

STEPSTONE GROUP REPORTS SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2025 RESULTS

NEW YORK, November 7, 2024 – StepStone Group Inc. (Nasdaq: STEP), a global private markets investment firm focused on providing customized investment solutions and advisory and data services, today reported results for the quarter ended September 30, 2024. This represents results for the second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. The Board of Directors of the Company has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.24 per share of Class A common stock, payable on December 13, 2024, to the holders of record as of the close of business on November 29, 2024.

StepStone issued a full detailed presentation of its second quarter fiscal 2025 results, which can be accessed by visiting the Company's website at https://shareholders.stepstonegroup.com.

Webcast and Earnings Conference Call

Management will host a webcast and conference call on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm ET to discuss the Company's results for the second quarter of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. The webcast will be made available on the Shareholders section of the Company's website at https://shareholders.stepstonegroup.com. To listen to a live broadcast, go to the site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time to register. A replay will also be available on the Shareholders section of the Company's website approximately two hours after the conclusion of the event.

To join as a live participant in the question and answer portion of the call, participants must register at https://register.vevent.com/register/BI6beb1f9d540a4ca3965ff36afb3a4ae0. Upon registering you will receive the dial-in number and a PIN to join the call as well as an email confirmation with the details.

About StepStone

StepStone Group Inc. (Nasdaq: STEP) is a global private markets investment firm focused on providing customized investment solutions and advisory and data services to its clients. As of September 30, 2024, StepStone was responsible for approximately \$682 billion of total capital, including \$176 billion of assets under management. StepStone's clients include some of the world's largest public and private defined benefit and defined contribution pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and insurance companies, as well as prominent endowments, foundations, family offices and private wealth clients, which include high-networth and mass affluent individuals. StepStone partners with its clients to develop and build private markets portfolios designed to meet their specific objectives across the private equity, infrastructure, private debt and real estate asset classes.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "future," "intend," "may," "plan" and "will" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current plans, estimates and expectations and are inherently uncertain. The inclusion of any forward-looking information in this release should not be regarded as a representation that the future plans, estimates or expectations contemplated will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, global and domestic market and business conditions, our successful execution of business and growth strategies, the favorability of the private markets fundraising environment, successful

integration of acquired businesses and regulatory factors relevant to our business, as well as assumptions relating to our operations, financial results, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity and the risks and uncertainties described in greater detail under the "Risk Factors" section of our annual report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2024, as such factors may be updated from time to time. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), we use the following non-GAAP financial measures: adjusted management and advisory fees, net, adjusted revenues, adjusted net income (on both a pre-tax and after-tax basis), adjusted net income per share, adjusted weighted-average shares, fee-related earnings, fee-related earnings margin, gross realized performance fees and net realized performance fees. We have provided this non-GAAP financial information, which is not calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP, as information supplemental and in addition to the financial measures presented in this earnings release that are calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. Such non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered superior to, as a substitute for or alternative to, and should be considered in conjunction with, the GAAP financial measures presented in this earnings release. The presentation of these measures should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. In addition, the non-GAAP financial measures in this earnings release may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies in our industry or across different industries. For definitions of these non-GAAP measures and reconciliations to applicable GAAP measures, please see the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures: Definitions and Reconciliations."

Financial Highlights and Key Business Drivers/Operating Metrics

				Th	ree N	Months En	ded					Six Mont Septen			Perce	ntage	Change
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts and where noted)		eptember 30, 2023		ecember 1, 2023	M	arch 31, 2024	J	une 30, 2024		ptember 0, 2024		2023		2024	vs. FQ2'	24	vs. FQ2'24 YTD
Financial Highlights																	
GAAP Results																	
Management and advisory																	
fees, net	\$ 1	42,123	\$ 1	51,492	\$ 1	53,410	\$ 1	78,015	\$ 1	84,758	\$28	30,238	\$30	62,773	30) %	29 %
Total revenues	1	91,422	(14,612)	3	56,810	1	86,401	2	71,677	36	59,433	4:	58,078	42	2 %	24 %
Total performance fees		49,299	(1	66,104)	2	03,400		8,386		86,919		39,195	Ģ	95,305	76	5 %	7 %
Net income (loss)		59,251	(23,419)		82,542		48,045		53,138	10	08,697	10	01,183	(10	0)%	(7)%
Net income (loss) per share of Class A common stock:																	
Basic	\$	0.42	\$	(0.32)	\$	0.48	\$	0.20	\$	0.26	\$	0.76	\$	0.46	(39	9)%	(39)%
Diluted	\$	0.42	\$	(0.32)	\$	0.48	\$	0.20	\$	0.26	\$	0.75	\$	0.46	(38	3)%	(39)%
Weighted-average shares of Class A common stock:																	
Basic	62	,858,468	64,	068,952	64,	194,859	66,	187,754	68,	772,051	62,	846,708	67,	,486,964	g	9 %	7 %
Diluted	66	,198,129	64,	068,952	67,	281,567	68,	593,761	69,	695,315	65,	970,053	69,	,147,549	4	5 %	5 %
Quarterly dividend per share of Class A common stock ⁽¹⁾	\$	0.21	\$	0.21	\$	0.21	\$	0.21	\$	0.24	\$	0.41	\$	0.45	14	4 %	10 %
Supplemental dividend per share of Class A common stock ⁽²⁾	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	0.15	\$	_	\$	0.25	\$	0.15		na	(40)%
Accrued carried interest allocations	1,3	331,778	1,2	03,847	1,3	54,051	1,3	28,853	1,3	81,110					2	4 %	
Non-GAAP Results ⁽³⁾ Adjusted management and																	
advisory fees, net ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 1	42,327	\$ 1	51,943	\$ 1	53,808	\$ 1	78,514	\$ 1	85,481	\$28	30,628	\$30	63,995	30) %	30 %
Adjusted revenues	1	49,800	1	85,123	1	77,357	2	21,165	2	08,788	30	2,580	42	29,953	39	9 %	42 %
Fee-related earnings ("FRE")		43,827		50,664		50,900		71,656		72,349	8	38,229	14	44,005	65	5 %	63 %
FRE margin ⁽⁵⁾		31 %		33 %		33 %)	40 %		39 %		31 %		40 %			
Gross realized performance fees		7,473		33,180		23,549		42,651		23,307	2	21,952	(65,958	212	2 %	200 %
Adjusted net income ("ANI")		30,173		42,116		37,716		57,241		53,569		59,561	1	10,810	78	8 %	86 %
Adjusted weighted-average shares	11:	5,118,060	115	5.232.927	115	5.512.301	118	5.510.499	118	3.774.233	114	1.897.093	118	8.643.088	3	3 %	3 %
ANI per share		0.26										0.52				3 %	79 %
Key Business Drivers/ Operating Metrics (in billions)																	
Assets under management ("AUM") ⁽⁶⁾	\$	145.8	\$	149.0	\$	156.6	\$	169.3	\$	176.1					21	1 %	
Assets under advisement ("AUA") ⁽⁶⁾		512.9		510.5		521.1		531.4		505.9					(1	1)%	
Fee-earning AUM ("FEAUM")		87.3		89.4		93.9		100.4		104.4					20) %	
Undeployed fee-earning capital ("UFEC")		18.1		21.4		22.6		27.6		29.7					64	4 %	

⁽¹⁾ Dividends paid, as reported in this table, relate to the preceding quarterly period in which they were earned.

⁽²⁾ The supplemental cash dividend relates to earnings in respect of our full fiscal years 2023 and 2024, respectively.

⁽³⁾ Adjusted management and advisory fees, net, adjusted revenues, FRE, FRE margin, gross realized performance fees, ANI, adjusted weighted-average shares and ANI per share are non-GAAP measures. See the definitions of these measures and

- reconciliations to the respective, most comparable GAAP measures under "Non-GAAP Financial Measures: Definitions and Reconciliations."
- (4) Excludes the impact of consolidating the Consolidated Funds. See reconciliation of GAAP measures to adjusted measures that follows.
- (5) FRE margin is calculated by dividing FRE by adjusted management and advisory fees, net.
- (6) AUM/AUA reflects final data for the prior period, adjusted for net new client account activity through the period presented. Does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. Net asset value ("NAV") data for underlying investments is as of the prior period, as reported by underlying managers up to the business day occurring on or after 100 days, or 115 days at the fiscal year-end, following the prior period end. When NAV data is not available by the business day occurring on or after 100 days, or 115 days at the fiscal year-end, following the prior period end, such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV.

StepStone Group Inc. GAAP Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

March 31, 2024
143,430
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719,497
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212,918
119,739
148,822
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1,915,673
102,623
115,920
113,720
66
45
310,293
13,768
304
324,476
974,559
147,042
208,514
1,654,591
3,788,807

⁽¹⁾ Reflects amounts attributable to consolidated VIEs for which the Company did not acquire any direct economic interests.

StepStone Group Inc. GAAP Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30.			ptember 30,	Si	x Months End	ed Sep	tember 30,
		2024		2023		2024		2023
Revenues								
Management and advisory fees, net	\$	184,758	\$	142,123	\$	362,773	\$	280,238
Performance fees:								
Incentive fees		3,155		4,946		3,996		4,952
Carried interest allocations:								
Realized		17,632		1,585		59,436		16,05
Unrealized		52,215		55,371		27,045		104,73
Total carried interest allocations		69,847		56,956		86,481		120,79
Legacy Greenspring carried interest allocations ⁽¹⁾		13,917		(12,603)		4,828		(36,55)
Total performance fees		86,919		49,299		95,305		89,19
Total revenues		271,677		191,422		458,078		369,43
Expenses								
Compensation and benefits:								
Cash-based compensation		82,871		74,851		161,095		144,932
Equity-based compensation		37,332		5,916		56,511		14,38
Performance fee-related compensation:								
Realized		8,767		1,720		29,615		10,82
Unrealized		27,748		28,712		16,825		52,92
Total performance fee-related compensation		36,515		30,432		46,440		63,74
Legacy Greenspring performance fee-related compensation ⁽¹⁾		13,917		(12,603)		4,828		(36,55
Total compensation and benefits		170,635		98,596		268,874		186,51
General, administrative and other		50,061		31,729		91,072		65,00
Total expenses		220,696		130,325		359,946		251,52
Other income (expense)								
Investment income		2,051		3,080		4,646		6,16
Legacy Greenspring investment loss ⁽¹⁾		(4,031)		(3,966)		(5,286)		(6,83
Investment income of Consolidated Funds		8,206		8,772		15,841		11,13
Interest income		3,016		977		5,073		1,40
Interest expense		(3,512)		(2,108)		(6,502)		(4,12
Other income (loss)		1,177		(872)		826		(64
Total other income		6,907		5,883		14,598		7,11
Income before income tax		57,888		66,980		112,730		125,02
Income tax expense		4,750		7,729		11,547		16,32
Net income		53,138		59,251		101,183		108,69
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries		19,125		9,615		35,740		19,24
Less: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests in legacy Greenspring						·		
entities ⁽¹⁾		(4,031)		(3,966)		(5,286)		(6,83
Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in the Partnership		13,580		22,928		26,904		42,78
Less: Net income attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds		6,525		4,449		12,196		6,00
Less: Net income attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests in subsidiaries		307		_		669		=
Net income attributable to StepStone Group Inc.	\$	17,632	\$	26,225	\$	30,960	\$	47,49
Net income per share of Class A common stock:								
Basic	\$	0.26	\$	0.42	\$	0.46	\$	0.7
Diluted	\$	0.26	\$	0.42	\$	0.46	\$	0.7
Weighted-average shares of Class A common stock:								
Basic		68,772,051		62,858,468		67,486,964		62,846,70
		69,695,315		66,198,129		69,147,549		65,970,05

⁽¹⁾ Reflects amounts attributable to consolidated VIEs for which the Company did not acquire any direct economic interests.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures: Definitions and Reconciliations

Adjusted Management and Advisory Fees, Net

The following table presents the components of adjusted management and advisory fees, net. We believe adjusted management and advisory fees, net is useful to investors because it removes the impact of consolidating the Consolidated Funds which we are required to consolidate under GAAP.

		Th		Six Mont Septem					
(in thousands)	eptember 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	I	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024		eptember 30, 2024	2023	2024
Focused commingled funds ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 70,481	\$ 78,633	\$	80,434	\$ 104,798	\$	107,855	\$ 137,600	\$ 212,653
Separately managed accounts	56,431	55,838		55,945	57,376		61,393	112,175	118,769
Advisory and other services	13,740	16,069		16,147	14,769		14,907	27,841	29,676
Fund reimbursement revenues ⁽¹⁾	1,675	1,403		1,282	1,571		1,326	3,012	2,897
Adjusted management and advisory fees, net	\$ 142,327	\$ 151,943	\$	153,808	\$ 178,514	\$	185,481	\$ 280,628	\$ 363,995

- (1) Reflects the add-back of management and advisory fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.
- (2) Includes income-based incentive fees of \$1.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2024, \$1.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024, \$0.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, \$0.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, and \$2.5 million for the six months ended September 30, 2024 from certain funds.

Adjusted Revenues

Adjusted revenues represents the components of revenues used in the determination of ANI and comprise adjusted management and advisory fees, net, adjusted incentive fees (including the deferred portion) and realized carried interest allocations. We believe adjusted revenues is useful to investors because it presents a measure of realized revenues.

The table below shows a reconciliation of revenues to adjusted revenues.

		Thre		Six Mont Septem	 				
(in thousands)	eptember 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	N	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024		eptember 30, 2024	2023	2024
Total revenues	\$ 191,422	\$ (14,612)	\$	356,810	\$ 186,401	\$	271,677	\$ 369,433	\$ 458,078
Unrealized carried interest allocations	(55,371)	129,584		(151,757)	25,170		(52,215)	(104,735)	(27,045)
Deferred incentive fees	942	_		1,450	6		2,445	942	2,451
Legacy Greenspring carried interest allocations	12,603	69,700		(31,093)	9,089		(13,917)	36,550	(4,828)
Management and advisory fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds ⁽¹⁾	204	451		398	499		723	390	1,222
Incentive fees for the Consolidated Funds ⁽²⁾	_	_		1,549	_		75	_	75
Adjusted revenues	\$ 149,800	\$ 185,123	\$	177,357	\$ 221,165	\$	208,788	\$ 302,580	\$ 429,953

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the add-back of management and advisory fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.

⁽²⁾ Reflects the add-back of incentive fees for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.

Adjusted Net Income

Adjusted net income, or "ANI," is a non-GAAP performance measure that we present before the consolidation of StepStone Funds on a pre-tax and after-tax basis used to evaluate profitability. ANI represents the after-tax net realized income attributable to us. ANI does not reflect legacy Greenspring carried interest allocation revenues, legacy Greenspring carried interest-related compensation and legacy Greenspring investment income (loss) as none of the economics are attributable to us. The components of revenues used in the determination of ANI ("adjusted revenues") comprise adjusted management and advisory fees, net, adjusted incentive fees (including the deferred portion) and realized carried interest allocations. In addition, ANI excludes; (a) unrealized carried interest allocation revenues and related compensation, (b) unrealized investment income (loss), (c) equity-based compensation for awards granted prior to and in connection with our IPO, profits interests issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary, (d) amortization of intangibles, (e) net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests in our subsidiaries and realized gains attributable to the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary, (f) charges associated with acquisitions and corporate transactions, and (g) certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance (as listed in the table below). ANI is fully taxed at our blended statutory rate. We believe ANI and adjusted revenues are useful to investors because they enable investors to evaluate the performance of our business across reporting periods.

Fee-Related Earnings

Fee-related earnings, or "FRE," is a non-GAAP performance measure used to monitor our baseline earnings from recurring management and advisory fees. FRE is a component of ANI and comprises adjusted management and advisory fees, net, less adjusted expenses which are operating expenses other than (a) performance fee-related compensation, (b) equity-based compensation for awards granted prior to and in connection with our IPO, profits interests issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary, (c) amortization of intangibles, (d) charges associated with acquisitions and corporate transactions, and (e) certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance (as listed in the table below). FRE is presented before income taxes. We believe FRE is useful to investors because it provides additional insight into the operating profitability of our business and our ability to cover direct base compensation and operating expenses from total fee revenue.

The table below shows a reconciliation of GAAP measures to additional non-GAAP measures. We use the non-GAAP measures presented below as components when calculating FRE and ANI (as defined below). We believe these additional non-GAAP measures are useful to investors in evaluating both the baseline earnings from recurring management and advisory fees, which provide additional insight into the operating profitability of our business, and the after-tax net realized income attributable to us, allowing investors to evaluate the performance of our business. These additional non-GAAP measures remove the impact of Consolidated Funds that we are required to consolidate under GAAP, and certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance.

					ree	e Months En	dec	d				Six Mont Septem		
(in thousands)		eptember 30, 2023]	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2024		June 30, 2024	S	eptember 30, 2024		2023		2024
GAAP management and advisory fees, net	\$	142,123	\$	151,492	\$	153,410	\$	178,015	\$	184,758	\$	280,238	\$	362,773
Management and advisory fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds ⁽¹⁾		204		451		398		499		723		390		1,222
Adjusted management and advisory fees, net	\$	142,327	\$	151,943	\$	153,808	\$	178,514	\$	185,481	\$	280,628	\$	363,995
GAAP incentive fees	\$	4,946	\$	17,891	\$	2,496	\$	841	\$	3,155	\$	4,952	\$	3,996
Incentive fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds ⁽²⁾		_		_		1,549		_		75		_		75
Adjusted incentive fees	\$	4,946	\$	17,891	\$		\$	841	\$	3,230	\$	4,952	\$	4,071
GAAP cash-based compensation	\$	74,851	\$	73,619	\$	74,411	\$	78,224	\$	82,871	\$	144,932	\$	161,095
Adjustments ⁽³⁾	Ψ	(574)		(574)	Ψ	(461)		(428)		(285)	Ψ	(1,105)	Ψ	(713)
Adjusted cash-based compensation	\$	74,277		73,045	\$			77,796		82,586	\$	143,827	\$	160,382
GAAP equity-based compensation	\$	5,916	\$	14,032	\$	13,937	\$	19,179	\$	37,332	\$	14,388	\$	56,511
Adjustments ⁽⁴⁾		(4,644)		(12,610)		(12,210)		(16,785)		(34,947)		(11,815)		(51,732)
Adjusted equity-based compensation	\$	1,272	\$	1,422	\$	1,727	\$	2,394	\$	2,385	\$	2,573	\$	4,779
GAAP general, administrative and other	\$	31,729	¢	48,001	¢	54,310	¢	41,011	•	50,061	\$	65,006	•	91,072
Adjustments ⁽⁵⁾	Ф	(8,778)	Ф	(21,189)	Φ	(27,079)		(14,343)		(21,900)	Ф	(19,007)		(36,243)
Adjusted general, administrative and other	\$	22,951	\$	26,812	¢			26,668			\$	45,999		54,829
ragusted general, dammistrative and other	Ψ	22,731	Ψ	20,012	Ψ	27,231	Ψ	20,000	Ψ	20,101	Ψ	73,777	Ψ	34,027
GAAP interest income	\$	977	\$	827	\$	1,429	\$	2,057	\$	3,016	\$	1,408	\$	5,073
Interest income earned by the Consolidated Funds ⁽⁶⁾		(249)		(540)		(612)		(907)		(1,363)		(493)		(2,270)
Adjusted interest income	\$	728	\$	287	\$	817	\$	1,150	\$	1,653	\$	915	\$	2,803
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GAAP other income (loss)	\$	(872)	\$	4,408	\$	(1,308)	\$	(351)	\$	1,177	\$	(645)	\$	826
Adjustments ⁽⁷⁾		403		(4,301)		395		(72)		(1,082)		27		(1,154)
Adjusted other income (loss)	\$	(469)	\$	107	\$	(913)	\$	(423)	\$	95	\$	(618)	\$	(328)

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the add-back of management and advisory fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.

⁽²⁾ Reflects the add-back of incentive fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.

⁽³⁾ Reflects the removal of compensation paid to certain employees as part of an acquisition earn-out.

⁽⁴⁾ Reflects the removal of equity-based compensation for awards granted prior to and in connection with the IPO, profits interests issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary.

⁽⁵⁾ Reflects the removal of lease remeasurement adjustments, accelerated depreciation of leasehold improvements for changes in lease terms, amortization of intangibles, transaction-related costs and other non-core operating income and expenses.

⁽⁶⁾ Reflects the removal of interest income earned by the Consolidated Funds.

⁽⁷⁾ Reflects the removal of amounts for Tax Receivable Agreements adjustments recognized as other income (loss), gain associated with amounts received as part of negotiations with a third party related to certain corporate matters, loss on sale of subsidiary and the impact of consolidation of the Consolidated Funds.

The table below shows a reconciliation of income (loss) before income tax to ANI and FRE.

			Thre		Six Months Ended September 30,			
		September	December	March 31,	June 30,	September	-	
,	ousands)	30, 2023	31, 2023	2024	2024	30, 2024	2023	2024
Incor	me (loss) before income tax	\$ 66,980	(24,142)	\$ 94,515	\$ 54,842	\$ 57,888	\$ 125,023 \$	112,730
	Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries ⁽¹⁾	(10,321)	(15,537)	(12,822)	(18,951)	(17,812)	(20,861)	(36,763)
	Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests in legacy Greenspring entities	3,966	2,222	33	1,255	4,031	6,832	5,286
	Unrealized carried interest allocations	(55,371)	129,584	(151,757)	25,170	(52,215)	(104,735)	(27,045)
	Unrealized performance fee-related compensation	28,712	(62,243)	84,014	(10,923)	27,748	52,923	16,825
	Unrealized investment (income) loss	(1,657)	5,559	(2,280)	(1,180)	(430)	(4,186)	(1,610)
	Impact of Consolidated Funds	(8,223)	(11,068)	(4,138)	(7,731)	(9,267)	(10,870)	(16,998)
	Deferred incentive fees	942	_	1,450	6	2,445	942	2,451
	Equity-based compensation ⁽²⁾	4,644	12,610	12,210	16,785	34,947	11,815	51,732
	Amortization of intangibles	10,661	10,661	10,423	10,250	10,250	21,322	20,500
	Tax Receivable Agreements adjustments through earnings	_	222	90	_	_	_	_
	Non-core items ⁽³⁾	(1,500)	6,335	16,780	4,137	11,349	(1,550)	15,486
Pre-t	ax ANI	38,833	54,203	48,518	73,660	68,934	76,655	142,594
	Income taxes ⁽⁴⁾	(8,660)	(12,087)	(10,802)	(16,419)	(15,365)	(17,094)	(31,784)
ANI		30,173	42,116	37,716	57,241	53,569	59,561	110,810
	Income taxes ⁽⁴⁾	8,660	12,087	10,802	16,419	15,365	17,094	31,784
	Realized carried interest allocations	(1,585)	(15,289)	(18,054)	(41,804)	(17,632)	(16,058)	(59,436)
	Realized performance fee-related compensation ⁽⁵⁾	1,720	15,444	11,421	20,848	8,767	10,822	29,615
	Realized investment income	(1,423)	(3,508)	(1,057)	(1,415)	(1,621)	(1,980)	(3,036)
	Adjusted incentive fees ⁽⁶⁾	(4,946)	(17,891)	(4,045)	(841)	(3,230)	(4,952)	(4,071)
	Deferred incentive fees	(942)	_	(1,450)	(6)	(2,445)	(942)	(2,451)
	Adjusted interest income ⁽⁶⁾	(728)	(287)	(817)	(1,150)	(1,653)	(915)	(2,803)
	Interest expense	2,108	2,562	2,649	2,990	3,512	4,120	6,502
	Adjusted other (income) loss ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	469	(107)	913	423	(95)	618	328
	Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries ⁽¹⁾	10,321	15,537	12,822	18,951	17,812	20,861	36,763
FRE			\$ 50,664				\$ 88,229 \$	144,005
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⁽¹⁾ Reflects the portion of pre-tax ANI attributable to non-controlling interests in our subsidiaries and realized gains attributable to the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary:

			Thr		Six Mont Septem						
(in thousands)	September 30, 2023		ecember 31, 2023	N	March 31, 2024	•	June 30, 2024		eptember 80, 2024	2023	2024
FRE attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries and profits interests	\$ 9,463	\$	10,518	\$	11,559	\$	13,308	\$	14,969	\$ 19,997	\$ 28,277
Performance related earnings / other (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests in	0.50		- 0.10		1.040		- < 10		• 0.42	0.64	0.406
subsidiaries and profits interests	858		5,019		1,263		5,643		2,843	864	8,486
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries	\$ 10,321	\$	15,537	\$	12,822	\$	18,951	\$	17,812	\$ 20,861	\$ 36,763

The contribution to total FRE attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries and profits interests and performance related earnings / other (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries and profits interests presented above specifically related to the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary is presented below.

		Т		Six Months 1 September					
(in thousands)	ember 2023	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024		September 30, 2024	2023	2024
FRE attributable to profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary	\$ _	\$ -	- \$	_	\$ 574	4 \$	2,051	\$ — \$	2,625
Performance related earnings / other (income) loss attributable to profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary	_	3.07	4	_	5	1	206	_	257
Amounts attributable to profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary	\$ _	\$ 3,07		_		5 \$		\$ _ \$	2,882

- (2) Reflects equity-based compensation for awards granted prior to and in connection with the IPO, profits interests issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interests issued in the private wealth subsidiary.
- (3) Includes (income) expense related to the following non-core operating income and expenses:

		Th		Six Mont Septem					
(in thousands)	ptember 0, 2023	ember 2023	N	larch 31, 2024	June 30, 2024		eptember 30, 2024	2023	2024
Transaction costs	\$ 163	\$ 670	\$	3,985	\$ 672	\$	140	\$ 200	\$ 812
Lease remeasurement adjustments	_	(106)		_	_		_	_	_
Accelerated depreciation of leasehold improvements for changes in lease terms	631	631		_	_		_	1,262	_
(Gain) loss on change in fair value for contingent consideration obligation	(2,868)	9,054		12,280	2,953		10,888	(4,117)	13,841
Compensation paid to certain employees as part of an acquisition earn-out	574	574		515	482		321	1,105	803
Gain from negotiation of certain corporate matters	_	(5,300)		_	_		_	_	_
Loss on sale of subsidiary	_	812		_	_		_	_	_
Other non-core items	_			_	30		_		30
Total non-core operating income and expenses	\$ (1,500)	\$ 6,335	\$	16,780	\$ 4,137	\$	11,349	\$ (1,550)	\$ 15,486

(4) Represents corporate income taxes at a blended statutory rate applied to pre-tax ANI:

		Thr	ee Months Endo	ed		Six Months September	
	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024	September 30, 2024	2023	2024
Federal statutory rate	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %
Combined state, local and foreign rate	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.3 %
Blended statutory rate	22.3 %	22.3 %	22.3 %	22.3 %	22.3 %	22.3 %	22.3 %

(5) Includes carried interest-related compensation expense related to the portion of net carried interest allocation revenue attributable to equity holders of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries that are not 100% owned:

			Th	ree l	Months En	ded	I		Septem Septem	
(in thousands)	Septembe 30, 2023		December 31, 2023	N	larch 31, 2024		June 30, 2024	ember 2024	2023	 2024
Realized carried interest-related	_									
compensation	\$ -	- \$	660	\$	910	\$	_	\$ _	\$ 2,189	\$ _

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- (6) Excludes the impact of consolidating the Consolidated Funds.
- (7) Excludes amounts for Tax Receivable Agreements adjustments recognized as other income (loss) (\$(0.1) million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and \$(0.2) million for the three months ended December 31, 2023), gain associated with amounts received as part of negotiations with a third party related to certain corporate matters (\$5.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023), and loss on sale of subsidiary (\$0.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023).

Fee-Related Earnings Margin

FRE margin is a non-GAAP performance measure which is calculated by dividing FRE by adjusted management and advisory fees, net. We believe FRE margin is an important measure of profitability on revenues that are largely recurring by nature. We believe FRE margin is useful to investors because it enables them to better evaluate the operating profitability of our business across periods.

The table below shows a reconciliation of FRE to FRE margin.

		Th	ree Months Er	ıded			ths Ended mber 30,
(in thousands)	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024	September 30, 2024	2023	2024
FRE	\$ 43,827	\$ 50,664	\$ 50,900	\$ 71,656	\$ 72,349	\$ 88,229	\$144,005
Adjusted management and advisory fees, net	142,327	151,943	153,808	178,514	185,481	280,628	363,995
FRE margin	31 %	33 %	33 %	40 %	39 %	31 %	6 40 %

Gross Realized Performance Fees

Gross realized performance fees represents realized carried interest allocations and adjusted incentive fees, including the deferred portion. We believe gross realized performance fees is useful to investors because it presents the total performance fees realized by us.

Net Realized Performance Fees

Net realized performance fees represents gross realized performance fees, less realized performance feerelated compensation. We believe net realized performance fees is useful to investors because it presents the performance fees attributable to us, net of amounts paid to employees as performance fee-related compensation.

The table below shows a reconciliation of total performance fees to gross and net realized performance fees.

	Three Months Ended											Six Months Ender September 30,			
(in thousands)	otember 0, 2023		December 31, 2023	N	March 31, 2024		June 30, 2024		September 30, 2024		2023		2024		
Incentive fees	\$ 4,946	\$	17,891	\$	2,496	\$	841	\$	3,155	\$	4,952	\$	3,996		
Realized carried interest allocations	1,585		15,289		18,054		41,804		17,632		16,058		59,436		
Unrealized carried interest allocations	55,371		(129,584)		151,757		(25,170)		52,215		104,735		27,045		
Legacy Greenspring carried interest allocations	(12,603)		(69,700)		31,093		(9,089)		13,917		(36,550)		4,828		
Total performance fees	49,299		(166,104)		203,400		8,386		86,919		89,195		95,305		
Unrealized carried interest allocations	(55,371)		129,584		(151,757)		25,170		(52,215)		(104,735)		(27,045)		
Legacy Greenspring carried interest allocations	12,603		69,700		(31,093)		9,089		(13,917)		36,550		(4,828)		
Incentive fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds ⁽¹⁾	_		_		1,549		_		75		_		75		
Deferred incentive fees	942		_		1,450		6		2,445		942		2,451		
Gross realized performance fees	7,473		33,180		23,549		42,651		23,307		21,952		65,958		
Realized performance fee-related compensation	(1,720)		(15,444)		(11,421)		(20,848)		(8,767)		(10,822)		(29,615)		
Net realized performance fees	\$ 5,753	\$	17,736	\$	12,128	\$	21,803	\$	14,540	\$	11,130	\$	36,343		

(1) Reflects the add-back of incentive fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.

Adjusted Weighted-Average Shares and Adjusted Net Income Per Share

ANI per share measures our per-share earnings assuming all Class B units, Class C units and Class D units in the Partnership were exchanged for Class A common stock in SSG, including the dilutive impact of outstanding equity-based awards. ANI per share is calculated as ANI divided by adjusted weighted-average shares outstanding. We believe adjusted weighted-average shares and ANI per share are useful to investors because they enable investors to better evaluate per-share operating performance across reporting periods.

The following table shows a reconciliation of diluted weighted-average shares of Class A common stock outstanding to adjusted weighted-average shares outstanding used in the computation of ANI per share.

		Thr	ee Months E	nded			hs Ended iber 30,
	September 30, 2023	30, 2023 31, 2023 2024 2024			September 30, 2024	2023	2024
ANI	\$ 30,173	\$ 42,116	\$ 37,716	\$ 57,241	\$ 53,569	\$ 59,561	\$ 110,810
Weighted-average shares of Class A common stock outstanding – Basic	62,858,468	64,068,952	64,194,859	66,187,754	68,772,051	62,846,708	67,486,964
Assumed vesting of RSUs	801,014	333,402	512,946	673,854	921,166	601,620	798,186
Assumed vesting and exchange of Class B2 units	2,538,647	2,553,899	2,573,762	1,732,153	_	2,521,725	861,344
Assumed purchase under ESPP	_	_	_	_	2,098	_	1,055
Exchange of Class B units in the Partnership ⁽¹⁾	46,417,845	46,314,543	46,272,227	45,827,707	45,212,921	46,418,987	45,518,634
Exchange of Class C units in the Partnership ⁽¹⁾	2,502,086	1,962,131	1,958,507	1,849,846	1,626,812	2,508,053	1,737,720
Exchange of Class D units in the Partnership ⁽¹⁾	_	_	_	2,239,185	2,239,185	_	2,239,185
Adjusted weighted-average shares	115,118,060	115,232,927	115,512,301	118,510,499	118,774,233	114,897,093	118,643,088
ANI per share	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.93

⁽¹⁾ Assumes the full exchange of Class B units, Class C units or Class D units in the Partnership for Class A common stock of SSG pursuant to the Class B Exchange Agreement, Class C Exchange Agreement or Class D Exchange Agreement, respectively.

Key Operating Metrics

We monitor certain operating metrics that are either common to the asset management industry or that we believe provide important data regarding our business. Refer to the Glossary below for a definition of each of these metrics.

Fee-Earning AUM

	Three Months Ended								Six Mont Septem	Percentage Change		
(in millions)		eptember 80, 2023		mber 2023	N	Tarch 31, 2024		June 30, 2024	eptember 30, 2024	2023	2024	vs. FQ2'24
Separately Managed Accounts												
Beginning balance	\$	56,645	\$ 5	56,380	\$	56,660	\$	58,897	\$ 60,272	\$ 55,345	\$ 58,897	6 %
Contributions ⁽¹⁾		1,036		1,109		2,757		2,085	1,723	2,461	3,808	66 %
Distributions ⁽²⁾		(1,459)	((1,397)		(795)		(830)	(535)	(1,888)	(1,365)	(63)%
Market value, FX and other ⁽³⁾		158		568		275		120	661	462	781	318 %
Ending balance	\$	56,380	\$ 5	56,660	\$	58,897	\$	60,272	\$ 62,121	\$ 56,380	\$ 62,121	10 %
Focused Commingled Funds												
Beginning balance	\$	30,762	\$ 3	30,905	\$	32,772	\$	34,961	\$ 40,084	\$ 30,086	\$ 34,961	30 %
Contributions ⁽¹⁾		992		1,898		2,429		5,653	2,122	1,788	7,775	114 %
Distributions ⁽²⁾		(988)		(274)		(327)		(661)	(282)	(1,240)	(943)	(71)%
Market value, FX and other ⁽³⁾		139		243		87		131	370	271	501	166 %
Ending balance	\$	30,905	\$ 3	32,772	\$	34,961	\$	40,084	\$ 42,294	\$ 30,905	\$ 42,294	37 %
Total												
Beginning balance	\$	87,407	\$ 8	37,285	\$	89,432	\$	93,858	\$ 100,356	\$ 85,431	\$ 93,858	15 %
Contributions ⁽¹⁾		2,028		3,007		5,186		7,738	3,845	4,249	11,583	90 %
Distributions ⁽²⁾		(2,447)	((1,671)		(1,122)		(1,491)	(817)	(3,128)	(2,308)	(67)%
Market value, FX and other ⁽³⁾		297		811		362		251	1,031	733	1,282	247 %
Ending balance	\$	87,285	\$ 8	39,432	\$	93,858	\$	100,356	\$ 104,415	\$ 87,285	\$ 104,415	20 %

⁽¹⁾ Contributions consist of new capital commitments that earn fees on committed capital and capital contributions to funds and accounts that earn fees on net invested capital or NAV.

⁽²⁾ Distributions consist of returns of capital from funds and accounts that pay fees on net invested capital or NAV and reductions in fee-earning AUM from funds that moved from a committed capital to net invested capital fee basis or from funds and accounts that no longer pay fees.

⁽³⁾ Market value, FX and other primarily consist of changes in market value appreciation (depreciation) for funds that pay on NAV and the effect of foreign exchange rate changes on non-U.S. dollar denominated commitments.

Asset Class Summary

	Three Months Ended											
(in millions)		eptember 30, 2023]	December 31, 2023	N	March 31, 2024		June 30, 2024		September 30, 2024	vs. FQ2'24	
FEAUM		·		<u> </u>								
Private equity	\$	46,464	\$	48,258	\$	49,869	\$	54,855	\$	57,136	23%	
Infrastructure		20,122		19,789		20,114		20,377		20,986	4%	
Private debt		15,122		15,460		15,477		16,161		16,975	12%	
Real estate		5,577		5,925		8,398		8,963		9,318	67%	
Total	\$	87,285	\$	89,432	\$	93,858	\$	100,356	\$	104,415	20%	
Separately managed accounts	\$	56,380	\$	56,660	\$	58,897	\$	60,272	\$	62,121	10%	
Focused commingled funds		30,905		32,772		34,961		40,084		42,294	37%	
Total	\$	87,285	\$	89,432	\$	93,858	\$	100,356	\$	104,415	20%	
AUM ⁽¹⁾												
Private equity	\$	76,031	\$	78,221	\$	81,942	\$	89,329	\$	91,891	21%	
Infrastructure		28,678		28,307		30,003		32,756		35,392	23%	
Private debt		27,520		27,782		28,491		30,336		31,854	16%	
Real estate		13,612		14,646		16,201		16,912		16,996	25%	
Total	\$	145,841	\$	148,956	\$	156,637	\$	169,333	\$	176,133	21%	
Separately managed accounts	\$	85,387	\$	88,890	\$	93,938	\$	103,003	\$	107,252	26%	
Focused commingled funds		46,266		45,508		48,545		51,682		53,870	16%	
Advisory AUM		14,188		14,558		14,154		14,648		15,011	6%	
Total	\$	145,841	\$	148,956	\$	156,637	\$	169,333	\$	176,133	21%	
AUA												
Private equity	\$	264,327	\$	266,246	\$	270,350	\$	279,909	\$	255,125	(3)%	
Infrastructure		55,146		57,528		60,339		62,599		62,891	14%	
Private debt		18,026		17,916		21,976		22,280		19,328	7%	
Real estate		175,369		168,802		168,455		166,659		168,519	(4)%	
Total	\$	512,868	\$	510,492	\$	521,120	\$	531,447	\$	505,863	(1)%	
Total capital responsibility ⁽²⁾	\$	658,709	\$	659,448	\$	677,757	\$	700,780	\$	681,996	4%	

Note: Amounts may not sum to total due to rounding. AUM/AUA reflects final data for the prior period, adjusted for net new client account activity through the period presented, and does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. Net asset value ("NAV") data for underlying investments is as of the prior period, as reported by underlying managers up to the business day occurring on or after 100 days, or 115 days at the fiscal year-end, following the prior period end. When NAV data is not available by the business day occurring on or after 100 days, or 115 days at the fiscal year-end, following the prior period end, such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV.

⁽¹⁾ Allocation of AUM by asset class is presented by underlying investment asset classification.

⁽²⁾ Total capital responsibility equals assets under management (AUM) plus assets under advisement (AUA).

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Glossary

Assets under advisement, or "AUA," consists of client assets for which we do not have full discretion to make investment decisions but play a role in advising the client or monitoring their investments. We generally earn revenue for advisory-related services on a contractual fixed fee basis. Advisory-related services include asset allocation, strategic planning, development of investment policies and guidelines, screening and recommending investments, legal negotiations, monitoring and reporting on investments, and investment manager review and due diligence. Advisory fees vary by client based on the scope of services, investment activity and other factors. Most of our advisory fees are fixed, and therefore, increases or decreases in AUA do not necessarily lead to proportionate changes in revenue. We believe AUA is a useful metric for assessing the relative size of our advisory business.

Our AUA is calculated as the sum of (i) the NAV of client portfolio assets for which we do not have full discretion and (ii) the unfunded commitments of clients to the underlying investments. Our AUA reflects the investment valuations in respect of the underlying investments of our client accounts on a three-month lag, adjusted for new client account activity through the period end. Our AUA does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. AUA as of September 30, 2024 reflects final data for the prior period (June 30, 2024), adjusted for net new client account activity through September 30, 2024. NAV data for underlying investments is as of June 30, 2024, as reported by underlying managers up to the business day occurring on or after 100 days following June 30, 2024. When NAV data is not available by the business day occurring on or after 100 days following June 30, 2024, such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV.

Assets under management, or "AUM," primarily reflects the assets associated with our separately managed accounts ("SMAs") and focused commingled funds. We classify assets as AUM if we have full discretion over the investment decisions in an account or have responsibility or custody of assets. Although management fees are based on a variety of factors and are not linearly correlated with AUM, we believe AUM is a useful metric for assessing the relative size and scope of our asset management business.

Our AUM is calculated as the sum of (i) the net asset value ("NAV") of client portfolio assets, including the StepStone Funds and (ii) the unfunded commitments of clients to the underlying investments and the StepStone Funds. Our AUM reflects the investment valuations in respect of the underlying investments of our funds and accounts on a three-month lag, adjusted for new client account activity through the period end. Our AUM does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. AUM as of September 30, 2024 reflects final data for the prior period (June 30, 2024), adjusted for net new client account activity through September 30, 2024. NAV data for underlying investments is as of June 30, 2024, as reported by underlying managers up to the business day occurring on or after 100 days following June 30, 2024. When NAV data is not available by the business day occurring on or after 100 days following June 30, 2024, such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV.

Consolidated Funds refer to the StepStone Funds that we are required to consolidate as of the applicable reporting period. We consolidate funds and other entities in which we hold a controlling financial interest.

Consolidated VIEs refer to the variable interest entities that we are required to consolidate as of the applicable reporting period. We consolidate VIEs in which we hold a controlling financial interest.

Fee-earning AUM, or "FEAUM," reflects the assets from which we earn management fee revenue (i.e., fee basis) and includes assets in our SMAs, focused commingled funds and assets held directly by our clients for which we have fiduciary oversight and are paid fees as the manager of the assets. Our SMAs and focused commingled funds typically pay management fees based on capital commitments, net invested capital and, in certain cases, NAV, depending on the fee terms. Management fees are only marginally affected by market appreciation or depreciation because substantially all of the StepStone Funds pay management fees based on capital commitments or net invested capital. As a result, management fees and FEAUM are not materially affected by changes in market value. We believe FEAUM is a useful metric in order to assess assets forming the basis of our management fee revenue.

Legacy Greenspring entities refers to certain entities for which the Company, indirectly through its subsidiaries, became the sole and/or managing member in connection with the Greenspring acquisition.

SSG refers solely to StepStone Group Inc., a Delaware corporation, and not to any of its subsidiaries.

StepStone Funds refer to SMAs and focused commingled funds of the Company, including acquired Greenspring funds, for which the Partnership or one of its subsidiaries acts as both investment adviser and general partner or managing member.

The Partnership refers solely to StepStone Group LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and not to any of its subsidiaries.

Total capital responsibility equals AUM plus AUA. AUM includes any accounts for which StepStone Group has full discretion over the investment decisions, has responsibility to arrange or effectuate transactions, or has custody of assets. AUA refers to accounts for which StepStone Group provides advice or consultation but for which the firm does not have discretionary authority, responsibility to arrange or effectuate transactions, or custody of assets.

Undeployed fee-earning capital represents the amount of capital commitments to StepStone Funds that has not yet been invested or considered active but will generate management fee revenue once invested or activated. We believe undeployed fee-earning capital is a useful metric for measuring the amount of capital that we can put to work in the future and thus earn management fee revenue thereon.