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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the quarterly period ended October 31, 2011

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 001-14505

KORN/FERRY INTERNATIONAL

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

95-2623879
(I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification Number)

1900 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, California 90067

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(310) 552-1834

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted 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 and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

The number of shares outstanding of our common stock as of December 6, 2011 was 47,765,495 shares.

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| | October 31, 2011 (unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data) | April 30, 2011 |
|---|---|-------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 192,169 | \$ 246,856 |
| Marketable securities | 25,904 | 20,868 |
| Receivables due from clients, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$11,032 and \$9,977, respectively | 144,502 | 128,859 |
| Income taxes and other receivables | 5,900 | 5,138 |
| Deferred income taxes | 10,648 | 10,214 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 31,579 | 29,662 |
| Total current assets | 410,702 | 441,597 |
| Marketable securities, non-current | 100,037 | 101,363 |
| Property and equipment, net | 46,392 | 43,142 |
| Cash surrender value of company owned life insurance policies, net of loans | 72,240 | 70,987 |
| Deferred income taxes | 62,453 | 64,418 |
| Goodwill | 179,813 | 183,952 |
| Intangible assets, net | 21,166 | 22,289 |
| Investments and other assets | 43,824 | 43,932 |
| Total assets | \$ 936,627 | \$ 971,680 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 11,792 | \$ 12,504 |
| Income taxes payable | 6,744 | 4,674 |
| Compensation and benefits payable | 107,917 | 173,097 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 45,180 | 43,591 |
| Total current liabilities | 171,633 | 233,866 |
| Deferred compensation and other retirement plans | 135,884 | 139,558 |
| Other liabilities | 19,978 | 19,919 |
| Total liabilities | 327,495 | 393,343 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock: \$0.01 par value, 150,000 shares authorized, 59,846 and 59,101 shares issued and 47,756 and 47,003 shares outstanding, respectively | 412,018 | 404,703 |
| Retained earnings | 179,052 | 148,494 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income, net | 18,577 | 25,660 |
| Stockholders' equity | 609,647 | 578,857 |
| Less: notes receivable from stockholders | (515) | (520) |

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| Total stockholders' equity | 609,132 | 578,337 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 936,627 | \$ 971,680 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**KORN/FERRY INTERNATIONAL AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****(unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended October 31, | | Six Months Ended October 31, | |
|--|--|------------------|---|------------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | | |
| Fee revenue | \$ 200,136 | \$ 185,350 | \$ 406,467 | \$ 360,462 |
| Reimbursed out-of-pocket engagement expenses | 9,852 | 7,854 | 18,111 | 15,904 |
| Total revenue | 209,988 | 193,204 | 424,578 | 376,366 |
| Compensation and benefits | 131,481 | 127,555 | 268,852 | 247,763 |
| General and administrative expenses | 34,189 | 27,363 | 68,962 | 55,978 |
| Out-of-pocket engagement expenses | 15,436 | 13,237 | 28,571 | 25,336 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,475 | 3,144 | 6,844 | 6,112 |
| Restructuring charges, net | | 2,130 | | 2,130 |
| Total operating expenses | 184,581 | 173,429 | 373,229 | 337,319 |
| Operating income | 25,407 | 19,775 | 51,349 | 39,047 |
| Other (loss) income, net | (2,617) | 2,915 | (4,639) | 1,414 |
| Interest expense, net | (389) | (1,258) | (970) | (2,066) |
| Income before provision for income taxes and equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries | 22,401 | 21,432 | 45,740 | 38,395 |
| Income tax provision | 7,726 | 8,288 | 16,161 | 14,809 |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net | 472 | 512 | 979 | 974 |
| Net income | \$ 15,147 | \$ 13,656 | \$ 30,558 | \$ 24,560 |
| Earnings per common share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.55 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.65 | \$ 0.53 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 46,499 | 45,130 | 46,234 | 44,886 |
| Diluted | 47,114 | 45,918 | 47,151 | 46,061 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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| | Six Months Ended | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | October 31, | |
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 30,558 | \$ 24,560 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,844 | 6,112 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 6,597 | 7,806 |
| (Gain) loss on disposition of property and equipment | (103) | 82 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 3,969 | 4,274 |
| Gain on cash surrender value of life insurance policies | (1,175) | (2,982) |
| Loss (gain) on marketable securities classified as trading | 4,116 | (1,832) |
| Change in fair value of acquisition-related contingent consideration | (2,196) | (1,878) |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,531 | 5,685 |
| Change in other assets and liabilities: | | |
| Deferred compensation | (3,674) | 7,215 |
| Receivables | (20,374) | (44,286) |
| Prepaid expenses | (1,917) | (4,774) |
| Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries | (979) | (974) |
| Income taxes payable | 2,145 | 2,165 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (61,489) | (7,723) |
| Other | 927 | (1,141) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (35,220) | (7,691) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (8,763) | (17,263) |
| Purchase of marketable securities | (30,846) | (51,890) |
| Proceeds from sales/maturities of marketable securities | 22,850 | 17,383 |
| Payment of purchase price held back from previous acquisition | (800) | |
| Payment of contingent consideration from acquisitions | | (1,995) |
| Premiums on life insurance policies | (435) | (363) |
| Proceeds from sales of property and equipment | 125 | |
| Dividends received from unconsolidated subsidiaries | 140 | 591 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (17,729) | (53,537) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Borrowings under life insurance policies | 362 | 489 |
| Purchase of common stock | (4,098) | (13,390) |
| Proceeds from exercise of warrants | | 2,983 |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock upon exercise of employee stock options and in connection with an employee stock purchase plan | 3,131 | 2,005 |
| Tax benefit (expense) from exercise of stock options | 1,617 | (226) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 1,012 | (8,139) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (2,750) | 1,252 |

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|--|------------|------------|
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (54,687) | (68,115) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 246,856 | 219,233 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 192,169 | \$ 151,118 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Business

Korn/Ferry International, a Delaware corporation (the Company), and its subsidiaries are engaged in the business of providing executive recruitment on a retained basis, outsourced recruiting and leadership and talent consulting services. The Company's worldwide network of 76 offices in 36 countries enables it to meet the needs of its clients in all industries.

Basis of Consolidation and Presentation

The consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010 include the accounts of the Company and its wholly and majority owned/controlled domestic and international subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The preparation of the consolidated financial statements conform with United States (U.S.) generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and prevailing practice within the industry. The consolidated financial statements include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals and any other adjustments that management considers necessary for a fair presentation of the results for these periods. These financial statements have been prepared consistently with the accounting policies described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2011 (the Annual Report) and should be read together with the Annual Report.

Investments in affiliated companies, which are 50% or less owned and where the Company exercises significant influence over operations, are accounted for using the equity method.

The Company considers events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued to provide additional evidence relative to certain estimates or to identify matters that require additional disclosures.

Use of Estimates and Uncertainties

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates, and changes in estimates are reported in current operations. The most significant areas that require management judgment are revenue recognition, deferred compensation, annual performance related compensation, evaluation of the carrying value of receivables, marketable securities, goodwill and other intangible assets, fair value of contingent consideration and the recoverability of deferred income taxes.

Revenue Recognition

Substantially all professional fee revenue is derived from fees for professional services related to executive recruitment performed on a retained basis, middle-management recruitment, recruitment process outsourcing and leadership and talent consulting services. Fee revenue from recruitment activities and middle-management recruitment are generally one-third of the estimated first year cash compensation plus a percentage of the fee to cover indirect expenses. The Company generally bills clients in three monthly installments commencing the month of client acceptance. Fees earned in excess of the initial contract amount are billed upon completion of the engagement, which reflects the final actual compensation of the placed executive. Any services that are provided on a contingent basis are recognized once the contingency is fulfilled. Fee revenue from leadership and talent consulting and recruitment process outsourcing services is recognized as earned.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

A provision is established for doubtful accounts through a charge to general and administrative expenses based on historical loss experience, assessment of the collectability of specific accounts, as well as expectations of future collections

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based upon trends and the type of work for which services are rendered. After all collection efforts have been exhausted, the Company reduces the allowance for doubtful accounts for balances identified as uncollectible.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash

The Company had \$10.0 million of restricted cash at October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011 related to its existing credit facility (see Note 9), which is included in investments and other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Marketable Securities

The Company classifies its marketable securities as either trading securities or available-for-sale. These investments are recorded at fair value and are classified as marketable securities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Certain investments, which the Company may sell within the next twelve months, are carried as current assets. Realized capital (losses) gains on marketable securities are determined by specific identification. Investments are made based on the Company's investment policy, which restricts the types of investments that can be made.

Trading securities consist of the Company's investments which are held in trust to satisfy obligations under the Company's deferred compensation plans (see Note 5). The changes in fair values on trading securities are recorded in the accompanying consolidated statements of income in other (loss) income, net.

Available-for-sale securities consist of corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury and agency securities and commercial paper. The changes in fair values, net of applicable taxes, are recorded as unrealized gains or losses as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders equity. When, in the opinion of management, a decline in the fair value of an investment below its cost or amortized cost is considered to be other-than-temporary, the investment's cost or amortized cost is written-down to its fair value and the amount written-down is recorded in the statement of income in other (loss) income, net. The determination of other-than-temporary decline includes, in addition to other relevant factors, a presumption that if the market value is below cost by a significant amount for a period of time, a write-down may be necessary. The amount of any write-down is determined by the difference between cost or amortized cost of the investment and its fair value at the time the other-than-temporary decline is identified. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, no other-than-temporary impairment was recognized.

Business Acquisitions

Business acquisitions are accounted for under the purchase method by assigning the purchase price to tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The results are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements from the date of each respective acquisition. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their fair values and the excess of the purchase price over the amounts assigned is recorded as goodwill. Adjustments to fair value assessments are recorded to goodwill over the purchase price allocation period (generally not longer than twelve months). Purchased intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. Effective May 1, 2009, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification 805, Business Acquisitions, which requires that acquisition-related transaction and restructuring costs be charged to expense as incurred, and changes the recognition and measurement criteria for certain assets and liabilities including those arising from contingencies, contingent consideration and bargain purchases for acquisitions completed after the adoption date. The Company applied this new guidance to its acquisition of Whitehead Mann and SENSE Solution, Inc., which were acquired in fiscal 2010. During the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, the Company recorded a \$2.2 million and \$1.9 million reduction in the estimated fair value of contingent consideration relating to a prior acquisition, respectively, as a component of general and administrative expenses.

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Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of assets acquired. The goodwill impairment test compares the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, goodwill of the reporting unit would be considered impaired. To measure the amount of the impairment loss, the implied fair value of a reporting unit's goodwill is compared to the carrying amount of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. For each of these tests, the fair value of each of the Company's reporting units was determined using a combination of valuation techniques, including a discounted cash flow methodology. Results of the annual impairment test performed as of January 31, 2011, indicated that the fair value of each reporting unit exceeded its carrying amount. As a result, no impairment charge was recognized. There were no indications of impairment as of April 30, 2011 and October 31, 2011.

Intangible assets primarily consist of customer lists, non-compete agreements, proprietary databases, intellectual property and trademarks and are recorded at the estimated fair value at the date of acquisition and are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of five to 24 years. For intangible assets subject to amortization, an impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of the intangible assets is not recoverable and exceeds fair value. The carrying amount of the intangible assets is considered not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from use of the asset. As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, there were no indicators of impairment with respect to the Company's intangible assets.

Compensation and Benefits Expense

Compensation and benefits expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of income consist of compensation and benefits paid to consultants (employees who originate business), executive officers and administrative and support personnel. The most significant portions of this expense are salaries and the annual performance related bonus paid to consultants. Compensation and benefits are recognized when incurred. Each quarter, management makes its best estimate of its annual performance related bonuses, which requires management to, among other things, project annual consultant productivity (as measured by engagement fees billed and collected by that consultant), Company performance including profitability, competitive forces and future economic conditions and their impact on the Company's results. At the end of each fiscal year, annual performance related bonuses take into account final individual consultant productivity, Company results including profitability, the achievement of strategic objectives and the results of individual performance appraisals, and the current economic landscape. Management reevaluates the estimates up to the payment date, and any changes in the estimate are reported in current operations.

The performance related bonus expense for the six months ended October 31, 2011 was \$60.9 million, which was reduced by a change in the previous year's estimate of \$1.2 million, resulting in bonus expense during the six months ended October 31, 2011 of \$59.7 million, included in compensation and benefits expense in the consolidated statement of income. The performance related bonus expense for the six months ended October 31, 2010 was \$68.1 million, which was reduced by a change in the previous year's estimate of \$2.0 million, resulting in bonus expense during the six months ended October 31, 2010 of \$66.1 million, included in compensation and benefits expense in the consolidated statement of income. During the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, the performance related bonus expense, included in compensation and benefits expense, was \$28.2 million and \$34.1 million, respectively. No change in estimate was recorded in the three months ended October 31, 2011 or 2010. These annual performance related bonuses are generally paid within twelve months following the fiscal year end, though the Company deferred \$5.4 million of bonuses earned in fiscal 2010, the payment of which was deferred due to economic conditions prevailing at the time, and will be paid in December 2011. Other expenses included in compensation and benefits expense are due to changes in deferred compensation liabilities, changes in cash surrender value (CSV) of company owned life insurance (COLI) contracts, amortization of stock compensation awards, payroll taxes and employee insurance benefits.

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Restructuring Charges

The Company accounts for its restructuring charges as a liability when the costs are incurred and record such charges at fair value. Changes in the estimates of the restructuring charges are recorded in the period the change is determined.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has employee compensation plans under which various types of stock-based instruments are granted. These instruments, principally include stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), restricted stock and an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). The Company recognizes compensation expense related to restricted stock and SARs and the estimated fair value of stock options and stock purchases under the ESPP.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company measures the fair values of its financial instruments in accordance with accounting guidance that defines fair value, provides guidance for measuring fair value and requires certain disclosures. The guidance also discusses valuation techniques, such as the market approach (comparable market prices), the income approach (present value of future income or cash flow) and the cost approach (cost to replace the service capacity of an asset or replacement cost). The guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The following is a brief description of those three levels:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions.

As of October 31, 2011, the Company held certain assets that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. These included cash equivalents and marketable securities. The carrying amount of cash, cash equivalents and accounts receivable approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. The fair values of marketable securities classified as trading, are obtained from quoted market prices and the fair values of marketable securities classified as available-for-sale, are obtained from a third party, which are based on quoted prices or market prices for similar assets.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued amendments to the fair value accounting guidance. The amendments limit the highest and best use to measure non-financial assets and include criteria for applying the fair value measurement principles to portfolios of financial instruments. The new guidance also prescribes enhanced financial statement disclosures for Level 3 fair value measurements. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning February 1, 2012. The adoption of these amendments will not have an impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

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In June 2011, the FASB issued guidance on the presentation of comprehensive income in the financial statements. The new guidance eliminates the option to present other comprehensive income and its components as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. Instead, it will require the Company to present either a continuous statement of net income and other comprehensive income, or in two separate but consecutive statements. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning May 1, 2012. Adoption of this new guidance, which involves disclosures only, will not have an impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

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In September 2011, the FASB issued amendments to the goodwill impairment testing guidance to allow an entity the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether performing the current two-step process is necessary. Under the new option, the calculation of the reporting unit's fair value is not required unless, as a result of the qualitative assessment, it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than the unit's carrying amount. This guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. The Company performs its annual goodwill impairment testing in January of each fiscal year, and the new guidance will be considered at this time. The Company does not expect the new guidance to impact its financial position or results of operations.

2. Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share was computed by dividing net earnings attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per common share reflects the potential dilution that would occur if all in-the-money outstanding options or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted and was computed by dividing net earnings attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding plus dilutive common equivalent shares. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2011, SARs and options to purchase 0.7 million shares and 0.4 million shares, respectively, were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive. During both the three months and six months ended October 31, 2010, SARs and options to purchase 1.1 million shares were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive.

The following table summarizes basic and diluted earnings per share calculations:

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | October 31, | | October 31, | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | | |
| Net earnings attributable to common stockholders | \$ 15,147 | \$ 13,656 | \$ 30,558 | \$ 24,560 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic weighted-average number of common shares outstanding | 46,499 | 45,130 | 46,234 | 44,886 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | | |
| Restricted stock | 392 | 459 | 573 | 842 |
| Stock options | 219 | 328 | 329 | 326 |
| ESPP | 4 | 1 | 15 | 7 |
| Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding | 47,114 | 45,918 | 47,151 | 46,061 |
| Net earnings per common share: | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.55 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.65 | \$ 0.53 |

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Comprehensive income is comprised of net income and all changes to stockholders' equity, except those changes resulting from investments by stockholders (changes in paid in capital) and distributions to stockholders (dividends).

Total comprehensive income is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended October 31, | | Six Months Ended October 31, | |
|---|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Net income | \$ 15,147 | \$ 13,656 | \$ 30,558 | \$ 24,560 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (6,167) | 7,758 | (6,994) | 3,974 |
| Unrealized (losses) gains on marketable securities, net of taxes | (142) | 42 | (89) | 41 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 8,838 | \$ 21,456 | \$ 23,475 | \$ 28,575 |

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income were as follows:

| | October 31, 2011 | April 30, 2011 |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | (in thousands) | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | \$ 28,645 | \$ 35,639 |
| Defined benefit pension adjustments, net of taxes | (10,014) | (10,014) |
| Unrealized (losses) gains on marketable securities, net of taxes | (54) | 35 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | \$ 18,577 | \$ 25,660 |

4. Employee Stock Plans***Stock-Based Compensation***

The following table summarizes the components of stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of income for the periods indicated:

| | Three Months Ended October 31, | | Six Months Ended October 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|---|-------------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |

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| Restricted stock | \$ 3,137 | \$ 3,588 | \$ 5,921 | \$ 7,152 |
| Stock options and SARs | 187 | 311 | 445 | 447 |
| ESPP | 103 | 92 | 231 | 207 |
| | | | | |
| Total stock-based compensation expense, pre-tax | 3,427 | 3,991 | 6,597 | 7,806 |
| Tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense | (1,182) | (1,457) | (2,328) | (2,849) |
| | | | | |
| Total stock-based compensation expense, net of tax | \$ 2,245 | \$ 2,534 | \$ 4,269 | \$ 4,957 |

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option valuation model to estimate the grant date fair value of employee stock options. The expected volatility reflects consideration of the historical volatility in the Company's publicly traded instruments during the period the option is granted. The Company believes historical volatility in these instruments is more indicative of expected future volatility than the implied volatility in the price of the Company's common stock. The expected life of each option is estimated using historical data. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issue with a remaining term approximating the expected term of the option. The Company uses historical data to estimate forfeiture rates applied to the gross amount of expense determined using the option valuation model.

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The weighted-average assumptions used to estimate the fair value of each employee stock option and SARs were as follows:

| | Six Months Ended October 31, | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2011 | 2010 |
| Expected volatility | 47.07% | 47.67% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.47% | 1.83% |
| Expected option life (in years) | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.00% | 0.00% |

The Black-Scholes option pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options. The assumptions used in option valuation models are highly subjective, particularly the expected stock price volatility of the underlying stock.

Stock Incentive Plans

The Korn/Ferry International 2008 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the 2008 Plan) made available an additional 2,360,000 shares of the Company's common stock for stock-based compensation awards. The 2008 Plan provides for the grant of awards to eligible participants. Such awards are designated as either nonqualified or incentive stock options, SARs, restricted stock and restricted stock units, any of which may be performance-based, and incentive bonuses, which may be paid in cash or a combination thereof.

Stock Options and SARs

Stock options and SARs transactions under the Company's stock incentive plans were as follows:

| | Options | Six Months Ended October 31, 2011 | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| | | Weighted- Average Exercise Price (in thousands, except per share data) | Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life (In Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
| Outstanding, April 30, 2011 | 1,833 | \$ 13.78 | | |
| Granted | 48 | \$ 22.71 | | |
| Exercised | (118) | \$ 14.60 | | |
| Forfeited/expired. | (75) | \$ 16.38 | | |
| Outstanding, October 31, 2011 | 1,688 | \$ 13.84 | 3.59 | \$ 5,666 |
| Exercisable, October 31, 2011 | 1,202 | \$ 14.05 | 2.92 | \$ 4,010 |

As of October 31, 2011, there was \$2.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested awards of stock options and SARs. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.3 years. For stock option awards subject to graded vesting, the Company recognizes the total compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the service period for the entire award.

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Additional information pertaining to stock options and SARs:

| | Three Months | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| | Ended | | October 31, | |
| | October 31, | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands, except per share data) | | | |
| Weighted-average fair value of stock options granted | \$ | \$ 6.86 | \$ 9.61 | \$ 6.05 |
| Total fair value of stock options and SARs vested | \$ 78 | \$ 71 | \$ 894 | \$ 615 |
| Total intrinsic value of stock options exercised | \$ 11 | \$ 509 | \$ 859 | \$ 685 |
| Total intrinsic value of SARs paid | \$ | \$ 67 | \$ 11 | \$ 67 |

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The Company grants time-based restricted stock to executive officers and other senior employees generally vesting over a three to four year period. Time-based restricted stock is granted at a price equal to fair value, which is determined based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant date. The Company also grants market-based restricted stock to executive officers and other senior employees. These market-based shares vest after three years depending upon the Company's total stockholder return over the three-year performance period relative to other companies in its selected peer group. The fair value of these market-based restricted stock awards was determined by a third-party valuation using extensive market data. Employees may receive restricted stock annually in conjunction with the Company's performance review as well as upon commencement of employment.

Restricted stock activity during the six months ended October 31, 2011, is summarized below:

| | Shares (in thousands, except per share data) | Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Non-vested, April 30, 2011 | 2,007 | \$ 8.64 |
| Granted | 624 | \$ 21.96 |
| Vested | (743) | \$ 7.97 |
| Forfeited/expired. | (71) | \$ 16.59 |
| Non-vested, October 31, 2011 | 1,817 | \$ 13.17 |

As of October 31, 2011, there was \$23.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested awards of restricted stock, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years. For restricted stock awards subject to graded vesting, the Company recognizes the total compensation cost on a straight-line basis over the service period for the entire award. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2011, 6,292 shares and 182,950 shares of restricted stock totaling \$0.1 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, were repurchased by the Company, at the option of the employee, to pay for taxes related to vesting of restricted stock. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2010, 9,044 shares and 190,991 shares of restricted stock totaling \$0.1 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, were repurchased by the Company at the option of the employee to pay for taxes related to vesting of restricted stock.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company has an ESPP that, in accordance with Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code, allows eligible employees to authorize payroll deductions of up to 15% of their salary, or \$25,000 annually, to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at 85% of the fair market price of the common stock on the last day of the enrollment period. The maximum number of shares of common stock reserved for ESPP issuance is 3.0 million shares, subject to adjustment for certain changes in the Company's capital structure and other extraordinary events. At the Company's 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, held on September 28, 2011, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment and restatement of the ESPP, which among other things, increased the maximum number of shares reserved for issuance thereunder from 1.5 million shares to 3.0 million shares. During the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, employees purchased 76,909 shares at \$18.69 per share and 108,425 shares at \$11.82 per share, respectively. No shares were purchased in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010. At October 31, 2011, the ESPP had approximately 0.1 million shares available for future issuance.

Common Stock

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During the three and six months ended October 31, 2011, the Company issued 2,500 shares and 116,186 shares of common stock, respectively, as a result of the exercise of stock options. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2010, the Company issued 66,309 shares and 93,077 shares of common stock, respectively, as a result of the exercise of stock options.

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During the three and six months ended October 31, 2010, the Company repurchased 157,425 shares of the Company's common stock for \$2.1 million and 724,064 shares for \$10.6 million, respectively. No shares were repurchased during the three and six months ended October 31, 2011 other than to satisfy tax withholding requirements upon the vesting of restricted stock as described above.

In June 2002, the Company issued warrants to purchase 274,207 shares of its common stock at an exercise price of \$11.94, subject to anti-dilution provisions. During the six months ended October 31, 2010, these warrants were exercised for 274,207 shares of common stock in exchange for \$3.0 million in cash.

5. Marketable Securities

As of October 31, 2011, marketable securities consisted of the following:

| | Trading | Available-for-Sale (2) (in thousands) | Total |
|--|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Mutual funds (1) | \$ 78,432 | \$ | \$ 78,432 |
| Corporate bonds | | 45,090 | 45,090 |
| U.S. Treasury and agency securities | | 2,419 | 2,419 |
| Total | 78,432 | 47,509 | 125,941 |
| Less: current portion of marketable securities | (6,095) | (19,809) | (25,904) |
| Non-current marketable securities | \$ 72,337 | \$ 27,700 | \$ 100,037 |

As of April 30, 2011, marketable securities consisted of the following:

| | Trading | Available-for-Sale (2) (in thousands) | Total |
|--|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Mutual funds (1) | \$ 71,363 | \$ | \$ 71,363 |
| Corporate bonds | | 40,444 | 40,444 |
| U.S. Treasury and agency securities | | 9,424 | 9,424 |
| Commercial paper | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Total | 71,363 | 50,868 | 122,231 |
| Less: current portion of marketable securities | (5,081) | (15,787) | (20,868) |
| Non-current marketable securities | \$ 66,282 | \$ 35,081 | \$ 101,363 |

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These investments are held in trust for settlement of the Company's obligations under certain of its deferred compensation plans with \$6.1 million and \$5.1 million classified as current assets as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, respectively (see Note 7).

- (2) These securities represent excess cash invested, under our investment policy, with a professional money manager. The amortized cost and fair values of marketable securities classified as available-for-sale investments were as follows:

| | Amortized Cost | October 31, 2011 | | Estimated Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses (1) | |
| (in thousands) | | | | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 45,186 | \$ 70 | \$ (166) | \$ 45,090 |
| U.S. Treasury and agency securities | 2,415 | 4 | | 2,419 |
| Total | \$ 47,601 | \$ 74 | \$ (166) | \$ 47,509 |

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| | Amortized Cost | April 30, 2011 | | Estimated Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| | | Gross Unrealized Gains (in thousands) | Gross Unrealized Losses (1) (in thousands) | |
| Corporate bonds | \$ 40,369 | \$ 107 | \$ (32) | \$ 40,444 |
| U.S. Treasury and agency securities | 9,427 | 10 | (13) | 9,424 |
| Commercial paper | 1,000 | | | 1,000 |
| Total | \$ 50,796 | \$ 117 | \$ (45) | \$ 50,868 |

(1) There are no marketable securities that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position for 12 months or more. Investments in marketable securities are made based on the Company's investment policy, which restricts the types of investments that can be made. As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, the Company's investments associated with cash equivalents, including restricted cash, consist of money market funds for which market prices are readily available. As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, the Company's investments in marketable securities classified as trading consist of mutual funds for which market prices are readily available. As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, marketable securities classified as available-for-sale consist of corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury and agency securities and as of April 30, 2011 also includes commercial paper, all for which market prices for similar assets are readily available. As of October 31, 2011, available for sale marketable securities have maturities ranging from one month to 2.3 years.

As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, the Company's marketable securities included \$78.4 million (net of gross unrealized gains of \$1.1 million and gross unrealized losses of \$1.6 million) and \$71.4 million (net of gross unrealized gains of \$6.8 million and gross unrealized losses of \$0.1 million), respectively, held in trust for settlement of the Company's obligations under certain of its deferred compensation plans, of which \$72.3 million and \$66.3 million, respectively, are classified as non-current. The Company's obligations for which these assets were held in trust totaled \$78.7 million and \$72.1 million as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, respectively.

The following table represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | Total | October 31, 2011 | | |
|---|------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Cash equivalents, including restricted cash | \$ 56,856 | \$ 56,856 | \$ | \$ |
| Mutual funds | 78,432 | 78,432 | | |
| Corporate bonds | 45,090 | | 45,090 | |
| U.S. Treasury and agency securities | 2,419 | | 2,419 | |
| Total | \$ 182,797 | \$ 135,288 | \$ 47,509 | \$ |

| | Total | April 30, 2011 | | |
|---|------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Cash equivalents, including restricted cash | \$ 120,840 | \$ 120,840 | \$ | \$ |

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| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|----|
| Mutual funds | 71,363 | 71,363 | | |
| Corporate bonds | 40,444 | | 40,444 | |
| U.S. Treasury and agency securities | 9,424 | | 9,424 | |
| Commercial paper | 1,000 | | 1,000 | |
| Total | \$ 243,071 | \$ 192,203 | \$ 50,868 | \$ |

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The following table presents the Company's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) during the periods indicated:

| Auction Rate Securities | Three Months Ended October 31, | | Six Months Ended October 31, | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 8,200 |
| Auction rate securities put option | | | | (745) |
| Realized gain included in operations | | | | 745 |
| Sale of securities | | | | (8,200) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

6. Restructuring Liability

Changes in the restructuring liability during the three months ended October 31, 2011 are as follows:

| | Severance | Facilities (in thousands) | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Liability as of July 31, 2011 | \$ 714 | \$ 3,106 | \$ 3,820 |
| Reductions for cash payments | (76) | (604) | (680) |
| Exchange rate fluctuations | 1 | (65) | (64) |
| Liability as of October 31, 2011 | \$ 639 | \$ 2,437 | \$ 3,076 |

Changes in the restructuring liability during the six months ended October 31, 2011 are as follows:

| | Severance | Facilities (in thousands) | Total |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Liability as of April 30, 2011 | \$ 978 | \$ 3,943 | \$ 4,921 |
| Reductions for cash payments | (331) | (1,376) | (1,707) |
| Exchange rate fluctuations | (8) | (130) | (138) |
| Liability as of October 31, 2011 | \$ 639 | \$ 2,437 | \$ 3,076 |

As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, the restructuring liability is included in the current portion of other accrued liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet, except for \$1.3 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, of facilities costs which primarily relate to commitments under operating leases, net of sublease income, which are included in other long-term liabilities and will be paid over the next seven years.

The restructuring liability by segment is summarized below:

| | October 31, 2011 | | |
|---|------------------|------------|----------|
| | Severance | Facilities | Total |
| | (in thousands) | | |
| Executive Recruitment | | | |
| North America | \$ | \$ 74 | \$ 74 |
| Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) | 525 | 1,326 | 1,851 |
| Asia Pacific | | 84 | 84 |
| South America | 107 | | 107 |
| Total Executive Recruitment | 632 | 1,484 | 2,116 |
| Futurestep | 7 | 953 | 960 |
| Liability as of October 31, 2011 | \$ 639 | \$ 2,437 | \$ 3,076 |

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| | Severance | April 30, 2011 Facilities (in thousands) | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------|
| Executive Recruitment | | | |
| North America | \$ | \$ 91 | \$ 91 |
| EMEA | 857 | 2,312 | 3,169 |
| Asia Pacific | | 328 | 328 |
| South America | 114 | | 114 |
| Total Executive Recruitment | 971 | 2,731 | 3,702 |
| Futurestep | 7 | 1,212 | 1,219 |
| Liability as of April 30, 2011 | \$ 978 | \$ 3,943 | \$ 4,921 |

7. Deferred Compensation and Retirement Plans

The Company has several deferred compensation and retirement plans for eligible consultants and vice-presidents that provide defined benefits to participants based on the deferral of current compensation or contributions made by the Company subject to vesting and retirement or termination provisions.

The components of net periodic benefit costs are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended October 31, | | Six Months Ended October 31, | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| | (in thousands) | | | |
| Service cost | \$ | \$ 34 | \$ | \$ 68 |
| Interest cost | 884 | 925 | 1,768 | 1,850 |
| Amortization of actuarial loss | 355 | 105 | 710 | 210 |
| Net periodic benefit costs | \$ 1,239 | \$ 1,064 | \$ 2,478 | \$ 2,128 |

The Company has an Executive Capital Accumulation Plan (ECAP), which is intended to provide certain employees an opportunity to defer salary and/or bonus on a pre-tax basis or make an after-tax contribution. The Company made contributions to the ECAP during the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, of \$3.0 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. The Company made contributions to the ECAP during the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, of \$15.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. Participants generally vest in Company contributions over a four year period. The ECAP is accounted for whereby the changes in the fair value of the vested amounts owed to the participants are adjusted with a corresponding charge (or credit) to compensation and benefits costs. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2011, deferred compensation liability decreased; therefore, the Company recognized a reduction in compensation expenses of \$2.3 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. During the three and six months ended October 31, 2010, deferred compensation liability increased; therefore the Company recognized compensation expenses of \$2.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

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The Company operates in two global business segments; Executive Recruitment and Futurestep. The Executive Recruitment segment focuses on recruiting board-level, chief executive and other senior executive positions for clients predominantly in the consumer, financial services, industrial, life sciences/healthcare provider and technology industries and provides other related talent management services. Futurestep creates customized, flexible talent acquisition solutions to meet specific workforce needs of organizations around the world. Their portfolio of services includes recruitment process outsourcing, talent acquisition and management consulting services, project-based recruitment, mid-level recruitment and interim professionals. The Executive Recruitment business segment is managed by geographic regional leaders. Futurestep's worldwide operations are managed by the Chief Executive Officer of Futurestep. The Executive Recruitment geographic regional leaders and the Chief Executive Officer of Futurestep report directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Company also operates a Corporate segment to record global expenses of the Company.

Financial highlights by business segment are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended October 31, 2011 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Executive Recruitment | | | | Subtotal (in thousands) | Futurestep | Corporate (1) | Consolidated |
| | North America | EMEA | Asia Pacific | South America | | | | |
| Fee revenue | \$ 97,511 | \$ 40,269 | \$ 25,266 | \$ 8,506 | \$ 171,552 | \$ 28,584 | \$ | \$ 200,136 |
| Total revenue | \$ 103,418 | \$ 41,660 | \$ 25,894 | \$ 8,688 | \$ 179,660 | \$ 30,328 | \$ | \$ 209,988 |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 25,697 | \$ 5,483 | \$ 3,771 | \$ 1,950 | \$ 36,901 | \$ 2,265 | \$ (13,759) | \$ 25,407 |

| | Three Months Ended October 31, 2010 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Executive Recruitment | | | | Subtotal (in thousands) | Futurestep | Corporate (1) | Consolidated |
| | North America | EMEA | Asia Pacific | South America | | | | |
| Fee revenue | \$ 94,066 | \$ 37,424 | \$ 24,098 | \$ 8,478 | \$ 164,066 | \$ 21,284 | \$ | \$ 185,350 |
| Total revenue | \$ 98,703 | \$ 38,628 | \$ 24,510 | \$ 8,633 | \$ 170,474 | \$ 22,730 | \$ | \$ 193,204 |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 19,595 | \$ 84 | \$ 1,561 | \$ 2,698 | \$ 23,938 | \$ 1,183 | \$ (5,346) | \$ 19,775 |

| | Six Months Ended October 31, 2011 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Executive Recruitment | | | | Subtotal (in thousands) | Futurestep | Corporate (1) | Consolidated |
| | North America | EMEA | Asia Pacific | South America | | | | |
| Fee revenue | \$ 195,936 | \$ 83,511 | \$ 50,941 | \$ 17,297 | \$ 347,685 | \$ 58,782 | \$ | \$ 406,467 |
| Total revenue | \$ 206,604 | \$ 86,186 | \$ 52,105 | \$ 17,685 | \$ 362,580 | \$ 61,998 | \$ | \$ 424,578 |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 49,723 | \$ 10,827 | \$ 7,705 | \$ 4,233 | \$ 72,488 | \$ 4,571 | \$ (25,710) | \$ 51,349 |

| | Six Months Ended October 31, 2010 | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Executive Recruitment | | | | Subtotal (in thousands) | Futurestep | Corporate (1) | Consolidated |
| | North America | EMEA | Asia Pacific | South America | | | | |
| Fee revenue | \$ 184,041 | \$ 73,692 | \$ 45,240 | \$ 15,964 | \$ 318,937 | \$ 41,525 | \$ | \$ 360,462 |
| Total revenue | \$ 193,768 | \$ 75,766 | \$ 46,113 | \$ 16,251 | \$ 331,898 | \$ 44,468 | \$ | \$ 376,366 |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Operating income (loss) | \$ 39,270 | \$ 3,137 | \$ 4,630 | \$ 4,577 | \$ 51,614 | \$ 2,172 | \$ (14,739) | \$ 39,047 |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|

- (1) The Company recorded an adjustment to the fair value of contingent consideration for a prior acquisition, of \$2.2 million and \$1.9 million during the three and six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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9. Long-Term Debt

The Company's Senior Secured Revolving Facility (the Facility) provides for an aggregate availability up to \$50 million with a \$10 million sub-limit for letters of credit, subject to satisfaction of borrowing base requirements based on eligible domestic and foreign accounts receivable. The facility matures on March 14, 2014 and prior to each anniversary date, the Company can request one-year extensions, subject to lender consent. Borrowings under the Facility bear interest, at the election of the Company, at the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus applicable margin or the base rate plus applicable margin. The base rate is the highest of (i) the published prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or (iii) one month LIBOR plus 2.0%. The applicable margin is based on a percentage per annum determined in accordance with a specified pricing grid based on (a) the total funded debt ratio of the Company and (b) with respect to LIBOR loans, whether such LIBOR loans are cash collateralized. For cash collateralized LIBOR loans, the applicable margin will range from 0.65% to 3.15% per annum. For LIBOR loans that are not cash collateralized and for based rate loans, the applicable margin will range from 1.50% to 4.50% per annum (if using LIBOR) and from 1.50% to 4.75% per annum (if using base rate). The Company pays quarterly commitment fees of 0.25% to 0.50% on the Facility's unused commitments based on the Company's leverage ratio. The Facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company's domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the equity interest in all the first tier foreign subsidiaries. The financial covenants include a maximum consolidated leverage ratio, a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and a minimum \$30 million in unrestricted cash and/or marketable securities after taking into account the accrual for employee compensation and benefits.

As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, the Company had no borrowings under its Facility; however, the Company is required to maintain \$10.0 million on account with the lender, which provides collateral for the standby letters of credit and potential future borrowings. This amount is included in long-term investments and other assets in the consolidated balance sheets as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011. At October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, there was \$2.9 million of standby letters of credit issued under this Facility.

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations****Forward-looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may contain certain statements that we believe are, or may be considered to be, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements generally can be identified by use of statements that include phrases such as believe, expect, anticipate, intend, plan, foresee, may, will, likely, estimates, potential, continue or other similar words or phrases. Similarly, statements that describe our objectives, plans or goals also are forward-looking statements. All of these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the relevant forward-looking statement. The principal risk factors that could cause actual performance and future actions to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, dependence on attracting and retaining qualified and experienced consultants, maintaining our brand name and professional reputation, potential legal liability and regulatory developments, portability of client relationships, global and local political or economic developments in or affecting countries where we have operations, currency fluctuations in our international operations, risks related to growth, restrictions imposed by off-limits agreements, competition, reliance on information processing systems, our ability to enhance and develop new technology, employment liability risk, an impairment in the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets, deferred tax assets that we may not be able to use, our ability to develop new products and services, alignment of our cost structure to our growth, risks related to the integration of recently acquired businesses and the matters disclosed under the heading Risk Factors in the Company's Exchange Act reports, including Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2011 (Form 10-K). Readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are made only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and we undertake no obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

The following presentation of management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Executive Summary

Korn/Ferry International (referred to herein as the Company, Korn/Ferry, or in the first person notations we, our, and us) is a premier global provider of talent management solutions that helps clients to attract, deploy, develop and reward their talent. We are the premier provider of executive recruitment, leadership and talent consulting and talent acquisition solutions, with the broadest global presence in the recruitment industry. Our services include Executive Recruitment, middle-management recruitment (through Futurestep), Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO), Leadership and Talent Consulting (LTC) and executive coaching. Approximately 72% of the executive recruitment searches we performed in fiscal 2011 were for board level, chief executive and other senior executive and general management positions. Our 4,736 clients in fiscal 2011 included many of the world's largest and most prestigious public and private companies, including approximately 47% of the FORTUNE 500, middle market and emerging growth companies, as well as government and nonprofit organizations. We have built strong client loyalty, with 78% of the executive recruitment assignments performed during fiscal 2011 having been on behalf of clients for whom we had conducted assignments in the previous three fiscal years.

In an effort to maintain our long-term strategy of being the leading provider of talent management solutions, our strategic focus for fiscal 2012 centers upon enhancing the integration of our multi-service strategy. We plan to continue to address areas of increasing client demand, including RPO and LTC. We further plan to explore new products and services, continue to pursue a disciplined acquisition strategy, enhance our technology and processes and aggressively leverage our brand through thought leadership and intellectual capital projects as a means of delivering world-class service to our clients.

Fee revenue increased \$14.8 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 to \$200.2 million compared to \$185.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010, with increases in fee revenue in all regions of Executive Recruitment and Futurestep. The North America region in Futurestep experienced the largest dollar increase in fee revenue, increasing by 47% from \$8.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010 to \$12.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

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During the three months ended October 31, 2011, we recorded consolidated operating income of \$25.4 million with Executive Recruitment and Futurestep segments contributing \$36.8 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, offset by corporate expenses of \$13.7 million. This represents an increase of \$5.6 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011, from operating income of \$19.8 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010.

Our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities decreased by \$51.0 million, or 14%, to \$318.1 million at October 31, 2011 compared to \$369.1 million at April 30, 2011, mainly due to the payment of bonuses earned in fiscal 2011, partially offset by cash provided by operations. As of October 31, 2011, we held marketable securities to settle obligations under our Executive Capital Accumulation Plan (ECAP) with a cost value of \$78.9 million and a fair value of \$78.4 million. Our working capital increased by \$31.4 million to \$239.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011. We believe that cash on hand and funds from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated working capital, capital expenditures and general corporate requirements in the next twelve months. We had neither long-term debt nor any outstanding borrowings under our credit facility at October 31, 2011 or April 30, 2011. Under our credit facility, we are required to maintain \$10.0 million on account with the lender, to provide collateral for the standby letters of credit and potential future borrowings. As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, we had \$2.9 million of standby letters of credit issued under our credit facility.

Critical Accounting Policies

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our unaudited consolidated financial statements. Preparation of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions and changes in the estimates are reported in current operations. In preparing our interim consolidated financial statements and accounting for the underlying transactions and balances, we apply our accounting policies as disclosed in the notes to our consolidated financial statements. We consider the policies related to revenue recognition, annual incentive compensation, deferred compensation, marketable securities and the carrying values of goodwill, intangible assets and deferred income taxes as critical to an understanding of our interim consolidated financial statements because their application places the most significant demands on management's judgment. Specific risks for these critical accounting policies are described in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There have been no material changes in our critical accounting policies since fiscal 2011.

Results of Operations

The following table summarizes the results of our operations as a percentage of fee revenue:

| | Three Months | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| | Ended October 31, 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Fee revenue | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Reimbursed out-of-pocket engagement expenses | 4.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Total revenue | 104.9 | 104.2 | 104.5 | 104.4 |
| Compensation and benefits | 65.7 | 68.8 | 66.1 | 68.8 |
| General and administrative expenses | 17.1 | 14.8 | 17.0 | 15.5 |
| Out-of-pocket engagement expenses | 7.7 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Restructuring charges, net | | 1.1 | | 0.6 |
| Operating income | 12.7 | 10.7 | 12.6 | 10.8 |
| Net income | 7.6% | 7.4% | 7.5% | 6.8% |

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The following tables summarize the results of our operations by business segment:

| | Three Months Ended October 31, | | | | Six Months Ended October 31, | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | 2011 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2010 | |
| | Dollars | % | Dollars | % | Dollars | % | Dollars | % |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| Fee revenue | | | | | | | | |
| Executive recruitment: | | | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ 97,511 | 48.7% | \$ 94,066 | 50.8% | \$ 195,936 | 48.2% | \$ 184,041 | 51.1% |
| EMEA | 40,269 | 20.1 | 37,424 | 20.2 | 83,511 | 20.5 | 73,692 | 20.4 |
| Asia Pacific | 25,266 | 12.6 | 24,098 | 13.0 | 50,941 | 12.5 | 45,240 | 12.6 |
| South America | 8,506 | 4.3 | 8,478 | 4.5 | 17,297 | 4.3 | 15,964 | 4.4 |
| Total executive recruitment | 171,552 | 85.7 | 164,066 | 88.5 | 347,685 | 85.5 | 318,937 | 88.5 |
| Futurestep | 28,584 | 14.3 | 21,284 | 11.5 | 58,782 | 14.5 | 41,525 | 11.5 |
| Total fee revenue | 200,136 | 100.0% | 185,350 | 100.0% | 406,467 | 100.0% | 360,462 | 100.0% |
| Reimbursed out-of-pocket engagement expense | 9,852 | | 7,854 | | 18,111 | | 15,904 | |
| Total revenue | \$ 209,988 | | \$ 193,204 | | \$ 424,578 | | \$ 376,366 | |

| | Three Months Ended October 31, | | | | Six Months Ended October 31, | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | 2011 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2010 | |
| | Dollars | Margin (1) | Dollars | Margin (1) | Dollars | Margin (1) | Dollars | Margin (1) |
| (dollars in thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| Operating income | | | | | | | | |
| Executive recruitment: | | | | | | | | |
| North America | \$ 25,697 | 26.4% | \$ 19,595 | 20.8% | \$ 49,723 | 25.4% | \$ 39,270 | 21.3% |
| EMEA | 5,483 | 13.6 | 84 | 0.2 | 10,827 | 13.0 | 3,137 | 4.3 |
| Asia Pacific | 3,771 | 14.9 | 1,561 | 6.5 | 7,705 | 15.1 | 4,630 | 10.2 |
| South America | 1,950 | 22.9 | 2,698 | 31.8 | 4,233 | 24.5 | 4,577 | 28.7 |
| Total executive recruitment | 36,901 | 21.5 | 23,938 | 14.6 | 72,488 | 20.8 | 51,614 | 16.2 |
| Futurestep | 2,265 | 7.9 | 1,183 | 5.6 | 4,571 | 7.8 | 2,172 | 5.2 |
| Corporate | (13,759) | | (5,346) | | (25,710) | | (14,739) | |
| Total operating income | \$ 25,407 | 12.7% | \$ 19,775 | 10.7% | \$ 51,349 | 12.6% | \$ 39,047 | 10.8% |

(1) Margin is calculated as a percentage of fee revenue by business segment.

Three Months Ended October 31, 2011 Compared to Three Months Ended October 31, 2010
Fee Revenue

Fee Revenue. Fee revenue increased \$14.8 million, or 8%, to \$200.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$185.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in fee revenue was primarily attributable to a 10% increase in the number of engagements billed during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010 partially offset by a 2% decrease in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement during the same period. Weighted-average fees billed are impacted by fluctuating foreign currencies and the mix of engagements by segment and in the current quarter was driven by growth in Futurestep which has lower average fees than Executive Recruitment. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenues by \$5.6 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

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Executive Recruitment. Executive recruitment reported fee revenue of \$171.6 million, an increase of \$7.5 million, or 5%, in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$164.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in executive recruitment fee revenue was mainly due to a 14% increase in the number of executive recruitment engagements billed in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010 offset by an 8% decrease in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement during the same period. Weighted-average fees

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billed are impacted by the mix of engagements by region and fluctuating foreign currencies. The decrease in weighted-average fee per engagement was due to strong growth in leadership and talent consulting services, which have lower average fees per engagement. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenues by \$4.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

North America reported fee revenue of \$97.5 million, an increase of \$3.4 million, or 4%, in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$94.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. North America's increase in fee revenue is primarily due to an 18% increase in the number of engagements billed during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010, offset by a decrease of 12% in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement in the region during the same period. The decrease in weighted-average fee per engagement was due to strong growth in leadership and talent consulting services, which have lower average fees per engagement. The overall increase in fee revenue was driven by increases in fee revenue in the consumer goods, industrial and life sciences/healthcare sectors. Exchange rates favorably impacted North America fee revenue by \$0.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

EMEA reported fee revenue of \$40.3 million, an increase of \$2.9 million, or 8%, in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$37.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. EMEA's increase in fee revenue was primarily driven by a 20% increase in the number of engagements billed during the three months ended October 2011 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010, offset by a decrease of 10% in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement in the region during the same period. Exchange rates favorably impacted EMEA's fee revenue by \$1.9 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011. The performance in existing offices in Switzerland, Germany and Spain were the primary contributors to the increase in fee revenue in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. In terms of business sectors, life sciences/healthcare, industrial and consumer goods experienced the largest increases in fee revenue in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010.

Asia Pacific reported fee revenue of \$25.3 million, an increase of \$1.2 million, or 5%, in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$24.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. This increase was mainly due to a 6% increase in weighted-average fees billed per engagement partially offset by a 1% decrease in the number of engagements billed in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in performance in Australia and Japan were the primary contributors to the increase in fee revenue in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. The largest increase in fee revenue was experienced in the consumer goods, industrial and life sciences/healthcare sectors. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenue for Asia Pacific by \$1.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

South America reported fee revenue of \$8.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010. The weighted-average fees billed per engagement increased 6%, offset by a 5% decrease in the number of engagements billed in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. The performance in Brazil was the primary contributor to fee revenue in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010. Industrial, consumer goods and technology were the main sectors contributing to fee revenue in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenue for South America by \$0.7 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

Futurestep. Futurestep reported fee revenue of \$28.6 million, an increase of \$7.3 million, or 34%, in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$21.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in Futurestep's fee revenue was due to a 33% increase in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement and 1% increase in the number of engagements billed in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in fee revenue was positively impacted by an increase in the level of engagement activity for existing clients in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in Futurestep's fee revenue consisted of North America fee revenue increase of \$3.9 million, or 47%, to \$12.2 million; Europe fee revenue increase of \$1.3 million, or 20%, to \$7.7 million; an increase in Asia Pacific fee revenue of \$2.0 million, or 30%, to \$8.6 million and fee revenue of \$0.1 million in South America for the first time. Improvement in Futurestep fee revenue is primarily driven by increases in project based and middle-management recruitment. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenue for Futurestep by \$1.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

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Compensation and benefits expense increased \$3.9 million, or 3%, to \$131.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 from \$127.6 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in compensation and benefits expense is mainly due to a 17% increase in salaries and benefits in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010 due in large part to a 14% growth in the average worldwide headcount during the same period. The growth in average worldwide headcount was primarily due to an increase in execution and support staff to support the growth in Futurestep. The increase in compensation and benefits expense was partially offset by a \$5.9 million decrease in performance related bonus expense to \$28.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 from \$34.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. This decrease was primarily driven by the Company's overall level of profitability as defined by pre-tax income before bonus expense. The decrease in bonus expense was also impacted by a change in the mix of revenues by operating segment, notably from the strong performance of Futurestep in the quarter, where bonus expense relative to revenues is lower than in the Executive Recruitment operating segment. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted compensation and benefits expenses by \$4.2 million during the three months ended October 31, 2011.

In addition, changes in the fair value of vested amounts owed under certain deferred compensation plans resulted in a decrease of compensation expense of \$2.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and an increase of \$2.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. Offsetting these changes in compensation and benefits expense was a reduction in the fair value of marketable securities classified as trading (held in trust to satisfy obligations under certain deferred compensation liabilities) of \$2.5 million during the three months ended October 31, 2011 and an increase in the fair value of marketable securities classified as trading of \$3.1 million compared to the year-ago period, recorded in other (loss) income, net on the consolidated statement of income.

Executive recruitment compensation and benefits expense decreased \$5.5 million, or 5%, to \$104.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$109.9 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010, primarily due to a \$6.0 million decrease in performance related bonus expense driven by the Company's overall level of profitability as defined by pre-tax income before bonus expense. In addition, changes in the fair value of vested amounts owed under certain deferred compensation plans resulted in a decrease of compensation expense of \$2.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and an increase of \$2.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. Partially offsetting these changes was a 10% increase in salaries and benefits primarily due to a 5% increase in average executive recruitment headcount, to support our increase in fee revenue and growth in business activities. Executive recruitment compensation and benefits expense decreased as a percentage of fee revenue to 61% from 67% in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted compensation and benefits expenses by \$3.4 million during the three months ended October 31, 2011.

Futurestep compensation and benefits expense increased \$6.1 million, or 42%, to \$20.6 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 from \$14.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase was primarily due to a 45% increase in average headcount in support of our increased business activities to support a 34% increase in fee revenue. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted compensation and benefits expense by \$0.8 million. Futurestep compensation and benefits expense as a percentage of fee revenue increased to 72% in the three months ended October 31, 2011 from 68% in the three months ended October 31, 2010.

Corporate compensation and benefits expense was \$6.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 net of \$0.2 million increase in the cash surrender value (CSV) of company owned life insurance (COLI) compared to \$3.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010 net of \$3.2 million increase in the CSV of COLI. The CSV of COLI is held to fund other deferred compensation retirement plans and the change in CSV of COLI was the primary reason for the increase in compensation and benefits expense, and to a lesser extent, an increase in average headcount. The increase in CSV of COLI was due to a change in the value of the underlying investments due to market changes.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses increased \$6.8 million, or 25%, to \$34.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$27.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase is largely attributable to an increase in legal and other professional fees, and to a lesser extent, an increase in premise and office expenses (due primarily to the timing of renewals of existing leases) and business development expenses. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted general and administrative expenses by \$1.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011.

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General and administrative expenses as a percentage of fee revenue were 17% in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to 15% in the three months ended October 31, 2010.

Executive recruitment general and administrative expenses increased \$1.6 million, or 8%, to \$22.6 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 from \$21.0 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily driven by an increase of \$1.5 million in premises and office expense, which increased primarily due to the timing of renewals of existing leases. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted general and administrative expenses by \$1.0 million. Executive recruitment general and administrative expenses as a percentage of fee revenue was 13% in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010.

Futurestep general and administrative expenses increased \$0.2 million, or 4%, to \$4.9 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$4.7 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010, primarily due to unfavorable exchange rates of \$0.3 million. Futurestep general and administrative expenses as a percentage of fee revenue was 17% in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to 22% in the three months ended October 31, 2010.

Corporate general and administrative expenses increased by \$5.0 million to \$6.7 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$1.7 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase is largely attributable to an increase in legal and other professional fees, and to a lesser extent, an increase in business development expense. Business development expenses, including costs associated with social media initiatives, increased primarily due to the increase in our overall business activities.

Out-of-Pocket Engagement Expenses

Out-of-pocket engagement expenses consist of expenses incurred by candidates and our consultants that are normally billed to clients. Out-of-pocket engagement expenses increased \$2.3 million, or 17%, to \$15.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$13.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010, driven by the increase in the volume of business activity. Out-of-pocket engagement expenses as a percentage of fee revenue were 8% and 7% for the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Depreciation and Amortization Expenses

Depreciation and amortization expenses were \$3.4 million and \$3.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. This expense relates mainly to computer equipment, software, furniture and fixtures and leasehold improvements.

Restructuring Charges, Net

There were no restructuring charges, net in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to net restructuring charges from previous restructurings of \$2.1 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010, which primarily relate to higher facility lease costs than originally estimated.

Operating Income

Operating income increased \$5.6 million to \$25.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$19.8 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. This increase in operating income resulted from a \$14.8 million increase in fee revenue and a reduction of \$2.1 million in restructuring charges during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010, partially offset by an increase of \$3.9 million in compensation and benefits expense and \$6.8 million in general and administrative expenses.

Executive recruitment operating income increased \$12.9 million to \$36.8 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$23.9 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in executive recruitment operating income is attributable to a \$7.5 million increase in fee revenue, a \$5.5 million reduction in compensation and benefits expense and a reduction of \$2.2 million in restructuring charges during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. These changes were offset by a \$1.6 million increase in general and administrative expenses. Executive recruitment operating income during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as a percentage of fee revenue was 22% compared to 15% in the three months ended October 31, 2010.

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Futurestep operating income increased by \$1.1 million to \$2.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011, as compared to \$1.2 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. This increase was driven by the \$7.3 million increase in Futurestep fee revenue during the three months ended October 31, 2011, as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010, which was primarily offset by a \$6.1 million increase in Futurestep compensation and benefits expenses. Futurestep operating income as a percentage of fee revenue was 8% in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to 6% in the three months ended October 31, 2010.

Other (Loss) Income, Net

Other (loss) income, net decreased by \$5.5 million to a loss of \$2.6 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to income of \$2.9 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. This decrease was primarily due to net losses on marketable securities of \$2.5 million classified as trading in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to net gains on marketable securities of \$3.1 million classified as trading in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The decrease in other (loss) income, net reflects a \$5.6 million decrease in the market value of mutual funds held in trust for settlement of our obligations under certain deferred compensation plans (see Note 5 of the consolidated financial statements) during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the three months ended October 31, 2010. Offsetting this decrease in other (loss) income, net is a \$4.8 million decrease in certain deferred compensation plan liabilities (see Note 7 of the consolidated financial statements) recorded as a reduction of compensation and benefits expense.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net primarily relates to borrowings under our COLI policies, which is partially offset by interest earned on cash and cash equivalent balances. Interest expense, net was \$0.4 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to \$1.2 million in three months ended October 31, 2010. The decrease in interest expense, net is due to a decline in our average borrowings under our COLI policies.

Income Taxes Provision

The provision for income taxes was \$7.7 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$8.3 million in the three months ended October 31, 2010. The provision for income taxes in the three months ended October 31, 2011 reflects a 34% effective tax rate, compared to a 39% rate for the three months ended October 31, 2010. This decrease in the effective tax rate during the three months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the year-ago period is due to a decline in international corporate tax rates and a higher utilization of international loss carryforwards.

Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Subsidiaries, Net

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiary is comprised of our less than 50% interest in our Mexican subsidiary. We report our interest in earnings or loss of our Mexican subsidiary on the equity basis as a one-line adjustment to net income, net of taxes. Equity in earnings was \$0.5 million in the three months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010.

Six Months Ended October 31, 2011 Compared to Six Months Ended October 31, 2010***Fee Revenue***

Fee Revenue. Fee revenue increased \$46.0 million, or 13%, to \$406.5 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$360.5 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in fee revenue was primarily attributable to an 11% increase in the number of engagements billed during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010 and a 2% increase in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement during the same period. Weighted-average fees billed are impacted by the mix of engagements by segment and fluctuating foreign currencies. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenues by \$19.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011.

Executive Recruitment. Executive recruitment reported fee revenue of \$347.7 million, an increase of \$28.7 million, or 9%, in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$319.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in executive recruitment fee revenue was mainly due to an 11% increase in the number of executive recruitment engagements billed in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010 and a

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1% decrease in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement during the same period. Weighted-average fees billed are impacted by the mix of engagements by region and fluctuating foreign currencies. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenues by \$14.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011.

North America reported fee revenue of \$195.9 million, an increase of \$11.8 million, or 6%, in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$184.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. North America's increase in fee revenue is primarily due to a 16% increase in the number of engagements billed during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010, offset by a decrease of 8% in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement in the region during the same period. The decrease in weighted-average fee per engagement was due to strong growth in leadership and talent consulting services which have lower average fees per engagement. The overall increase in fee revenue was driven by increases in fee revenue in the consumer goods, life sciences/healthcare and industrial sectors. Exchange rates favorably impacted North America fee revenue by \$1.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011.

EMEA reported fee revenue of \$83.5 million, an increase of \$9.8 million, or 13%, in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$73.7 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. EMEA's increase in fee revenue was primarily driven by a 10% increase in the number of engagements billed and a 3% increase in the weighted-average fees billed in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. Exchange rates favorably impacted EMEA's fee revenue by \$7.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011. The performance in existing offices in Switzerland, Germany and Spain were the primary contributors to the increase in fee revenue in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. In terms of business sectors, life sciences/healthcare, consumer goods and industrial experienced the largest increases in fee revenue in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Asia Pacific reported fee revenue of \$51.0 million, an increase of \$5.8 million, or 13%, in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$45.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. This increase was mainly due to a 7% increase in weighted-average fees billed per engagement and a 5% increase in the number of engagements billed in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in performance in Australia and Japan were the primary contributors to the increase in fee revenue in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. The largest increase in fee revenue was experienced in the consumer goods, industrial and life sciences/healthcare sectors. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenue for Asia Pacific by \$3.9 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011.

South America reported fee revenue of \$17.3 million, an increase of \$1.3 million, or 8%, in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$16.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010 mainly due to an increase of 11% in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010 offset by a 3% decrease in the number of engagements billed per engagement for the same period. The increase in performance in Colombia and Argentina were the primary contributors to the increase in fee revenue in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. Financial services, industrial and consumer goods were the main sectors contributing to the increase in fee revenue in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenue for South America by \$2.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011.

Futurestep. Futurestep reported fee revenue of \$58.8 million, an increase of \$17.3 million, or 42%, in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$41.5 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in Futurestep's fee revenue was due to a 28% increase in the weighted-average fees billed per engagement and an 11% increase in the number of engagements billed in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in fee revenue was also positively impacted by an increase in level of activity for existing clients in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in Futurestep's fee revenue consisted of North America fee revenue increase of \$9.3 million, or 60%, to \$24.9 million; Europe fee revenue increase of \$4.1 million, or 32%, to \$16.8 million; an increase in Asia Pacific fee revenue of \$3.8 million, or 29%, to \$17.0 million and fee revenue of \$0.1 million in South America for the first time. Improvement in Futurestep fee revenue is primarily driven by increases in project based and middle-management recruitment. Exchange rates favorably impacted fee revenue for Futurestep by \$4.9 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011.

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Compensation and benefits expense increased \$21.1 million, or 9%, to \$268.9 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 from \$247.8 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in compensation and benefits expense is mainly due to a 19% increase in salaries and benefits in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010 due in large part to a 14% growth in average worldwide headcount. The growth in average worldwide headcount was primarily due to an increase in execution and support staff to support our growth in Futurestep and other business activities. The increase in compensation and benefits expense was partially offset by a \$7.2 million decrease in performance related bonus expense to \$60.9 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 from \$68.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. This decrease was primarily driven by the Company's overall level of profitability as defined by pre-tax income before bonus expense. The decrease in bonus expense was also impacted by a change in the mix of revenues by operating segment, notably from the strong performance of Futurestep, where bonus expense relative to revenues is lower than in the Executive Recruitment operating segment. In addition, the performance related bonus expense for the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010 was reduced by a change in the bonus expense estimate of \$1.2 million and \$2.0 million for fiscal 2011 and 2010, respectively, resulting in bonus expense of \$59.7 million and \$66.1 million, respectively. These changes in estimates represent the difference between the bonus expense recorded for fiscal 2011 and 2010 and the actual cash payments made or to be made with respect to amounts earned during such fiscal years. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted compensation and benefits expenses by \$13.8 million during the six months ended October 31, 2011.

In addition, changes in the fair value of vested amounts owed under certain deferred compensation plans resulted in a decrease of compensation expense of \$3.6 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 and an increase of compensation expense of \$1.3 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. Offsetting these changes in compensation and benefits expense was a reduction in the fair value of marketable securities classified as trading (held in trust to satisfy obligations under certain deferred compensation liabilities) of \$4.1 million during the three months ended October 31, 2011 and an increase in the fair value of marketable securities classified as trading of \$1.7 million compared to the year-ago period, recorded in other (loss) income, net on the consolidated statement of income.

Executive recruitment compensation and benefits expense increased \$4.6 million, or 2%, to \$214.7 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$210.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in compensation and benefits expense is primarily due to a 12% increase in salaries and benefits in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010 due in large part to an 8% growth in average executive recruitment headcount. The increase in average executive recruitment headcount increased to support our increase in fee revenue and growth in business activities. Offsetting these increases was a reduction in the performance related bonus expense of \$ 7.7 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to the year-ago period and changes in the fair value of vested amounts owed under certain deferred compensation plans resulting in a decrease of compensation expense of \$3.4 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 and an increase of \$1.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. Executive recruitment compensation and benefits expense decreased as a percentage of fee revenue to 62% from 66% in the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted compensation and benefits expenses by \$10.5 million during the six months ended October 31, 2011.

Futurestep compensation and benefits expense increased \$13.3 million, or 46%, to \$42.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 from \$28.7 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase was primarily due to a 34% increase in average headcount and a \$1.3 million increase in the variable component of compensation in support of our increased business activities and our 42% increase in fee revenue. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted compensation and benefits expense by \$3.3 million. Futurestep compensation and benefits expense as a percentage of fee revenue increased to 72% in the six months ended October 31, 2011 from 69% in the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Corporate compensation and benefits expense was \$12.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 net of \$1.1 million increase of the CSV of COLI compared to \$9.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010 net of \$3.4 million increase of the CSV of COLI. The CSV of COLI is held to fund other deferred compensation retirement plans and the change in CSV of COLI was the primary reason for the increase in compensation and benefits expense, and to a lesser extent an increase in average headcount. The increase in the CSV of COLI was due to changes in the value of the underlying investments due to market changes.

Table of Contents***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses increased \$13.0 million, or 23%, to \$69.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$56.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase is largely attributable to an increase in legal and other professional fees, and to a lesser extent, an increase in premise and office expenses (due primarily to the timing of renewals of existing leases) and business development expenses. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted general and administrative expenses by \$4.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011. General and administrative expenses as a percentage of fee revenue were 17% in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to 16% in the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Executive recruitment general and administrative expenses increased \$3.9 million, or 9%, to \$46.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 from \$42.3 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in general and administrative expenses was driven by an increase of \$2.6 million in premises and office expense and \$1.0 million in business development expense, which includes costs associated with social media initiatives. Premise and office expenses increased due to the timing of renewals of existing leases and business development expenses increased due to the increase in our overall business activities, as reflected by the 9% increase in fee revenues. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted general and administrative expenses by \$2.7 million. Executive recruitment general and administrative expenses as a percentage of fee revenue was 13% in the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010.

Futurestep general and administrative expenses increased \$1.5 million, or 17%, to \$10.4 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$8.9 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010, primarily due to increases of \$1.0 million in premises and office expense, \$0.3 million in business development expense and \$0.2 million in other expense related to the increase in our overall business activities reflected in the 42% increase in fee revenues. Exchange rates unfavorably impacted general and administrative expenses by \$1.3 million. Futurestep general and administrative expenses as a percentage of fee revenue was 18% in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to 21% in the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Corporate general and administrative expenses increased \$7.6 million to \$12.4 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$4.8 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase is largely attributable to an increase in legal and other professional fees, and to a lesser extent, an increase in business development expense. Business development expenses, including costs associated with social media initiatives, increased primarily due to the increase in our overall business activities.

Out-of-Pocket Engagement Expenses

Out-of-pocket engagement expenses consist of expenses incurred by candidates and our consultants that are normally billed to clients. Out-of-pocket engagement expenses increased \$3.3 million, or 13%, to \$28.6 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$25.3 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010, driven by the increase in the volume of business activity. Out-of-pocket engagement expenses as a percentage of fee revenue was 7% for the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010.

Depreciation and Amortization Expenses

Depreciation and amortization expenses were \$6.8 million and \$6.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. This expense relates mainly to computer equipment, software, furniture and fixtures and leasehold improvements.

Restructuring Charges, Net

There were no restructuring charges, net in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to net restructuring charges from previous restructurings of \$2.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010, which primarily relates to higher facility lease costs than originally estimated.

Table of Contents***Operating Income***

Operating income increased \$12.2 million to \$51.3 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$39.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. This increase in operating income resulted from a \$46.0 million increase in fee revenue during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010, partially offset by an increase of \$21.1 million in compensation and benefits expense and \$13.0 million in general and administrative expenses.

Executive recruitment operating income increased \$20.8 million to \$72.4 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$51.6 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in executive recruitment operating income is attributable to a \$28.7 million increase in fee revenue during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010, which was offset by a \$4.6 million increase in compensation and benefits expense and \$3.9 million increase in general and administrative expenses. Executive recruitment operating income during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as a percentage of fee revenue was 21% compared to 16% in the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Futurestep operating income increased by \$2.4 million to \$4.6 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011, as compared to \$2.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. This increase is attributable to a \$17.3 million increase in Futurestep fee revenue during the six months ended October 31, 2011, as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010, which was offset by increases of \$13.3 million and \$1.5 million in Futurestep compensation and benefits and general and administrative expenses, respectively. Futurestep operating income as a percentage of fee revenue was 8% in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to 5% in the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Other (Loss) Income, Net

Other (loss) income, net decreased by \$6.0 million to a loss of \$4.6 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to income of \$1.4 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. This decrease was primarily due to net losses on marketable securities of \$4.1 million classified as trading in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared net gains on marketable securities of \$1.7 million classified as trading in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The decrease in other (loss) income, net reflects a \$5.8 million decrease in the market value of mutual funds held in trust for settlement of our obligations under certain deferred compensation plans (see Note 5 of the consolidated financial statements) during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the six months ended October 31, 2010. Offsetting this decrease in other (loss) income, net is a \$4.9 million decrease in certain deferred compensation retirement plan liabilities (see Note 7 of the consolidated financial statements) during the same period, which resulted in a reduction of compensation and benefits expense.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net primarily relates to borrowings under our COLI policies, which is partially offset by interest earned on cash and cash equivalent balances. Interest expense, net was \$1.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to \$2.0 million in six months ended October 31, 2010. The decrease in interest expense, net is due to a decline in our average borrowings under our COLI policies.

Income Taxes Provision

The provision for income taxes was \$16.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$14.8 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The provision for income taxes in the six months ended October 31, 2011 reflects a 35% effective tax rate, compared to a 39% rate for the six months ended October 31, 2010. This decrease in the effective tax rate during the six months ended October 31, 2011 as compared to the year-ago period, is due to a decline in international corporate tax rates and a higher utilization of international loss carryforwards.

Table of Contents***Equity in Earnings of Unconsolidated Subsidiaries, Net***

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiary is comprised of our less than 50% interest in our Mexican subsidiary. We report our interest in earnings or loss of our Mexican subsidiary on the equity basis as a one-line adjustment to net income, net of taxes. Equity in earnings was \$1.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011 compared to \$0.9 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our performance is subject to the general level of economic activity in the geographic regions and industries in which we operate. The economic activity in those regions and industries showed improvement in fiscal 2011 and the first two quarters of fiscal 2012, but the pace of recovery has slowed. If the national or global economy or credit market conditions in general were to deteriorate in the future, it is possible that such changes could put additional negative pressure on demand for our services and affect our cash flows.

Although global economic conditions and demand for our services continued to show signs of improvement during fiscal 2012 and 2011, the overall rate of growth is less than in previous quarters. The demand for executive searches remains slightly below its peak level of 2008. If the economic environment and labor markets were to deteriorate resulting in an adverse impact on our fee revenue, we may be required to take steps to align our cost structure with anticipated revenue levels in an effort to retain positive cash flows. To the extent our efforts are insufficient, we may incur negative cash flows, and if such conditions were to persist over an extended period of time, it might require us to obtain additional financing to meet our capital needs. Based on current economic conditions, we believe that our cash on hand and funds from operations will be sufficient to meet anticipated working capital, capital expenditures and general corporate requirements during the next twelve months.

Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities were \$318.1 million and \$369.1 million as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, respectively. Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less. Marketable securities consist of mutual funds and investments in corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury and agency securities and at April 30, 2011 also included commercial paper. The primary objectives of our investment in mutual funds are to meet the obligations under certain of our deferred compensation plans, while the other securities are available for general corporate purposes.

As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, our marketable securities of \$125.9 million and \$122.2 million, respectively, included \$78.4 million and \$71.4 million, respectively, held in trust for settlement of our obligations under certain deferred compensation plans, of which \$72.3 million and \$66.3 million, respectively, are classified as non-current. Our obligations for which these assets were held in trust totaled \$78.7 million and \$72.1 million as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, respectively. As of October 31, 2011, we had marketable securities classified as available-for-sale with a balance of \$47.5 million. These securities represent excess cash invested under our investment policy with a professional money manager and are available for general corporate purposes.

The net increase in our working capital of \$31.4 million as of October 31, 2011 compared to April 30, 2011 is primarily attributable to a decrease in compensation and benefits payable plus an increase in accounts receivable offset by a decrease in cash and cash equivalents. Compensation and benefits payable and cash and cash equivalents decreased due to the payment of annual bonuses earned in fiscal 2011 and paid during the six months ended October 31, 2011, while accounts receivable increased due to an increase in the number of engagements billed that are included in accounts receivable at October 31, 2011 compared to April 30, 2011. Cash used in operating activities was \$35.2 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011, an increase of \$27.5 million, from cash used in operating activities of \$7.7 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The increase in cash used in operating activities is primarily because fiscal 2011 bonuses paid in the six months ended October 31, 2011 were higher than fiscal 2010 bonuses paid during the six months ended October 31, 2010 due to an increase in fee revenue and overall profitability in fiscal year 2011 as compared to fiscal year 2010.

The Company paid bonuses of \$125.0 million in cash during the six months ended October 31, 2011, and expects to pay \$2.1 million in cash during the remainder of fiscal 2012. Compensation and benefits payable on the Company's consolidated balance sheet as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011 continue to include \$5.4 million in bonus payments that were fully earned by recipients during fiscal 2010, but for which the payment was initially delayed due to economic conditions prevailing at the time. These delayed payments were recorded to bonus liability and accrued in fiscal 2010 because the

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underlying bonuses had been fully earned in that period. These amounts will be paid in December 2011, regardless of whether the recipients continue to be employed by the Company on the relevant payment dates and notwithstanding any earlier communications to the recipients to the contrary, and will result in an increase to cash used in operations when paid. In addition, \$8.1 million in bonuses earned in fiscal 2009, the payment of which was deferred due to economic conditions, were paid during the six months ended October 31, 2010 and increased cash used in operating activities during this period by a corresponding amount.

Cash used in investing activities was \$17.7 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011, a decrease of \$35.8 million from cash used in investing activities of \$53.5 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. The decrease in cash used in investing activities is primarily attributable to lower purchases of marketable securities of \$21.0 and property and equipment of \$8.5 million, higher net proceeds from sales/maturities of marketable securities of \$5.5 million and lower payments of earn-outs from prior acquisitions of \$2.0 million.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$1.0 million in the six months ended October 31, 2011, an increase of \$9.1 million from cash used in financing activities of \$8.1 million in the six months ended October 31, 2010. Cash used to repurchase shares of common stock decreased by \$9.3 million from the prior period coupled with a \$1.8 million increase in tax benefits from issuances of common stock related to employee stock options and our employee stock purchase plan. Partially offsetting the increases were \$3.0 million of cash proceeds from the exercise of warrants during the six months ended October 31, 2010. As of October 31, 2011, \$24.4 million remained available for repurchase under our repurchase program, approved by the Board of Directors on November 2, 2007.

Cash Surrender Value of Company Owned Life Insurance Policies, Net of Loans

As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, we held contracts with gross CSV of \$145.5 million and \$143.9 million, respectively. Generally, we borrow under our COLI contracts to pay related premiums. Such borrowings do not require annual principal repayments, bear interest primarily at variable rates and are secured by the CSV of COLI contracts. Total outstanding borrowings against the CSV of COLI contracts were \$73.3 million and \$72.9 million as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, respectively. At October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, the net cash value of these policies was \$72.2 million and \$71.0 million, respectively.

Long-Term Debt

Our Senior Secured Revolving Facility (the Facility) provides for an aggregate availability up to \$50 million with a \$10 million sub-limit for letters of credit, subject to satisfaction of borrowing base requirements based on eligible domestic and foreign accounts receivable. The Facility matures on March 14, 2014 and prior to each anniversary date, we can request one year extensions, subject to lender consent. Borrowings under the Facility bear interest, at our election, at the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus applicable margin or the base rate plus applicable margin. The base rate is the highest of (i) the published prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or (iii) one month LIBOR plus 2.0%. The applicable margin is based on a percentage per annum determined in accordance with a specified pricing grid based on (a) the total funded debt ratio of the Company and (b) with respect to LIBOR loans, whether such LIBOR loans are cash collateralized. For cash collateralized LIBOR loans, the applicable margin will range from 0.65% to 3.15% per annum. For LIBOR loans that are not cash collateralized and for base rate loans, the applicable margin will range from 1.50% to 4.50% per annum (if using LIBOR) and from 1.50% to 4.75% per annum (if using base rate). We pay quarterly commitment fees of 0.25% to 0.50% on the Facility's unused commitments based on our leverage ratio. The Facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of our domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the equity interest in all the first tier foreign subsidiaries. The financial covenants include a maximum consolidated leverage ratio, a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio and a minimum \$30 million in unrestricted cash and/or marketable securities after taking into account the accrual for employee compensation and benefits.

As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, we had no borrowings under our Facility; however, we are required to maintain \$10.0 million on account with the lender, which provides collateral for the standby letters of credit and potential future borrowings. At October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, there was \$2.9 million of standby letters of credit issued under this Facility.

We are not aware of any other trends, demand or commitments that would materially affect liquidity or those that relate to our resources.

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Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements and have not entered into any transactions involving unconsolidated, limited purpose entities.

Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*

As a result of our global operating activities, we are exposed to certain market risks, including foreign currency exchange fluctuations and fluctuations in interest rates. We manage our exposure to these risks in the normal course of our business as described below. We have not utilized financial instruments for trading, hedging or other speculative purposes nor do we trade in derivative financial instruments.

Foreign Currency Risk

Substantially all our foreign subsidiaries' operations are measured in their local currencies. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the rates of exchange in effect at the end of each reporting period and revenue and expenses are translated at average rates of exchange during the reporting period. Resulting translation adjustments are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income on our consolidated balance sheets.

Transactions denominated in a currency other than the reporting entity's functional currency may give rise to transaction gains and losses that impact our results of operations. Historically, we have not realized significant foreign currency gains or losses on such transactions. During the six months ended October 31, 2011, we recognized foreign currency loss, on an after tax basis, of \$0.5 million as compared to foreign currency gains, on an after tax basis, of \$0.2 million during the six months ended October 31, 2010.

Our primary exposure to exchange losses is based on outstanding intercompany loan balances denominated in U.S. dollars. If the U.S. dollar strengthened 15%, 25% and 35% against the Pound Sterling, the Euro, the Canadian dollar, the Australian dollar and the Yen, our exchange loss would have been \$0.2 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, based on outstanding balances at October 31, 2011. If the U.S. dollar weakened by the same increments against the Pound Sterling, the Euro, the Canadian dollar, the Australian dollar and the Yen, correspondingly, our exchange gain would have been \$0.2 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, based on outstanding balances at October 31, 2011.

Interest Rate Risk

We primarily manage our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates through our regular financing activities, which generally are short term and provide for variable market rates. As of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings under our Facility. We had \$73.3 million and \$72.9 million of borrowings against the CSV of COLI contracts as of October 31, 2011 and April 30, 2011, respectively, bearing interest primarily at variable rates. The risk of fluctuations in these variable rates is minimized by the fact that we receive a corresponding adjustment to our borrowed funds crediting rate on the CSV on our COLI contracts.

Item 4. *Controls and Procedures*

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Based on their evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures conducted as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) are effective.

(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended October 31, 2011 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II.****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, we are involved in litigation both as a plaintiff and a defendant, relating to claims arising out of our operations. As of the date of this report, we are not engaged in any legal proceedings that are expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In our Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2011, we described material risk factors facing our business. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. As of the date of this report, there have been no material changes to the risk factors described in our Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sale of Equity Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

The following table summarizes common stock repurchased by us during the quarter ended October 31, 2011:

| | | Shares Purchased(1) | Average Price Paid Per Share | Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly- Announced Programs (2) | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Programs (2) |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| August 1, 2011 | August 31, 2011 | | \$ | | \$ 24.4 million |
| September 1, 2011 | September 30, 2011 | 6,225 | \$ 13.34 | | \$ 24.4 million |
| October 1, 2011 | October 31, 2011 | 67 | \$ 11.52 | | \$ 24.4 million |
| Total | | 6,292 | \$ 13.32 | | \$ 24.4 million |

(1) Represents withholding of a portion of restricted shares to cover taxes on vested restricted shares.

(2) On November 2, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the repurchase of \$50 million of our common stock in a common stock repurchase program. The shares can be repurchased in open market transactions or privately negotiated transactions at our discretion.

Item 6. Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| 10.1 | Korn/Ferry International Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan. |
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| 32.1 | Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350. |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document. |

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| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. |

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SIGNATURES

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

KORN/FERRY INTERNATIONAL

By: /s/ Michael A. DiGregorio
 Michael A. DiGregorio
 Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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