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(Mark One)

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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: 001-36869



PJT Partners Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

36-4797143
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

280 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)
(212) 364-7800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	PJT	New York Stock Exchange

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large Accelerated Filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging Growth Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

As of October 26, 2020, there were 23,798,298 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 201 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

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PJT Partners Inc. was formed in connection with certain merger and spin-off transactions whereby the financial and strategic advisory services, restructuring and reorganization advisory services and Park Hill Group businesses of The Blackstone Group Inc. (“Blackstone” or our “former Parent”) were combined with PJT Capital LP, a financial advisory firm founded by Paul J. Taubman in 2013 (together with its then affiliates, “PJT Capital”), and the combined business was distributed to Blackstone’s unitholders to create PJT Partners Inc., a stand-alone, independent publicly traded company. Throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we refer to this transaction as the “spin-off.” In October 2018, we acquired CamberView Partners Holdings, LLC (“CamberView” or “PJT CamberView”). PJT Partners Inc. is a holding company and its only material asset is its controlling equity interest in PJT Partners Holdings LP, a holding partnership that holds the company’s operating subsidiaries, and certain cash and cash equivalents it may hold from time to time. As the sole general partner of PJT Partners Holdings LP, PJT Partners Inc. operates and controls all of the business and affairs of PJT Partners Holdings LP and its operating subsidiaries.

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, unless the context requires otherwise, the words “PJT Partners Inc.” refers to PJT Partners Inc., and “PJT Partners,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to PJT Partners Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, including PJT Partners Holdings LP and its operating subsidiaries.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain material presented herein contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Forward-looking statements include certain information concerning future results of operations, business strategies, acquisitions, financing plans, competitive position, potential growth opportunities, potential operating performance improvements, the effects of competition and the effects of future legislation or regulations. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical facts and can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as the words “believe,” “expect,” “opportunity,” “plan,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “continue,” “may,” “might,” “should,” “could” or the negative of these terms or similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations, and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy, and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks, and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict, many of which are outside our control. Our actual results and financial condition may differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Therefore, you should not place undue reliance upon any of these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause our actual results and financial condition to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements include, among others, the following: (a) changes in governmental regulations and policies; (b) the possibility of cyberattacks, security vulnerabilities, and internet disruptions, including breaches of data security and privacy leaks, data loss, and business interruptions; (c) the possibility of failure of our computer systems or communication systems during a catastrophic event, including as a result of the increased use of remote work environments and virtual platforms during the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus); (d) the impact of catastrophic events, such as COVID-19, on the U.S. and the global economy, including business disruptions, reductions in employment and an increase in business failures; (e) the impact of catastrophic events, such as COVID-19, on our employees and our ability to provide services to our clients and respond to their needs; (f) the failure of third-party service providers to perform their functions; and (g) volatility in the political and economic environment.

Any of these factors, as well as such other factors discussed in the “Risk Factors” sections of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended June 30, 2020, in each case filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), as such factors may be updated from time to time in our periodic filings with the SEC, accessible on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements. There may be other risks and uncertainties that we are unable to predict at this time or that are not currently expected to have a material adverse effect on our business. Any such risks could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements.

Website Disclosure

We use our website (www.pjtpartners.com) as a channel of distribution of company information. The information we post may be deemed material. Accordingly, investors should monitor the website, in addition to following our press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts. In addition, you may automatically receive e-mail alerts and other information about PJT Partners when you enroll your e-mail address by visiting the “Investor Relations” page of our website at ir.pjtpartners.com/investor-relations. Although we refer to our website in this report, the contents of our website are not included or incorporated by reference into this report. All references to our website in this report are intended to be inactive textual references only.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 138,461	\$ 215,950
Investments	228,423	1,543
Accounts Receivable (net of allowance for credit losses of \$1,724 and \$0 at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively)	277,325	227,516
Intangible Assets, Net	34,024	39,806
Goodwill	172,725	172,725
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net	39,872	37,123
Operating Lease Right-of-Use Assets	152,934	166,519
Other Assets	51,292	43,358
Deferred Tax Asset, Net	52,235	48,237
Total Assets	\$ 1,147,291	\$ 952,777
Liabilities and Equity		
Accrued Compensation and Benefits	\$ 236,971	\$ 120,750
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	23,215	24,767
Operating Lease Liabilities	174,246	182,924
Amount Due Pursuant to Tax Receivable Agreement	12,369	9,289
Taxes Payable	9,119	4,841
Deferred Revenue	10,100	14,189
Loan Payable	—	21,500
Total Liabilities	466,020	378,260
Commitments and Contingencies		
Equity		
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (3,000,000,000 shares authorized; 27,170,767 and 25,621,451 issued at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively; 23,797,558 and 23,076,794 outstanding at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively)	266	251
Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (1,000,000 shares authorized; 201 issued and outstanding at September 30, 2020; 204 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2019)	—	—
Additional Paid-In Capital	389,848	290,896
Accumulated Deficit	(78,047)	(144,919)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(484)	146
Treasury Stock at Cost (3,373,209 and 2,544,657 shares at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively)	(156,591)	(114,984)
Total PJT Partners Inc. Equity	154,992	31,390
Non-Controlling Interests	526,279	543,127
Total Equity	681,271	574,517
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,147,291	\$ 952,777

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenues				
Advisory Fees	\$ 262,400	\$ 146,075	\$ 611,530	\$ 383,577
Placement Fees	31,774	25,596	106,026	77,603
Interest Income and Other	3,389	2,556	12,741	7,807
Total Revenues	297,563	174,227	730,297	468,987
Expenses				
Compensation and Benefits	196,896	123,040	485,650	337,356
Occupancy and Related	8,564	7,883	25,877	22,821
Travel and Related	546	5,567	6,379	19,247
Professional Fees	6,014	6,120	16,077	17,589
Communications and Information Services	3,435	3,365	10,575	10,071
Depreciation and Amortization	3,700	3,454	11,229	10,709
Other Expenses	8,312	5,015	21,178	17,906
Total Expenses	227,467	154,444	576,965	435,699
Income Before Provision for Taxes	70,096	19,783	153,332	33,288
Provision for Taxes	11,989	5,002	22,299	7,544
Net Income	58,107	14,781	131,033	25,744
Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	27,200	7,956	59,596	12,992
Net Income Attributable to PJT Partners Inc.	\$ 30,907	\$ 6,825	\$ 71,437	\$ 12,752
Net Income Per Share of Class A Common Stock				
Basic	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.28	\$ 2.92	\$ 0.53
Diluted	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.28	\$ 2.87	\$ 0.52
Weighted-Average Shares of Class A Common Stock Outstanding				
Basic	24,645,853	24,013,033	24,431,436	24,107,179
Diluted	26,242,631	24,973,570	25,452,816	25,024,084

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net Income	\$ 58,107	\$ 14,781	\$ 131,033	\$ 25,744
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax —				
Currency Translation Adjustment	1,825	(974)	(1,212)	(941)
Comprehensive Income	59,932	13,807	129,821	24,803
Less:				
Comprehensive Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	28,040	7,496	59,014	12,553
Comprehensive Income Attributable to PJT Partners Inc.	<u>\$ 31,892</u>	<u>\$ 6,311</u>	<u>\$ 70,807</u>	<u>\$ 12,250</u>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share Data)

	Shares							Accumulated				
	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Non- Controlling Interests	Total	
Balance at December 31, 2019	25,621,451	204	(2,544,657)	\$ 251	\$ —	\$ 290,896	\$ (144,919)	\$ 146	\$ (114,984)	\$ 543,127	\$ 574,517	
Adoption of Accounting Standard	—	—	—	—	—	—	(938)	—	—	—	(938)	
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,860	—	—	13,149	32,009	
Other Comprehensive Loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,480)	—	(1,302)	(2,782)	
Dividends Declared (\$0.05 Per Share of Class A Common Stock)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,217)	—	—	—	(1,217)	
Equity-Based Compensation	—	—	—	—	—	35,043	—	—	—	2,289	37,332	
Forfeiture Liability for Equity Awards	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Net Share Settlement	—	—	—	—	—	(12,124)	—	—	—	—	(12,124)	
Deliveries of Vested Shares of Class A Common Stock	1,537,271	—	—	15	—	(15)	—	—	—	—	—	
Change in Ownership Interest	—	6	—	—	—	36,131	—	—	—	(47,422)	(11,291)	
Treasury Stock Purchases	—	—	(539,297)	—	—	—	—	—	(25,194)	—	(25,194)	
Balance at March 31, 2020	27,158,722	210	(3,083,954)	266	—	349,932	(128,214)	(1,334)	(140,178)	509,841	590,313	
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,670	—	—	19,247	40,917	
Other Comprehensive Loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(135)	—	(120)	(255)	
Dividends Declared (\$0.05 Per Share of Class A Common Stock)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,207)	—	—	—	(1,207)	
Equity-Based Compensation	—	—	—	—	—	26,247	—	—	—	1,969	28,216	
Net Share Settlement	—	—	—	—	—	(17)	—	—	—	—	(17)	
Deliveries of Vested Shares of Class A Common Stock	761	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Change in Ownership Interest	—	(4)	—	—	—	(1,549)	—	—	—	(7,100)	(8,649)	
Balance at June 30, 2020	27,159,483	206	(3,083,954)	\$ 266	\$ —	\$ 374,613	\$ (107,751)	\$ (1,469)	\$ (140,178)	\$ 523,837	\$ 649,318	

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PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share Data)

	Shares										
	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	Non- Controlling Interests	Total
Balance at June 30, 2020	27,159,483	206	(3,083,954)	\$ 266	\$ —	\$ 374,613	\$ (107,751)	\$ (1,469)	\$ (140,178)	\$ 523,837	\$ 649,318
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,907	—	—	27,200	58,107
Other Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	985	—	840	1,825
Dividends Declared (\$0.05 Per Share of Class A Common Stock)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,203)	—	—	—	(1,203)
Tax Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(29,831)	(29,831)
Equity-Based Compensation	—	—	—	—	—	28,176	—	—	—	1,992	30,168
Net Share Settlement	—	—	—	—	—	(139)	—	—	—	—	(139)
Deliveries of Vested Shares of Class A Common Stock	11,284	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Change in Ownership Interest	—	(5)	—	—	—	(12,802)	—	—	—	2,241	(10,561)
Treasury Stock Purchases	—	—	(289,255)	—	—	—	—	—	(16,413)	—	(16,413)
Balance at September 30, 2020	<u>27,170,767</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>(3,373,209)</u>	<u>\$ 266</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 389,848</u>	<u>\$ (78,047)</u>	<u>\$ (484)</u>	<u>\$ (156,591)</u>	<u>\$ 526,279</u>	<u>\$ 681,271</u>

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PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share Data)

	Shares			Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock	Non- Controlling Interests	Total
	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Treasury Stock								
Balance at December 31, 2018	23,940,185	199	(1,353,398)	\$ 240	\$ —	\$ 210,939	\$ (169,836)	\$ (627)	\$ (67,172)	\$ 514,205	\$ 487,749
Net Income (Loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,101	—	—	(164)	937
Other Comprehensive Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	660	—	601	1,261
Dividends Declared (\$0.05 Per Share of Class A Common Stock)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,188)	—	—	—	(1,188)
Equity-Based Compensation	—	—	—	—	—	23,884	—	—	—	11,089	34,973
Forfeiture Liability for Equity Awards	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	6
Net Share Settlement	—	—	—	—	—	(8,604)	—	—	—	—	(8,604)
Deliveries of Vested Shares of Class A Common Stock	1,088,396	—	—	11	—	(11)	—	—	—	—	—
Acquisition-Related Equity Issuance	49,764	—	—	—	—	1,889	—	—	—	398	2,287
Change in Ownership Interest	—	1	—	—	—	53,377	—	—	—	(62,642)	(9,265)
Balance at March 31, 2019	25,078,345	200	(1,353,398)	251	—	281,480	(169,923)	33	(67,172)	463,487	508,156
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,826	—	—	5,200	10,026
Other Comprehensive Loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(648)	—	(580)	(1,228)
Dividends Declared (\$0.05 Per Share of Class A Common Stock)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,160)	—	—	—	(1,160)
Tax Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20)	(20)
Equity-Based Compensation	—	—	—	—	—	19,465	—	—	—	11,211	30,676
Forfeiture Liability for Equity Awards	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Net Share Settlement	—	—	—	—	—	(673)	—	—	—	—	(673)
Deliveries of Vested Shares of Class A Common Stock	22,678	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Change in Ownership Interest	—	3	—	—	—	(22,222)	—	—	—	21,627	(595)
Treasury Stock Purchases	—	—	(639,204)	—	—	—	—	—	(25,684)	—	(25,684)
Balance at June 30, 2019	25,101,023	203	(1,992,602)	\$ 251	\$ —	\$ 278,053	\$ (166,257)	\$ (615)	\$ (92,856)	\$ 500,925	\$ 519,501

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PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands, Except Share Data)

	Shares							Accumulated				
	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Class A Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	Non- Controlling Interests	Total	
Balance at June 30, 2019	25,101,023	203	(1,992,602)	\$ 251	\$ —	\$ 278,053	\$ (166,257)	\$ (615)	\$ (92,856)	\$ 500,925	\$ 519,501	
Net Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,825	—	—	7,956	14,781	
Other Comprehensive Loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(514)	—	(460)	(974)	
Dividends Declared (\$0.05 Per Share of Class A Common Stock)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,141)	—	—	—	(1,141)	
Tax Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(89)	(89)	
Equity-Based Compensation	—	—	—	—	—	14,774	—	—	—	9,896	24,670	
Forfeiture Liability for Equity Awards	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Net Share Settlement	—	—	—	—	—	(178)	—	—	—	—	(178)	
Deliveries of Vested Shares of Class A Common Stock	407,448	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Change in Ownership Interest	—	4	—	—	—	(15,084)	—	—	—	10,499	(4,585)	
Treasury Stock Purchases	—	—	(441,032)	—	—	—	—	—	(17,783)	—	(17,783)	
Balance at September 30, 2019	25,508,471	207	(2,433,634)	\$ 251	\$ —	\$ 277,566	\$ (160,573)	\$ (1,129)	\$ (110,639)	\$ 528,727	\$ 534,203	

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

PJT Partners Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$ 131,033	\$ 25,744
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Equity-Based Compensation Expense	95,716	90,319
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	11,229	10,709
Amortization of Operating Lease Right-of-Use Assets	16,474	13,382
Provision for Credit Losses	1,345	—
Deferred Taxes	(92)	5,293
Other	(705)	2,814
Cash Flows Due to Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities		
Accounts Receivable	(50,634)	(40,582)
Other Assets	(8,299)	(16,469)
Accrued Compensation and Benefits	116,881	15,934
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	(1,545)	(2,641)
Operating Lease Liabilities	(11,571)	(14,381)
Taxes Payable	4,272	(4,047)
Deferred Revenue	(4,048)	927
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	300,056	87,002
Investing Activities		
Purchases of Investments	(275,530)	(9,929)
Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	48,747	930
Purchases of Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements	(8,682)	(6,359)
Settlement of Acquisition-Related Escrow	—	7,485
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(235,465)	(7,873)
Financing Activities		
Dividends	(3,627)	(3,489)
Proceeds from Revolving Credit Facility	16,000	15,000
Payments on Revolving Credit Facility	(16,000)	(15,000)
Principal Payments on Term Loan	(21,500)	(4,250)
Tax Distributions	(29,831)	(109)
Employee Taxes Paid for Shares Withheld	(12,280)	(9,455)
Cash-Settled Exchanges of Partnership Units	(31,044)	(14,471)
Treasury Stock Purchases	(41,607)	(43,467)
Payments Pursuant to Tax Receivable Agreement	—	(210)
Principal Payments on Finance Leases	(129)	(106)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(140,018)	(75,557)
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(2,062)	(1,643)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(77,489)	1,929
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	215,950	106,110
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	<u>\$ 138,461</u>	<u>\$ 108,039</u>
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flows Information		
Payments for Income Taxes, Net of Refunds Received	\$ 21,729	\$ 6,050
Payments for Interest	<u>\$ 116</u>	<u>\$ 1,153</u>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

1. ORGANIZATION

PJT Partners Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries (the “Company” or “PJT Partners”) deliver a wide array of strategic advisory, strategic capital markets, restructuring and special situations, shareholder advisory, and private fund advisory and fundraising services to corporations, financial sponsors, institutional investors and governments around the world. The Company offers a unique portfolio of advisory services designed to help clients achieve their strategic objectives. Also, through PJT Park Hill, the Company provides private fund advisory and fundraising services for alternative investment managers, including private equity funds, real estate funds and hedge funds.

On October 1, 2015, The Blackstone Group Inc. (“Blackstone” or the “former Parent”) distributed on a pro rata basis to its common unitholders all of the issued and outstanding shares of Class A common stock of PJT Partners Inc. held by it. This pro rata distribution is referred to as the “Distribution.” The separation of the PJT Partners business from Blackstone and related transactions, including the Distribution, the internal reorganization that preceded the Distribution and the acquisition by PJT Partners of PJT Capital LP (together with its general partner and their respective subsidiaries, “PJT Capital”) that occurred substantially concurrently with the Distribution, is referred to as the “spin-off.”

PJT Partners Inc. is the sole general partner of PJT Partners Holdings LP. PJT Partners Inc. owns less than 100% of the economic interest in PJT Partners Holdings LP, but has 100% of the voting power and controls the management of PJT Partners Holdings LP. As of September 30, 2020, the non-controlling interest was 8.9%. As the sole general partner of PJT Partners Holdings LP, PJT Partners Inc. operates and controls all of the business and affairs and consolidates the financial results of PJT Partners Holdings LP and its operating subsidiaries. The Company operates through the following subsidiaries: PJT Partners LP, PJT Partners (UK) Limited and PJT Partners (HK) Limited.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Company prepared the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q. The condensed consolidated financial statements, including these notes, are unaudited and exclude some of the disclosures required in annual financial statements. Management believes it has made all necessary adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring items) so that the condensed consolidated financial statements are presented fairly and that estimates made in preparing its condensed consolidated financial statements are reasonable and prudent. The operating results presented for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the entire year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Given the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic impact, estimates may need to be revised in the future, which could materially impact the Company’s future results of operations and/or financial condition.

Intercompany transactions have been eliminated for all periods presented.

For a comprehensive disclosure of the Company’s significant accounting policies, see Note 2, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” in the “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” in “Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and Cash Equivalents include short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and have original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase. Cash and Cash Equivalents are primarily held at three major U.S. financial institutions. Also included in Cash and Cash Equivalents are amounts held in bank accounts that are subject to advance notification to withdraw. Such amounts totaled \$33.5 million and \$16.8 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

Treasury securities with original maturities greater than three months when purchased are classified as Investments in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. These securities are recorded at fair value using broker quotes, reflecting inputs from auction yields.

Recent Accounting Developments

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued guidance regarding the measurement of credit losses on financial instruments. The new guidance replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology with a methodology that reflects current expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates, which primarily impacts the Company’s allowance for credit losses on accounts receivable balances.

The Company adopted this guidance using the modified retrospective method as of January 1, 2020. The comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods.

The impact of adoption of the credit loss guidance on January 1, 2020 was as follows:

	December 31, 2019	Adjustments	January 1, 2020
Accounts Receivable, Net	\$ 227,516	\$ (1,107)	\$ 226,409
Deferred Tax Asset, Net	48,237	169	48,406
Accumulated Deficit	(144,919)	(938)	(145,857)

In August 2018, the FASB issued updated guidance on the accounting for implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement. The updated guidance requires the capitalization of the implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement to be aligned with the requirements for capitalizing costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2020 for cloud computing arrangements on a prospective basis.

In August 2018, the FASB issued updated guidance that modifies the disclosure requirements on fair value measurements. The updated guidance removes and modifies various disclosures under current guidance and includes additional requirements. The Company adopted this guidance on January 1, 2020 with no material impact on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued guidance that modifies the accounting for income taxes. The guidance provides clarification on multiple topics, including hybrid tax regimes, the tax basis step-up in goodwill that is not classified as a business combination, separate financial statements of legal entities not subject to tax, intraperiod tax allocation, ownership changes in investments, interim period accounting for enacted changes in tax law and year-to-date loss limitations in interim period tax accounting. The guidance is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact that adoption will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

In August 2020, the FASB issued updated guidance that simplifies the accounting for certain financial instruments with characteristics of liabilities and equity, including convertible instruments and contracts in an entity’s own equity. The guidance is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2021,

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with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact that adoption will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. REVENUES FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The following table provides a disaggregation of revenues recognized from contracts with customers for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Advisory Fees	\$ 262,400	\$ 146,075	\$ 611,530	\$ 383,577
Placement Fees	31,774	25,596	106,026	77,603
Interest Income from Placement Fees and Other	2,170	3,079	8,851	8,038
Revenues from Contracts with Customers	<u>\$ 296,344</u>	<u>\$ 174,750</u>	<u>\$ 726,407</u>	<u>\$ 469,218</u>

Remaining Performance Obligations and Revenue Recognized from Past Performance

As of September 30, 2020, the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations yet to be satisfied was \$5.8 million and the Company generally expects to recognize this revenue within the next twelve months. Such amounts relate to the Company's performance obligations of providing capital advisory services and standing ready to perform.

The Company recognized revenue of \$1.8 million and \$11.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and \$6.3 million and \$15.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively, related to performance obligations that were fully satisfied in prior periods, primarily due to constraints on variable consideration in prior periods being resolved. Such amounts related primarily to the provision of capital advisory services. The majority of Advisory Fees and Placement Fees recognized by the Company during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was predominantly related to performance obligations that were partially satisfied in prior periods.

Contract Balances

There were no significant impairments related to contract balances during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, \$13.7 million and \$7.8 million, respectively, of revenue was recognized that was included in the beginning balance of Deferred Revenue, primarily related to the Company's performance obligation of standing ready to perform. In certain contracts, the Company receives customer deposits, which are also considered to be contract liabilities. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company recorded \$3.2 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, of customer deposits in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

The Company adopted the new credit losses guidance as of January 1, 2020, which is further discussed in Note 2. "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Recent Accounting Developments."

The Company estimates the allowance for credit losses using relevant available information from internal and external sources relating to past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Historical credit loss experience, including write-offs and recoveries that have occurred during the period, provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses.

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The allowance for credit losses is measured on a collective basis when similar risk characteristics exist in the Company's accounts receivable. The Company has classified its accounts receivable into short-term and long-term receivables, both of which relate to revenues from contracts with customers, in estimating the allowance for credit losses. Short-term receivables generally have payment terms less than one year and share similar historical credit loss patterns including write-offs and recoveries. These receivables arise from the Company's performance obligation of standing ready to perform. Long-term receivables are generally paid in installments over a period of three to four years. These receivables share similar historical credit loss patterns including write-offs and recoveries, and arise from the Company's performance obligation of providing capital advisory services.

The Company measures the allowance for credit losses using the loss-rate method by multiplying the historical loss rate by the asset's amortized cost (including accrued interest) at the balance sheet date. The historical loss rate is derived from the Company's historical loss experience over the prior three year period.

The Company reduces both the gross receivable and the allowance for credit losses in the period in which the receivable(s) are deemed uncollectible. The Company considers a receivable to be uncollectible at the point when all efforts at collection have been exhausted. A recovery may occur if cash is received after a receivable balance has been written-off. Such recovery would be recorded as an increase to the allowance at the time of the recovery.

The following table presents the aggregate change in the allowance for credit losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2020:

Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	—
Adoption of ASC 326		1,107
Provision for Credit Losses		1,345
Write-offs		(1,053)
Recoveries		325
Balance, September 30, 2020	\$	<u>1,724</u>

Included in Accounts Receivable, Net is accrued interest of \$3.2 million and \$3.1 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, related to placement fees.

Included in Accounts Receivable, Net are long-term receivables of \$75.6 million and \$77.6 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, related to placement fees that are generally paid in installments over a period of three to four years. The carrying value of such long-term receivables approximates fair value. Long-term receivables are classified as Level II in the fair value hierarchy.

The Company does not have any long-term receivables on non-accrual status. Of receivables that originated as long-term, there were \$.1 million and \$11.3 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, which were outstanding more than 90 days. As of September 30, 2020, the Company's allowance for credit losses with respect to long-term receivables was \$0.5 million. There was no allowance for credit losses with respect to such receivables as of December 31, 2019.

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5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible Assets, Net consists of the following:

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Finite-Lived Intangible Assets		
Customer Relationships	\$ 61,276	\$ 61,276
Trade Name	9,800	9,800
Total Intangible Assets	71,076	71,076
Accumulated Amortization		
Customer Relationships	(32,152)	(27,566)
Trade Name	(4,900)	(3,704)
Total Accumulated Amortization	(37,052)	(31,270)
Intangible Assets, Net	<u>\$ 34,024</u>	<u>\$ 39,806</u>

Amortization expense was \$1.9 million and \$5.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and \$1.8 million and \$5.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively.

Amortization of Intangible Assets held at September 30, 2020 is expected to be \$1.9 million for the remainder of the year ending December 31, 2020; \$7.7 million for the year ending December 31, 2021; \$6.5 million for the year ending December 31, 2022; and \$4.9 million for each of the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2024.

6. FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net consists of the following:

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 52,097	\$ 45,368
Furniture and Fixtures	17,441	16,040
Office Equipment	2,311	2,324
Total Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements	71,849	63,732
Accumulated Depreciation	(31,977)	(26,609)
Furniture, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements, Net	<u>\$ 39,872</u>	<u>\$ 37,123</u>

Depreciation expense was \$1.8 million and \$5.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and \$1.7 million and \$5.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively.

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7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following tables summarize the valuation of the Company's investments by the fair value hierarchy:

September 30, 2020				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
Treasury Instruments	\$ —	\$ 228,170	\$ —	\$ 228,170
Other	—	220	33	253
Total	\$ —	\$ 228,390	\$ 33	\$ 228,423

December 31, 2019				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
Treasury Instruments	\$ —	\$ 23,821	\$ —	\$ 23,821

Investments in Treasury securities were included in Investments as of September 30, 2020 and in both Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments as of December 31, 2019 in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. The carrying value of the loan payable approximates fair value based on Level II inputs.

8. INCOME TAXES

The following table summarizes the Company's tax position:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Income Before Provision for Taxes	\$ 70,096	\$ 19,783	\$ 153,332	\$ 33,288
Provision for Taxes	\$ 11,989	\$ 5,002	\$ 22,299	\$ 7,544
Effective Income Tax Rate	17.1 %	25.3 %	14.5 %	22.7 %

The Company's effective tax rate differed from the U.S. federal statutory tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 due to corporate entities subject to U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes, to non-corporate entities that are subject to New York City Unincorporated Business Tax, to certain compensation charges that are not deductible for income tax purposes and the impact of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act").

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CARES Act into law, which includes several provisions for corporations regarding the tax treatment of net operating losses, interest deductions and payroll benefits. The Company has elected to carryback certain net operating losses, which resulted in a \$.7 million decrease in the Company's Provision for Income Taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

As of September 30, 2020, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits.

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9. NET INCOME PER SHARE OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK

Basic and diluted net income per share of Class A common stock for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 is presented below:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<i>Numerator:</i>				
Net Income Attributable to PJT Partners Inc.	\$ 30,907	\$ 6,825	\$ 71,437	\$ 12,752
Less:				
Dividends on Participating Securities	3	6	9	17
Net Income Attributable to Participating Securities	—	5	33	14
Net Income Attributable to Shares of Class A Common Stock — Basic	30,904	6,814	71,395	12,721
Incremental Net Income from Dilutive Securities	991	150	1,604	329
Net Income Attributable to Shares of Class A Common Stock — Diluted	<u>\$ 31,895</u>	<u>\$ 6,964</u>	<u>\$ 72,999</u>	<u>\$ 13,050</u>
<i>Denominator:</i>				
Weighted-Average Shares of Class A Common Stock Outstanding — Basic	24,645,853	24,013,033	24,431,436	24,107,179
Weighted-Average Number of Incremental Shares from Unvested RSUs	1,596,778	960,537	1,021,380	916,905
Weighted-Average Shares of Class A Common Stock Outstanding — Diluted	<u>26,242,631</u>	<u>24,973,570</u>	<u>25,452,816</u>	<u>25,024,084</u>
Net Income Per Share of Class A Common Stock				
Basic	<u>\$ 1.25</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	<u>\$ 2.92</u>	<u>\$ 0.53</u>
Diluted	<u>\$ 1.22</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	<u>\$ 2.87</u>	<u>\$ 0.52</u>

The ownership interests of holders (other than PJT Partners Inc.) of the common units of partnership interest in PJT Partners Holdings LP (“Partnership Units”) may be exchanged for PJT Partners Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to applicable vesting and transfer restrictions. If all Partnership Units were exchanged for Class A common stock, weighted-average Class A common stock outstanding would be 39,938,118 and 39,913,124 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, excluding unvested restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and participating RSUs. In computing the dilutive effect, if any, which the aforementioned exchange would have on net income per share, net income attributable to holders of Class A common stock would be adjusted due to the elimination of the non-controlling interests associated with the Partnership Units (including any tax impact).

The following table summarizes the anti-dilutive securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Weighted-Average Participating RSUs	7,777	28,514	20,266	45,039
Weighted-Average Partnership Units	15,292,265	15,915,865	15,481,688	15,953,341

Share Repurchase Program

On April 24, 2019, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of shares of the Company's Class A common stock in an amount up to \$00 million. Under the repurchase program, shares of the Company's Class A common stock may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The timing and the actual number of shares repurchased depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price and economic and market conditions. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company repurchased 828,552 shares of Class A common stock at an average price of \$0.20, or \$41.6 million in aggregate, pursuant to the share repurchase program. As of September 30, 2020, the available amount remaining for repurchases under this program was \$43.5 million.

10. EQUITY-BASED AND OTHER DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Overview

Further information regarding the Company's equity-based compensation awards is described in Note 11. "Equity-Based and Other Deferred Compensation" in the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The following table presents equity-based compensation expense and related income tax benefit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Equity-Based Compensation Expense	\$ 30,168	\$ 24,670	\$ 95,716	\$ 90,319
Income Tax Benefit	\$ 4,131	\$ 2,140	\$ 13,065	\$ 8,414

Restricted Stock Units

A summary of the status of the Company's unvested RSUs as of September 30, 2020 and for changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 is presented below:

	Restricted Stock Units			
	PJT Partners Inc.		PJT Partners Holdings LP	
	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (in dollars)	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (in dollars)
Balance, December 31, 2019	4,137,595	\$ 44.84	18,302	\$ 41.57
Granted	2,617,559	52.29	—	—
Dividends Reinvested on RSUs	16,667	50.91	—	—
Forfeited	(50,769)	48.89	—	—
Vested	(1,887,438)	42.71	(18,302)	41.57
Balance, September 30, 2020	4,833,614	\$ 49.68	—	\$ —

As of September 30, 2020, there was \$133.9 million of estimated unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested RSU awards. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years. The Company assumes a forfeiture rate of 1.0% to 9.0% annually based on expected turnover and periodically reassesses this rate.

RSU Awards with Both Service and Market Conditions

A summary of the status of the Company's unvested RSU awards with both a service and market condition as of September 30, 2020 and for changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 is presented below:

	RSU Awards with Both Service and Market Conditions	
	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (in dollars)
Balance, December 31, 2019	262,342	\$ 24.84
Granted	100,000	34.42
Dividends Reinvested on RSUs	2,681	24.37
Forfeited	(685)	26.19
Balance, September 30, 2020	364,338	\$ 27.46

As of September 30, 2020, there was \$5.8 million of estimated unrecognized compensation expense related to RSU awards with both a service and market condition. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.0 years. The Company assumes a forfeiture rate of 4.0% to 9.0% annually based on expected turnover and periodically reassesses this rate.

The following table presents the assumptions used to determine the fair value of the RSU awards in PJT Partners Inc. with both a service and market condition granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2020:

Risk-Free Interest Rate	0.2 %
Dividend Yield	0.5 %
Volatility Factor	52.3 %
Expected Life (in years)	1.3

Restricted Share Awards

In connection with the acquisition of CamberView Partners Holdings, LLC, certain individuals were issued restricted shares of the Company's Class A common stock. Based on the terms of the award, compensation expense will be recognized over four years. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, no restricted share awards were granted. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019, 3,591 restricted share awards were granted. As of September 30, 2020, 914 restricted shares have vested, no restricted shares have been forfeited and there was \$0.2 million of estimated unrecognized compensation expense related to restricted share awards. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.0 years.

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Partnership Units

A summary of the status of the Company's unvested Partnership Units as of September 30, 2020 and for changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 is presented below:

	Partnership Units	
	Number of Partnership Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (in dollars)
Balance, December 31, 2019	564,437	\$ 38.18
Granted	75,160	44.73
Vested	(229,025)	29.21
Balance, September 30, 2020	410,572	\$ 44.39

As of September 30, 2020, there was \$10.9 million of estimated unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested Partnership Units. This cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.0 years. The Company assumes a forfeiture rate of 4.0% annually based on expected turnover and periodically reassesses this rate.

Partnership Unit Awards with Both Service and Market Conditions

A summary of the status of the Company's unvested Partnership Unit awards with both a service and market condition as of September 30, 2020 and for changes during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 is presented below:

	Partnership Unit Awards with Both Service and Market Conditions	
	Number of Partnership Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (in dollars)
Balance, December 31, 2019	3,806,183	\$ 5.72
Forfeited	(15,190)	5.72
Vested	(158,541)	5.72
Balance, September 30, 2020	3,632,452	\$ 5.72

As of September 30, 2020, there was no unrecognized compensation expense related to Partnership Unit awards with both a service and market condition.

Units Expected to Vest

The following unvested units, after expected forfeitures, as of September 30, 2020, are expected to vest:

	Units	Weighted- Average Service Period in Years
Restricted Stock Units	4,990,774	1.2
Partnership Units	400,687	1.0
Restricted Share Awards	7,475	1.0
Total Equity-Based Awards	5,398,936	1.2

Deferred Cash Compensation

The Company has periodically issued deferred cash compensation in connection with annual incentive compensation as well as other hiring or retention related awards. These awards typically vest over a period of one to four years. Compensation expense related to deferred cash awards was \$9.5 million and \$25.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and \$6.6 million and \$19.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively. As of September 30, 2020, there was \$44.7 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to these awards. The weighted-average period over which this compensation cost is expected to be recognized is 1.7 years.

11. LEASES

The components of lease expense were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Operating Lease Cost	\$ 6,669	\$ 6,456	\$ 20,715	\$ 18,563
Finance Lease Cost				
Amortization of Right-of-Use Assets	40	38	115	107
Interest on Lease Liabilities	1	2	4	5
Total Finance Lease Cost	41	40	119	112
Short-Term Lease Cost	—	9	—	234
Variable Lease Cost	728	752	2,226	2,045
Sublease Income	(602)	(892)	(2,379)	(2,715)
Total Lease Cost	<u>\$ 6,836</u>	<u>\$ 6,365</u>	<u>\$ 20,681</u>	<u>\$ 18,239</u>

Supplemental information related to leases was as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
Cash Paid for Amounts Included in Measurement of Lease Liabilities		
Operating Cash Flows from Operating Leases	\$ 11,571	\$ 14,381
Operating Cash Flows from Finance Leases	3	7
Financing Cash Flows from Finance Leases	129	106
Right-of-Use Assets Obtained in Exchange for Lease Liabilities		
Operating Leases	4,043	150,843
Finance Leases	64	34
	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Weighted-Average Remaining Lease Term (in years)		
Operating Leases	8.6	9.0
Finance Leases	3.2	2.1
Weighted-Average Discount Rate		
Operating Leases	4.7 %	4.8 %
Finance Leases	3.6 %	3.5 %

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The following is a maturity analysis of the annual undiscounted cash flows of the finance and operating lease liabilities as of September 30, 2020:

Year Ending December 31,	Finance	Operating
2020 (October 1 through December 31)	\$ 16	\$ 6,339
2021	49	28,344
2022	37	28,265
2023	29	28,358
2024	16	26,813
Thereafter	—	94,500
Total Lease Payments	147	212,619
Less: Imputed Interest	8	38,373
Total	\$ 139	\$ 174,246

12. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Exchange Agreement

The Company has entered into an exchange agreement with the limited partners of PJT Partners Holdings LP pursuant to which they (or certain permitted transferees) have the right, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the limited partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings LP, on a quarterly basis, to exchange all or part of their Partnership Units for cash or, at the Company's election, for shares of PJT Partners Inc. Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary conversion rate adjustments for splits, unit distributions and reclassifications. Further, pursuant to the terms in the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings LP, the Company may also require holders of Partnership Units who are not Service Providers (as defined in the partnership agreement of PJT Partners Holdings LP) to exchange such Partnership Units.

Further information regarding the exchange agreement is described in Note 14, "Transactions with Related Parties—Exchange Agreement" in the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in "Part II. Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Certain Partnership Unitholders exchanged 606,097 and 338,911 Partnership Units, respectively, for cash in the amounts of \$31.0 million and \$14.5 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Such amounts are recorded as a reduction of Non-Controlling Interests in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

During the third quarter of 2020, the Company was presented with 1,052,681 Partnership Units to be exchanged. The Company will settle the exchange of these Partnership Units on November 3, 2020 for cash at a price to be determined by the volume-weighted average price per share of the Company's Class A common stock on October 29, 2020.

Registration Rights Agreement

The Company has entered into a registration rights agreement with the limited partners of PJT Partners Holdings LP pursuant to which the Company granted them, their affiliates and certain of their transferees the right, under certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, to require the Company to register under the Securities Act of 1933 shares of Class A common stock delivered in exchange for Partnership Units. The registration rights agreement does not contain any penalties associated with failure to file or maintain the effectiveness of a registration statement covering the shares owned by individuals covered by such agreement.

Tax Receivable Agreement

The Company has entered into a tax receivable agreement with the holders of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners Inc.) that provides for the payment by PJT Partners Inc. to exchanging holders of Partnership Units of 85% of the benefits, if any, that PJT Partners Inc. is deemed to realize as a result of the increases in tax basis related to such exchanges of Partnership Units and of certain other tax benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had amounts due of \$12.4 million and \$9.3 million, respectively, pursuant to the tax receivable agreement, which represent management's best estimate of the amounts currently expected to be owed in connection with the tax receivable agreement. Actual payments may differ significantly from estimated payments.

Aircraft Lease

We make available to our partners, including the Company's executive officers, and on occasion, family members of these individuals, personal use of a company leased business aircraft when the aircraft is not being used for business purposes, for which the executive officers pay the full incremental costs associated with such use. Such amount is not material to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

Line of Credit

On October 1, 2018, PJT Partners Holdings LP, as borrower ("Borrower") entered into an Amended and Restated Loan Agreement (the "Amended and Restated Loan Agreement") and related documents with First Republic Bank, as lender (the "Lender"). The Amended and Restated Loan Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility with aggregate commitments in an amount equal to \$40.0 million, which aggregate commitments may be increased, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, to up to \$60.0 million during the period beginning December 1 each year through March 1 of the following year. The revolving credit facility will mature and the commitments thereunder will terminate on the maturity date, subject to extension by agreement of the Borrower and Lender. On February 4, 2020, the Amended and Restated Loan Agreement was further amended to extend the maturity date to October 1, 2021.

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, there were no borrowings under the revolving credit facility.

Term Loan

The Amended and Restated Loan Agreement also provides for a term loan with an aggregate commitment of \$30.0 million (the "Term Loan"). The Term Loan had an original maturity date of January 2, 2021, which was repaid in full during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

The Amended and Restated Loan Agreement requires the Borrower to maintain certain minimum financial covenants and limits or restricts the ability of the Borrower (subject to certain qualifications and exceptions) to incur

additional indebtedness in excess of \$20.0 million. Outstanding borrowings under the Amended and Restated Loan Agreement are secured by the accounts receivable of PJT Partners LP.

Outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest equal to the greater of a per annum rate of (a) 3%, or (b) the prime rate minus 1.0%. Outstanding borrowings under the Term Loan bear interest equal to the greater of a per annum rate of (a) 3.25%, or (b) the prime rate minus 0.75%. During an event of default, overdue principal under both the revolving credit facility and Term Loan bear interest at a rate 2.0% in excess of the otherwise applicable rate of interest. In connection with the closing of the Amended and Restated Loan Agreement, the Borrower paid the Lender certain closing costs and fees. In addition, on and after the closing date, the Borrower will also pay a commitment fee on the undrawn portion of the revolving credit facility of 0.125% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears.

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company was in compliance with the debt covenants under the Amended and Restated Loan Agreement.

Contingencies

Litigation

From time to time, the Company is named as a defendant in legal actions relating to transactions conducted in the ordinary course of business. Some of these matters may involve claims of substantial amounts. Although there can be no assurance of the outcome of such legal actions, in the opinion of management, after consultation with external counsel, the Company believes it is not probable and/or reasonably possible that any current legal proceedings or claims would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company. The Company is not currently able to estimate the possible loss or range of loss until developments in such matters have provided sufficient information to support such an assessment, including quantification of a damage demand from plaintiffs, discovery from other parties and investigation of factual allegations, rulings by courts on motions or appeals, analysis by experts or the status of any settlement negotiations.

Guarantee

The Company provides a guarantee to a lending institution for certain loans held by employees for investment in funds of its former Parent, which are secured by the underlying investments in those funds. The amount guaranteed was \$6.8 million and \$8.0 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. In connection with this guarantee, the Company currently expects any associated risk of loss to be insignificant.

Indemnifications

The Company has entered and may continue to enter into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification obligations. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is not known; however, the Company currently expects any associated risk of loss to be insignificant. In connection with these matters, the Company has incurred and may continue to incur legal expenses, which are expensed as incurred.

Transactions and Agreements with Blackstone

Employee Matters Agreement

The Company is required to reimburse Blackstone for the value of forfeited unvested equity awards granted to former Blackstone employees that transitioned to PJT Partners in connection with the spin-off. Such reimbursement is recorded in Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities with an offset to Equity in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. The Company will cash settle the liability to Blackstone quarterly as the forfeitures attributable to these employees crystallize. The accrual for these forfeitures was \$0.9 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

Pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement, the Company has agreed to pay Blackstone the net realized cash benefit resulting from certain compensation-related tax deductions. The amount payable to Blackstone arising from the tax deductions has been recorded in Other Expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and is payable annually (for periods in which a cash benefit is realized) within nine months of the end of the relevant tax period. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company had accrued \$2.4 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, which the Company anticipates will be payable to Blackstone after the Company files its respective tax returns. The tax deduction and corresponding payable to Blackstone related to such deliveries will fluctuate primarily based on the price of Blackstone common stock at the time of delivery.

Tax Matters Agreement

The Company entered into a Tax Matters Agreement with Blackstone that governs the respective rights, responsibilities and obligations of the Company and Blackstone after the spin-off with respect to tax liabilities and benefits, tax attributes, tax contests and other tax sharing regarding U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes, other tax matters and related tax returns. The Company has joint and several liability with Blackstone to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) for the consolidated U.S. federal income taxes of the Blackstone consolidated group relating to the taxable periods in which the Company was part of that group. However, the Tax Matters Agreement specifies the portion, if any, of this tax liability for which the Company bears responsibility, and Blackstone agrees to indemnify the Company against any amounts for which the Company is not responsible. The Tax Matters Agreement also provides special rules for allocating tax liabilities in the event that the spin-off is determined not to be tax-free. Though valid as between the parties, the Tax Matters Agreement is not binding on the IRS.

14. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company contributes to employer sponsored defined contribution plans for certain of its employees, subject to eligibility and statutory requirements. The Company incurred expenses with respect to these defined contribution plans in the amounts of \$0.5 million and \$2.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and \$0.3 million and \$1.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively, which are included in Compensation and Benefits in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

15. REGULATED ENTITIES

Certain subsidiaries of the Company are subject to various regulatory requirements in the United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Spain, which specify, among other requirements, minimum net capital requirements for registered broker-dealers.

Upon receipt of regulatory approval, on August 31, 2020, Park Hill Group LLC merged with and into PJT Partners LP and the net assets of Park Hill Group LLC were transferred to PJT Partners LP at their respective carrying values.

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PJT Partners LP is a registered broker-dealer through which strategic advisory, strategic capital markets, restructuring and special situations, shareholder advisory, private fund advisory and fundraising services are conducted in the United States and is subject to the net capital requirements of Rule 15c3-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). PJT Partners LP computes net capital based upon the aggregate indebtedness standard, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, as defined, which shall be the greater of \$100 thousand or 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined, and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. PJT Partners LP had net capital of \$179.9 million as of September 30, 2020, which exceeded the minimum net capital requirement by \$174.4 million. PJT Partners LP had net capital of \$74.4 million as of December 31, 2019, which exceeded the minimum net capital requirement by \$72.8 million.

PJT Partners LP does not carry customer accounts and does not otherwise hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers and, accordingly, is exempt from the SEC Customer Protection Rule (Rule 15c3-3).

PJT Partners (UK) Limited is licensed with the United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority and is required to maintain regulatory net capital of €0 thousand. PJT Partners (HK) Limited is licensed with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission and is subject to a minimum liquid capital requirement of HK\$3 million. PJT Partners Park Hill (Spain) A.V., S.A.U. is an investment firm regulated by Spain’s National Securities Market Commission and is required to maintain minimum capital of €60 thousand. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, all of these entities were in compliance with local capital adequacy requirements.

16. BUSINESS INFORMATION

The Company’s activities providing strategic advisory, strategic capital markets, restructuring and special situations, shareholder advisory, and private fund advisory and fundraising services constitute a single reportable segment. An operating segment is a component of an entity that conducts business and incurs revenues and expenses for which discrete financial information is available that is reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in assessing performance and making resource allocation decisions. The Company has a single operating segment and therefore a single reportable segment.

The Company is organized as one operating segment in order to maximize the value of advice to clients by drawing upon the diversified expertise and broad relationships of senior professionals across the Company. The chief operating decision maker assesses performance and allocates resources based on broad considerations, including the market opportunity, available expertise across the Company and the strength and efficacy of professionals’ collaboration, and not based upon profit or loss measures for the Company’s separate product lines.

Since the financial markets are global in nature, the Company generally manages its business based on the operating results of the Company taken as a whole, not by geographic region. The following tables set forth the geographical distribution of revenues and assets based on the location of the office that generates the revenues or holds the assets and therefore may not be reflective of the geography in which the Company’s clients are located.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenues				
Domestic	\$ 266,492	\$ 150,576	\$ 657,930	\$ 427,503
International	31,071	23,651	72,367	41,484
Total	<u>\$ 297,563</u>	<u>\$ 174,227</u>	<u>\$ 730,297</u>	<u>\$ 468,987</u>

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	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Assets		
Domestic	\$ 981,521	\$ 792,403
International	165,770	160,374
Total	<u>\$ 1,147,291</u>	<u>\$ 952,777</u>

The Company had two clients that represented 22.9% of total revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2020. The Company had one client that represented 10.7% of total revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2019. The Company was not subject to any material concentrations with respect to its revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019. The Company had one client that represented 10.9% of accounts receivable as of September 30, 2020. The Company was not subject to any material concentrations of credit risk with respect to its accounts receivable as of December 31, 2019.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Board of Directors of PJT Partners Inc. has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.05 per share of Class A common stock, which will be paid on December 16, 2020 to Class A common stockholders of record on December 2, 2020.

The Company did not identify any other subsequent events besides the exchange of Partnership Units described in Note 12. “Transactions with Related Parties—Exchange Agreement.”

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with PJT Partners Inc.'s Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Our Business

PJT Partners is a premier global advisory-focused investment bank. Our team of senior professionals delivers a wide array of strategic advisory, strategic capital markets, restructuring and special situations, shareholder advisory, and private fund advisory and fundraising services to corporations, financial sponsors, institutional investors and governments around the world. We offer a unique portfolio of advisory services designed to help our clients achieve their strategic objectives. We also provide, through PJT Park Hill, private fund advisory and fundraising services for alternative investment managers, including private equity funds, real estate funds and hedge funds.

We have world-class franchises in each of the areas in which we compete.

- Our Strategic Advisory business offers a broad range of financial advisory and transaction execution capability, including mergers and acquisitions ("M&A"), joint ventures, minority investments, asset swaps, divestitures, takeover defenses, corporate finance advisory, private placements and distressed sales. Through PJT Camberview, our industry leading shareholder advisory business, we provide investor-led advice to public company boards and management teams around the globe on shareholder engagement, strategic investor relations, activism and contested situations, sustainability and complex corporate governance matters.
- Our Restructuring and Special Situations business is one of the world's leading advisors in restructurings and recapitalizations, both in and out of court, around the globe. With expertise in highly complex capital structure challenges, we advise companies, creditors and financial sponsors on liability management and related capital raise transactions including exchanges, recapitalizations, reorganizations, debt repurchases and distressed mergers and acquisitions.
- PJT Park Hill, our leading global alternative asset advisory and fundraising business, provides private fund advisory and fundraising services for a diverse range of investment strategies. Moreover, PJT Park Hill is the only group among its peers with top-tier dedicated private equity, hedge fund, real estate and secondary advisory groups.

Business Environment

Economic and global financial conditions can materially affect our operational and financial performance. See "Part I. Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, as supplemented by "Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Quarterly Report for the three months ended June 30, 2020 for a discussion of some of the factors that can affect our performance.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a pandemic. While we have not experienced a material decline in the demand for our services to date as a result of the pandemic, we believe COVID-19's longer-term potential impact on our business, financial performance and operating results will be significantly driven by a number of factors that we are unable to predict or control, such as the depth and duration of the pandemic and the extent of its impact on the U.S. and global economies. These external factors could have a material effect on our financial performance and operating results going forward.

M&A is a cyclical business that is impacted by macroeconomic conditions. According to Refinitiv, worldwide M&A announced volumes during the first nine months of 2020 were down 18% compared with the first nine months of 2019, the slowest first nine months since 2013¹. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on overall M&A activity levels and its resulting impact on our financial results remains uncertain. However, we expect corporate boards and management teams to continue to use M&A as a strategic tool.

Strong global restructuring activity continued during the third quarter driven by continued business challenges across industries and sectors due in part to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Our integrated firm resources across restructuring, strategic advisory and capital markets position us well to support clients through any environment caused by this pandemic.

The global fundraising market could be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with the uncertain environment presenting challenges for both primary and secondary transaction execution. We are experiencing an increased focus on existing relationships between fund managers and institutional investors, making the bar for new relationships in the near term extremely high. Highly successful and tenured firms continue to drive new investor demand as the flight to quality is even more prevalent. There are certain strategies and themes that remain extremely topical among the broader institutional investor base throughout private equity, credit and real estate and PJT Park Hill continues to provide fundraising capabilities for fund managers currently seeking capital for these opportunities.

The United Kingdom (“U.K.”) formally left the European Union (“E.U.”), commonly referred to as “Brexit,” on January 31, 2020 and immediately entered into a transition period, which is expected to continue until December 31, 2020. The full impact of Brexit remains uncertain and the political climate in Europe continues to take shape. During this period, the future terms of the U.K.’s relationship with the E.U. will be determined. On October 1, 2020, PJT Partners Park Hill (Spain) A.V., S.A.U., the Company’s European licensed investment firm became fully operational, following its successful registration with Spain’s National Securities Market Commission on September 11, 2020.

Key Financial Measures

Revenues

Substantially all of our revenues are derived from Advisory Fees and Placement Fees. This revenue is primarily a function of the number of active engagements we have, the size of each of those engagements and the fees we charge for our services.

Advisory Fees – Our strategic advisory services include a broad range of financial advisory and transaction execution services relating to acquisitions, mergers, joint ventures, minority investments, asset swaps, divestitures, takeover defenses, corporate finance advisory, shareholder advisory and distressed sales. Our restructuring and special situations services include providing advice to corporations and creditors in recapitalizations and restructurings around the world, with particular expertise in large, complex and high-profile deals. In conjunction with providing such restructuring advice, we may also assist with raising various forms of financing, including debt and equity. Our secondary advisory services provided by PJT Park Hill include providing solutions to investing clients seeking portfolio liquidity, unfunded commitment relief and investments in secondary markets. Advisory Fees typically consist of retainer and transaction-based fee arrangements. The amount and timing of the fees paid vary by the type of engagement. The majority of our Advisory Fees recognized are dependent on the successful completion of a transaction.

¹ Source: Refinitiv Global Mergers & Acquisitions Review for First Nine Months 2020 as of September 30, 2020.

A transaction can fail to be completed for many reasons, including global and/or regional economic conditions, failure of parties to agree upon final terms, to secure necessary board or shareholder approvals, to secure necessary financing or to achieve necessary regulatory approvals. In the case of bankruptcy engagements, fees are subject to approval of the court.

Placement Fees – Our fundraising services are provided within PJT Park Hill and primarily serve private equity, real estate and hedge funds. Our team advises on all aspects of the fundraising process including competitive positioning and market assessment, marketing materials and related documentation and partnership terms and conditions most prevalent in the current environment. We also provide private placement fundraising services to our corporate clients and earn placement fees based on successful completion of the transaction.

Fund placement fees earned for services provided to alternative asset managers are typically recognized upon acceptance by a fund of capital or capital commitments (referred to as a “closing”), in accordance with terms set forth in individual agreements. For commitment based fees, revenue is recognized over time as commitments are accepted. Fees for such closed-end fund arrangements are generally paid in installments over three or four years and interest is charged to the outstanding balance at an agreed upon rate (typically the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus a market-based margin). For funds with multiple closings, the constraint on variable consideration is lifted upon each closing. For open-end fund structures, placement fees are typically calculated as a percentage of a placed investor’s month-end net asset value. Typically, we earn fees for such open-end fund structures over a 48 month period. For these arrangements, revenue is recognized over time as the constraint over variable consideration is lifted.

We may receive non-refundable up-front fees in our contracts with customers, which are recorded as revenues in the period over which services are estimated to be provided.

Interest Income and Other – Interest Income and Other represents interest typically earned on Cash and Cash Equivalents, investments in Treasury securities and outstanding placement fees receivable; miscellaneous income; foreign exchange gains and losses arising from transactions denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars; sublease income; and the amount of expense reimbursement invoiced to clients related to out-of-pocket expenses. Interest on placement fees receivable is earned from the time revenue is recognized and is calculated (typically based upon LIBOR) plus an additional percentage as mutually agreed upon with the receivable counterparty. Interest receivable is included in Accounts Receivable, Net in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

Expenses

Compensation and Benefits – Compensation and Benefits expense includes salaries, cash bonuses, benefits, employer taxes and equity-based compensation associated with the grants of equity-based awards to partners and employees. Changes in this expense are driven by fluctuations in the number of employees, business performance, compensation adjustments in relation to market movements, changes in rates for employer taxes and other cost increases affecting benefit plans. In addition, this expense is affected by the composition of our work force. The expense associated with our bonus and equity plans can also have a significant impact on this expense category and may vary from year to year.

We maintain compensation programs, including salaries, annual incentive compensation (that may include components of cash, restricted cash and/or equity-based awards) and benefits programs. We manage compensation to estimates of competitive levels based on market conditions and performance. Our level of compensation reflects our plan to maintain competitive compensation levels to retain key personnel and it reflects the impact of newly-hired senior professionals, including related grants of equity awards that are generally valued at their grant date fair value.

Increasing the number of high-caliber, experienced senior level employees is critical to our growth efforts. In our advisory businesses, these hires generally do not begin to generate significant revenue in the year they are hired.

Our remaining expenses are the other costs typical to operating our business, which generally consist of:

- *Occupancy and Related* – consisting primarily of costs related to leased property, including rent, maintenance, real estate taxes, utilities and other related costs. Our company headquarters are located in New York, New York, and we maintain additional offices in the U.S. and throughout the world;
- *Travel and Related* – consisting of costs for our partners and employees to render services where our clients are located;
- *Professional Fees* – consisting primarily of consulting, audit and tax, recruiting and legal and other professional services;
- *Communications and Information Services* – consisting primarily of costs for our technology infrastructure and telecommunications costs;
- *Depreciation and Amortization* – consisting of depreciation and amortization on our furniture, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets; and
- *Other Expenses* – consisting primarily of provision for credit losses, regulatory fees, insurance, fees paid for access to external market data, advertising, other general operating expenses and transaction-related payable to The Blackstone Group Inc. (“Blackstone” or our “former Parent”).

Income Taxes – PJT Partners Inc. is a corporation subject to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes in jurisdictions where it does business. The Company’s businesses generally operate as partnerships for U.S. federal and state purposes and as corporate entities in non-U.S. jurisdictions. In the U.S. federal and state jurisdictions, taxes related to income earned by these entities generally represent obligations of the individual members and partners.

The operating entities have generally been subject to New York City Unincorporated Business Tax (“UBT”) and to entity-level income taxes imposed by non-U.S. jurisdictions, as applicable. These taxes have been reflected in the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

PJT Partners Inc. is subject to U.S. corporate federal, state and local income tax on its allocable share of results of operations from the operating partnership (PJT Partners Holdings LP).

Non-Controlling Interests

PJT Partners Inc. is a holding company and its only material asset is its controlling equity interest in PJT Partners Holdings LP, and certain cash and cash equivalents it may hold from time to time. As the sole general partner of PJT Partners Holdings LP, PJT Partners Inc. operates and controls all of the business and affairs and consolidates the financial results of PJT Partners Holdings LP and its operating subsidiaries.

Condensed Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our condensed consolidated results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	Change	2020	2019	Change
(Dollars in Thousands)						
Revenues						
Advisory Fees	\$ 262,400	\$ 146,075	80 %	\$ 611,530	\$ 383,577	59 %
Placement Fees	31,774	25,596	24 %	106,026	77,603	37 %
Interest Income and Other	3,389	2,556	33 %	12,741	7,807	63 %
Total Revenues	<u>297,563</u>	<u>174,227</u>	<u>71 %</u>	<u>730,297</u>	<u>468,987</u>	<u>56 %</u>
Expenses						
Compensation and Benefits	196,896	123,040	60 %	485,650	337,356	44 %
Occupancy and Related	8,564	7,883	9 %	25,877	22,821	13 %
Travel and Related	546	5,567	(90)%	6,379	19,247	(67)%
Professional Fees	6,014	6,120	(2)%	16,077	17,589	(9)%
Communications and Information Services	3,435	3,365	2 %	10,575	10,071	5 %
Depreciation and Amortization	3,700	3,454	7 %	11,229	10,709	5 %
Other Expenses	8,312	5,015	66 %	21,178	17,906	18 %
Total Expenses	<u>227,467</u>	<u>154,444</u>	<u>47 %</u>	<u>576,965</u>	<u>435,699</u>	<u>32 %</u>
Income Before Provision for Taxes	70,096	19,783	254 %	153,332	33,288	361 %
Provision for Taxes	11,989	5,002	140 %	22,299	7,544	196 %
Net Income	58,107	14,781	293 %	131,033	25,744	409 %
Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	27,200	7,956	242 %	59,596	12,992	359 %
Net Income Attributable to PJT Partners Inc.	<u>\$ 30,907</u>	<u>\$ 6,825</u>	<u>353 %</u>	<u>\$ 71,437</u>	<u>\$ 12,752</u>	<u>460 %</u>

Revenues

The following table provides revenue statistics for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Advisory Fees				
Number of Clients	194	181	272	250
Number of Fee-Paying Clients with \$1 Million or More	44	27	108	77
Number of Fee-Paying Clients Representing Greater than 10% of Advisory Fees	2	1	—	—
Percentage of Such Clients' Fees of Total Advisory Fees	25.9 %	12.7 %	N/A	N/A
Placement Fees				
Number of Clients	43	40	66	63
Number of Fee-Paying Clients with \$1 Million or More	11	7	30	24
Number of Fee-Paying Clients Representing Greater than 10% of Placement Fees	1	2	1	—
Percentage of Such Clients' Fees of Total Placement Fees	15.7 %	21.8 %	12.0 %	N/A

Total Revenues were \$297.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$123.3 million compared with \$174.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019. Advisory Fees were \$262.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$116.3 million compared with \$146.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019. Growth in Advisory Fees was driven by a substantial increase in completed restructurings as well as increased strategic advisory revenues. Placement Fees were \$31.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$6.2 million compared with \$25.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019. The increase in Placement Fees was principally driven by growth in fund placement activity for private equity clients.

Total Revenues were \$730.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$261.3 million compared with \$469.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. Advisory Fees were \$611.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$228.0 million compared with \$383.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. Advisory Fees increased due to significant increases in both restructuring revenues and strategic advisory revenues. Placement Fees were \$106.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$28.4 million compared with \$77.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. Placement Fees increased principally due to increased corporate private placement activity. Interest Income and Other was \$12.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$4.9 million compared with \$7.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. The increase in Interest Income and Other was primarily driven by more favorable foreign currency translation rates during the nine month period.

Expenses

Expenses were \$227.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$73.0 million compared with \$154.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019. The increase in expenses was primarily attributable to increases in Compensation and Benefits and Other Expenses of \$73.9 million and \$3.3 million, respectively, which was partially offset by a decrease in Travel and Related of \$5.0 million. The increase in Compensation and Benefits Expense was principally the result of significantly improved operating performance during the current quarter. Other Expenses increased due to a variety of factors, the largest of which relates to charitable contributions made to causes supporting COVID-19 relief and the advancement of racial equity.

Travel and Related decreased due to reduced travel and entertainment activity stemming from the global health crisis.

Expenses were \$577.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, an increase of \$141.3 million compared with \$435.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. The increase in expenses was primarily attributable to increases in Compensation and Benefits, Other Expenses and Occupancy and Related of \$148.3 million, \$3.3 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, and partially offset by decreases in Travel and Related as well as Professional Fees of \$12.9 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. The increase in Compensation and Benefits Expense was principally the result of significantly improved operating performance during the current nine month period. Other Expenses increased due to a variety of factors, the largest of which relates to charitable contributions made to causes supporting COVID-19 relief and the advancement of racial equity. Occupancy and Related increased due to increased occupancy expense in certain locations. Travel and Related decreased due to reduced travel and entertainment activity stemming from the global health crisis.

Provision for Taxes

The Company's Provision for Taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2020 was \$12.0 million, which represents an effective tax rate of 17.1% on pretax income of \$70.1 million. The Company's Provision for Taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2019 was \$5.0 million, which represents an effective tax rate of 25.3% on pretax income of \$19.8 million.

The Company's Provision for Taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 was \$22.3 million, which represents an effective tax rate of 14.5% on pretax income of \$153.3 million. The Company's Provision for Taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$7.5 million, which represents an effective tax rate of 22.7% on pretax income of \$33.3 million.

The Company's effective tax rate differed from the U.S. federal statutory tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 due to corporate entities subject to U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes, to non-corporate entities that are subject to New York City UBT, to certain compensation charges that are not deductible for income tax purposes and the impact of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act").

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CARES Act into law, which includes several provisions for corporations regarding the tax treatment of net operating losses, interest deductions and payroll benefits. The Company has elected to carryback certain net operating losses, which resulted in a \$3.7 million decrease in the Company's Provision for Income Taxes for the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

Non-Controlling Interests

Net Income Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests is derived from the Income Before Provision for Taxes and the percentage allocation of the net income between the holders of common units of partnership interest in PJT Partners Holdings LP ("Partnership Units") and holders of Class A common stock of PJT Partners Inc. after considering any contractual arrangements that govern the allocation of income.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

General

We regularly monitor our liquidity position, including cash and cash equivalents, investments, working capital assets and liabilities, any commitments and other liquidity requirements.

Our assets have historically comprised cash and cash equivalents, investments, receivables arising from strategic advisory and placement engagements and operating lease right-of-use assets. Our liabilities primarily include accrued compensation and benefits, accounts payable and accrued expenses, taxes payable and operating lease liabilities. We expect to pay a significant amount of incentive compensation late each year or during the beginning of the next calendar year with respect to the prior year's results. A portion of annual compensation may

be awarded with equity-based compensation and thus requires less cash. We expect levels of cash to decline at year-end or during the first quarter of each year after incentive compensation is paid to our employees. We then expect cash to gradually increase over the remainder of the year.

Information regarding our Amended and Restated Loan Agreement can be found in “Part II. Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we were in compliance with the debt covenants under the Amended and Restated Loan Agreement. The term loan was repaid in full in January 2020.

We evaluate our cash needs on a regular basis in light of current market conditions. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had cash, cash equivalents and investments of \$366.9 million and \$217.5 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2020, we had no debt outstanding and our full line of credit is available to us. Given the uncertainty in the rapidly changing market and economic conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to evaluate the depth and duration of the resulting economic impact to our business and financial condition.

Our liquidity is highly dependent upon cash receipts from clients, which are generally dependent upon the successful completion of transactions as well as the timing of receivable collections. As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, total accounts receivable were \$277.3 million and \$227.5 million, respectively. The allowance for credit losses was \$1.7 million as of September 30, 2020 and there was no allowance for credit losses as of December 31, 2019. Included in Accounts Receivable are long-term receivables of \$75.6 million and \$77.6 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, related to placement fees that are generally paid in installments over a period of three to four years.

Sources and Uses of Liquidity

Our primary cash needs are for working capital, paying operating expenses, including cash compensation to our employees, funding the cash redemption of Partnership Units, repurchasing shares of the Company’s Class A common stock, paying income taxes, making distributions to our shareholders in accordance with our dividend policy, capital expenditures, commitments and strategic investments. We expect to fund these liquidity requirements through cash flows from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Our ability to fund these needs through cash flows from operations will depend, in part, on our ability to generate or raise cash in the future. This depends on our future financial results, which are subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative and regulatory factors.

Additionally, our ability to generate positive cash flow from operations will be impacted by global economic conditions, including the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. If our cash flows from operations are significantly reduced, we may need to incur debt, issue additional equity or borrow from our revolving credit facility. Although we believe that the arrangements we have in place will permit us to finance our operations on acceptable terms and conditions for the foreseeable future, our access to, and the availability of, financing on acceptable terms and conditions in the future will be impacted by many factors, including: (a) our credit ratings or absence of a credit rating, (b) the liquidity of the overall capital markets, and (c) the current state of the economy, which will likely be further impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We cannot provide any assurance that such financing will be available to us on acceptable terms or that such financing will be available at all. Despite the challenges associated with COVID-19, we believe that our future cash from operations and availability under our revolving credit facility, together with our access to funds on hand, will provide adequate resources to fund our short-term and long-term liquidity and capital needs.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the exchange agreement between us and certain of the holders of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners Inc.), Partnership Units are exchangeable at the option of the holder for cash or, at our election, for shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. Depending on our liquidity and capital resources, market conditions, the timing and concentration of exchange requests and other considerations, we may choose to fund cash-settled exchanges of Partnership Units with available cash, borrowings or new issuances of Class A common stock or to settle exchanges by issuing Class A common stock to the exchanging Partnership Unitholder. Issuing significant numbers of shares of our Class A common stock upon

exchange of Partnership Units could adversely affect the tax consequences to Blackstone of the distribution. Accordingly, while we will retain the right under the Exchange Agreement to elect to settle exchanges in cash or Class A common stock in our sole discretion, we intend to limit such issuances of Class A common stock in settlement of exchanges of Partnership Units to the extent necessary to preserve the intended tax-free nature of the spin-off and to comply with our obligations under the Tax Matters Agreement.

Regulatory Capital

We actively monitor our regulatory capital base. We are subject to regulatory requirements in the U.S. and certain international jurisdictions to ensure general financial soundness and liquidity. This requires, among other things, that we comply with certain minimum capital requirements, recordkeeping, reporting procedures, experience and training requirements for employees and certain other requirements and procedures. These regulatory requirements may restrict the flow of funds to and from affiliates. See Note 15. “Regulated Entities” in the “Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements” in “—Item 1. Financial Statements” of this filing for further information. The licenses under which we operate are meant to be appropriate to conduct our strategic advisory, strategic capital markets, restructuring and special situations, shareholder advisory, and private fund advisory and fundraising services businesses. We believe that we provide each of these entities with sufficient capital and liquidity, consistent with their business and regulatory requirements.

Our activities may also be subject to regulation, including regulatory capital requirements, by various other foreign jurisdictions and self-regulatory organizations.

We do not anticipate that compliance with any and all such requirements will materially adversely impact the availability of funds for domestic and parent-level purposes.

Upon receipt of regulatory approval, on August 31, 2020, Park Hill Group LLC merged with and into PJT Partners LP and the net assets of Park Hill Group LLC were transferred to PJT Partners LP at their respective carrying values.

Share Repurchase Program

On April 24, 2019, the Company’s Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of shares of the Company’s Class A common stock in an amount up to \$100 million. Under the repurchase program, shares of the Company’s Class A common stock may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The timing and the actual number of shares repurchased depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price and economic and market conditions. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company repurchased 828,552 shares of Class A common stock at an average price of \$50.20, or \$41.6 million in aggregate, pursuant to the share repurchase program. As of September 30, 2020, the available amount remaining for repurchases under this program was \$43.5 million.

Contractual Obligations

For a discussion of our contractual obligations, refer to “Part II. Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Contractual Obligations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. There have not been any material changes to our contractual obligations since December 31, 2019.

Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

As previously disclosed, with respect to actual and potential additional claims related to funds fraudulently obtained by Andrew Caspersen, we believe that the total potential amount of any such claims to be less than \$30 million, any such claims are without merit and we will vigorously defend any such actions.

With respect to our other litigation matters, including the litigation discussed under “—Item 1. Legal Proceedings” in “Part II. Other Information” included elsewhere in this report, we are not currently able to estimate the possible loss or range of loss until developments in such matters have provided sufficient information to support such an assessment, including quantification of a damage demand from plaintiffs, discovery from other parties and investigation of factual allegations, rulings by courts on motions or appeals, analysis by experts or the status of any settlement negotiations. However, the disposition of these contingencies could be material to our financial results in the period in which it occurs.

Guarantee

The Company provides a guarantee to a lending institution for certain loans held by employees for investment in funds of its former Parent, which are secured by the underlying investments in those funds. The amount guaranteed was \$6.8 million and \$8.0 million as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. In connection with this guarantee, the Company currently expects any associated risk of loss to be insignificant.

Indemnifications

We have entered and may continue to enter into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification obligations. Our maximum exposure under these arrangements is not known; however, we currently expect any associated risk of loss to be insignificant. In connection with these matters, we have incurred and may continue to incur legal expenses, which are expensed as incurred.

Tax Receivable Agreement

We have entered into a tax receivable agreement with the holders of Partnership Units (other than PJT Partners Inc.) that provides for the payment by PJT Partners Inc. to exchanging holders of Partnership Units of 85% of the benefits, if any, that PJT Partners Inc. is deemed to realize as a result of the increases in tax basis related to such exchanges of Partnership Units and of certain other tax benefits related to entering into the tax receivable agreement, including tax benefits attributable to payments under the tax receivable agreement. This payment obligation is an obligation of PJT Partners Inc. and not of PJT Partners Holdings LP. PJT Partners Inc. expects to benefit from the remaining 15% of cash tax savings, if any, in income tax it realizes.

Further information regarding the tax receivable agreement can be found in “Part II. Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Other

See Notes 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 in the “Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements” in “—Item 1. Financial Statements” of this filing for further information in connection with income taxes, equity-based and other deferred compensation plans, leasing arrangements, commitments and employee benefit plans, respectively.

Critical Accounting Policies

A discussion of critical accounting policies is included in “Part II. Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

We test goodwill for impairment, at a minimum, on an annual basis or earlier where certain events or changes in circumstances indicate that goodwill may more likely than not be impaired. Additionally, we evaluate our intangible assets for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable.

As of September 30, 2020, we do not believe it is more likely than not that our goodwill was impaired. Additionally, as of September 30, 2020, we believe the carrying amounts of our intangible assets are recoverable. If there are decreases in our stock price for a sustained period (including as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on equity securities), a decline in our revenues or other unfavorable factors, we may be required to recognize an impairment, which could be material to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

The realization of deferred tax assets arising from timing differences and net operating losses requires taxable income in future years in order to deduct the reversing timing differences and absorb the net operating losses. We assess positive and negative evidence in determining whether to record a valuation allowance with respect to deferred tax assets. This assessment is performed separately for each taxing jurisdiction. As of September 30, 2020, we believe that no additional valuation allowance is required with respect to our deferred tax assets. However, if there are material declines in the assumptions underlying such assessment (including as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the U.S. and global economies), we may be required to record a valuation allowance, which could be material to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company is not involved with any off-balance sheet arrangements that are not elsewhere reflected in our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Recent Accounting Developments

Information regarding recent accounting developments and their impact on our financial statements can be found in Note 2, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” in the “Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements” in “—Item 1. Financial Statements” of this filing.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market Risk and Credit Risk

Our business is not capital-intensive and we do not invest in derivative instruments or, generally, borrow. As a result, we are not subject to significant market risk (including interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk and commodity price risk) or credit risk. Notwithstanding, the COVID-19 global health crisis and its impact on the U.S. and global economies could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

Risks Related to Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Our cash and cash equivalents include all short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and have original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase. Cash and cash equivalents are primarily maintained at three major U.S. financial institutions. In addition to cash and cash equivalents, we hold investments in Treasury securities, certain of which are classified as Investments in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. We believe our cash, cash equivalents and investments are not subject to any material interest rate risk, equity price risk, credit risk or other market risk.

Credit Risk

We regularly review our accounts receivable and allowance for credit losses by considering factors such as historical experience, credit quality, age of the accounts receivable and recoverable expense balances and the current economic conditions, including as a result of market dislocations caused by COVID-19, that may affect a customer’s ability to pay such amounts owed to us. We maintain an allowance for credit losses that, in our opinion, reflects

current expected credit losses. As of September 30, 2020, the allowance for credit losses was \$1.7 million. We had no allowance for credit losses as of December 31, 2019.

Exchange Rate Risk

We are exposed to the risk that the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies may have an adverse effect on the reported value of our non-U.S. dollar denominated or based assets and liabilities. In addition, the reported amounts of our revenues may be affected by movements in the rate of exchange between the currency in which an invoice is issued and paid and the U.S. dollar, the currency in which our financial statements are denominated. The principal non-U.S. dollar currencies include the pound sterling, the euro, the Japanese yen and the Hong Kong dollar. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the impact of the fluctuation of foreign currencies in Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax – Currency Translation Adjustment in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income was a loss of \$1.2 million and loss of \$0.9 million, respectively, and in Interest Income and Other in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, a gain of \$0.2 million and loss of \$2.4 million, respectively. We have not entered into any transaction to hedge our exposure to these foreign currency fluctuations through the use of derivative instruments or other methods at this time. Given the uncertainty of the COVID-19 global health crisis and the ongoing economic impact, exchange rate fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and other currencies could unfavorably affect our condensed consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) occurred during our most recent quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, the Company and its affiliates may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business. In addition, government agencies and self-regulatory organizations in countries in which we conduct business conduct periodic examinations and may initiate administrative proceedings regarding the Company's and its affiliates' business, including, among other matters, accounting and operational matters, that can result in censure, fine, the issuance of cease-and-desist orders or the suspension or expulsion of a broker-dealer, or its directors, officers or employees. It is our policy to cooperate fully with such governmental requests, examinations and administrative proceedings. In view of the inherent difficulty of determining whether any loss in connection with any such matters is probable and whether the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated, particularly in cases where claimants seek substantial or indeterminate damages or where investigations and proceedings are in the early stages, we cannot estimate the amount of such loss or range of loss, if any, related to such matters, how or if such matters will be resolved, when they will ultimately be resolved, or what the eventual settlement, fine, penalty or other relief, if any, might be. Subject to the foregoing, we believe, based on current knowledge and after consultation with counsel, that we are not currently party to any material pending proceedings, individually or in the aggregate, the resolution of which would have a material effect on the Company.

In June 2017, an action was filed in New York state court against defendants PJT Partners Inc., Park Hill Group LLC and Andrew W.W. Caspersen, arising out of the fraudulent conduct of Caspersen. PJT Partners Inc. and Park Hill Group LLC moved to dismiss the complaint on August 24, 2017. On August 13, 2018, the court dismissed all of the claims asserted against PJT Partners Inc. and Park Hill Group LLC, except for the fraud-based apparent authority claim. Plaintiffs and PJT Partners Inc. and Park Hill Group LLC appealed the court's August 2018 decision. On December 3, 2019, the appellate court dismissed the complaint in its entirety as against PJT Partners Inc. and Park Hill Group LLC. On January 2, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a motion with the appellate court seeking reargument or, alternatively, leave to appeal, which motion was denied by the appellate court on March 3, 2020. On September 15, 2020, Plaintiffs were granted permission to appeal to the New York Court of Appeals. We believe this matter is without merit and will continue to vigorously oppose any further appeals by Plaintiffs.

On June 16, 2009, Plaintiffs Frank Foy and Suzanne Foy, purportedly *asqui tam* plaintiffs on behalf of the State of New Mexico, filed a case in New Mexico state court against Park Hill Group LLC and one of its officers, as well as The Blackstone Group L.P. (together, "Park Hill Defendants"), in addition to dozens of other named and unnamed defendants, alleging violations of New Mexico's Fraud Against Taxpayers Act ("FATA") in an action styled *Foy v. Austin Capital Management, Ltd., et al*, Case No. D-101-CV-2009-01189 (N.M. Dist. Ct.). The complaint alleged, among other things, that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board and the New Mexico State Investment Council made investments that were influenced by kickbacks and other inducements. In the complaint, the Park Hill Defendants were grouped together with other defendants who were all alleged generically to have conspired to defraud the State of New Mexico. On November 30, 2015, after several years of motion practice, including an earlier decision by the New Mexico Supreme Court to consolidate this case with another case by the same plaintiffs (in which the Park Hill Defendants were not parties), the New Mexico Attorney General filed a motion on behalf of the State of New Mexico seeking wholesale dismissal of these proceedings. On June 6, 2017, the court granted the motion to dismiss brought on behalf of the State of New Mexico, the effect of which dismissed the action in its entirety, including as against the Park Hill Defendants. On June 9, 2020, Plaintiffs' appeal of this decision was denied by the New Mexico Court of Appeals. On October 9, 2020, Plaintiffs' petition for a writ of certiorari was denied by the New Mexico Supreme Court. We believe this matter is without merit and will continue to vigorously oppose any further appeals by Plaintiffs.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There were no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and in our subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, though the risk factor updates relating to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to exacerbate many of the other risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and in our subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities in the Third Quarter of 2020

	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (a)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (a)
July 1 to July 31	42,636	\$ 48.74	42,636	\$ 57.8 million
August 1 to August 31	7,585	58.60	7,585	57.4 million
September 1 to September 30	239,034	58.07	239,034	43.5 million
Total	289,255	\$ 56.71	289,255	\$ 43.5 million

- (a) On April 24, 2019, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of shares of the Company's Class A common stock in an amount up to \$100 million. As of September 30, 2020, the Company's remaining repurchase authorization was \$43.5 million. Under the repurchase program, shares of the Company's Class A common stock may be repurchased from time to time in open market transactions, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The timing and the actual number of shares repurchased depend on a variety of factors, including legal requirements, price and economic and market conditions. The repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and does not have a specified expiration date.

Unregistered Sales

In connection with the issuance during the third quarter of 2020 of LTIP Units in PJT Partners Holdings LP to certain personnel, PJT Partners Inc. issued three corresponding shares of its Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to these limited partners. Shares of Class B common stock have no economic rights but entitle the holder, without regard to the number of shares of Class B common stock held, to a number of votes that is equal to the aggregate number of vested and unvested Partnership Units and LTIP Units in PJT Partners Holdings LP held by such holder on all matters presented to stockholders of PJT Partners Inc. other than director elections and removals. With respect to the election and removal of directors of PJT Partners Inc., shares of Class B common stock will initially entitle holders to only one vote per share. However, the voting power of Class B common stock with respect to the election and removal of directors of PJT Partners Inc. may be increased to up to the number of votes to which a holder is then entitled on all other matters presented to stockholders. The issuance of shares of Class B common stock was not registered under the Securities Act of 1933 because such shares were not issued in a transaction involving the offer or sale of securities.

Dividend Policy

The Company declared a dividend of \$0.05 per share of Class A common stock in the third quarter of 2020, to be paid on December 16, 2020, and plans to regularly pay quarterly dividends.

Refer to "Part II. Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for further disclosure of the Company's dividend policy.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
+2.1	<u>Separation and Distribution Agreement by and among The Blackstone Group L.P., Blackstone Holdings I L.P., New Advisory GP L.L.C., PJT Partners Inc. and PJT Partners Holdings LP, dated as of October 1, 2015 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36869) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 5, 2015).</u>
3.1	<u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of PJT Partners Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36869) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 5, 2015).</u>
3.2	<u>Amended and Restated By-Laws of PJT Partners Inc. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36869) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 5, 2015).</u>
31.1	<u>Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).</u>
31.2	<u>Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a).</u>
32.1	<u>Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).</u>
32.2	<u>Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).</u>
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because iXBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).
+	Certain schedules and exhibits to this agreement have been omitted in accordance with Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The descriptions of the omitted schedules and exhibits are contained within the relevant agreement. A copy of any omitted schedule and/or exhibit will be furnished supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

The agreements and other documents filed as exhibits to this report are not intended to provide factual information or other disclosure other than with respect to the terms of the agreements or other documents themselves, and you should not rely on them for that purpose. In particular, any representations and warranties made by us in these agreements or other documents were made solely within the specific context of the relevant agreement or document and may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 29, 2020

PJT Partners Inc.

By: /s/ Paul J. Taubman

Name: Paul J. Taubman

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Helen T. Meates

Name: Helen T. Meates

Title: Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Paul J. Taubman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 of PJT Partners Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 29, 2020

/s/ Paul J. Taubman

Paul J. Taubman

Chief Executive Officer

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Helen T. Meates, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 of PJT Partners Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: October 29, 2020

/s/ Helen T. Meates

Helen T. Meates

Chief Financial Officer

Certification of the Chief Executive Officer
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of PJT Partners Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Paul J. Taubman, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: October 29, 2020

/s/ Paul J. Taubman
Paul J. Taubman
Chief Executive Officer

* The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

Certification of the Chief Financial Officer
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of PJT Partners Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Helen T. Meates, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: October 29, 2020

/s/ Helen T. Meates
Helen T. Meates
Chief Financial Officer

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