions are accumulated as part of the unrecognized net gain or loss and amortized into the net periodic postretirement costs over the average remaining service period of participating associates, which is approximately 9.5 years.

A one percentage point change in the assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effect:

	1% Increase	1% Decrease	
Effect on net periodic postretirement benefit cost in fiscal year 2014	\$222	\$(189))
Effect on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of June 30, 2014	2,962	(2,497))

Net periodic postretirement benefit cost consists of the following:

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Service cost	\$1,460	\$1,770	\$2,987
Interest cost	8,856	8,807	10,966
Expected return on assets	(112)	) (130)	) (132)
Amortization of net unrecognized (gains)/losses	(1,752)	) 369	2,206
Amortization of prior service credit	(7,004)	) (8,228)	) (8,705)
Net periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$1,448	\$2,588	\$7,322

Changes in other comprehensive income for the Company's postretirement benefit plans as follows:

	2014	2013	
Current year actuarial loss/(gain)	\$7,131	\$(16,764))
Amortization of actuarial gain/(loss)	1,752	(369))
Amortization of prior service credit	7,004	8,228)
Other	(29)	) (20))
Total recognized in other comprehensive income	\$15,858	\$(8,925))

The estimated amounts that will be amortized from other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost during fiscal 2015 for the Company's other postretirement benefit plans are shown below:

	2015	
Actuarial gain	\$(6,905))
Prior service credit	(1,759))
Total	\$(8,664))

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The following table provides a reconciliation of the changes in the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation and fair value of assets for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 and a statement of funded status as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	June 30, 2014	2013	
Change in Benefit Obligation			
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 172,729	\$ 188,863	
Service cost	1,460	1,770	
Interest cost	8,856	8,807	
Actuarial losses/(gains)	6,972	(16,979)
Benefit payments	(14,443	) (15,568)
Medicare Part D	68	863	
Participant contributions	6,035	5,859	
Foreign currency adjustment	(371	) (886)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 181,306	\$ 172,729	
Change in Plan Assets			
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 5,958	\$ 6,525	
Actual return on plan assets	(47	) (85)
Company contributions	7,665	9,227	
Participant contributions	6,035	5,859	
Benefit payments	(14,443	) (15,568)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 5,168	\$ 5,958	
Funded status at end of year	\$(176,138	) \$(166,771)
Amounts recognized in Consolidated Balance Sheets consist of:			
Noncurrent assets	\$—	\$—	
Current liabilities	(4,678	) (3,889)
Noncurrent liabilities	(171,459	) (162,882)
Net amount recognized	\$(176,137	) \$(166,771)
Amounts recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income consist of:			
Net actuarial gain	\$(17,769	) \$(26,622)
Net prior service credit	(33,835	) (40,840)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	\$(51,604	) \$(67,462)
Expected benefit payments to current plan participants, including the effect of their future service, as appropriate, and the related retiree drug subsidy expected to be received, are as follows:			
Fiscal Year	Expected benefit payments	Retiree drug subsidy	
2015	\$ 17,024	110	
2016	18,568	107	
2017	20,028	103	
2018	21,458	98	
2019	22,966	92	
Years 2020-2024	131,771	363	
	\$ 231,815	\$ 873	

Note 11 — Debt, Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The debt, commitments and contingencies described below are currently in effect and would require Towers Watson, or domestic subsidiaries, to make payments to third parties under certain circumstances. In addition to commitments and contingencies specifically described below, Towers Watson has historically provided guarantees on an infrequent basis to third parties in the ordinary course of business.

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Towers Watson Senior Credit Facility

On November 7, 2011, Towers Watson and certain subsidiaries entered into a five-year, \$500 million revolving credit facility, which amount may be increased by an aggregate amount of \$250 million, subject to the satisfaction of customary terms and conditions, with a syndicate of banks (the “Senior Credit Facility”). Borrowings under the Senior Credit Facility bear interest at a spread to either LIBOR or the Prime Rate. During fiscal 2014 and 2013, the weighted-average interest rate on the Senior Credit Facility was 1.93% and 1.49%, respectively. We are charged a quarterly commitment fee, currently 0.175% of the Senior Credit Facility, which varies with our financial leverage and is paid on the unused portion of the Senior Credit Facility. Obligations under the Senior Credit Facility are guaranteed by Towers Watson and all of its domestic subsidiaries (other than our captive insurance companies). The Senior Credit Facility contains customary representations and warranties and affirmative and negative covenants. The Senior Credit Facility requires Towers Watson to maintain certain financial covenants that include a minimum Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio and a maximum Consolidated Leverage Ratio (which terms in each case are defined in the Senior Credit Facility). In addition, the Senior Credit Facility contains restrictions on the ability of Towers Watson to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness; pay dividends; make distributions; create liens on assets; make acquisitions; dispose of property; engage in sale-leaseback transactions; engage in mergers or consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and make changes in lines of businesses. As of June 30, 2014, we were in compliance with our covenants.

As of June 30, 2014, Towers Watson had no borrowings outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility.

Letters of Credit under the Senior Credit Facility

As of June 30, 2014, Towers Watson had standby letters of credit totaling \$21.4 million associated with our captive insurance companies in the event that we fail to meet our financial obligations. Additionally, Towers Watson had \$1.0 million of standby letters of credit covering various other existing or potential business obligations. The aforementioned letters of credit are issued under the Senior Credit Facility, and therefore reduce the amount that can be borrowed under the Senior Credit Facility by the outstanding amount of these standby letters of credit.

Additional Borrowings, Letters of Credit and Guarantees not part of the Senior Credit Facility

Towers Watson Consultoria Ltda. (Brazil) has a bilateral credit facility with a major bank totaling Brazilian Real (BRL) 4.5 million (U.S. \$2.0 million). BRL 2.0 million of the credit facility is committed to an overdraft facility and as of June 30, 2014, there were no borrowings outstanding under this facility. BRL 2.5 million of the credit facility is committed to lease guarantees.

Towers Watson has also provided a \$5 million Australian dollar-denominated letter of credit (U.S. \$4.7 million) to an Australian governmental agency as required by local regulations. The estimated fair market value of this letter of credit is immaterial because it has never been used, and we believe that the likelihood of future usage is remote. Towers Watson also has \$5.6 million of letters of guarantee from major banks in support of office leases and performance under existing or prospective contracts.

Term Loan Agreement Due June 2017

On June 1, 2012, the Company entered into a five-year \$250 million amortizing term loan facility (“the Term Loan”) with a consortium of banks. The interest rate on the term loan is based on the Company’s choice of one, three or six month LIBOR plus a spread of 1.25% to 1.75%, or alternatively the bank base rate plus 0.25% to 0.75%. The spread to each index is dependent on the Company’s consolidated leverage ratio. The weighted-average interest rate elected on the Term Loan during fiscal 2014 and 2013 was 1.42% and 1.46%, respectively. The Term Loan amortizes at a rate of \$6.25 million per quarter, beginning in September 2013, with a final maturity of June 1, 2017. The Company has the right to prepay a portion or all of the outstanding Term Loan balance on any interest payment date without penalty. The following table summarizes the maturity of the loan during the next three fiscal years:

2015	\$25,000
2016	25,000
2017	175,000
Total	\$225,000

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This agreement contains substantially the same terms and conditions as our existing Senior Credit Facility dated November 7, 2011, including guarantees from all of the domestic subsidiaries of Towers Watson (other than PCIC and SMIC).

The Company entered into the Term Loan as part of the financing of our acquisition of Extend Health (see Note 2). Subordinated Notes due March 2012

On June 15, 2010, in connection with an offer to exchange shares of Class B-1 Common Stock for unsecured subordinated notes, Towers Watson entered into an indenture with the trustee for the issuance of Towers Watson Notes due March 2012 in the aggregate principal and compounded interest amount of \$100.8 million as of March 15, 2012. The Towers Watson Notes were issued on June 29, 2010, bearing interest from June 15, 2010 at a fixed per annum rate, compounded quarterly on the "interest reset dates," equal to the greater of (i) 2.0%, or (ii) 120.0% of the short-term applicable federal rate listed under the quarterly column, in effect at the applicable "interest reset date." On March 15, 2012, Towers Watson repaid the aggregate principal and compounded interest amount of the Towers Watson Notes which was funded in part by borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility.

Indemnification Agreements

Towers Watson has various agreements which provide that it may be obligated to indemnify the other party to the agreement with respect to certain matters. Generally, these indemnification provisions are included in contracts arising in the normal course of business and in connection with the purchase and sale of certain businesses. Although it is not possible to predict the maximum potential amount of future payments that may become due under these indemnification agreements because of the conditional nature of Towers Watson's obligations and the unique facts of each particular agreement, Towers Watson does not believe any potential liability that might arise from such indemnity provisions is probable or material. There are no provisions for recourse to third parties, nor are any assets held by any third parties that any guarantor can liquidate to recover amounts paid under such indemnities.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, Towers Watson and its subsidiaries are parties to various lawsuits, arbitrations or mediations that arise in the ordinary course of business. The matters reported on below are the material pending claims against Towers Watson and its subsidiaries. We do not expect the impact of claims not described below to be material to Towers Watson's financial statements. We also receive subpoenas in the ordinary course of business and, from time-to-time, receive requests for information in connection with governmental investigations.

Towers Watson carries substantial professional liability insurance which, effective July 1, 2010, has been provided by SMIC. For the policy period beginning July 1, 2011 certain changes were made to our professional liability insurance program. These changes remain in-force for the policy periods beginning July 1, 2011 and ending July 1, 2015. Our professional liability insurance includes a \$10 million aggregate self-insured retention above the \$1 million self-insured retention per claim, including the cost of defending such claims. SMIC provides us with \$40 million of coverage per claim and in the aggregate, above the retentions, including the cost of defending such claims. SMIC secured \$25 million of reinsurance from unaffiliated reinsurance companies in excess of the \$15 million SMIC retained layer. Excess insurance attaching above the SMIC coverage is provided by various unaffiliated commercial insurance companies.

This structure effectively results in Towers Watson and SMIC bearing the first \$25 million of loss per occurrence or in the aggregate above the \$1 million per claim self-insured retention. As a wholly-owned captive insurance company, SMIC is consolidated into our financial statements.

Before the Merger, Watson Wyatt and Towers Perrin each obtained substantial professional liability insurance from PCIC. A limit of \$50 million per claim and in the aggregate was provided by PCIC subject to a \$1 million per claim self-insured retention. PCIC secured reinsurance of \$25 million attaching above the \$25 million PCIC retained layer from unaffiliated reinsurance companies. Our ownership interest in PCIC is 72.86%. As a consequence, PCIC's results are consolidated in Towers Watson's operating results. PCIC ceased issuing insurance policies effective July 1, 2010 and at that time entered into a run-off mode of operation. Our shareholder agreements with PCIC could require additional payments to PCIC if development of claims significantly exceeds prior expectations.

We reserve for contingent liabilities based on ASC 450, Contingencies, when it is determined that a liability, inclusive of defense costs, is probable and reasonably estimable. The contingent liabilities recorded are primarily developed

actuarially. Litigation is subject to many factors which are difficult to predict so there can be no assurance that in the event of a material unfavorable result in one or more claims, we will not incur material costs.

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Former Towers Perrin shareholder litigation

A putative class action lawsuit filed by certain former shareholders of Towers Perrin (the "Dugan Action") previously was reported in Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-161705) filed on November 9, 2009 by the Jupiter Saturn Holding Company (the "Registration Statement"). As reported in the Registration Statement, the complaint was filed on November 5, 2009 against Towers Perrin, members of its board of directors, and certain members of senior management in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The named Plaintiffs in this action were former members of Towers Perrin's senior management, who left Towers Perrin at various times between 1995 and 2000. The Dugan plaintiffs sought to represent a class of former Towers Perrin shareholders who separated from service on or after January 1, 1971, but prior to certain changes in Towers Perrin's capital structure that occurred in January 2005, and who also meet certain other specified criteria. The complaint does not contain a quantification of the damages sought.

On December 9, 2009, Watson Wyatt was informed by Towers Perrin of a settlement demand from the plaintiffs in the Dugan Action. Although the complaint in the Dugan Action did not contain a quantification of the damages sought, plaintiffs' settlement demand, which was orally communicated to Towers Perrin on December 8, 2009 and in writing on December 9, 2009, sought a payment of \$800 million to settle the action on behalf of the proposed class. Plaintiffs requested that Towers Perrin communicate the settlement demand to Watson Wyatt.

On December 17, 2009, four other former Towers Perrin shareholders, all of whom voluntarily left Towers Perrin in May or June 2005 and all of whom were excluded from the proposed class in the Dugan Action, commenced a separate legal proceeding (the "Allen Action") in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania alleging the same claims in substantially the same form as those alleged in the Dugan Action. A fifth plaintiff joined this action on August 29, 2011. These plaintiffs were proceeding in their individual capacities and did not seek to represent a proposed class.

On January 15, 2010, another former Towers Perrin shareholder who separated from service with Towers Perrin in March 2005 when Towers Perrin and EDS launched a joint venture that led to the creation of a corporate entity known as ExcellerateHRO ("eHRO"), commenced a separate legal proceeding (the "Pao Action") in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania alleging the same claims in substantially the same form as those alleged in the Dugan Action. Towers Perrin contributed its Towers Perrin Administrative Solutions ("TPAS") business to eHRO and formerly was a minority shareholder (15)% of eHRO. Pao sought to represent a class of former Towers Perrin shareholders who separated from service in connection with Towers Perrin's contribution to eHRO of its TPAS business and who were excluded from the proposed class in the Dugan Action. Towers Watson was also named as a defendant in the Pao Action. On January 20, 2010, the court consolidated the three actions for all purposes under the Dugan Action file number.

Pursuant to the Towers Perrin Bylaws in effect at the time of their separations, the Towers Perrin shares held by all plaintiffs were redeemed by Towers Perrin at book value when these individuals separated from employment. The complaints alleged variously that there was a promise that Towers Perrin would remain privately owned in perpetuity and an implied or actual promise that in the event of a change to public ownership plaintiffs would receive compensation. Plaintiffs alleged that by agreeing to sell their shares back to Towers Perrin at book value upon separation, they and other members of the putative classes relied upon these alleged promises, which they claim were breached as a result of the consummation of the Merger between Watson Wyatt and Towers Perrin. The complaints all asserted claims for breach of contract, breach of express trust, breach of fiduciary duty, promissory estoppel, quasi-contract/unjust enrichment, and constructive trust, and seek equitable relief including an accounting, disgorgement, rescission and/or restitution, and the imposition of a constructive trust.

On February 22, 2010, defendants filed a motion to dismiss the complaints in their entirety. By order dated September 30, 2010, the court granted the motion to dismiss plaintiffs' claim for a constructive trust and denied the motion with respect to all other claims alleged. Pursuant to the court's September 30, 2010 order, defendants also filed answers to plaintiffs' complaints on October 22, 2010. Discovery in the case was bifurcated, with fact discovery to proceed before expert witness and damages discovery. Neither the plaintiffs in the Dugan Action nor the plaintiff in Pao Action moved for class certification. Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment on all claims in all actions

on December 23, 2011. The court heard argument on June 19, 2012, and on December 11, 2012 granted defendants' motion, and entered judgment in favor of defendants on all claims. On January 10, 2013, plaintiffs filed a joint notice of their intent to appeal the court's judgment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. On February 13, 2013, the parties were notified that the appeal had been assigned for mediation pursuant to the Third Circuit's mediation program. During the mediation session held on May 7, 2013, the parties reached agreement on settlement terms that include payment of an aggregate \$10 million to an agreed settlement class (including all persons in the classes as defined in the respective complaints in the Dugan Action and the Pao Action, plus additional former Towers Perrin shareholders who separated from Towers Perrin between January 1971 and June 2005) estimated to potentially include more

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than 1,000 former Towers Perrin shareholders, which payment would also cover legal fees of plaintiffs' attorneys, as determined by the court, and expenses incurred to administer the settlement.

The cases were then returned to the district court for consideration of the proposed settlement. On September 24, 2013, the court preliminarily certified the settlement class and preliminarily approved the parties' proposed settlement. At a hearing on February 12, 2014, the court gave its final approval to the settlement. The final order and judgment approving the settlement and dismissing the Dugan, Allen and Pao Actions with prejudice was entered on February 18, 2014. No appeal was taken from that final order and judgment during the applicable appeal period, and the resolution and dismissal of the cases as against all defendants is now final.

Acument Global Technologies, Inc.

In a letter to the Company dated January 26, 2011, Acument Global Technologies, Inc. ("Acument") and the Acument Global Technologies, Inc. Pension Plan (the "Plan") claimed that Towers Watson breached its fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") in connection with advice provided to Acument relating to investment of certain assets of the Plan in the Westridge Capital Management Enhancements Funds (the "Westridge Funds"). Acument and the Plan demanded that the Company make the Plan whole for losses and damages allegedly sustained as a result of Acument's decision to invest in the Westridge Funds. Watson Wyatt Investment Consulting, Inc. ("WWIC"), now known as Towers Watson Investment Services, Inc. ("TWIS"), provided investment consulting services to Acument between December 1, 2007 and April 30, 2010. In connection with those services, WWIC recommended an investment in the Westridge Funds. In July 2008, Acument made a \$47.0 million investment in the Westridge Funds. During the period December 1, 2008 through January 22, 2009, Acument made additional investments of \$9.5 million, bringing the aggregate investment of the Plan's assets in the Westridge Funds to \$56.5 million.

As the result of information obtained during an investigation of Westridge Capital Management, its affiliates WG Trading Investors, L.P. and WG Trading Company, L.P. (collectively referred to as "Westridge") and their principals, commenced by the National Futures Association on February 5, 2009, the Commodities Future Trading Commission filed suit against Westridge and its principals alleging violations of the Commodity Exchange Act. This resulted in a court-supervised receivership of the assets of Westridge. The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a separate suit on February 25, 2009 against Westridge and its principals alleging violations of the federal securities laws. In its complaint, the SEC alleges that Westridge had become a fraudulent investment scheme by which its principals purportedly misappropriated approximately \$553 million from a number of highly sophisticated institutional investors, including public pension and retirement plans and educational institutions, some of which were investing in Westridge as late as February 6, 2009. We believe that, to date, Acument has recovered approximately \$39.7 million of its investment in the Westridge Funds from the receivership. The Company declined Acument's demand for compensation contained in its January 2011 letter.

On January 20, 2012, Acument and the Acument Pension Plan (referred to together as "Acument") filed suit against the Company and TWIS in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The complaint alleged four counts of breach of fiduciary duty under ERISA, claiming principally alleged deficiencies in the Company's due diligence relating to Westridge and in the disclosures made to Acument concerning Westridge and the nature of the investment. The Company filed an answer to the complaint denying all claims and asserting affirmative defenses. A mediation took place on September 5, 2012. On January 16, 2014, the Company and TWIS filed an amended answer and counterclaim asserting that Acument Global Technologies, Inc. failed to fulfill its fiduciary duties to the Acument Pension Plan with respect to its investment in the Westridge Funds. On or about February 28, 2014, the Company received Acument's expert's damages report, which asserted the range of loss to be between \$38.0 million and \$86.0 million, which we understand to be comprised primarily of investment losses (including opportunity costs); more specifically, Acument sought the present-day value of an alternative investment in a "comparable" fund, less what Acument had been returned from the Westridge Receiver. On or about March 27, 2014, the Company submitted a rebuttal expert damages report, which asserted a range of up to \$16.6 million. This range assumed a finding of liability and no contribution for the Company's counterclaim.

On July 25, 2014, the Company, TWIS, Acument, and the Plan agreed to a settlement to resolve all claims in this case. The terms of the settlement are confidential. The settlement amount is not materially in excess of previously accrued

amounts. On July 25, 2014, the Company, TWIS, Acument, and the Plan filed with the court a stipulation voluntarily dismissing all their claims in this case, in their entirety, with prejudice.

Current and Former Employees of Teck Metals, Ltd.

A class action is currently pending against the Company in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. On July 14, 2009, James Weldon, an employee of Teck Metals, Ltd. (“Teck”) commenced an action against Teck and Towers Perrin Inc. (now known as Towers Watson Canada Inc.). On October 17, 2011, Leonard Bleier, a former employee of Teck, sued Teck and Towers Perrin.

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Aside from their employment status, the allegations in the action commenced by Bleier (retired from Teck in 2006) are substantively similar in all material respects to those in the action commenced by Weldon (employed by Teck at the time the action commenced). Both actions were brought in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and that court consolidated the actions on June 21, 2012.

On October 1, 2012, the Company filed a response to the plaintiffs' consolidated and amended claim denying the legal and factual basis for the plaintiffs' claim. On December 21, 2012, the court certified the consolidated case as a class action.

At all times relevant to the plaintiffs' claim, Towers Perrin acted as the actuarial advisor for Teck's defined benefit pension plan. According to the plaintiffs' allegations, in 1992 and on Towers Perrin's advice, Teck offered its non-union, salaried employees a one-time option to continue participation in Teck's defined benefit pension plan or to transfer to a newly established defined contribution plan. The plaintiffs also allege that Towers Perrin assisted Teck in preparing—and that Towers Perrin approved—informational materials and a computer-based modeling tool that Teck distributed to eligible employees prior to the employees electing whether to transfer. Several hundred employees elected to transfer from the defined benefit pension plan to the defined contribution plan on January 1, 1993.

The plaintiff class comprises current and former Teck employees who elected to transfer from the defined benefit pension plan to the defined contribution plan. As of August 6, 2014, the Company understands there to be 470 individuals in the class.

The plaintiffs, on behalf of the class, allege that Towers Perrin was professionally negligent and that Teck and Towers Perrin breached statutory and fiduciary duties and acted deceitfully by providing incomplete, inaccurate, and misleading information to participants in Teck's defined benefit plan regarding the option to transfer to the defined contribution plan. Principally, the plaintiffs allege that the risks of the defined contribution plan—including investment risk and annuity risk—were downplayed, either negligently or with the specific intent of causing eligible employees to transfer to the defined contribution plan.

The plaintiffs seek assorted declaratory relief; an injunction reinstating them and all class members into the defined benefit plan with full rights and benefits as if they had not transferred; disgorgement against Teck; damages in the amount necessary to provide the plaintiffs and all class members with the pension and other benefits they would have accrued if they had not transferred; interest as allowed by law; and such further and other relief as to the court may seem just. To date, the plaintiffs have not quantified the damages they seek.

A trial of the issues common to the class—including professional negligence, breach of fiduciary and statutory duty, deceit, the appropriate method for calculating any damages, and entitlement to injunctive relief—is scheduled to commence on September 22, 2014. The amount of damages, if any, will not be assessed at this common issues trial. Based on all of the information to date, the Company believes that a material loss is unlikely. Given the stage of the proceedings, the Company is currently unable to provide an estimate of the reasonably possible loss or range of loss. The Company is vigorously defending against these allegations.

City of Houston

On August 1, 2014, the City of Houston ("plaintiff") filed suit against the Company, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

In the complaint, plaintiff alleges various deficiencies in pension actuarial work-product and advice stated to have been provided by the Company's predecessor firm, Towers Perrin, in its capacity as principal actuary to the Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund (the "Fund"). Towers Perrin is stated to have acted in this capacity between "the early 1980s until 2002".

In particular, the complaint is critical of two reports allegedly issued by Towers Perrin — one in February 2000 and the other in April 2000 — containing actuarial valuations upon which plaintiff claims to have relied. Plaintiff claims that the reports indicated that the City's minimum contribution percentages to the Fund would remain in place through at least 2018; and that existing benefits under the Fund could be increased, and new benefits could be added, without increasing plaintiff's financial burden, and without increasing plaintiff's rate of annual contributions to the Fund. The complaint alleges that plaintiff relied on these reports when supporting a new benefit package for the Fund. These reports, and other advice, are alleged, inter alia, to have been negligent, to have misrepresented the present and future financial condition of the Fund and the contributions required to be made by plaintiff to support those benefits, and to

have constituted professional malpractice. Plaintiff asserts that, but for Towers Perrin's alleged negligence and misrepresentations, plaintiff would not have supported the benefit increase, and that such increased benefits would not and could not have been approved or enacted. It is further asserted that Towers Perrin's alleged "...negligence and misrepresentations damaged the City to the tune of tens of millions of dollars in annual contributions."

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Plaintiff seeks the award of actual damages, exemplary damages, special damages, attorney's fees and expenses, costs of suit, pre- and post- judgment interest at the maximum legal rate, and all such other and further relief, equitable and legal. Plaintiff has not yet quantified fully its asserted damages. Given the stage of the proceedings, the Company is currently unable to provide an estimate of the reasonably possible loss or range of loss. The Company disputes the allegations, and intends to defend the law-suit vigorously.

Note 12 — Variable Interest Entities

Through our wholly owned subsidiaries, we manage approximately \$2.5 billion of assets in investment funds that are considered VIEs and for which our management fee is considered a variable interest. In addition, some of the investments in these funds are held by the Company's retirement plans, which are considered related parties. We have determined that these funds qualify for the deferral to certain provisions of ASC Subtopic 810-10, Consolidation – Overall, afforded by ASU 2010-10, Consolidation – Amendments for Certain Investment Funds. In accordance with this deferral, we determine whether we consolidate the fund based on whether we absorb a majority of the fund's expected losses or receive a majority of the fund's expected returns.

During our third fiscal quarter we deconsolidated two previously consolidated funds. Previously, the contracts governing these two funds contained language that restricted the investors' ability to exercise their economic interests in the funds, thereby causing the investors to become related parties of the Company and requiring the Company to combine its own interests with the interests of these investors for purposes of performing the primary beneficiary test. This restrictive language was modified during our third fiscal quarter, which resulted in the investors, other than the Company's defined benefit retirement plans, to no longer be considered related parties, and the Company to no longer be considered the primary beneficiary of the funds. The mark-to-market gains on the investments prior to deconsolidation were \$6.3 million for the year ended June 30, 2014, and are reflected on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations in other non-operating income. The fair value of these investments on the date of deconsolidation, inclusive of the cumulative gains, was \$339.0 million, and was removed from the consolidated balance sheets by eliminating the investments of consolidated variable interest entity and by reducing non-controlling interest. The non-controlling interest balance was considered temporary equity as the units held by the investors were redeemable. The changes of the redeemable non-controlling interests balance for the year ended June 30, 2014 are as follows:

Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$—
Subscriptions of non-controlling interest holders in consolidated VIEs	332,722
Mark-to-market gains on investments held by consolidated VIEs	6,297
Deconsolidation of VIEs	(339,019)
Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$—

We are not the primary beneficiary and therefore do not consolidate any of the funds as of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013. Our maximum exposure to loss of these unconsolidated VIEs is limited to collection of any unpaid management fees (which are not material) and any potential increase to pension funding obligation due to losses incurred by the funds in which the Company's retirement plans are invested. The Company has no obligation to provide financial or other support to these VIEs other than guarantees to provide the minimum statutorily mandated capital. The Company reassesses its initial evaluation of whether an entity is a VIE when certain reconsideration events occur. The Company reassesses its determination of whether it is the primary beneficiary on an ongoing basis based on current facts and circumstances.

Note 13 — Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)

Other comprehensive income /(loss) as presented in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive income includes foreign currency translation, defined pension and post-retirement benefit costs, hedge effectiveness and unrealized gain/loss on available-for-sale securities. Additional information for the other comprehensive income/(loss) and accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to controlling interests by component are provided in the following table for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The difference between the amounts presented in this table and the amounts presented in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income are the corresponding components attributable to non-controlling interests, which are not material for further

disclosure. Amounts in fiscal year 2014 show reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) separate from other adjustments due to the prospective adoption of ASU 2013-02, "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Reporting of Amounts Reclassified Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income," at the beginning of the fiscal year which requires entities to disclose additional information about items reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income.

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	Foreign currency translation (1)	Hedge effectiveness (1)			Available-for-sale securities (2)			Defined pension and post-retirement benefit costs (3)		
		Before Tax	Tax	After Tax	Before Tax	Tax	After Tax	Before Tax	Tax	After Tax
As of June 30, 2011	\$(2,726)	\$1,936	\$(764)	\$1,172	\$1,167	\$(101)	\$1,066	\$(17,517)	\$4,700	\$(12,817)
Other comprehensive income/(loss):	(72,606)	(1,530)	612	(918)	(516)	(81)	(597)	(398,520)	135,201	(263,319)
As of June 30, 2012	(75,332)	406	(152)	254	651	(182)	469	(416,037)	139,901	(276,136)
Other comprehensive income/(loss):	(55,764)	(169)	47	(122)	(104)	48	(56)	182,220	(74,997)	107,223
As of June 30, 2013	(131,096)	237	(105)	132	547	(134)	413	(233,817)	64,904	(168,913)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassifications:	133,367	(1,540)	434	(1,106)	558	(153)	405	(45,677)	8,999	(36,678)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	—	1,447	(408)	1,039	(761)	173	(588)	16,592	(3,269)	13,323
Net current-period other comprehensive income/(loss)	133,367	(93)	26	(67)	(203)	20	(183)	(29,085)	5,730	(23,355)
As of June 30, 2014	\$2,271	\$144	\$(79)	\$65	\$344	\$(114)	\$230	\$(262,902)	\$70,634	\$(192,268)

Reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income are included in general and (1) administrative expenses (see Note 7 – Derivative Financial Instruments for additional details regarding the reclassification adjustments for the hedge settlements)

(2) Reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income are included in income from discontinued operations

(3) Reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income are included in the computation of net periodic pension cost (see Note 10 – Retirement Benefits for additional details) which is included in salaries and employee benefits in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations

Note 14 — Restricted Stock

In conjunction with the Merger, shares of Towers Watson common stock issued to Towers Perrin shareholders were divided among four series of non-transferable Towers Watson common stock, Classes B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4, each with a par value of \$0.01 per share. The shares discussed below reflect a reduction of shares through our tender offer and our secondary public offering and by the acceleration of vesting due to involuntary associate terminations detailed below. In addition, on January 31, 2011, we completed the acquisition of EMB and issued 113,858 Class B-3 and

113,858 Class B-4 common stock to the sellers as consideration.

On January 1, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, 5,642,302 shares of Class B-1, 5,547,733 shares of Class B-2, 5,661,591 shares of Class B-3 common stock and 5,374,070 shares of Class B-4 common stock, respectively, converted to freely tradable Class A common stock.

The Towers Perrin restricted stock unit (“RSU”) holders received 10% of the total consideration issued to Towers Perrin shareholders in conjunction with the Merger. The RSUs were converted into 4,248,984 Towers Watson Restricted Class A shares, of which an estimated 10% were expected to be forfeited by associate Restricted Class A shareholders who were subject to a service condition. The service condition was fulfilled from the grant date through each of the three annual periods from January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2012 and the actual forfeitures were recorded compared to estimated. The restriction lapsed annually on January 1 and the Restricted Class A shares became freely tradable shares of Class A common stock on such dates.

In January 2013, 482,463 forfeited shares were cancelled and a corresponding amount (plus associated dividends) was distributed in the form of Class A shares to Towers Perrin shareholders as of December 31, 2009 in proportion to their ownership in Towers Perrin on the date of the Merger. Shareholders of Restricted Class A shares had voting rights and received dividends upon annual vesting of the shares. The final 1,109,212 outstanding Restricted Class A shares became freely tradable on January 1, 2013 and were further reduced by shares withheld for tax purposes.

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, we recorded \$3.6 million and \$30.0 million, respectively, of non-cash share-based compensation expense in connection with the issuance of Towers Watson Restricted Class A common stock to Towers Perrin RSU holders in the Merger. The graded method of expense methodology assumed that the restricted shares were issued to Towers Perrin RSU holders in equal amounts of shares which vested as separate awards over one, two and three years.

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Note 15 – Share-Based Compensation

In connection with the acquisition of Extend Health in May 2012, Towers Watson filed a Form S-8 Registration Statement and assumed the Extend Health, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The assumed options are exercisable for 377,614 shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock. The registration also covers 55,514 shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock available for issuance under the plan. In connection with the acquisition of Liazon Corporation in November 2013, Towers Watson filed a Form S-8 Registration Statement and assumed the Liazon Corporation 2008 Stock Option Plan and the Liazon Corporation 2011 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The assumed options are exercisable for 37,162 shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock. Upon vesting, the assumed restricted stock units will convert into 70,533 shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock. The registration also covers 18,531 shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock available for issuance under the plans.

Towers Watson & Co. Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Towers Watson assumed the amended and restated Watson Wyatt 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “Stock Purchase Plan”) which enables associates to purchase shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock at a 5% discount. The Stock Purchase Plan is a non-compensatory plan under generally accepted accounting principles of stock-based compensation. As a result, no compensation expense is recognized in conjunction with this plan. In fiscal year 2010, Towers Watson filed an S-8 Registration Statement registering 4,696,424 shares available for issuance under the Stock Purchase Plan. Approximately 56,000 shares were issued under this plan during fiscal years 2012. There were no shares issued during fiscal years 2014 or 2013.

Towers Watson & Co. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan

In January 2010, Towers Watson filed a Form S-8 Registration Statement to register 12,500,000 shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock that may be issued pursuant to the Towers Watson & Co. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “2009 Plan”) and 125,648 shares of Class A common stock that may be issued upon exercise of the unvested stock options previously granted under the Watson Wyatt 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The Watson Wyatt 2000 Long-term Incentive Plan was assumed by Towers Watson and the registered shares for the Watson Wyatt 2000 Long-term Incentive Plan are limited to exercise of awards that were outstanding at the time of the Merger. The assumed options were exercisable for shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock based on the exchange ratio of one share of Watson Wyatt Class A common stock underlying the options for one share of Towers Watson Class A common stock. The 2009 Plan was approved by Watson Wyatt shareholders on December 18, 2009.

Restricted Stock Units

Executives and Employees

In September 2010, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors approved the form of performance-vested restricted stock unit award agreement, pursuant to the 2009 Plan. RSUs are designed to provide us an opportunity to offer long-term incentives and to provide key executives with a long-term stake in our success. RSUs are notional, non-voting units of measurement based on our common stock. Under the RSU agreement, participants become vested in a number of RSUs based on the achievement of specified levels of financial performance during the performance period set forth in the agreement, provided that the participant remains in continuous service with us through the end of the performance period. The targets reflect an emphasis on continued profitability growth through successful integration, despite the difficult economic environment. Any RSUs that become vested are payable in shares of our Class A Common Stock. Dividend equivalents will accrue on RSUs and vest to the same extent as the underlying shares. In September 2011, the Compensation Committee amended the form of performance-vested restricted stock unit award agreement to include a provision whereby the Committee could provide for continuation of vesting of restricted stock units upon an employee’s termination under certain circumstances such as a qualified retirement. This definition of qualified retirement (age 55 and with 15 years experience at the Company and a minimum of one year of service in the performance period) was further defined in January 2012 and the amended award agreements for all of our outstanding LTIP awards were finalized and distributed to participants.

2014 LTIP. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a grant of 62,651 RSUs to certain of our executive officers. During the third quarter of fiscal year 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved an additional grant of 2,704 RSUs as a result of new

executives being added to the plan. Awards were based on the value of the executive officer's annual base salary and a multiplier, which is then converted into a target number of RSUs based on our closing stock price as of the date of grant, which was between \$105.90 and \$110.70. Between 0% and 204% of the target number of RSUs will vest based on the extent to which specified performance metrics are achieved over the three-year performance period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, subject to the executive officers' continued employment with us through the end of the performance period, except in the case of a qualified retirement. The Compensation Committee approved the grants and established adjusted three-year average EPS and revenue growth during the

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performance period as the performance metrics for the awards. For participants that met the requirement for qualified retirement, we record the expense of their awards over the one year service period as performed. We will adjust the stock-based compensation for their awards during the performance period based upon the level of performance achieved. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we recorded \$4.8 million of stock-based compensation related to these grants.

2013 LTIP. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a grant of 121,075 RSUs to certain of our executive officers. Awards were based on the value of the executive officer's annual base salary and a multiplier, which is then converted into a target number of RSUs based on our closing stock price as of the date of grant, which was \$54.59. Between 0% and 204% of the target number of RSUs will vest based on the extent to which specified performance metrics are achieved over the three-year performance period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, subject to the executive officers' continued employment with us through the end of the performance period, except in the case of a qualified retirement. The Compensation Committee established adjusted three-year average EPS and revenue growth during the performance period as the performance metrics for the awards. For participants that met the requirement for qualified retirement, we recorded the expense of their awards over the one year service period as performed. We will adjust the stock-based compensation for the awards during the performance period based upon the level of performance achieved. For the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we recorded \$0.8 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation related to these grants.

2012 LTIP. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, 86,188 RSUs were granted to certain of our executive officers for the 2011 to 2014 performance period. Awards were based on the value of the executive officer's annual base salary and a multiplier, which is then converted into a target number of RSUs based on our closing stock price as of the date of grant, which was between \$63.73 and \$63.94. Between 0% and 204% of the target number of RSUs will vest based on the extent to which specified performance metrics are achieved over the three-year performance period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, subject to their continued employment with us through the end of the performance period, except in the case of a qualified retirement. The Compensation Committee approved the grants and established adjusted EBITDA margin and revenue growth during the performance period as the performance metrics for the awards. We accelerated the expense for participants that had achieved a qualified retirement requirement and recorded the remaining non-cash stock based compensation for their awards as if their service requirement has been achieved. We will adjust the stock-based compensation for their awards during the performance period based upon the level of performance achieved. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we recorded a reversal of expense of \$0.3 million, and for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 we recorded expense of \$1.2 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation related to these grants.

2011 LTIP. During fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, 125,192 RSUs were granted to certain of our executive officers for the 2010 to 2013 performance period. Awards were based on the value of the executive officer's annual base salary and a multiplier, which is then converted into a target number of RSUs based on our closing stock price as of the date of grant of \$45.25. Between 0% and 204% of the target number of RSUs will vest based on the extent to which specified performance metrics are achieved over the three-year performance period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, subject to their continued employment with us through the end of the performance period. The Compensation Committee approved the grants and established adjusted EBITDA margin for the six-month period ending June 30, 2014 and revenue growth during the performance period (based on fiscal year 2014 revenue versus fiscal year 2011 revenue) as the performance metrics for the awards. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 we did not record any stock-based compensation related these grants. For the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 we recorded \$0.9 million and \$5.5 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation related to these grants.

2014 ES LTIP. In September 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors awarded 30,192 RSUs under the 2009 Plan to select executives of our Exchange Solutions segment with a grant date fair value of \$91.43, based on our closing stock price. Between 0% and 240% of the target number of RSUs will vest based on the extent to which specified performance metrics are achieved over the two-year performance period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, subject to continued employment with us through the end of the performance period. The Compensation Committee approved the grants and established EBITDA margin and revenue growth during the performance period

as the performance metrics for the awards. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we recorded \$1.5 million of non-cash stock based compensation in the Exchange Solutions business segment.

Liazon RSUs. In November 2013, in connection with the acquisition, we assumed the Liazon Corporation 2011 Equity Incentive Plan and converted the outstanding unvested restricted stock units into 70,533 Towers Watson restricted stock units using a conversion ratio stated in the agreement for the exercise price and number of options. The fair value of these restricted stock units was calculated using the fair value share price of Towers Watson's closing share price on the date of acquisition. We determined the fair value of the portion of the 70,533 outstanding RSUs related to pre-acquisition employee service using Towers Watson graded vesting methodology from the date of grant to the acquisition date to be \$5.7 million which was added

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to the transaction consideration. The fair value of the remaining portion of RSUs related to the post-acquisition employee services was \$2.1 million, and will be recorded over the future vesting periods. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we recorded \$1.1 million of non-cash stock based compensation.

RSUs. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, 28,947, 14,450 and 16,239 RSUs, respectively, were granted to certain employees and vest in equal installments over a three-year period based on continued employment through the vesting period. In fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, 11,150, 9,700 and 1,575, respectively, RSUs of the awards granted vested immediately. For the fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recorded \$1.9 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation related to these grants.

2013 SEP. During the quarter ended September 30, 2013, 131,286 RSUs were granted to certain employees under our Select Equity Plan with a grant date fair value of \$91.43, based on our closing stock price. The RSUs vest annually over a three-year period. We assumed a 5% forfeiture rate with these awards. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we recorded \$6.6 million of non-cash stock based compensation related to these grants.

2012 SEP. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2013, we granted 147,503 RSUs to certain employees under our Select Equity Plan which will vest annually over a three-year period. We assumed a 5% forfeiture rate for the RSUs. In the fourth quarter of fiscal years 2014 and 2013, 37,156 and 47,968, respectively, of these RSUs vested. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we recorded \$2.0 million and \$4.6 million, respectively, of stock based compensation related to these grants.

2011 SEP. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2012, we granted 577,190 equity awards to certain employees under our Select Equity Plan, of which 288,595 were issued as Class A common stock in conjunction with our annual fiscal year 2012 performance bonus. The remaining 288,595 were issued as RSUs that will vest annually over a three-year period. We assumed a 10% forfeiture rate for the RSUs initially and adjusted the estimated forfeiture rate to 5% based on the first year of experience. In the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2014, 2013 and 2012, 70,969, 90,612 and 95,045, respectively, of these RSUs vested. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we recorded \$1.7 million, \$4.4 million and \$11.1 million, respectively, of stock based compensation related to these grants.

Outside Directors. In May 2010, the board of directors approved the Towers Watson & Co. Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors which provides for cash and stock compensation for outside directors. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, 10,251, 16,027 and 12,783 RSUs, respectively, were granted for the annual award for outside directors for service on the board of directors in equal quarterly installments over the fiscal year of grant. We recorded \$0.9 million, \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, of non-cash stock based compensation for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 related to awards for outside directors.

The table below presents restricted stock units activity and weighted average fair values for fiscal year 2014:

	Number of Shares (In thousands, except per-share amounts)	Weighted Average Fair Value
Nonvested as of June 30, 2013	534	\$ 53.41
Granted	337	78.72
Vested	(224)	)72.74
Forfeited	(20)	)68.23
Nonvested and expected to vest as of June 30, 2014	627	\$ 59.80

As of June 30, 2014, \$13.5 million of total stock-based compensation related to the nonvested awards above has not yet been recognized. We expect that this expense will be recognized in our consolidated statement of operations over the next 2.0 weighted-average years.

Stock Options

There were no grants of stock options during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 under the 2009 Plan. As of June 30, 2014, there were 170,161 stock options outstanding under the 2009 Plan which were fully expensed and vested prior to fiscal year 2011.

Liazon Options. In November 2013, in connection with the Liazon acquisition, we assumed the Liazon Corporation 2011 Equity Incentive Plan and converted the outstanding unvested employee stock options into 37,162 Towers Watson stock options using a conversion ratio stated in the agreement for the exercise price and number of options. The fair value of the vested stock

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options was calculated using the Black-Scholes model with a volatility and risk-free interest rate over the expected term of each group of options using the fair value share price of Towers Watson's closing share price on the date of acquisition. The fair value of the new awards was less than the acquisition date fair value of the replaced Liazon options; accordingly, no compensation expense was recorded. We determined the fair value of the portion of the 37,162 outstanding options relating to the pre-acquisition employee service using Towers Watson graded vesting methodology from the date of grant to the acquisition date to be \$2.2 million, which was added to the transaction consideration. The fair value of the remaining portion of unvested options related to the post-acquisition employee service was \$1.7 million, which will be recorded over the future vesting periods. We recorded non-cash stock based compensation related to these awards of \$0.7 million, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Extend Health Options. In May 2012, we assumed the Extend Health, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and converted the outstanding unvested employee stock options into 377,614 Towers Watson's stock option awards using a conversion ratio stated in the agreement for the exercise price and number of options. The fair value of the vested stock options were calculated using the Black-Scholes model with a volatility and risk-free interest rate over the expected term of each group of options with the fair value share price of Towers Watson's closing share price on the date of acquisition. The fair value of the new awards were less than the acquisition date fair value of the replaced Extend Health options, accordingly, no compensation expense was recorded. The fair value of 199,620 of the 377,614 outstanding options using Towers Watson graded vesting methodology from the date of grant to the acquisition date, representing the employee service provided to date, was \$11.2 million and was added to the consideration price. The fair value of 177,994 unvested options, less 10% estimated forfeitures, was \$7.9 million and will be recorded over the future vesting periods. We accelerated and paid participants the net cash value after tax withholding and exercise price 43,317 of unvested options that would have vested between the acquisition date and June 30, 2012 and recorded \$0.9 million of stock-based compensation expense in fiscal 2012. In accordance with the acquisition agreement, we accelerated the vesting of 23,620 stock options for participants who were involuntarily terminated as a result of the acquisition and recorded \$0.4 million of stock-based compensation expense in fiscal 2013. Inclusive of this acceleration, we recorded \$6.2 million of stock-based compensation for these awards in fiscal year 2013. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, \$1.3 million of stock-based compensation was recorded for these awards. The weighted-average fair value of the stock option grants under both the Liazon and Extend Health plans were calculated using the Black-Scholes formula, and are included in the valuation assumptions table below. Compensation expense is recorded over a three-year graded vesting term as if one-third of the options granted to a participant are vested over one year, one-third are vested over two years and the remaining one-third are vested over three years.

	Liazon Options	Extend Health	
	Year Ended	Options	Year Ended
	June 30, 2014	Year Ended	June 30, 2012
Stock option grants:			
Risk-free interest rate	0.57	%0.33	%
Expected lives in years	2.7	2.2	
Expected volatility	24.6	%38.5	%
Weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted	\$104.67	\$52.70	
Number of shares granted	37,162	377,614	

The table below presents stock option activity and weighted average exercise prices for fiscal year 2014:

	Number of	Weighted	Aggregate	Average
	Shares	Average	Intrinsic	Remaining
		Exercise	Value	Contractual
	(thousands)	Price	(thousands)	Life
				(years)
Outstanding at June 30, 2013	381	\$24.69	\$21,792	5.7
Granted	37	—		

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Exercised	(110) 6.63	\$10,313	
Forfeited	(7) 12.80		
Expired	—	—		
Outstanding and Exercisable at June 30, 2014	301	\$27.01	\$17,149	3.4

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Information regarding stock options outstanding as of June 30, 2014 is as follows:

Exercise Price	Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$0.75 - \$1.55	52,575	8.9	\$ 0.84	9,521	6.6	\$ 1.25
\$3.31 - \$3.97	47,745	6.2	3.56	41,671	6.2	3.59
\$19.21 - \$25.18	43,717	7.3	19.78	22,485	7.3	20.11
\$42.47	84,944	2.2	42.47	84,944	2.2	42.47
\$45.88	85,217	2.7	45.88	85,217	2.7	45.88
	314,198		\$ 27.25	243,838		\$ 33.35

The aggregate intrinsic value is the sum of the amounts by which the market price of our common stock exceeded the exercise price of the options at June 30, 2014, for those options for which the market price was in excess of the exercise price.

Note 16 — Income Taxes

Income before income taxes shown below is allocated between operations in the United States (including international branches) and foreign countries. The components of income from continuing operations before income taxes are as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Domestic	\$262,462	\$239,990	\$176,679
Foreign	236,044	189,011	193,342
	498,506	429,001	370,021

The components of the income tax provision for continuing operations include:

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Current tax (benefit)/expense:			
U.S.	\$31,880	\$25,684	\$(26,608)
State and local	10,231	7,025	308
Foreign	30,536	40,557	50,920
	72,647	73,266	24,620
Deferred tax expense/(benefit):			
U.S.	49,109	49,674	93,985
State and local	4,232	8,761	7,870
Foreign	12,261	5,290	5,968
	65,602	63,725	107,823
Total provision for income taxes	\$138,249	\$136,991	\$132,443

Included in the U.S. and state and local current tax expense for fiscal year 2014 is a \$13.2 million and a \$1.7 million tax benefit, respectively, including interest and penalties, due to the release of uncertain tax positions related to U.S. Federal lapses in statute of limitations and income tax settlements. Included in the U.S. current tax expense for fiscal year 2013 is a \$6.0 million tax benefit, including interest and penalties, due to the release of uncertain tax positions related to U.S. Federal lapses in statute of limitations and income tax settlements.

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The reported income tax provision for continuing operations differs from the amounts that would have resulted had the reported income before income taxes been taxed at the U.S. federal statutory rate. The principal reasons for the differences between the amounts provided and those that would have resulted from the application of the U.S. federal statutory tax rate are as follows:

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Tax provision at U.S. federal statutory tax rate of 35 percent	\$ 174,477	\$ 150,149	\$ 129,507
Increase (reduction) resulting from:			
Foreign income tax rate differential, net	(21,902	) (22,540	) (18,746
State income taxes, net of federal tax effect	11,344	13,288	8,322
Non-deductible expenses and foreign dividend	237	6,563	10,701
Tax credits	(1,807	) (2,104	) (4,451
Valuation allowance	(5,108	) (5,821	) (19,123
Legal entity restructuring	7,077	5,159	13,551
Changes to U.S. uncertain tax positions	(14,910	) (5,977) —
Other	(11,159	) (1,726	) 12,682
Income tax provision	\$ 138,249	\$ 136,991	\$ 132,443

The provision for income taxes for fiscal year 2014 is 27.7% compared with 31.9% in fiscal year 2013. Our effective tax rate decreased by 4.2% for fiscal year 2014 as compared to fiscal year 2013 primarily due to current year income tax benefits on the release of uncertain tax positions related to lapses in statute of limitations and income tax settlements in various taxing jurisdictions, primarily the U.S.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities reflect the effect of temporary differences between the assets and liabilities recognized for financial reporting purposes and the amounts recognized for income tax purposes. We recognize deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that a benefit will be realized.

Deferred income tax assets (liabilities) included in the consolidated balance sheets at June 30, 2014 and 2013, are comprised of the following:

	June 30,	
	2014	2013
Depreciation and amortization	\$ (123,684	) \$ (139,575
Trademarks and tradename	(117,308	) (116,624
Goodwill	(42,477	) (30,496
Unbilled receivables	(64,275	) (69,543
Other	(8,583	) (7,400
Gross deferred tax liabilities	\$ (356,327	) \$ (363,638
Accrued retirement benefits	\$ 139,633	\$ 178,296
Deferred rent	9,947	11,834
Net operating loss carryforwards	37,562	33,538
Share-based compensation	6,533	22,756
Accrued liabilities	62,516	68,419
Accrued compensation	41,660	37,483
Deferred revenue	25,692	23,050
Foreign tax credit	37,716	40,903
Other	16,228	28,808
Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 377,487	\$ 445,087
Deferred tax assets valuation allowance	\$ (30,019	) \$ (33,420
Net deferred tax (liability)/asset	\$ (8,859	) \$ 48,029

The net deferred income tax assets at June 30, 2014 are classified between current deferred tax assets of \$51.7 million and current deferred tax liabilities of \$3.1 million and noncurrent deferred tax assets of \$79.1 million and noncurrent deferred tax liabilities of \$136.6 million.

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We maintain a valuation allowance of \$30.0 million and \$33.4 million at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, against certain of our deferred tax assets, as it is more likely than not that they will not be fully realized. The net change in the valuation allowance of \$3.4 million in fiscal year 2014 primarily relates to the release of valuation allowance on deferred tax assets, including tax loss carryforwards, which were forfeited following legal entity restructurings in the amount of \$8.4 million, offset with current year increases of \$5.0 million.

At June 30, 2014, we had tax loss carryforwards in federal and various foreign jurisdictions amounting to \$116.5 million of which \$70.1 million can be indefinitely carried forward under local statutes. The remaining \$46.4 million of loss carryforwards will expire, if unused, in varying amounts from fiscal year 2015 through 2034. At June 30, 2014, we had state tax loss carryforwards of \$84.2 million, which will expire in varying amounts from fiscal year 2015 to 2035. In addition, at June 30, 2014 we had foreign tax credit carryforwards of \$37.7 million, which will expire in varying amounts from fiscal year 2018 to 2023.

We continue to assert that the historical cumulative earnings of our foreign subsidiaries are reinvested indefinitely and we do not provide U.S. deferred tax liabilities on these amounts. We believe the Company's current cash position, and access to capital markets (via a supplemental offering, if needed) will allow it to meet its U.S. cash obligations without repatriating historical cumulative foreign earnings. Further, non-U.S. cash is used for working capital needs of our non-U.S. operations and may be used for foreign restructuring expenses or acquisitions. During fiscal 2014 the Company has accrued approximately \$2.5 million in income tax expense with respect to the future distribution of current year earnings in our Japan, Australia, Bermuda and Philippines subsidiaries. ASC 740, Income Taxes, requires a company to recognize income tax expense when it becomes apparent that some or all of the undistributed earnings of a foreign subsidiary will be remitted in the foreseeable future. The cumulative foreign earnings related to ongoing operations and at June 30, 2014 were approximately \$1,034.8 million. It is not practicable to estimate the U.S. federal income tax liability that might be payable if such earnings are not reinvested indefinitely. If future events, including material changes in estimates of cash, working capital and long-term investment requirements, necessitate that these earnings be distributed, an additional provision for U.S. income and foreign withholding taxes, net of foreign tax credits, may be necessary.

At June 30, 2014, the amount of unrecognized tax benefits associated with uncertain tax positions, determined in accordance with ASC 740-10, excluding interest and penalties, was \$32.4 million. This liability can be reduced by \$9.3 million of offsetting deferred tax benefits associated with timing differences, foreign tax credits and the federal tax benefit of state income taxes. The entire net difference of \$23.1 million, if recognized, would impact our effective tax rate. During the year, the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, decreased by \$8.3 million.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the liability for unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Balance at July 1	\$40,650	\$39,309	\$39,784
Increases related to tax positions in prior years	996	1,169	2,216
Decreases related to tax positions in prior years	(927	) (4,732	) (5,705
Decreases related to settlements	—	(189	) (86
Decreases related to lapse in statute of limitations	(19,135	) (2,387	) (376
Increases related to current year tax positions	11,223	7,426	4,112
Cumulative translation adjustment	(445	) 54	(636
Balances at June 30	\$32,362	\$40,650	\$39,309

The liability for the periods ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, may be reduced by \$14.6 million and \$12.6 million of deferred tax benefits that, if recognized, would have a favorable impact on our effective tax rate. There are no material balances that would result in adjustments to other tax accounts.

Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are included in income tax expense. At June 30, 2014, we had cumulative accrued interest of \$2.5 million and penalties of \$0.1 million, totaling \$2.6 million. At June 30, 2013, we had accrued interest of \$6.7 million and penalties of \$0.2 million, totaling \$6.9 million.

Tax expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 includes an interest benefit of \$2.7 million and a tax benefit for penalties of \$0.1 million. Tax expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 includes interest expense of \$0.9 million

and a tax benefit for penalties of \$0.1 million. Tax expense for the year ended June 30, 2012 includes an interest expense of \$1.3 million and a tax benefit for penalties of \$0.1 million.

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It is reasonably possible that during the next 12 months the Company's liability for uncertain tax positions may change by a significant amount. The Company may settle certain U.S. tax examinations or have lapses in statute of limitations for different amounts than the Company has accrued as uncertain tax positions. The Company may need to accrue and ultimately pay additional amounts for tax positions that previously met a more likely than not standard if such positions are not upheld. Conversely, the Company could settle positions with the tax authorities for amounts lower than have been accrued or extinguish a position through payment. The Company believes the outcomes which are reasonably possible within the next 12 months may result in a reduction in the liability for uncertain tax positions in the range of \$5.1 million to \$10.5 million, excluding interest and penalties.

The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. During fiscal year 2014 the Company recognized approximately \$14.9 million of income tax benefits, including interest and penalties, due to U.S. Federal lapses in statute of limitations and income tax settlements. We are currently under examination by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for the fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Beginning in fiscal 2014, we are audited by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under the Compliance Assurance Process ("CAP"). Under CAP, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service works with large business taxpayers to identify and resolve issues prior to the filing of a tax return. As of June 30, 2014, the Company has not been advised of any material adjustments. We also have ongoing income tax examinations in certain states for tax years ranging from 2008 to 2011. The statute of limitations in certain states extends back to tax year 2002 as a result of changes to taxable income resulting from prior year federal tax examinations. A summary of the tax years that remain open to tax examination in our major tax jurisdictions are as follows:

	Open Tax Years (fiscal year ending in)
United States — federal	2011 and forward
United States — various states	2002 and forward
Canada — federal	2006 and forward
Germany	2009 and forward
The Netherlands	2010 and forward
United Kingdom	2010 and forward

Note 17 — Segment Information

Towers Watson has four reportable operating segments or business areas:

• Benefits

• Risk and Financial Services

• Talent and Rewards

• Exchange Solutions

Towers Watson's chief operating decision maker is the chief executive officer. It was determined that Towers Watson operational data used by the chief operating decision maker is that of the four reportable segments. Management bases strategic goals and decisions on these segments and the data presented below is used to assess the adequacy of strategic decisions, the method of achieving these strategies and related financial results.

Management evaluates the performance of its segments and allocates resources to them based on net operating income on a pre-bonus, pre-tax basis. Revenue on our consolidated statement of operations includes reimbursable expenses which are billable amounts that were directly incurred on behalf of our clients. Our revenue for our reportable segments shown in the table below is net of reimbursable expenses.

On January 23, 2014, Towers Watson announced plans to expand the Exchange Solutions segment by combining operations and associates primarily from portions of the TAS North America line of business with the Retiree & Access Exchanges and Liazon lines of business to better align their respective strategic goals. The restructuring took effect on July 1, 2014. We are still evaluating the impact of this restructuring to our operating segments and the related disclosures.

All statement of operations related items presented have been recast to exclude the operating results of our Brokerage business, which has been classified as discontinued operations. Balance sheet related items presented for prior periods include our Brokerage business.

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The table below presents specified information about reported segments as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014:

	Benefits	Risk and Financial Services	Talent and Rewards	Exchange Solutions	Total
Revenue (net of reimbursable expenses)	\$ 1,979,674	\$ 638,437	\$ 582,703	\$ 169,975	\$ 3,370,789
Net operating income	619,117	148,448	119,287	32,731	919,583
Depreciation and amortization	22,555	4,988	5,811	3,533	36,887
Receivables	520,236	152,930	148,800	4,077	826,043

The table below presents specified information about reported segments as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013:

	Benefits	Risk and Financial Services	Talent and Rewards	Exchange Solutions	Total
Revenue (net of reimbursable expenses)	\$ 1,994,458	\$ 645,345	\$ 573,336	\$ 94,858	\$ 3,307,997
Net operating income	674,657	132,285	114,227	16,228	937,397
Depreciation and amortization	23,990	6,459	7,842	1,876	40,167
Receivables	507,078	164,926	147,656	708	820,368

The table below presents specified information about reported segments as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012:

	Benefits	Risk and Financial Services	Talent and Rewards	Exchange Solutions	Total
Revenue (net of reimbursable expenses)	\$ 1,922,689	\$ 655,917	\$ 570,537	\$ 3,617	\$ 3,152,760
Net operating income (loss)	646,418	167,214	113,608	(714)	926,526
Depreciation and amortization	23,219	6,995	7,401	99	37,714
Receivables	548,629	185,950	140,575	619	875,773

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A reconciliation of the information reported by segment to the consolidated amounts follows as of and for the fiscal years ended June 30 (in thousands):

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2012
Revenue:			
Total segment revenue	\$3,370,789	\$3,307,997	\$3,152,760
Reimbursable expenses and other	111,123	124,518	105,138
Revenue	\$3,481,912	\$3,432,515	\$3,257,898
Net Operating Income:			
Total segment net operating income	919,583	937,397	926,526
Differences in allocation methods (1)	19,298	(12,832)	(20,261)
Amortization of intangibles	(75,212)	(76,963)	(63,718)
Transaction and integration expenses	(1,049)	(30,753)	(86,130)
Stock-based compensation (2)	(11,285)	(18,978)	(40,251)
Discretionary compensation	(301,428)	(324,370)	(302,986)
Payroll tax on discretionary compensation	(17,484)	(19,377)	(17,479)
Change in accounting method for pension(3)	—	—	(2,963)
Other, net	(37,915)	(21,719)	(29,033)
Income from operations	\$494,508	\$432,405	\$363,705
Depreciation and Amortization Expense:			
Total segment expense	\$36,887	\$40,167	\$37,714
Intangible asset amortization, not allocated to segments	75,212	76,963	63,718
Information technology and other	62,719	55,910	48,574
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$174,818	\$173,040	\$150,006
Receivables:			
Total segment receivables — billed and unbilled (4)	\$826,043	\$820,368	\$875,773
Valuation differences and other	(4,810)	5,470	8,578
Total billed and unbilled receivables	821,233	825,838	884,351
Assets not reported by segment	4,806,553	4,506,239	4,472,627
Total assets	\$5,627,786	\$5,332,077	\$5,356,978

Depreciation, general and administrative, pension, and medical costs are allocated to our segments based on budgeted expenses determined at the beginning of the fiscal year as management believes that these costs are (1) largely uncontrollable to the segment. To the extent that the actual expense base upon which allocations are made differs from the forecast/budget amount, a reconciling item will be created between internally allocated expenses and the actual expense that we report for GAAP purposes.

(2) Stock-based compensation excludes RSUs granted in conjunction with our performance bonus, which are included in discretionary compensation.

(3) The Company had a net impact of \$3.0 million during fiscal year 2012 as a result of the cumulative effect of the change in accounting method of \$6.2 million offset by a reduction in net periodic cost of \$3.2 million.

(4) Total segment receivables, which reflect the receivable balances used by management to make business decisions, are included for management reporting purposes.

The following represents total revenue and long-lived assets information by geographic area as and for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	Revenue			Long-Lived Assets		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
North America	\$2,046,488	\$1,972,981	\$1,760,749	\$2,484,019	\$2,293,045	\$2,263,592
Europe	1,162,888	1,161,973	1,205,519	1,211,700	1,193,188	1,110,367
Rest of World	272,536	297,561	291,630	44,466	47,308	66,131

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Revenue is based on the country of domicile for the legal entity that originated the revenue. Exclusive of the United States and the United Kingdom, revenue from no single country constituted more than 10% of consolidated revenue. Revenue from no single customer constituted more than one percent of consolidated revenue.

Note 18 — Earnings Per Share

We present earnings per share (“EPS”) using the two-class method. This method addresses whether awards granted in share-based transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and therefore need to be included in the earning allocation in computing earnings per share using the two-class method. This method requires non-vested share-based payment awards that have non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents to be treated as a separate class of securities in calculating earnings per share. Our participating securities include non-vested restricted stock. On January 1, 2013, all remaining outstanding shares of this restricted stock vested and were converted to freely tradable shares of Towers Watson Class A common stock. See Note 14 for further information. The components of basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014			2013			2012		
	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
Basic EPS									
Income from continuing operations	\$360,257			\$292,010			\$237,578		
Less: Income/(loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	7,014			(3,160)			263		
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$353,243			\$295,170			\$237,315		
Less: Income allocated to participating securities	—			3,289			8,206		
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	353,243	70,587	\$5.00	291,881	70,312	\$4.15	229,109	69,944	\$3.28
Diluted EPS									
Share-based compensation awards	—	368		—	405		—	320	
Income available to common stockholders	\$353,243	70,955	\$4.98	\$291,881	70,717	\$4.13	\$229,109	70,264	\$3.27

Note 19 — Unaudited Quarterly Financial Data

Summarized quarterly financial data for results from continuing operations for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 are as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	2014 Quarter Ended			
	September 30	December 31	March 31	June 30
Revenue	\$809,939	\$888,155	\$904,833	\$878,985
Income from operations	102,421	128,426	138,423	125,238
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	100,552	132,611	141,144	124,199
Net income attributable to common stockholders	88,214	86,188	102,506	82,392

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Earnings per share (attributable to common
stockholders):

Net income, basic	\$1.21	\$1.22	\$1.40	\$1.17
Net income, diluted	\$1.21	\$1.21	\$1.39	\$1.17

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	2013 Quarter Ended			
	September 30	December 31	March 31	June 30
Revenue	\$793,235	\$911,021	\$892,977	\$835,282
Income from operations	79,274	114,419	121,257	117,455
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	79,309	114,321	118,399	116,972
Net income attributable to common stockholders	58,727	82,290	94,916	82,879
Earnings per share (attributable to common stockholders):				
Net income, basic	\$0.73	\$1.12	\$1.18	\$1.13
Net income, diluted	\$0.72	\$1.11	\$1.17	\$1.12

The accompanying unaudited quarterly financial data has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States for interim financial information and with Item 302 of Regulation S-K. In our opinion, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement have been made and were of a normal recurring nature.

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Schedule II

Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves

(Thousands of U.S. Dollars)

Description	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions Charged Against (Credited to) Revenue	Additions Charged to Other Accounts	Deductions	Balance at End of Year
	Year Ended June 30, 2014				
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$12,768	\$4,792	\$—	\$ (9,485)	\$8,075
Allowance for unbillable accounts	10,283	(1,170)	—	—	9,113
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	33,420	—	10,362	(13,763)	30,019
	Year Ended June 30, 2013				
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$20,871	\$8,351	\$—	\$ (16,454)	\$12,768
Allowance for unbillable accounts	19,891	(9,608)	—	—	10,283
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	40,046	—	8,552	(15,178)	33,420
	Year Ended June 30, 2012				
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$12,636	\$21,722	\$—	\$ (13,487)	\$20,871
Allowance for unbillable accounts	16,723	3,168	—	—	19,891
Valuation allowance for deferred tax assets	62,454	—	4,655	(27,063)	40,046

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EXHIBITS.

In reviewing the agreements included or incorporated by reference as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, it is important to note that they are included to provide investors with information regarding their terms, and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about Towers Watson or the other parties to the agreements. The agreements contain representations and warranties made by each of the parties to the applicable agreement. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other parties to the applicable agreement, and: should not be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating risk between the parties; have in some cases been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other party in connection with the negotiation of the applicable agreement, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreement; may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be material to investors; and were made only as of the date of the applicable agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in the agreement and are subject to more recent developments.

Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time. Additional information about Towers Watson may be found elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other public filings, which are available without charge through the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

- 3.1 Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Towers Watson & Co. (1)
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Towers Watson & Co. (2)
- 10.1 Credit Agreement, dated as of November 7, 2011, among Towers Watson & Co. and certain subsidiaries, as borrowers, each lender from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer. (3)
- 10.2 Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2012, among Towers Watson & Co., as borrower, each lender from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. (4)
- 10.3 Amended and Restated Towers Watson & Co. 2009 Long Term Incentive Plan. ** (5)
- 10.4 Form of Indemnification Agreement with directors and executive officers. ** (6)
- 10.5 Trust Deed and Rules of the Towers Watson Limited Share Incentive Plan 2005 (U.K.). ** (7)
- 10.6 Towers Watson Limited Share Incentive Plan 2005 Deed of Amendment (U.K.). ** (8)
- 10.7 Towers Watson Limited Share Incentive Plan 2005 Deed to Change the Trust Deed and Rules (U.K.). ** (9)
- 10.8 Share Purchase Plan 2005 (Spain). ** (10)
- 10.9 Trust Deed and Rules of the Watson Wyatt Ireland Share Participation Scheme. ** (11)
- 10.10 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Award Agreement for use under the Towers Watson & Co. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan. ** (12)
- 10.11 Amended Towers Watson & Co. Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. ** (13)
- 10.12 Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. ** (14)
- 10.13 Watson Wyatt & Company Holdings 2000 Long-Term Incentive Plan. ** (15)
- 10.14 Amended Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement FY11 (Performance-Based Vesting). ** (16)
- 10.15 Extend Health, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. ** (17)
- 10.16 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement FY12 (Performance-Based Vesting). ** (18)
- 10.17 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Time-Based Vesting). ** (19)
- 10.18 Amendment No. 1, dated as of October 9, 2013, to the Credit Agreement dated as of November 7, 2011, among Towers Watson & Co. and certain subsidiaries, as borrowers, each lender from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer. (20)
- 10.19 Amendment No. 1, dated as of October 9, 2013, to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2012, among Towers Watson & Co., as borrower, each lender from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. (21)

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- 10.20 Towers Watson & Co. Incentive Compensation Plan. ** (22)
- 10.21 Liazon Corporation 2008 Stock Option Plan. ** (23)
- 10.22 Liazon Corporation 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. ** (24)
- 10.23 First Amendment to Liazon Corporation 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. ** (25)
- 10.24 Second Amendment to Liazon Corporation 2011 Equity Incentive Plan. ** (26)
Amendment No. 2, dated as of January 13, 2014, to the Credit Agreement dated as of November 7, 2011, among Towers Watson & Co. and certain subsidiaries, as borrowers, each lender from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer. (27)
- 10.25 Amendment No. 2, dated as of January 13, 2014, to the Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of June 1, 2012, among Towers Watson & Co., as borrower, each lender from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. (28)

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10.27 Towers Watson Non-Qualified Deferred Savings Plan for U.S. Employees. ** (29)

21.1 Subsidiaries of Towers Watson & Co. *

23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm. *

31.1 Certification of the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer, John J. Haley, pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. *

31.2 Certification of the Registrant's Chief Financial Officer, Roger F. Millay, pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. *

32.1 Certification of the Registrant's Chief Executive Officer, John J. Haley, and Chief Financial Officer, Roger F. Millay, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. *

101 The following materials from Towers Watson & Co.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheets at June 30, 2014 and 2013, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, (v) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, and (vi) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. *

* Filed herewith.

** Designates management contracts and compensation plans.

- (1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 10-K filed by the Company on August 15, 2013.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K filed by the Company on August 19, 2013.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Form 8-K filed by the Company on November 8, 2011.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed by the Company on June 1, 2012.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on May 7, 2013.
Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's joint proxy statement/prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-161705) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2009 and declared effective on November 9, 2009, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) on December 14, 2009.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's joint proxy statement/prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-161705) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2009 and declared effective on November 9, 2009, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) on December 14, 2009.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 of Watson Wyatt Worldwide Inc.'s Form 10-K filed on September 1, 2006.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 of Watson Wyatt Worldwide Inc.'s Form 10-K filed on September 1, 2006.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Form 10-K filed by the Company on August 29, 2012.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 of Watson Wyatt Worldwide Inc.'s Form 10-K filed on September 1, 2006.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 of Watson Wyatt Worldwide Inc.'s Form 10-K filed on September 1, 2006.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed by the Company on March 8, 2010.
- (13) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on February 7, 2013.
- (14) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed by the Company on May 18, 2010.
- (15) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 of Watson Wyatt Worldwide Inc.'s Form 10-Q filed on November 9, 2009.
- (16) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on February 7, 2012.
- (17) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Form S-8 Registration Statement filed by the Company on June 7, 2012.
- (18) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Form 10-K filed by the Company on August 29, 2012.

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- (19) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Form 10-K filed by the Company on August 29, 2012.
- (20) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on November 12, 2013.
- (21) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on November 12, 2013.
- (22) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on November 12, 2013.
- (23) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Form S-8 Registration Statement filed by the Company on December 2, 2013.
- (24) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Form S-8 Registration Statement filed by the Company on December 2, 2013.
- (25) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the Form S-8 Registration Statement filed by the Company on December 2, 2013.
- (26) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to the Form S-8 Registration Statement filed by the Company on December 2, 2013.
- (27) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on February 7, 2014.
- (28) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on February 7, 2014.
- (29) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 10-Q filed by the Company on May 6, 2014.