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FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: June 30, 2012

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This Amendment (Check only one.): [\_] is a restatement.

[\_] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: The Blackstone Group L.P.

Address: 345 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10154

Form 13F File Number: 28-13114

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: John G. Finley Title: Authorized Person Phone: (212) 583-5000

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Report Type (Check only one):

[X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

- [\_] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- [\_] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

#### FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

# Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 1
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 36
Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$8,224,372
-----(thousands)

#### List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

Number	Form 13F File Number	Name					
1	28-12332	GSO Capital Partners LP					

#### Explanatory Note:

The Blackstone Group L.P. is managed and operated by its general partner, Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., which is in turn wholly-owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman, one of its founders.

# FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	VALUE (1000S)	SHRS OR PRN AMT	SH/ PUT PRN CAL		OTHE MANA(
BANKUNITED,							
INC.	COM	06652K 10 3	\$ 323,544	13,721,131	SH	SOLE	
BEAZER HOMES							
USA INC	COM	07556Q 10 5	\$ 12,025	3,699,893	SH	SHARED-OTHER	_
BIOSCRIP, INC.	COM	09069N 10 8	\$ 2,350	316,327	SH	SOLE	
BOOZ ALLEN							
HAMILTON HLDG							
COR	CL A	099502 10 6	\$ 3,923	256 <b>,</b> 750	SH	SOLE	
BRANDYWINE							
REALTY TRUST	SH BEN INT NEW	105368 203	\$ 87,751	7,111,112	SH	SOLE	

CEMEX, S.A.B.									
de C.V.	NOTE 4.875% 3/1	151290	AV 5	5 \$	6,656	7,500,000	PRN		SHARED-OTHER
CLEAR CHANNEL					, , , , , ,	, ,			
OUTDOOR HLDGS	CL A	18451C	10 9	) \$	4,056	673,745	SH		SHARED-OTHER
CROSSTEX ENERGY					,	,			
LP	COM	22765U	10 2	2 5	16,446	1,002,800	SH		SHARED-OTHER
CUMULUS MEDIA	0011	22,000		- 1	10,110	1,002,000			011111121
INC.	CL A	231082	10 8	3 \$	9,979	3,315,238(a)	SH		SOLE
DISH NETWORK				'	,,,,,	·, · - · , - · · (·· ,			**==
CORP	CL A	25470M	10 9	9 \$	63	2,200(b)	SH	Call	SHARED-OTHER
DISH NETWORK						, ,			
CORP	CL A	25470M	10 9	) \$	17,795	623,300	SH		SHARED-OTHER
ENERGEN CORP	COM	29265N	10 8	3 \$	12,547	278,010	SH		SHARED-OTHER
EV ENERGY					•	•			
PARTNERS LP	COM UNITS	26926V	10 7	7	\$18,616	368,919	SH		SHARED-OTHER
FELCOR LODGING					•	,			
TR INC	COM	31430F	10 1	\$	17,649	3,755,148	SH		SHARED-OTHER
FREESCALE									
SEMICONDUCTOR,									
LTD	SHS	G3727Q	101	\$	2,010,403	196,136,895(c)	SH		SHARED-OTHER
GENERAL GROWTH									
PPTYS INC NEW	COM	370023	103	\$	921,018	50,913,105(d)	SH		SOLE
CAESARS ENTMT									
CORP	COM	127686	10 3	3 \$	2,296	201,418	SH		SHARED-OTHER
HOVNANIAN									
ENTERPRISES									
INC	CL A	442487	20 3	3 \$	3,625	1,250,000	SH		SHARED-OTHER
HOWARD HUGHES									
CORP	COM	44267D	10 7	7 \$	20,202	327,743(e)	SH		SOLE
ISTAR FINL INC	COM	45031U	10 1	\$	20,884	3,237,796	SH		SHARED-OTHER
KEYCORP NEW	COM	493267	10 8	3 \$	774	100,000	SH	Put	SOLE
KOSMOS ENERGY									
LTD	SHS	G5315B	10 7	7 \$	1,395,728	126,310,179(f)	SH		SOLE
LORAL SPACE &									
COMMUNICATNS I	COM	543881	10 6	5 \$	•	•	SH		SHARED-OTHER
MBIA INC	COM	55262C			•		SH		SHARED-OTHER
MBIA INC.	COM	55262C	10 0	) \$	108	10,000	SH	Call	SHARED-OTHER
MGM RESORTS									
	NOTE 4.250% 4/1	55303Q	AE (	) \$	19,106	18,800,000	PRN		SHARED-OTHER
NIELSEN									
HOLDINGS N.V.	COM	N63218	10 6	5 \$	31 <b>,</b> 332 <b>,</b> 110	50,805,123(g)	SH		SOLE
ORBITZ									
WORLDWIDE INC	COM	68557K	10 9	) \$	200,920	55,046,598(h)	SH		SOLE
ROUSE PPTYS									
INC.	COM	779287	101	Ş	23,502	1,734,425(i)	SH		SOLE
SARATOGA RES	991	000505	10 1			4 000 000	0		QUIDED 0
INC TEX	COM	803521	TO 3	3 \$	28,224	4,800,000	SH		SHARED-OTHER
SPDR SERIES	OCD DECT DIS	70464-	C C C			050 000	0.77	Б	COLE
TRUST	S&P REGL BKG	78464A	69 8	3 \$	7,116	259,900	SH	Put	SOLE

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NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	(1000S)	PRN AMT	PRN	CALL	DISCRETION	MANAG
SPDR S&P 500	TD IINIT	704625 10 2 6	017	C 000(÷)	CII	D	CHAPED OTHER	1
ETF TR SUNSTONE HOTEL INVESTORS INC	TR UNIT	78462F 10 3 \$	817	6,000(j)	δп	Put	SHARED-OTHER	1
NEW TEAM HEALTH	COM	867892 10 1 \$	59,941	5,454,164	SH		SOLE	
HOLDINGS, INC TRW AUTOMOTIVE	COM	87817A 10 7 \$	635,532	26,381,562	SH		SOLE	
HLDGS CORP VANGUARD HEALTH	COM	87264S 10 6 \$	716,394	19,488,416	SH		SOLE	
SYS INC	COM	922036 20 7 \$	261,202	29,381,568	SH		SOLE	

- (a) These shares are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment discretion of certain funds of which Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman is a controlling person.
- (b) Includes two series of DISH NETWORK CORP call options.
- (c) Represents shares held by Freescale LP. Certain funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group L.P. hold 3,395,055 Class A limited partnership interests in Freescale LP, representing 48.02% of the total Class A limited partnership interests outstanding. Certain funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group L.P. also hold 250 shares of Freescale Holdings G.P., Ltd., the general partner of Freescale LP, representing 25% of the total shares outstanding.
- (d) Includes 2,541,172 of Common Shares owned by Blackstone GGP Principal Transaction Partners L.P., a Co-Investment Entity
- (e) Includes 16,359 of Common Shares owned by Blackstone GGP Principal Transaction Partners L.P., a Co-Investment Entity
- (f) Includes 2,591,244 shares that are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment discretion of Blackstone Family GP L.L.C., of which Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman is a controlling person.
- (g) Represents the proportionate interest in 270,746,445 shares held by Valcon Acquisition Holding (Luxembourg) S.a.r.l. ("Luxco") attributable to ownership interests in Luxco of certain funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group L.P., including 1,834,613 shares that are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but instead are under the investment discretion of Blackstone Family GP L.L.C., of which Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman is a controlling person.
- (h) The shares reported herein are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment discretion of Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) V Ltd., of which Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman is a controlling person.
- (i) Includes 86,568 of Common Shares owned by Blackstone GGP Principal Transaction Partners L.P., a Co-Investment Entity
- (j) Includes two series of SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR put options.