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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO

 $F_{\text{ORM}}\,S\text{--}1$  REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**COHEN & STEERS, INC.\*** 

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** 

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

<sup>\*</sup>Prior to the consummation of the offering registered by this Registration Statement and pursuant to the reorganization for the purpose of redomestication and reorganization into a holding company structure described in this Registration Statement, Cohen & Steers, Inc. will become the parent holding company of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and, together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.), succeed to the business now conducted by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion
Preliminary Prospectus dated July 30, 2004

#### **PROSPECTUS**

# 7,500,000 Shares Cohen & Steers, Inc.

**Common Stock** 

This is Cohen & Steers, Inc.'s initial public offering. Cohen & Steers, Inc. is selling all of the shares.

We expect the public offering price to be between \$13.00 and \$15.00 per share. Currently, no public market exists for the shares. After pricing of the offering, we expect that the shares will trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CNS."

Investing in the common stock involves risks that are described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 19 of this prospectus.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discount	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Cohen & Steers, Inc.	\$	\$

The underwriters may also purchase up to 1,125,000 additional shares from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus to cover overallotments.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The shares will be ready for	delivery on or about	, 2004.
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# Merrill Lynch & Co.

## **UBS Investment Bank**

Wachovia Securities

Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.

The date of this prospectus is , 2004.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus.

All share amounts and per share data contained in this prospectus have been adjusted to reflect a 291.351127 for one stock split that we effected on June 16, 2004.

Unless indicated otherwise, the information included in this prospectus assumes no exercise by the underwriters of the overallotment option to purchase up to 1,125,000 additional shares from us and that the shares to be sold in this offering are sold at \$14.00 per share, which is the midpoint of the range indicated on the front cover of this prospectus.

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#### **SUMMARY**

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the section entitled "Risk Factors" and our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements before you decide to invest in our common stock.

#### Cohen & Steers

We currently manage twelve mutual funds and, based on fund assets, we are the nation's largest manager of real estate mutual funds. However, we are considered to be a small-sized investment advisory firm within the broader asset management industry. We have historically specialized in managing portfolios of real estate securities, and such securities represented 92% of the assets we managed as of December 31, 2003 and 81% of the assets we managed as of June 30, 2004. Since 2003 we have diversified our business, and we currently focus on managing portfolios of the following types of securities:

- common and preferred stocks of real estate investment trusts. A real estate investment trust, or REIT, is a company that engages primarily in the ownership of income producing real estate and is required to pay out substantially all of its net income in the form of dividends;
- corporate preferred stocks, which we began to manage in 2003; and
- common and preferred stocks of utilities, which we began to manage in 2004.

As a complement to our asset management business, we also provide investment banking services to companies in real estate and real estate intensive businesses.

Our co-chairmen and co-chief executive officers and principals, Martin Cohen, 55, and Robert H. Steers, 51, founded Cohen & Steers as an investment advisor in 1986. While we continue to depend on the efforts of Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, we have built a deep and experienced team of professionals who are also vitally important to our success.

We operate in two distinct business segments:

- Asset Management. Asset Management primarily derives revenue from investment advisory, administration, distribution and service fees received from mutual funds and investment advisory fees received from institutional separate accounts. These fees are based on contractually specified percentages of the assets of each client's portfolio. Asset Management's revenue fluctuates with changes in the total value of the portfolios and is recognized over the period that the assets are managed.
- *Investment Banking*. Investment Banking derives revenue primarily from advising our clients on mergers, acquisitions, corporate restructurings, recapitalizations and similar corporate finance transactions and placing securities as agent for our clients. These fees are generally earned upon the consummation of the transaction pursuant to the terms of individual agreements.

The following table provides a breakdown of our consolidated and segment revenue, operating expenses and net income for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004.

Summary Income Statement Data	
Year Ended December 31,	Three Months
	Ended March 31.

	2001 2002		2003	2003	2004
			(\$ in thousands)		
Revenue					
Asset Management	\$ 32,441	\$ 42,169	\$ 59,062	\$ 10,765	\$ 22,846
Investment Banking	2,853	13,077	11,279	978	4,463
Consolidated Revenue	\$ 35,294	\$ 55,246	\$ 70,341	\$ 11,743	\$ 27,309
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Asset Management	\$ 23,598	\$ 37,633	\$ 50,510	\$ 10,843	\$ 14,278
Investment Banking	4,891	8,964	7,959	1,100	2,992
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Consolidated Operating Expenses	\$ 28,489	\$ 46,597	\$ 58,469	\$ 11,943	\$ 17,270
Net Income					
Asset Management	\$ 8,374	\$ 4,656	\$ 8,847	\$ (115)	\$ 7,955
Investment Banking	(1,770)	3,780	3,204		1,376
Consolidated Net Income (Loss)	\$ 6,604	\$ 8,436	\$ 12,051	\$ (115)	\$ 9,331
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We have historically operated as an S corporation and were not subject to U.S. federal and certain state income taxes. Prior to completion of this offering we will become subject to the additional taxes applicable to C corporations.

IPO Date Grant of Fully Vested Restricted Stock Units—Expected Loss for the Third Quarter of 2004 and Future Amortization Expense

Assuming an initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share, which is the midpoint of the range indicated on the front cover of this prospectus, we expect to grant fully vested restricted stock units with an aggregate value of \$68.9 million to 15 management level employees on the date of the consummation of this offering. Joseph M. Harvey, our president, will receive the largest allocation of restricted stock units, which will have a value of \$14.6 million based on an assumed initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share. If the initial public offering price per share is higher than \$14.00, however, the aggregate value of the fully vested restricted stock units that we grant will be greater.

As a result of the grant of these fully vested restricted stock units, we expect to record a significant non-cash compensation expense during the third quarter of 2004 and an intangible asset on our statement of financial condition with respect to the independently determined value of the agreements we will receive from each of these management level employees not to compete with us prior to February 2008. The total amount of the non-cash compensation expense and of the intangible asset will equal the value of the fully vested restricted stock units granted based on the initial public offering price of the underlying common stock (\$68.9 million assuming an initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share), as adjusted for \$2.2 million of cumulative compensation cost recorded on our existing Stock Appreciation Rights Plan, which we will terminate at that time. Accordingly, assuming an initial public offering price per share of \$14.00, the total amount of the non-cash compensation expense and of the intangible asset will be \$66.7 million.

As a result of this non-cash compensation expense, we expect that our operating expenses for the quarter ending September 30, 2004 and for this fiscal year will be significantly higher than in prior periods and that we will record a substantial net loss for this quarter and may record a net loss for this fiscal year. Moreover, we will amortize the intangible asset over the period of the non-competition covenants, which will result in a non-cash amortization expense in these future periods, thereby reducing our earnings in those periods.

### **Asset Management**

As of June 30, 2004, we managed \$15.0 billion in assets in the following types of accounts:

- \$7.7 billion in seven closed-end investment companies ("closed-end mutual funds"). Closed-end mutual funds sell a finite number of shares to investors who then trade these shares on a stock exchange. Investors buy shares from, and sell shares to, other investors through the exchange and the price per share is determined by supply and demand. Accordingly, the closed-end mutual fund assets that we manage generally vary due to the market appreciation or depreciation of the securities held in the portfolio;
- \$4.0 billion in five *open-end mutual funds*. Open-end mutual funds are continually offered and are not listed on a stock exchange. Open-end mutual funds issue new shares for investor purchases and repurchase shares from those shareholders who sell. The share price for purchases and repurchases of open-end mutual funds is determined by each fund's net asset value, which is calculated at the end of each fund business day. The open-end mutual fund assets that we manage vary with both market appreciation and depreciation and the level of new purchases of or withdrawals from a fund; and
- \$3.3 billion in 39 *institutional separate accounts*. Institutional separate accounts are private accounts for institutional investors such as pension and endowment funds. We typically maintain full investment discretion over such accounts although the client retains the ability to terminate our advisory relationship. The institutional separate account assets that we manage vary primarily with market appreciation and depreciation. Flows into

and out of such accounts also affect institutional separate account assets, although to a lesser extent than with open-end mutual fund assets because such activity occurs less frequently.

The assets that we manage have increased greatly from \$6.6 billion since the beginning of 2003 due to the launch of three closed-end mutual funds, a strong market for REIT securities and positive net flows into open-end mutual funds. Historical rates of growth in the assets that we manage are not necessarily indicative of future results, however, and the level of growth we have experienced since 2003 may not be sustainable in the future due to changing market conditions. For example, the market conditions for public offerings of the shares of closed-end mutual funds may not be as favorable in the future and the market for REIT securities could weaken. In addition to our investment advisory services, Asset Management provided portfolio consulting services for \$1.3 billion in assets as of June 30, 2004, which we do not include in the assets we manage. As portfolio consultant, we provide services in connection with investment products distributed by third parties that contain relatively static portfolios of securities.

The stock and bond markets were volatile in the second quarter of 2004 amid concerns that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates in response to economic data that indicate strong growth in the U.S. economy. In particular, real estate stock prices declined by approximately 5.8% during the second quarter of 2004, including a decline of approximately 14.6% in April 2004 as investors may have viewed real estate securities less favorably in a rising interest rate environment where the returns on less risky investments become relatively more attractive. As a result, the real estate securities that we manage decreased to \$12.1 billion as of June 30, 2004 from \$12.6 billion as of March 31, 2004 and the total assets that we manage decreased to \$15.0 billion as of June 30, 2004 from \$15.5 billion as of March 31, 2004. For this reason, and because of the increased volatility in the capital markets which results from a changing interest rate environment, rising interest rates could also negatively affect net flows into open-end mutual funds and institutional separate accounts and our ability to offer new closed-end mutual funds. A decline in the assets we manage will negatively affect our revenue and net income.

Pursuant to investment advisory agreements, we furnish a continuous investment program for each of the mutual funds for which we act as investment advisor, make day-to-day investment decisions for each fund, and manage each fund's investments in accordance with the fund's stated policies. In addition, pursuant to the investment advisory agreements, and subject to the approval of each fund's board of directors, we provide persons to serve as officers of the fund. Mr. Steers serves as chairman and Mr. Cohen serves as a director on the board of directors of each fund. The Securities and Exchange Commission has recently adopted new rules requiring that at least 75% of a mutual fund's directors, including the chairperson of the board of directors, be independent of the mutual fund's investment advisor and that the independent directors hold quarterly meetings without fund executives. The Securities and Exchange Commission has also adopted new rules that will require mutual fund shareholder reports to discuss, in reasonable detail, the material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the approval by a mutual fund's board of directors of any investment advisory agreement, including the fees payable under the agreement. Asset Management's continued receipt of revenue is, accordingly, subject to the risk that mutual fund boards of directors may determine not to renew investment advisory and administration agreements with us or that they may renew such agreements at lower fee rates than are then in effect. All of the mutual funds for which we are the investment advisor are funds that we established and are marketed under the Cohen & Steers name. The mutual funds that we manage are:

### **Closed-end Mutual Funds**

- Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers REIT and Utility Income Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc.

### **Open-end Mutual Funds**

- Cohen & Steers Realty Shares, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Special Equity Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Equity Income Fund, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares, Inc.
- Cohen & Steers Utility Fund, Inc.

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The following table sets forth the breakdown of our revenue from investment advisory and administration fees by account type.

#### **Investment Advisory and Administration Fees**

	Year Ended December 31,								onths Ended rch 31,	
	2001 2002			20	03	20	003	2004		
					(\$ in tho	usands)				
Investment advisory and administration fees:										
Closed-end mutual funds	\$ 2,009	6.5%	\$ 7,837	20.4%	\$ 18,575	36.0%	\$ 2,741	28.8%	\$ 8,801	44.6%
Open-end mutual funds	18,019	58.5%	20,871	54.3%	24,225	46.9%	4,806	50.5%	8,282	42.0%
Institutional separate accounts	10,794	35.0%	9,707	25.3%	8,808	17.1%	1,973	20.7%	2,646	13.4%
Total	\$ 30,822	100.0%	\$ 38,415	100.0%	\$ 51,608	100.0%	\$ 9,520	100.0%	\$ 19,729	100.0%

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, 45% of our investment advisory and administration fees and 39% of Asset Management's revenue were from closed-end mutual funds and, as of of June 30, 2004, 51% of the assets we managed was in closed-end mutual funds. Unlike open-end mutual funds, closed-end mutual funds are not subject to shareholder redemptions that can result in greater volatility in asset levels. As a result, a large proportion of the assets we manage is relatively stable, providing us with similarly stable revenue under normal market conditions with respect to that part of our current business.

While there are reductions in fees for those open-end mutual funds that achieve a certain size and for large institutional separate accounts, Asset Management's profitability tends to increase as it manages more assets. Although each new open-end mutual fund must reach a certain size to become profitable, the incremental revenue associated with additional assets managed tends to exceed the incremental costs associated with managing these assets.

Agreements to Waive Investment Advisory Fees and Bear Expenses

We reduce the expenses of eight of the twelve mutual funds for which we are the investment advisor by waiving investment advisory fees (which reduces our revenue by an amount equal to the fees waived) or bearing expenses (which increases our expenses by an amount equal to the expenses borne) otherwise payable by these funds. We have contractually agreed with:

- five of the seven closed-end mutual funds for which we are the investment advisor to waive up to 49% of our investment advisory fees for up to 10 years following the commencement of the fund's operations;
- two of the five open-end mutual funds for which we are the investment advisor to waive our investment advisory fees and/or reimburse the open-end mutual funds so that their expenses do not exceed between 1.15% and 2.15% of their net assets; and
- a third open-end mutual fund, Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares, Inc., to bear all of this fund's operating expenses.

The following table discloses the aggregate investment advisory fees waived and expenses borne for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004.

	Year	Ended Decemb	En	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004	
			(\$ in thousands	)		
Closed-end mutual fund investment advisory fees						
waived	\$ 1,078	\$ 4,660	\$7,170	\$ 1,542	\$ 2,620	
Open-end mutual fund investment advisory fees waived/						
expenses borne	856	846	1,040	235	325	
	\$ 1,934	\$5,506	\$8,210	\$ 1,777	\$ 2,945	
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When we waive investment advisory fees or bear expenses otherwise payable by a mutual fund, this provides a direct benefit to the mutual fund investors by lowering the expenses associated with investing in the fund and improving the fund's investment performance. These agreements to waive fees and bear expenses reduce our revenue and increase our expenses, and thereby reduce our operating income, by an amount equal to the fees waived or expenses borne. We agree to waive investment advisory fees and bear expenses payable by a mutual fund because we believe this enhances the sales effort for the fund and thereby increases the assets that we manage.

Although the agreements we have with closed-end mutual funds to waive investment advisory fees otherwise payable by the funds specify that they are to begin to expire in 2006 and continuing through 2012, this would reduce the investment performance of the funds and may not occur. Each of our investment advisory agreements with a mutual fund, including the fees payable under the agreement, is subject, following the initial two year term, to annual approval by the mutual fund's board of directors, including at least a majority of the independent directors. These directors have a fiduciary duty to the mutual fund shareholders. Moreover, as discussed above, the Securities and Exchange Commission has recently adopted new rules enhancing the independence of mutual fund boards of directors and requiring detailed disclosure in mutual fund shareholder reports regarding the material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the approval by a mutual fund's board of directors of any investment advisory agreement, including the fees payable under the agreement. Mutual fund boards of directors may determine not to renew investment advisory and administration agreements with us or they may not allow our agreements to waive fees to expire. In addition, open-end mutual fund shareholders may withdraw their assets at any time. See "Related Party Transactions—Agreements to Waive Investment Advisory Fees and Bear Expenses."

### Assets Managed

The assets we manage have increased at a compound annual rate of growth of 36%, to \$15.0 billion at June 30, 2004 from \$3.8 billion at December 31, 1999, although this was a decline from \$15.5 billion at March 31, 2004. Much of this growth was in 2003 and the first quarter of 2004. Changes in the assets we manage can come from two sources—market appreciation (or depreciation) and inflows (or outflows). Market appreciation increases the assets we manage because the share prices of the existing securities we are managing increase. Conversely, the assets we manage decrease as security prices decline. We refer to the net effect of market appreciation and depreciation of the assets that we manage over a period as net appreciation (or net depreciation). Closed-end mutual fund offerings and inflows into open-end mutual funds and institutional separate accounts have the effect of increasing the assets we manage as existing or new clients provide us with more money to manage. Conversely, outflows from open-end mutual funds or institutional separate accounts decrease the assets we manage. We refer to the net effect of inflows and outflows on the assets that we manage over a period as net flows. Of the \$11.2 billion increase in the assets we managed from December 31, 1999 to June 30, 2004, 63% was attributable to net flows and 37% was attributable to net appreciation.

Much of this recent growth in the assets we manage can be attributed to our presence in the real estate securities market. REIT securities have experienced strong market appreciation over the past several years and have gained a wider acceptance by individual and institutional investors as an asset class based on their diversification benefits, income characteristics and growth potential. In addition, we have launched six of the seven closed-end mutual funds that we manage since May 2001, including two such funds which started in 2004 with aggregate initial assets of \$2.9 billion. We have also added to the assets we manage through net sales of shares of open-end mutual funds, one of which was started in 2000 and one of which was started in 2004.

The following tables set forth a breakdown of the changes in the total assets we managed since 1999 attributable to net flows and net appreciation and a breakdown of the total assets we managed by account and security type as of the dates shown, and the compound annual growth rates (CAGR) for the assets we managed since December 31, 1999.

#### **Component Changes in Assets Managed**

Page					Year	Ended Decem	aber 31,		Thi Moi End	nths led	Three Months Ended
Reginning assets managed   \$3,991.4   \$3,762.1   \$4,758.5   \$5,697.5   \$6,623.8   \$11,680.1   \$15,539.3   \$1.00   \$1				1999	2000	2001	2002	2003			June 30, 2004
Net flows   C60.1   9.5   647.3   817.7   2,629.4   2,639.1   303.1     Net appreciation (depreciation)   30.8   986.9   291.7   108.6   2,426.9   1,220.1   (862.4)     Ending assets managed   \$3,762.1   \$4,758.5   \$5,697.5   \$6,623.8   \$11,680.1   \$15,539.3   \$14,980.0						(\$ in	millions)				
Net appreciation (depreciation)         30.8         986.9         291.7         108.6         2,426.9         1,220.1         (862.4)           Ending assets managed by a part of the part of t	0	anaged					· ·				
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Page					Assets	Managed					
CAGR   1999   2000   2001   2002   2003   2003   2004   2004   2004   CAGR				December	31,		December				31, 1999 to of June 30,
Assets Managed by Account Type Closed-end Mutual Funds		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003			,	2004	CAGR
Account Type   Closed-end Mutual   Funds   \$98.0					(\$ in milli	ons)					
Closed-end Mutual Funds \$ 98.0 \$ 114.2 \$ 600.7 \$ 2,114.3 \$ 4,790.6 \$ 41.0% \$ 7,664.5 \$ 7,670.5 51.2% 163.7% Open-end Mutual Funds 1,571.5 2,077.5 2,314.6 2,452.4 3,897.1 33.4% 4,514.0 4,029.3 26.9% 23.3% Institutional Separate Accounts 2,092.6 2,566.8 2,782.2 2,057.1 2,992.4 25.6% 3,360.8 3,280.1 21.9% 10.5%  Total Assets Managed \$ 3,762.1 \$ 4,758.5 \$ 5,697.5 \$ 6,623.8 \$ 11,680.1 100% \$ 15,539.3 \$ 14,980.0 100% 36.0%  Assets Managed by Security Type Real Estate Common Stocks \$ 3,606.1 \$ 4,536.0 \$ 5,259.4 \$ 5,908.9 \$ 9,892.6 84.7% \$ 11,605.5 \$ 10,992.7 73.4% 28.1% Utility Common Stocks Real Estate Preferred Stocks 32.4 55.7 266.6 597.1 836.0 7.1% 996.9 1,112.4 7.4% 119.5% Corporate Preferred Stocks (1) — — — — 683.9 5.8% 786.6 866.7 5.8% n/a											
Open-end Mutual Funds         1,571.5         2,077.5         2,314.6         2,452.4         3,897.1         33.4%         4,514.0         4,029.3         26.9%         23.3%           Institutional Separate Accounts         2,092.6         2,566.8         2,782.2         2,057.1         2,992.4         25.6%         3,360.8         3,280.1         21.9%         10.5%           Total Assets Managed         \$ 3,762.1         \$ 4,758.5         \$ 5,697.5         \$ 6,623.8         \$ 11,680.1         100%         \$ 15,539.3         \$ 14,980.0         100%         36.0%           Assets Managed by Security Type Real Estate Common Stocks         \$ 3,606.1         \$ 4,536.0         \$ 5,259.4         \$ 5,908.9         \$ 9,892.6         84.7%         \$ 11,605.5         \$ 10,992.7         73.4%         28.1%           Utility Common Stocks Real Estate Preferred Stocks         32.4         55.7         266.6         597.1         836.0         7.1%         996.9         1,112.4         7.4%         119.5%           Corporate Preferred Stocks (1)         —         —         —         —         683.9         5.8%         786.6         866.7         5.8%         n/a	Closed-end Mutual	\$ 98.0	\$ 114.2	\$ 600.7	\$ 2.114.3	\$ 4.790.6	41.0%	\$ 7.664.5	\$ 7,670.5	51.29	6 163.7%
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	-	_	_	_	_	683.9	5.8%	786.6	866.7	5.8%	′o n/a
	Fixed Income (2)	2.3	2.5	6.2	13.5	109.1	1.0%	97.4	137.3	0.9%	
Cash and Short-Term       Investments       121.3       164.3       165.3       104.3       158.5       1.4%       1,093.5       254.9       1.7%       n/m		121.3	164.3	165.3	104.3	158.5	1.4%	1,093.5	254.9	1.7%	n/m
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<sup>(1)</sup> Corporate preferred stocks include traditional preferred stocks as well as "hybrid-preferred securities." Hybrid-preferred securities forms of subordinated debt with many features, such as exchange listing and deferral, that replicate those of traditional preferred stock.

(2) Includes corporate bonds.

### Our Investment Strategies

REIT preferred stocks with the objective of high current income for the investor Our Historical Investment Performance

Each of the 12 mutual funds and 39 institutional separate accounts that we manage adhere to one of our five investment strategies:

Strategy Accounts Total Return Strategy for investing mainly Cohen & Steers Realty Shares, Inc. in REITs and/or utilities Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares, Inc. Cohen & Steers Utility Fund, Inc. with the objective of increasing total return by Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc. balancing capital appreciation 18 institutional separate accounts and current income for the investor Equity Income Strategy for investing mainly Cohen & Steers Equity Income Fund, Inc. in REITs and/or utilities 18 institutional separate accounts with the primary objective of providing above average current income for the investor Total Return and Equity Income with Leverage Same as Total Return and Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Equity Income, but includes Fund, Inc. capital raised from borrowing money Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. or the issuance of debt or preferred Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty stocks Fund, Inc. Cohen & Steers REIT and Utility Income Fund, Inc. Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc. Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc. Special Equity Strategy for investing mainly Cohen & Steers Special Equity Fund, Inc. 2 institutional separate accounts in REITs with the objective of maximizing capital appreciation for the investor **REIT Preferred Stocks** Strategy for investing in 1 institutional separate account

The following table presents the average annualized performance, net of all expenses borne by mutual fund shareholders or institutional separate account clients but not fees waived or expenses borne by us, of each of the mutual funds for which we are the investment advisor and of institutional separate accounts in the aggregate for each strategy for which we have at least one continuous year of institutional separate account investment activity for the one, five and ten year periods ended June 30, 2004 and for the period from the inception date to June 30, 2004. The past investment performance of the mutual funds and institutional separate accounts for which we are the investment advisor is no guarantee of future performance, and each of these mutual funds and institutional separate accounts has

experienced negative performance over various time periods in the past and may do so again in the future. The past investment performance for certain of these mutual funds would have been lower if we had not waived fees or borne expenses otherwise payable by these mutual funds. The following table also presents the returns of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) Equity REIT Index, Morgan Stanley

REIT Preferred Index, the Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index and the S&P 500 Index over the same periods. We use the NAREIT Equity REIT Index, the Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index and the S&P 500 Index as benchmarks for the mutual funds and institutional separate accounts that adhere to our Total Return, Equity Income, Total Return and Equity Income with Leverage and Special Equity investment strategies, and we use the Morgan Stanley REIT Preferred Index as a benchmark for our REIT Preferred Stocks investment strategy.

#### Investment Performance Through June 30, 2004

Mutual Fund (Inception Date)	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception(1)
Total Return				
Cohen & Steers Realty Shares, Inc. (7/91)	29.98%	14.06%	12.44%	13.75%
Cohen & Steers Total Return Realty Fund, Inc. (6/93)	22.16%	14.40%	12.01%	11.53%
Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares, Inc. (2/00)	29.98%(2)	_	_	18.46%(2)
Cohen & Steers Utility Fund, Inc., Class A Shares (4/04)	_	_	_	5.24%(3)
Equity Income				
Cohen & Steers Equity Income Fund, Inc., Class A Shares (7/97)	23.77%	14.51%	_	11.00%
Total Return and Equity Income with Leverage				
Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund, Inc. (5/01)	32.32%(4)	_	_	19.60%(4)
Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. (2/02)	31.68%(5)			19.90%(5)
Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund, Inc. (8/02)	35.48%(6)	_	_	26.93%(6)
Cohen & Steers REIT and Preferred Income Fund, Inc. (6/03)	18.41%			18.24%
Cohen & Steers REIT and Utility Income Fund, Inc. (1/04)	_	_	_	-2.17%(7)
Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund, Inc. (6/04)	_	_	_	-0.55%(8)
Special Equity				
Cohen & Steers Special Equity Fund, Inc. (5/97)	36.65%(9)	17.10%(9)	_	12.27%(9)
Institutional Separate Accounts by Strategy (Inception Date)				
Total Return Institutional Separate Accounts (1/88)	30.37%	14.73%	12.97%	12.53%
Equity Income Institutional Separate Accounts (7/98)	22.21%	14.57%	_	11.69%
<u>Benchmark</u>				
NAREIT Equity REIT Index (8)	27.06%	14.51%	12.07%	
Morgan Stanley REIT Preferred Index (9)	3.81%	10.34%	9.82%	
Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index (10)	29.21%	14.52%	12.26%	
S&P 500 Index (11)	18.90%	-2.23%	11.81%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance information for periods of less than one year represents actual performance and is not annualized.

<sup>(2)</sup> We bear all of the expenses of Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares. If we had not borne these expenses, this fund's return would have been lower by approximately 0.13% for the last 12 months and 0.15% on an annualized basis since inception.

We currently bear expenses for Cohen & Steers Utility Fund. If we had not borne these expenses, this fund's total return would have been lower. Because this fund commenced operations so recently, we cannot accurately estimate how much lower the return would have been.

<sup>(4)</sup> We currently waive a portion of the investment advisory fee for Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund. If these fees had not been waived, this fund's total return would have been approximately 0.60% lower on an annualized basis.

<sup>(5)</sup> We currently waive a portion of the investment advisory fee for Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund. If these fees had not been waived, this fund's total return would have been approximately 0.48% lower on an annualized basis.

<sup>(6)</sup> We currently waive a portion of the investment advisory fee for Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund. If these fees had not been waived, this fund's total return would have been approximately 0.38% lower on an annualized basis.

<sup>(7)</sup> We currently waive a portion of the investment advisory fee for Cohen & Steers REIT and Utility Income Fund. If these fees had not been waived, this fund's total return would have been approximately 0.07% lower.

<sup>(8)</sup> We currently waive a portion of the investment advisory fee for Cohen & Steers Select Utility Fund. If these fees had not been waived, this fund's total return would have been approximately 0.03% lower.

<sup>(9)</sup> We currently bear expenses for Cohen & Steers Special Equity Fund. If we had not borne these expenses, this fund's total return would have been lower by approximately 0.49% for the last 12 months, 0.21% on an annualized basis for the last five years and 0.15% on an annualized basis since inception.
(10)

- The NAREIT Equity REIT Index is an unmanaged, market-capitalization-weighted index of all publicly traded REITs that invest predominantly in the equity ownership of real estate. The index is designed to reflect the performance of all publicly traded equity REITs as a whole.
- (11) The Morgan Stanley REIT Preferred Index is an unmanaged index that is designed to reflect the performance of all publicly traded REIT preferred stocks as a whole.
- (12) The Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index is an unmanaged index that is a broad measure of publicly traded real estate securities, such as REITs and real estate operating companies.
- (13) The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of common stocks that is frequently used as a general measure of stock market performance.

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### **Investment Banking**

As a complement to Asset Management, and to capitalize on our extensive expertise in public real estate securities and companies, in 1999 we established a specialized investment banking practice that services companies in real estate and real estate intensive businesses, such as the health care and hospitality businesses.

We have assembled a highly experienced team of investment banking professionals with a long-standing transactional track record in the real estate and health care industries. Since 1999, we have completed 44 transactions representing over \$5 billion in value. Our professionals have developed long-standing relationships with many companies and have established a strong presence in our targeted market. As a result, we believe we are well positioned to take advantage of new advisory opportunities.

Our investment banking strategy focuses on providing a full range of services, including the following areas:

Mergers & Acquisitions—We provide a full range of merger and acquisition advisory services involving the purchase or sale of public or private companies or their business units. We also facilitate leveraged buyouts and strategic capital infusions, and provide our clients with advice relating to takeover defenses. Since 2001, we have advised clients in nine merger and acquisition transactions representing over \$597 million in value.

*Restructurings*—We have developed a broad range of corporate restructuring advisory services. These services include advice with respect to debt and lease restructurings, recapitalization transactions, exchange offers and bankruptcy advisory services. Since 2001, we have advised clients in three restructuring assignments encompassing 15 transactions representing over \$3.1 billion in value.

Capital Raising—We provide capital raising services as agent, and, since 2001, we have completed 16 transactions which raised over \$881 million, primarily SEC-registered direct placements of equity and preferred securities.

The following table provides a breakdown of Investment Banking's revenue by service area for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, and for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004.

#### **Investment Banking Revenue**

		Year Ended December 3		Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004		
			(\$ in thousands)				
Revenue							
Mergers & Acquisitions	\$ 505	\$ 2,067	\$ 2,477	\$ 587	\$ 50		
Restructurings	1,891	9,337	4,925	308	_		
Capital Raising	457	1,673	3,877	83	4,413		
Investment Banking Revenue	\$ 2,853	\$ 13,077	\$ 11,279	\$ 978	\$ 4,463		

Each Investment Banking engagement for which a fee is earned is generally highly profitable. However, only a limited proportion of Investment Banking engagements result in a completed transaction for which a fee is earned and, accordingly, the employees of Investment Banking spend significant amounts of time on transactions that are not completed and for which no fee will be earned. As a result, the revenue and profitability of Investment Banking can be very volatile. For example, Investment Banking had net income of \$3.2 million on \$11.3 million of revenue in 2003, a 13.7% decrease in revenue and a 15.2% decrease in net income as compared to net income of \$3.8 million on \$13.1

million of revenue in 2002.

Of the 21 clients from which Investment Banking has generated revenue since it was established in 1999, four are companies in which Asset Management has invested client assets. Investment Banking assisted these companies in raising capital by finding investors willing to invest in these companies' securities and generated revenue of:

• \$0.3 million (or 2% of Investment Banking revenue) in 2002,

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- \$3.6 million (or 32% of Investment Banking revenue) in 2003, and
- \$3.8 million (or 85% of Investment Banking revenue) in the three months ended March 31, 2004. Investment Banking did not generate any revenue from these clients in 2001 or the three months ended March 31, 2003. Of the total revenue generated by Investment Banking relating to these four companies, \$0.5 million derived from the direct investment of client assets by Asset Management in these companies' securities.

#### Preliminary Results for the Second Quarter of 2004

Our results for the three months ended June 30, 2004 presented below are preliminary and are subject to quarterly review procedures and final reconciliations and adjustments.

We had total revenue of \$25.6 million in the second quarter of 2004, an increase of 52% from \$16.8 million in the second quarter of 2003. Revenue from Asset Management was \$25.3 million in the second quarter of 2004, an increase of 107% from \$12.2 million in the second quarter of 2003, and revenue from Investment Banking was \$0.3 million in the second quarter of 2004, a decrease of 93% from \$4.6 million in the second quarter of 2003. The increase in total revenue and revenue from Asset Management was primarily the result of a \$6.3 billion net increase in the assets we managed as of June 30, 2004 compared to June 30, 2003.

We had total operating expenses of \$16.7 million in the second quarter of 2004, an increase of 9% from \$15.3 million in the second quarter of 2003. Asset Management operating expenses were \$16.0 million in the second quarter of 2004, an increase of 28% from \$12.5 million in the second quarter of 2003, and Investment Banking operating expenses were \$0.7 million in the second quarter of 2004, a decrease of 75% from \$2.8 million in the second quarter of 2003.

We had total net income of \$8.6 million in the second quarter of 2004, a significant increase from \$1.6 million in the second quarter of 2003. Asset Management had net income of \$9.0 million in the second quarter of 2004, an increase from a \$48 thousand loss in the second quarter of 2003, and Investment Banking had a loss of \$0.4 million in the second quarter of 2004, a decrease from net income of \$1.7 million in the second quarter of 2003.

We made aggregate S corporation distributions to our stockholders of \$5.5 million during the second quarter of 2004.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We intend to pay cash dividends on a quarterly basis and expect to declare our first quarterly dividend payment at an initial rate of \$0.10 per share for the third quarter of 2004. The declaration and payment of future dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition and earnings, legal requirements and other factors as our board of directors deems relevant. See "Dividend Policy."

Our business is presently conducted by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. was incorporated as a New York corporation in 1986 and is wholly owned by our principals and two trusts benefiting their families. Cohen & Steers, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that was formed on March 17, 2004. Cohen & Steers, Inc. has not engaged in any business or other activities except in connection with its formation and the reorganization whereby Cohen & Steers, Inc. will become the parent holding company of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and, together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.), continue to conduct the business now conducted by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Completion of the reorganization is a condition to the consummation of this offering. See "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—Reorganization."

Our principal executive offices are located at 757 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, and our telephone number is (212) 832-3232. Our Web site is located at www.cohenandsteers.com. The information on our Web site is not a part of this prospectus.

### The Offering

Common stock offered

Shares outstanding after the offering

Use of proceeds

7,500,000 shares 34,200,000 shares

We estimate that our net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$93.1 million. We intend to use these net proceeds to enhance our asset management platform by expanding our investment capabilities, launching

new products, and expanding distribution, and for general corporate

purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."

Dividend policy We intend to pay cash dividends on a quarterly basis and expect to declare

our first quarterly dividend payment at an initial rate of \$0.10 per share for the third quarter of 2004. The declaration and payment of future dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition and earnings, legal requirements and other factors as our board of

directors deems relevant. See "Dividend Policy."

Voting rights Each share of common stock will entitle its holder to one vote per share.

Risk factors See "Risk Factors" and other information included in this prospectus for a

discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest

in shares of our common stock.

Determination of initial public offering

price

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. The initial public offering price will be determined through negotiations between us and the representatives of the underwriters following a marketing period during which the underwriters will assess the demand for our common stock from potential investors. In addition to prevailing market conditions, the factors to be considered in determining the initial public offering price are:

- •investor demand for our common stock;
- •the market condition for initial public offerings;
- •our historical financial information included in this prospectus;
- an analysis of our earnings and the price to projected earnings multiples of publicly traded companies in the asset management and investment banking industries that the representatives believe to be comparable to us;
- •our history and the prospects for us and the asset management and investment banking industries in which we compete; and
- •an assessment of our management and management's ability to execute its business plan, our past and present operations, and the prospects for, and timing of, our future revenue.

Proposed New York Stock Exchange symbol

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The number of shares of common stock outstanding after the offering excludes 9,500,000 shares reserved for issuance under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and 500,000 shares reserved for issuance under the 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Assuming an initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share, we expect to grant certain employees an aggregate of 5,521,718 restricted stock units pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan on the date of the consummation of this offering. See "Management—IPO Date Restricted Stock Unit Grants."

### **Summary Consolidated Financial and Other Data**

The following tables present summary consolidated financial and other data as of the dates and for the periods indicated. We derived the consolidated statement of financial condition data as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 and the consolidated statement of income data for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 from our consolidated financial statements audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

We derived the consolidated statement of financial condition data as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 and the consolidated statement of income data for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2000 from our unaudited consolidated financial statements which are not included in this prospectus. The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on substantially the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of our consolidated financial position and results of operations for all periods presented.

We derived the consolidated statement of financial condition data as of March 31, 2004 and the consolidated statement of income data for each of the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 from our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of our consolidated financial position and results of operations for the interim periods presented.

Our wholly owned subsidiary, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, commenced operations on July 1, 2002. On the same date, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC succeeded to the business of Cohen & Steers Securities, Inc. (previously wholly owned by our principals) pursuant to a transaction accounted for as a merger of entities under common control and recorded in a manner similar to a pooling-of-interests. Accordingly, the previously separate historical financial position and results of operations of Cohen & Steers Securities, Inc. are combined with our consolidated financial position and results of operations for all periods presented.

For all periods presented, we operated as an S corporation and were not subject to U.S. federal and certain state income taxes. Our historical income tax expense consisted of New York State and New York City income taxes. Prior to the completion of this offering, we will become subject to U.S. federal and certain state and local income taxes applicable to C corporations. See "—Unaudited Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Information" and "Reorganization and S Corporation Status."

The historical consolidated results for "Employee compensation and benefits" include salaries and bonuses paid to our co-chief executive officers during our status as an S corporation that we expect will differ from the salaries and bonuses to be paid to our co-chief executive officers in future periods.

You should read this summary consolidated financial and other data together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements.

## **Consolidated Statement of Income Data**

Year Ended December 31,

Three Months Ended March 31,

	real Ended December 51,						With this 31,						
	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004
					(\$ in thou	sands,	except per	share o	data)				
Revenue													
Investment advisory and administration fees:													
Closed-end mutual funds	\$ 743	\$	729	\$	2,009	\$	7,837	\$	18,575	\$	2,741	\$	8,801
Open-end mutual funds	15,291	Ψ	15,102	Ψ	18,019	Ψ	20,871	Ψ	24,225	Ψ	4,806	Ψ	8,282
Institutional separate accounts	9,749		11,288		10,794		9,707		8,808		1,973		2,646
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Total investment advisory and administration fees	25,783		27,119		30,822		38,415		51,608		9,520		19,729
Distribution and service fee revenue	211		397		1,112		3,071		5,880		974		2,408
Portfolio consulting and other	1,618		1,104		507		683		1,574		271		709
Investment banking fees	3,375		8,097		2,853		13,077		11,279		978		4,463
Total revenue	30,987		36,717		35,294		55,246	_	70,341		11,743		27,309
		_		_		_		_		_		-	
Expenses													
Employee compensation and benefits	12,715		15,571		16,719		32,312		37,193		7,754		8,980
General and administrative Distribution and service fee	4,385		5,568		6,651		6,916		8,007		1,719		2,757
expenses	2,973		2,721		4,069		4,744		9,190		1,427		4,195
Amortization, deferred commissions	162		170		533		1,698		3,077		810		1,057
Depreciation and amortization	257	_	402	_	517		927	_	1,002		233		281
Total operating expenses	20,492		24,432		28,489		46,597		58,469		11,943		17,270
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Operating income (loss)	10,495		12,285		6,805		8,649		11,872		(200)		10,039
Non-operating income (expense)													
Interest and dividend income	369		692		513		525		435		97		101
Interest expense	(32)		(42)		(60)		(127)		(156)		(36)		(42
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Total non-operating income	337	_	650	_	453	_	398	_	279	_	61	_	59
Income (loss) before income taxes	10,832		12,935		7,258		9,047		12,151		(139)		10,098
Income tax expense (benefit)(1)(2)	1,089	_	1,297	_	654	_	611	_	100	_	(24)		767
Net income (loss)(2)	\$ 9,743	\$	11,638	\$	6,604	\$	8,436	\$	12,051	\$	(115)	\$	9,331
Net income (loss) per share—basic and diluted(2)(3)	\$ 0.37	\$	0.44	\$	0.25	\$	0.32	\$	0.45	\$	(0.00)	\$	0.35
Weighted average shares outstanding—basic and diluted(3)	26,250,737	2	6,250,737	26	5,250,737	26	5,475,368	26	5,700,000	26	5,700,000	26	5,700,000

<sup>(1)</sup> See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for the explanation of the decrease in income tax expense (benefit) from the year ended December 31, 2002 to the year ended December 31, 2003.

- (2) For all periods presented, we operated as an S corporation and were not subject to U.S. federal and certain state income taxes. Prior to the completion of this offering, we will become subject to U.S. federal and certain state and local income taxes applicable to C corporations. See "—Unaudited Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Information" for the pro forma effects on net income and earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004 if we had revoked our S corporation tax status and elected to be taxed as a C corporation on January 1, 2003, based on an estimated combined effective tax rate of 42%.
- (3) All per share amounts and weighted average shares outstanding have been adjusted to reflect a 291.351127 for one stock split that we effected on June 16, 2004.

### **Consolidated Statement of Income Data by Segment**

		Three Months Ended March 31,					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
				(\$ in thousands)			
Asset Management							
Total revenue	\$ 27,612	\$ 28,506	\$ 32,441	\$ 42,169	\$ 59,062	\$ 10,765	\$ 22,846
Total operating expenses	17,542	18,197	23,598	37,633	50,510	10,843	14,278
Operating income (loss)	10,070	10,309	8,843	4,536	8,552	(78)	8,568
Total non-operating income	333	426	396	325	249	53	53
Income (loss) before income taxes	10,403	10,735	9,239	4,861	8,801	(25)	8,621
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,046	1,067	865	205	(46)	90	666
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,357	\$ 9,668	\$ 8,374	\$ 4,656	\$ 8,847	\$ (115)	\$ 7,955
Investment Banking							
Total revenue	\$ 3,375	\$ 8,211	\$ 2,853	\$ 13,077	\$ 11,279	\$ 978	\$ 4,463
Total operating expenses	2,950	6,235	4,891	8,964	7,959	1,100	2,992
Operating income (loss)	425	1,976	(2,038)	4,113	3,320	(122)	1,471
Total non-operating income	4	224	57	73	30	8	6
Income (loss) before income taxes	429	2,200	(1,981)	4,186	3,350	(114)	1,477
Income tax expense (benefit)	43	230	(211)	406	146	(114)	101
Net income (loss)	\$ 386	\$ 1,970	\$ (1,770)	\$ 3,780	\$ 3,204	\$ <u> </u>	\$ 1,376
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# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition Data**

### December 31,

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	March 31, 2004	
			(\$ in the	ousands)			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,699	\$ 4,737	\$ 2,750	\$ 6,090	\$ 7,526	\$ 8,574	
Total assets	14,343	16,547	17,853	24,394	34,523	39,927	
Total current liabilities	2,019	2,370	2,712	2,904	7,257	14,419	
Total long-term liabilities	500	500	1,430	4,798	6,492	6,324	
Total liabilities	2,519	2,870	4,142	7,702	13,749	20,743	
Total stockholders' equity	11,824	13,677	13,711	16,692	20,774	19,184	

# **Component Changes in Assets Managed**

	Year Ended December 31,					Three Months Ended	Three Months Ended	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	March 31, 2004	June 30, 2004	
			(\$ in million	us)				
Total accounts								
Beginning total assets managed	\$ 3,991.4	\$ 3,762.1	\$ 4,758.5	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 6,623.8	\$ 11,680.1	\$ 15,539.3	
Net flows	(260.1)	9.5	647.3	817.7	2,629.4	2,639.1	303.1	
Net appreciation (depreciation)	30.8	986.9	291.7	108.6	2,426.9	1,220.1	(862.4)	
Ending total assets managed	\$ 3,762.1	\$ 4,758.5	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 6,623.8	\$ 11,680.1	\$ 15,539.3	\$ 14.980.0	
Closed-end mutual funds								
Beginning closed-end mutual fund assets managed	\$ 113.6	\$ 98.0	\$ 114.2	\$ 600.7	\$ 2,114.3	\$ 4,790.6	\$ 7,664.5	
Net flows	0.0	0.0	478.6	1,573.1	1,973.5	2,472.0	459.5	
Net appreciation (depreciation)	(15.6)	16.2	7.9	(59.5)	702.8	401.9	(453.5)	
Ending closed-end mutual fund assets managed	98.0	114.2	600.7	2,114.3	4,790.6	7,664.5	7,670.5	
Open-end mutual funds								
Beginning open-end mutual fund assets managed	2,043.6	1,571.5	2,077.5	2,314.6	2,452.4	3,897.1	4,514.0	
Net flows	(484.8)	113.5	138.7	121.3	528.9	166.8	(235.2)	
Net appreciation (depreciation)	12.7	392.5	98.4	16.5	915.8	450.1	(249.5)	
Ending open-end mutual fund assets managed	1,571.5	2,077.5	2,314.6	2,452.4	3,897.1	4,514.0	4,029.3	
Institutional separate accounts								
Beginning institutional separate account assets managed	1,834.2	2,092.6	2,566.8	2,782.2	2,057.1	2,992.4	3,360.8	
Net flows	224.7	(104.0)	30.0	(876.7)	127.0	0.3	78.9	
Net appreciation (depreciation)	33.7	578.2	185.4	151.6	808.3	368.1	(159.5)	
Ending institutional separate account assets managed	2,092.6	2,566.8	2,782.2	2,057.1	2,992.4	3,360.8	3,280.1	
Ending total assets managed	\$ 3,762.1	\$ 4,758.5	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 6,623.8	\$ 11,680.1	\$ 15,539.3	\$ 14,980.0	

Total net flows/beginning total assets managed (%)	-6.5%	0.3%	13.6%	14.4%	39.7%	22.6%	2.0%
Total change in total assets managed (%)	_5.7%	26.5%	19.7%	16.3%	76.3%	33.0%	-3.6%
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#### **Unaudited Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Information**

The following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements have been derived by applying pro forma adjustments to our historical consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of income for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004 give effect to the additional income taxes of \$5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 and \$3.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 which would have been payable if we had revoked our S corporation tax status and elected to be taxed as a C corporation on January 1, 2003, based on an estimated combined effective tax rate of 42%. Please see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for a description of our historical income tax expense.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of financial condition as of March 31, 2004 gives effect to:

- the recognition of a non-cash compensation expense and related deferred income tax asset and corresponding deferred income tax benefit and the reversal of the accrued liability for our existing Stock Appreciation Rights Plan, which we refer to as our SAR plan, resulting from the termination of the SAR plan, described in "Management—Stock Appreciation Rights Plan," and the grant of fully vested restricted stock units on the date of the consummation of this offering, described in "Management—IPO Date Restricted Stock Unit Grants," as if these events had occurred on March 31, 2004;
- the recognition of the additional net deferred tax liability and corresponding deferred income tax expense of \$0.5 million that would have been recorded had we revoked our S corporation tax status and elected to be taxed as a C corporation on March 31, 2004. We estimate that the actual amount of the additional net deferred tax liability and corresponding income tax expense will be approximately \$0.4 million. See "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—S Corporation Status"; and
- the accrual of the \$14.0 million S corporation distribution to our stockholders described in "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—S Corporation Status" that would have been recorded had this distribution been declared on March 31, 2004. We estimate that the actual aggregate amount of the S corporation distributions will be approximately \$21 million. See "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—S Corporation Status."

The adjustments necessary to fairly present the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements have been based on available information and assumptions that we believe are reasonable. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of income and financial condition are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent our consolidated results of operations or financial position that would actually have occurred had the transactions referred to above been consummated on January 1, 2003 for the consolidated statements of income and on March 31, 2004 for the consolidated statement of financial condition, or to project our consolidated results of operations or financial position for any future date or period.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of income do not give effect to the grant of fully vested restricted stock units to certain management level employees on the date of the consummation of this offering or for the termination of our SAR plan. As a result of the grant of these fully vested restricted stock units, we expect to record a non-cash compensation expense and an intangible asset with respect to the independently determined value of the non-competition agreements we will receive from each of these management level employees. The total amount of the non-cash compensation expense and of the intangible asset will equal the value of the fully vested restricted stock units granted based on the initial public offering price of the underlying common stock, as adjusted for cumulative compensation cost recorded on our existing SAR plan, which we will terminate at that time. Accordingly, assuming an initial public offering price per share of \$14.00, the total amount of the non-cash compensation expense and of the intangible asset will be \$66.7 million.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of financial condition does not give effect to the non-competition agreement intangible asset associated with the grant of the fully vested restricted stock units described above. Accordingly, the amount of the non-cash compensation expense reflected in retained earnings on the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of financial condition will be reduced by the amount of the intangible asset recorded. Additionally, the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of financial condition does not give effect to the decrease in the deferred income tax asset and in retained earnings resulting from the change in the deferred income tax benefit attributable to the reduction of the non-cash compensation expense recorded.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of income do not give effect to any adjustment to "Employee compensation and benefits" to reflect the employment agreements with our co-chief executive officers described in "Management—Employment Agreements." Each employment agreement provides for an annual base salary of \$500,000 and an annual bonus payment of at least \$1 million, but no more than \$5 million, as determined by the Compensation Committee, except that the bonus amount for 2004 will be limited to \$1 million. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the total compensation recorded for our co-chief executive officers was \$10.1 million, consisting of salary of \$2.1 million and bonus of \$8 million, and for the three months ended March 31, 2004, the total compensation recorded for our co-chief executive officers was \$0.5 million, consisting entirely of salary.

As described in "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—Reorganization," prior to the consummation of this offering, we will effect a reorganization whereby Cohen & Steers Inc. will become the parent holding company of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., and, together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.), continue to conduct the business now conducted by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and its subsidiaries. This reorganization does not have an impact on our pro forma consolidated results of operations or financial position. Please see "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—Reorganization" for a further description of the reorganization as well as of the terms of the merger agreement.

You should read this unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including "Reorganization and S Corporation Status," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, including Note 3—Pro Forma Financial Information (unaudited), and our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, including Note 2—Pro Forma Financial Information.

## **Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**

	Ye	distorical ear Ended cember 31, 2003	Pro Forma	A Ye	o Forma adjusted ar Ended cember 31, 2003	Thre	storical ee Months Ended arch 31, 2004		ro Forma	Thr	ro Forma ree Months Ended Iarch 31, 2004	
	(\$ in thousa		Adjustments ands, except per	share data)		(\$ in thous		Adjustments sands, except per sha		hare d	nare data)	
Revenue												
Investment advisory and												
administration fees	\$	51,608		\$	51,608	\$	19,729			\$	19,729	
Distribution, portfolio consulting and other revenue		7,454			7,454		3,117				3,117	
Investment banking fees		11,279			11,279		4,463				4,463	
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Total revenue		70,341			70,341		27,309				27,309	
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Expenses												
Employee compensation and												
benefits		37,193			37,193		8,980				8,980	
General and administrative		8,007			8,007		2,757				2,757	
Distribution and service fee expenses		9,190			9,190		4,195				4,195	
Amortization, deferred		5,170			),1)0		4,175				4,175	
commissions		3,077			3,077		1,057				1,057	
Depreciation and amortization		1,002			1,002		281				281	
	_			_		_				_		
Total operating expenses		58,469			58,469		17,270				17,270	
	_			_		_				_		
Operating income		11,872			11,872		10,039				10,039	
Non-operating income		279			279		59				59	
	_			_		_				_		
Income before income taxes		12,151			12,151		10,098				10,098	
Income taxes		100	5,003(a)		5,103		767		3,474(a)		4,241	
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Net income	\$	12,051	\$ (5,003)	\$	7,048	\$	9,331	\$	(3,474)	\$	5,857	
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Earning per share												
Net income per share—basic and												
diluted	\$	0.45		\$	0.26	\$	0.35			\$	0.22	
Weighted average shares outstanding—basic and diluted	2	6,700,000		2	6,700,000	20	5,700,000			2	6,700,000	

<sup>(</sup>a) Gives effect to additional income taxes which would have been payable if we had been a C corporation instead of an S corporation, based on an estimated combined effective tax rate of 42%.

# **Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

	Historical March 31, 2004	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma March 31, 2004
	(\$ in thousands		
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,574		\$ 8,574
Accounts receivable	10,818		10,818
Marketable securities available-for-sale	7,390		7,390
Due from affiliates	889		889
Income tax refunds receivable	398		398
Deferred income tax asset	<u> </u>	28,941 (a)(f)	28,941
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,962		1,962
Total current assets	30,031	28,941	58,972
Property and equipment—net	3,082		3,082
Other assets	6,814	(f)	6,814
Total	\$ 39,927	\$ 28,941	\$ 68,868
Liabilities and stockholders' equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accrued expenses and compensation	\$ 13,423	(1,870)(b)	\$ 11,553
Current portion of long-term debt and obligations under	+,	(=,=,=)(=)	+,
capital leases	132		132
Deferred income tax liability	136	518 (c)	654
Other current liabilities	728	14,000 (d)	14,728
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Total current liabilities	14,419	12,648	27,067
Long-term liabilities:			
Bank line of credit	4,584		4,584
Long-term debt	1,632		1,632
Obligations under capital leases and other long-term			
liabilities	108		108
Total long-term liabilities	6,324		6,324
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock	267		267
Additional paid-in capital	3,692	68,904 (e)	72,596
Retained earnings (deficit)	13,026	28,941 (a)(f)	(39,585)
<i>5</i>	,	1,870 (b)	( ) /
		(518)(c)	
		(14,000)(d)	
		(68,904)(e)(f)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,199		2,199
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Total stockholders' equity	19,184	16,293	35,477
Total	\$ 39,927	\$ 28,941	\$ 68,868

<sup>(</sup>a) Gives effect to the deferred income tax asset and corresponding deferred income tax benefit resulting from the termination of our existing SAR plan and the grant of restricted stock units on the date of the consummation of this offering as if these events had occurred on March 31, 2004.

<sup>(</sup>b) Gives effect to the reversal of the liability related to our existing SAR plan accrued as of March 31, 2004 and the corresponding effect on retained earnings.

<sup>(</sup>c) Gives effect to the revocation of our S corporation election and the recognition of the additional net deferred tax liability and corresponding deferred income tax expense that would have been recorded had we elected to be taxed as a C corporation on March 31, 2004.

<sup>(</sup>d) Gives effect to the accrual of the S corporation distribution to our stockholders that would have been recorded had this distribution been declared on March 31, 2004.

<sup>(</sup>e) Gives effect to non-cash compensation expense to be recorded in connection with the grant of fully vested restricted stock units on the date of the consummation of this offering as if this had occurred on March 31, 2004.

<sup>(</sup>f) Does not give effect to the intangible asset to be recorded based on the independently determined value of the non-competition agreements with management level employees associated with the grant of the fully vested restricted stock units described above. The amount of the non-cash compensation expense reflected will be reduced by the amount of the intangible asset recorded. Does not give effect to the decrease in the deferred income tax asset and in retained earnings resulting from the change in the deferred income tax benefit resulting from the reduction of the non-cash compensation expense recorded.

#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the following information about these risks, together with the other information contained in this prospectus, before investing in our common stock.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

We depend on Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, and the loss of their services would have a material adverse effect on us.

We depend on the efforts of Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, our co-chairmen and co-chief executive officers. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers head each of our investment committees with our president, Mr. Harvey, and they oversee the portfolio manager and research teams responsible for each of our portfolio strategies.

In August 2003, we instituted certain organizational changes that, among other things, were designed to address future succession issues. Pursuant to these changes, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers each assumed the titles of co-chairman and co-chief executive officer, Mr. Harvey was appointed president and Adam M. Derechin was appointed chief operating officer. These changes created an organizational structure that is designed to function effectively without Mr. Cohen and/or Mr. Steers. Although we expect Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers to continue to act in their current positions, the loss of their services would have a material adverse effect on us.

### Our ability to operate our company effectively could be impaired if we lose key personnel.

The market for qualified portfolio managers is extremely competitive. We anticipate that it will be necessary for us to add portfolio managers and investment analysts as we further diversify our investment products and strategies. See "Business—Asset Management Strategy." However, we may not be successful in our efforts to recruit and retain the required personnel. In addition, our investment professionals and senior marketing personnel have direct contact with our institutional separate account clients, which can lead to a strong client relationship. The loss of these personnel could jeopardize our relationships with certain institutional separate account clients, and result in the loss of such accounts. Further, Investment Banking relies on the expertise, business origination efforts and client relationships of our three senior investment banking professionals. The loss of these professionals could result in the loss of our Investment Banking clients and jeopardize the viability of our investment banking business. Moreover, when we become a public company, we intend to employ compensation mechanisms involving the use of equity compensation that may not be effective, especially if the market price of our common stock declines. The loss of key personnel or the inability to recruit and retain portfolio managers, marketing personnel or investment banking professionals could have a material adverse effect on our business.

#### A decline in the prices of securities could lead to a decline in the assets we manage, revenue and earnings.

A significant majority of our revenue—approximately 73% for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 81% for the first quarter of 2004—is derived from investment advisory and administration agreements with our clients. Under these agreements, the investment advisory and administration fees we receive are typically based on the market value of the assets we manage. Accordingly, a decline in the prices of securities generally, and real estate securities in particular, may cause our revenue and income to decline by:

- causing the value of the assets we manage to decrease, which would result in lower investment advisory and administration fees; or
- causing our clients to withdraw funds in favor of investments they perceive as offering greater opportunity or lower risk, which would also result in lower investment advisory and administration fees.

The securities markets are highly volatile, and securities prices may increase or decrease for many reasons, including economic, financial or political events, that we cannot control.

The stock and bond markets were volatile in the second quarter of 2004 amid concerns that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates in response to economic data that indicate strong growth in the U.S. economy. In particular, REIT stock prices declined by approximately 5.8% during the second quarter of 2004, including a decline of approximately 14.6% in April 2004. As a result, the assets we managed decreased to \$15.0 billion as of June 30, 2004 from \$15.5 billion as of March 31, 2004.

# A general decline in the performance of securities in the real estate sector could have an adverse effect on the assets we manage and revenue.

As of June 30, 2004, 81% of the assets we managed were concentrated in real estate securities. Real estate securities and real property investments owned by the issuers of real estate securities are subject to varying degrees of risk. The returns from investments in real estate depend on the amount of income and capital appreciation generated by the related properties. Income and real estate values may also be adversely affected by such factors as applicable laws (e.g., Americans with Disabilities Act and tax laws), interest rate levels, and the availability of financing. If the properties do not generate sufficient income to meet operating expenses, the income and ability of the real estate company to make payments of any interest and principal on debt securities or any dividends on common or preferred stocks will be adversely affected. In addition, real property and loans on real property may be subject to the quality of credit extended and defaults by borrowers and tenants. In addition, real estate investments are relatively illiquid and, therefore, the ability of real estate companies to vary their portfolios promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions is limited. A real estate company may also have joint venture investments in certain properties and, consequently, its ability to control decisions relating to such properties may be limited. Declines in the performance of real estate securities could reduce the assets we manage and our revenue.

#### Our growth may be constrained by the limited size and number of issuers in the real estate securities market.

Real estate securities investment continues to play an important role in the overall prospects of our business. Our ability to continue our growth in real estate securities management depends in part on growth in the size and number of issuers in the real estate securities market, particularly in the United States. For example, due to the constraints in the size and number of U.S. public real estate securities and issuers, we have in the past and may in the future stop accepting new assets in real estate securities institutional separate account portfolios in certain strategies and in certain open-end mutual funds. We also may be constrained in our ability to sponsor new closed-end mutual funds that invest primarily or significantly in domestic real estate securities. Such constraints may impair our ability to increase the assets we manage and our revenue.

#### A decline in the market for closed-end mutual funds could reduce our ability to raise future assets to manage.

Market conditions may preclude us from increasing the assets we manage in closed-end mutual funds. A significant portion of our recent growth in the assets we manage has resulted from public offerings of the shares of closed-end mutual funds, and we have raised \$7.0 billion in closed-end mutual fund offerings since May 2001. The market conditions for these offerings may not be as favorable in the future, which could adversely impact our ability to grow the assets we manage and our revenue.

# Our clients can remove the assets we manage on short notice, making our future client and revenue base unpredictable.

Our investment advisory and administration agreements are generally terminable upon 60 or fewer days' notice. In addition, open-end mutual fund investors may redeem their investments in the mutual funds at any time without prior notice. Moreover, each investment advisory agreement, including the fees payable thereunder, with a mutual fund is subject to annual approval by the

mutual fund's board, including at least a majority of the independent directors, which approval may not occur. Institutional and individual clients, and firms with which we have strategic alliances, can terminate their relationships with us, reduce the aggregate amount of the assets we manage or shift their funds to other types of accounts with different rate structures for any of a number of reasons, including investment performance, changes in prevailing interest rates and financial market performance. In a declining stock market the pace of mutual fund redemptions could accelerate. Poor performance relative to other asset management firms tends to result in decreased purchases of mutual fund shares, increased redemptions of mutual fund shares, and the loss of institutional or individual accounts. Under certain circumstances, stockholder activists may pressure closed-end mutual funds for which we are the investment advisor to tender for their shares, open-end, liquidate or take other actions that may adversely affect the fees we receive from the affected closed-end mutual funds. The decrease in revenue that could result from any such event could have a material adverse effect on our business.

In addition, as required by the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, each of our investment advisory agreements automatically terminates upon its "assignment." A sale of a sufficient number of shares of our voting securities could be deemed an "assignment" in certain circumstances. An assignment, actual or constructive, will trigger these termination provisions and may adversely affect our ability to continue managing open-end and closed-end mutual funds and institutional separate accounts.

#### Loss of significant institutional separate accounts would decrease our revenue.

We managed 39 institutional separate account portfolios at June 30, 2004, of which the five largest represented approximately 51% of the institutional separate account assets we managed and approximately 11% of the total assets we managed. Approximately 7% of our total revenue during 2003 was derived from these five largest institutional separate account portfolios. Loss of any of these institutional separate accounts would reduce our revenue. We have, from time to time, lost institutional separate accounts because of decisions by our clients to reallocate their assets to different asset classes or to move their assets to our competitors. In the future we could lose accounts under these or other circumstances, such as adverse market conditions or poor investment performance.

#### Future investment performance could reduce the assets we manage and our revenue and income.

Success in the asset management business is dependent on investment performance as well as distribution and client service. Relatively poor performance tends to result in decreased sales, increased withdrawals and redemptions in the case of the open-end mutual funds, and in the loss of separately managed accounts, with corresponding decreases in revenue. Many analysts of the mutual fund business believe that investment performance is the most important factor for the growth of open-end mutual funds. Failure of our investment products to perform well could, therefore, have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and future growth.

#### Rising interest rates could negatively impact our business.

Asset Management could be negatively impacted by rising interest rates. An increase in interest rates could cause the price of the REITs and other securities in our clients' portfolios to decline. In addition, an increase in interest rates could negatively impact net flows into open-end mutual funds and institutional separate accounts and our ability to offer new closed-end mutual funds. These events would negatively affect our revenue and net income.

#### The inability to access clients through intermediaries could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our ability to distribute mutual funds and subadvisory services is highly dependent on access to the client base of national and regional securities firms, banks, insurance companies, defined contribution plan administrators and other intermediaries which generally offer competing investment products. To a lesser extent, our institutional separate account asset management business depends on referrals from financial planners and other professional advisors, as well as

our existing clients. We cannot be sure that we will continue to gain access to these channels. The inability to have this access could have a material adverse effect on our business.

While we continue to diversify and add new distribution channels for open-end and closed-end mutual funds, a significant portion of the growth in the mutual fund assets we manage in recent years has been accessed through intermediaries, including Merrill Lynch & Co., UBS and Wachovia. Loss of any of these distribution channels, and the inability to access clients through new distribution channels, could adversely affect our results of operations and business prospects.

#### Fee pressures could reduce our revenue and profitability.

There has been a trend toward lower fees in some segments of the asset management business. In order for us to maintain our fee structure in a competitive environment, we must be able to provide clients with investment returns and service that will encourage them to be willing to pay such fees. In addition, the Securities and Exchange Commission recently adopted rules that are designed to improve mutual fund corporate governance. These rules could result in further downward pressure on investment advisory fees in the mutual fund industry. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain our current fee structure or take advantage of scheduled fee increases. Fee reductions on existing or future new business would have an adverse impact on our revenue and profitability.

#### Our business strategy may not be successful.

Our business strategy involves diversifying Asset Management to include products and services outside the real estate securities area. This may entail hiring additional portfolio managers in areas in which we do not have significant prior experience or acquiring other asset management firms. We may not be successful in locating and hiring or acquiring such portfolio managers or asset management firms and any such hiring activity or acquisitions may not be successful. In addition, in the event the recently enacted U.S. federal income tax legislation, which generally provides for a 15% maximum tax rate on dividends, is rescinded or is not extended beyond its January 1, 2009 expiration date, our business strategy could be adversely impacted as a result of diminished demand for income producing equity securities.

#### We could experience losses and significant volatility in connection with the activities of Investment Banking.

Investment Banking operates in a highly competitive environment where there are no long term contracted sources of revenue. Investment Banking assignments are generally in connection with specific capital raising, merger or acquisition transactions or restructuring projects. Because these transactions are singular in nature and are not likely to recur, Investment Banking must seek new assignments when current assignments are successfully completed or are terminated. While each Investment Banking engagement for which a fee is earned is generally highly profitable, only a limited proportion of Investment Banking engagements result in a completed transaction for which a fee is earned. The employees of Investment Banking can spend significant amounts of time on transactions that are not completed and for which no fee will be earned. As a result, high activity levels in any period are not necessarily indicative of continued high levels of activity in any other period and the revenue and profitability of Investment Banking can be very volatile. For example, Investment Banking had net income of \$3.2 million on \$11.3 million of revenue in 2003, a 13.7% decrease in revenue and a 15.2% decrease in net income as compared to net income of \$3.8 million on \$13.1 million of revenue in 2002. In addition, when an investment banking engagement is terminated, whether due to the cancellation of a transaction due to market reasons or otherwise, we may earn limited or no fees and may not be able to recover the costs that we incurred prior to that termination.

Moreover, each year we advise a limited number of investment banking clients. The composition of the group comprising our largest clients varies significantly from year to year. We expect that our investment banking engagements will continue to be limited to a relatively small number of clients and that an even smaller number of those clients will account for a high percentage of revenue in any particular year. For example, four of our clients

Investment Banking revenue in 2003. Consequently, the adverse impact on the results of Investment Banking of one lost mandate or the failure of one transaction or restructuring on which we are advising to be completed could be significant.

#### Compliance failures and changes in regulation could adversely affect us.

Asset Management is subject to client guidelines and our mutual fund business involves compliance with numerous investment, asset valuation, distribution and tax requirements. A failure to adhere to these guidelines or satisfy these requirements could result in losses which could be recovered by the client from us in certain circumstances.

Our businesses are also subject to extensive regulation in the United States, including by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"). See "Business—Regulation." Our failure to comply with applicable laws or regulations could result in fines, suspensions of personnel or other sanctions, including revocation of the registration of any of our subsidiaries as an investment advisor or broker-dealer. Changes in laws or regulations or in governmental policies could have a material adverse effect on us.

In response to recent scandals in the mutual fund industry regarding late trading, market timing and selective disclosure of portfolio information, various legislative and regulatory proposals are pending in or before, or have been adopted by, the Securities and Exchange Commission, Congress, the legislatures in states in which we conduct operations and the various regulatory agencies that supervise our operations. Additionally, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the NASD and other regulators, as well as Congress, are investigating certain practices within our industry. These proposals, if enacted or adopted, could have a substantial impact on the regulation and operation of mutual funds and could adversely affect the assets we manage and our revenue and net income. In particular, new rules and regulations recently proposed or adopted by the SEC will place greater regulatory compliance and administrative burdens on us. For example, recently adopted rules require investment advisors and mutual funds to adopt, implement, review and administer written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation of the federal securities laws. Similarly, the public disclosure requirements applicable to mutual funds have become more stringent. We may require additional staff to satisfy these obligations, which would increase our operating expenses.

Regulatory developments designed to increase the independence of mutual fund boards of directors may result in downward pressure on our fees and could result in mutual funds not renewing their investment advisory and administration agreements with us.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has recently adopted new rules requiring that at least 75% of a mutual fund's directors, including the chairperson of the board of directors, be independent of the mutual fund's investment advisor and that the independent directors hold quarterly meetings without fund executives. The Securities and Exchange Commission has also adopted new rules that will require mutual fund shareholder reports to discuss, in reasonable detail, the material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the approval by a mutual fund's board of directors of any investment advisory agreement, including the fees payable under the agreement. The board of directors of each mutual fund for which we are the investment advisor, including at least a majority of the mutual fund's independent directors, must determine both initially and, following the initial two year term, annually thereafter that the mutual fund's investment advisory fee is reasonable in relation to, among other things, the performance of the mutual fund, the services provided by the investment advisor and the advisory fees charged to comparable mutual funds. These directors have a fiduciary duty to the mutual fund shareholders. If regulatory developments designed to increase the independence of mutual fund boards of directors result in reductions in the fees payable to other fund managers, this could in turn result in downward pressure on our fees. In addition, Asset Management's continued receipt of revenue is subject to the risk that mutual fund boards of directors may determine not to renew investment advisory and administration agreements with us or that they may renew such agreements at lower fee rates than are then in effect.

#### Failure to comply with "fair value" pricing and late trading policies and procedures may adversely affect us.

Recently adopted Securities and Exchange Commission rules will require mutual funds to adopt "fair value" pricing procedures to address time zone arbitrage, selective disclosure procedures to protect mutual fund portfolio information and procedures to ensure compliance with a mutual fund's disclosed market timing policy. The Securities and Exchange Commission has also proposed further rule amendments to eliminate late trading of mutual fund shares. New Securities and Exchange Commission rules will also require our funds to ensure compliance with their own market timing policies. Our funds are subject to these rules and, in the event of non-compliance, we may be required to disgorge certain revenue. In addition, we could have penalties imposed on us, be required to pay fines or be subject to private litigation which could decrease our future income.

#### New regulations restricting the use of "soft dollars" could result in an increase of our expenses.

On behalf of our mutual fund and investment advisory clients, we make decisions to buy and sell securities for each portfolio, select broker-dealers to execute trades and negotiate brokerage commission rates. In connection with these transactions, we may receive "soft dollar credits" from broker-dealers that we can use to defray certain of our expenses. If regulations are adopted revising or eliminating the ability of asset managers to use "soft dollars," our operating expenses would increase.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, our client accounts paid a total of \$11.4 million in brokerage commissions. Of this amount, \$2.6 million in brokerage commissions was placed with broker-dealers that provided \$1.3 million in research and investment information. These expenses are borne entirely by our advisory clients and are not reflected in our financial statements. If the use of "soft dollars" were eliminated in 2003, our operating expenses would have increased by \$1.3 million. We would expect a similar increase in operating expenses for future periods if the use of "soft dollars" was eliminated.

#### The asset management and investment banking industries are intensely competitive.

The asset management industry is intensely competitive, with competition based on a variety of factors, including:

- investment performance,
- the quality of service provided to clients,
- the level of fees and commissions charged for services,
- brand recognition and business reputation,
- the range of products offered,
- the level of expenses paid to financial intermediaries related to administration and/or distribution, and
- financial strength.

Investment Banking faces intense competition from other investment banking and financial advisory firms. We compete with these firms on the basis of a number of factors, including:

- transaction execution skills,
- range of services,
- innovation,

- · reputation, and
- price.

In recent years there has been substantial consolidation and convergence among companies in the financial services industry. In particular, a number of large commercial banks, insurance companies and other broad-based financial services firms have established or acquired broker-dealers or have merged with other financial institutions. Many of these firms have the ability to offer a wider range of products, from loans, deposit-taking and insurance to brokerage and investment banking services, which may enhance their competitive position.

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We compete in all aspects of our business with a large number of asset management firms, commercial banks, investment banks, broker-dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions. A number of factors serve to increase our competitive risks:

- A number of our competitors have greater capital and other resources, and offer more comprehensive lines of products and services, than we do.
- The recent trend toward consolidation within the asset management industry, and the securities business in general, has served to increase the size and strength of a number of our competitors.
- There are relatively few barriers to entry by new asset management firms, including a relatively low cost of entering the asset management industry, and the successful efforts of new entrants into our various lines of business, including major banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions, have resulted in increased competition.
- Other industry participants will from time to time seek to recruit our Asset Management and Investment Banking professionals and other employees away from us.
- Our competitors are seeking to expand market share in the products and services we offer or intend to offer in the future.

This competitive pressure could reduce our revenue and earnings.

# Our business is heavily dependent upon computer based systems to process transactions; systems failures may disrupt our business and limit our growth.

Our business is highly dependent on communications and information systems and those of our key service vendors. Any failure or interruption of such systems could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. Operational risk arises from mistakes made in the confirmation or settlement of transactions or from the improper recording of or accounting for transactions. We are highly dependent on our ability to process a large number of transactions on a daily basis, and rely heavily on financial, accounting and other data processing systems. If any of these do not function properly, we could suffer financial loss, business disruption, liability to clients, regulatory intervention or damage to our reputation. If systems are unable to accommodate an increasing volume of transactions, our ability to expand could be affected. We cannot be sure that a failure or interruption of any of our back-up systems, whether caused by a fire, other natural disaster, power or telecommunications failure, act of war, terrorist act or otherwise, will not occur, or that back-up procedures and capabilities in the event of any such failure or interruption will be adequate.

# We expect to record a substantial net loss for the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2004 due to the grant of fully vested restricted stock units on the date of the consummation of this offering.

Assuming an initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share, which is the midpoint of the range indicated on the front cover of this prospectus, we expect to grant fully vested restricted stock units with an aggregate value of \$68.9 million to 15 management level employees on the date of the consummation of this offering. See "Management—IPO Date Restricted Stock Unit Grants." If the initial public offering price per share is higher than \$14.00, however, the aggregate value of the fully vested restricted stock units that we grant will be greater. As a result of the grant of these fully vested restricted stock units, we expect to record a significant non-cash compensation expense during the third quarter of 2004 and an intangible asset on our statement of financial condition with respect to the independently determined value of the agreements we will receive from each of these management level employees not to compete with us prior to February 2008. The total amount of the non-cash compensation expense and of the intangible asset will equal the value of the fully vested restricted stock units granted based on the initial public offering price of the underlying common stock (\$68.9 million assuming an initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share), as adjusted for

\$2.2 million of cumulative compensation cost recorded on our existing Stock Appreciation Rights Plan, which we will terminate at that time. Accordingly, assuming an initial public offering price per share of \$14.00, the total amount of the non-cash compensation expense and of the intangible asset will be \$66.7 million. As a result of this non-cash compensation expense, we expect that our operating expenses for the quarter ending

September 30, 2004 and for this fiscal year will be significantly higher than in prior periods and that we will record a substantial net loss for this quarter and may record a net loss for this fiscal year. Moreover, we will amortize the intangible asset over the period of the non-competition covenants, which will result in a non-cash amortization expense in these future periods, thereby reducing our earnings in those periods.

### Risks Related to Our Common Stock and This Offering

# We will continue to be controlled by Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, whose interests may differ from those of other stockholders.

Upon completion of the offering, our principals, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers, will beneficially own, in the aggregate, approximately 78.0% of our common stock. As long as Mr. Cohen and Mr. Steers control a majority of the common stock, they will have the ability to, among other things:

- elect all of the members of our board of directors and thereby control our management and affairs, including compensation decisions and determinations with respect to acquisitions, dispositions, borrowings, issuances of common stock or other securities and the declaration and payment of dividends on the common stock;
- determine the outcome of matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders for approval; and
- preclude any unsolicited acquisition of us and, consequently, adversely affect the market price of the common stock or prevent our stockholders from realizing a premium on their shares.

The interests of our principals could differ from those of other stockholders in instances where, for example, our principals' compensation is being determined or where an unsolicited acquisition of us could result in a change in our management.

There may not be an active trading market for shares of our common stock, which may cause our common stock to trade at a discount from its initial offering price and make it difficult to sell the shares you purchase.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public trading market for shares of our common stock. It is possible that, after this offering, an active trading market will not develop or continue. The initial public offering price per share of our common stock will be determined by agreement between us and the representative of the underwriters, and may not be indicative of the price at which the shares of our common stock will trade in the public market after this offering.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock following this offering may adversely affect the market price of our common stock; and the issuance of additional shares will dilute all other stockholdings.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market or otherwise following this offering, or the perception that such sales could occur, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock. Our principals, who will beneficially own, in the aggregate, 26,700,000 shares of our common stock immediately following the offering, have advised us that they intend to sell additional shares of our common stock over a period of time, subject to the restrictions referred to in "Underwriting." Concurrently with the reorganization, we will grant our principals and two trusts benefiting their families, their affiliates and certain of their transferees the right to require us to register under the Securities Act of 1933 shares of our common stock (and other securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of common stock) held by them under certain circumstances and subject to the restrictions referred to in "Underwriting."

Subject to the restrictions referred to in "Underwriting," we may also issue substantial amounts of common stock in the future, including pursuant to employee benefit plans, which would dilute the percentage ownership held by the investors who purchase our shares in this offering.

We expect to grant to certain management level employees an aggregate of 4,921,718 fully vested restricted stock units pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan on the date of the

consummation of this offering. In general, the shares of common stock underlying these restricted stock units will be delivered to each participant as follows:

- 20% will be delivered on the last business day in January 2006;
- 40% will be delivered on the last business day in January 2007; and
- 40% will be delivered on the last business day in January 2008.

We also expect to grant certain other employees an aggregate of 600,000 restricted stock units pursuant to the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan on the date of the consummation of this offering. In general, these restricted stock units will vest, and the shares of common stock underlying these restricted stock units will be delivered, on the last business day in January 2008. See "Management—IPO Date Restricted Stock Unit Grants."

See "Related Party Transactions—Registration Rights Agreement," "Shares Eligible for Future Sale" and "Underwriting" for further information regarding circumstances under which additional shares of our common stock may be sold.

# Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control.

Our certificate of incorporation may delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that a stockholder may consider favorable by permitting our board of directors to issue one or more series of preferred stock. In addition, provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law restrict certain business combinations with interested stockholders. These provisions may also discourage acquisition proposals or delay or prevent a change in control, which could harm our stock price.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, our operations and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates" or the negative versions of these words or other comparable words. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual outcomes or results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, those described under "Risk Factors." These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that our net proceeds from the offering, at an assumed initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses, will be \$93.1 million, or \$107.6 million if the underwriters exercise their overallotment option in full. We intend to use these net proceeds to enhance our asset management platform by expanding our investment capabilities, launching new products, and expanding distribution, and for general corporate purposes. This may include providing seed or organizational capital for new closed-end and open-end mutual funds, making strategic acquisitions of asset managers, and funding distribution expenses. We intend to use approximately \$3.3 million during the third quarter of 2004 to acquire a 50% equity interest in Houlihan Rovers S.A., a Brussels, Belgium based manager of real estate securities and to invest the remaining proceeds in short-term investments until we identify additional specific uses.

#### DIVIDEND POLICY

We intend to pay cash dividends on a quarterly basis and expect to declare our first quarterly dividend payment at an initial rate of \$0.10 per share for the third quarter of 2004.

The declaration and payment of dividends to holders of our common stock by us, if any, are subject to the discretion of our board of directors. Our board of directors will take into account such matters as general economic and business conditions, our strategic plans, our financial results and condition, contractual, legal and regulatory restrictions on the payment of dividends by us and our subsidiaries and such other factors as our board of directors may consider to be relevant.

#### REORGANIZATION AND S CORPORATION STATUS

#### Reorganization

Our business is presently conducted by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. was incorporated as a New York corporation in 1986 and is wholly owned by our principals and two trusts benefiting their families. Cohen & Steers, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that was formed on March 17, 2004 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. CSCM Merger Sub, Inc. is a New York corporation that was formed on May 7, 2004 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers, Inc. Cohen & Steers, Inc. and CSCM Merger Sub, Inc. have not engaged in any business or other activities except in connection with their respective formations and the reorganization described below.

Prior to the consummation of this offering, we will effect a reorganization whereby Cohen & Steers, Inc. will become the parent holding company of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and, together with its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.), continue to conduct the business now conducted by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The reorganization will be accomplished through a merger pursuant to which:

- CSCM Merger Sub, Inc. will merge with and into Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.;
- each outstanding share of common stock in Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. will be converted into the right to receive a newly issued share of common stock from Cohen & Steers, Inc.;
- the shares of common stock of Cohen & Steers, Inc. held by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. will be cancelled; and
- each share of CSCM Merger Sub, Inc. will be converted into and exchanged for a share of common stock of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.

Following the merger, our principals and their family trusts will be the sole stockholders of Cohen & Steers, Inc., and Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. will be a wholly owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers, Inc.

The reorganization will be effected pursuant to an agreement and plan of merger among Cohen & Steers, Inc., CSCM Merger Sub, Inc. and Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The reorganization will not result in a change of control of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. Completion of the reorganization is a condition to the consummation of this offering.

#### **S Corporation Status**

Since we were organized in 1986, we have elected to be treated for U.S. federal and certain state income tax purposes as an S corporation under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and comparable state laws. As a result, our earnings have been taxed for U.S. federal and, in the case of certain states, state income tax purposes directly to our stockholders rather than to us, leaving our stockholders responsible for paying income taxes on these earnings. Prior to the closing of this offering, we will revoke our status as an S corporation and will be taxed as a C corporation. As a result of the revocation of our S corporation status, we will record a net deferred tax liability and corresponding deferred income tax expense effective upon the revocation date. The deferred tax liability and the related deferred tax expense represent the future tax consequences of temporary differences between the book bases and tax bases of assets and liabilities as of the revocation date, which arise primarily as a result of the conversion from cash basis to accrual basis accounting. The amount of the additional net deferred tax liability and corresponding deferred income tax expense would have been \$0.5 million if the revocation date

had been March 31, 2004, and we estimate that the additional net deferred tax liability and corresponding deferred income tax expense will be approximately \$0.4 million. The actual amount of the additional net deferred tax liability and corresponding income tax expense will be determined after giving effect to our operating results through the revocation date.

In connection with the revocation of our S corporation tax status, we expect to make one or more distributions to our current stockholders representing payment of undistributed S corporation accumulated earnings for tax purposes at and through the date of revocation. The aggregate distributions would have been \$14.0 million if the revocation date had been March 31, 2004, and we estimate that the aggregate amount of the distributions will be approximately \$21 million. The actual amount of the aggregate distributions will depend on the amount of our earnings through the revocation date.

We will also enter into a tax indemnification agreement with our current stockholders, the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Although we believe that we have met the requirements for an S corporation, the agreement will provide for, among other things, our current stockholders to indemnify us for any additional U.S. federal and state income taxes, including interest and penalties, incurred by us if for any reason we are deemed to have been a C corporation during any period in which we reported our taxable income as an S corporation. The tax indemnification obligation of our current stockholders will be limited to the aggregate amount of all distributions we made to them to pay taxes during any time that we reported our taxable income as an S corporation but are deemed to have been a C corporation. The agreement will also provide for payment by our current stockholders to us and by us to our current stockholders to adjust for any increases or decreases in tax liability arising from a tax audit that affects our tax liability and results in a corresponding adjustment to the tax liability of our current stockholders. We will increase, or gross up, our indemnification payments to the stockholders to the extent necessary to take into account the increase in current tax liability incurred by these stockholders on account of the indemnification payments. The amount of any payment cannot exceed the amount of benefit received by us or our current stockholders attributable to the adjustment in tax liability. If we are required to make substantial payments under this tax indemnification agreement, it could adversely affect our financial condition.

#### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2004:

- on an actual basis; and
- on a pro forma as adjusted basis to give effect to the following events, which will take place at or shortly before the closing of the offering:
  - —the recognition of a non-cash compensation expense and related deferred income tax benefit and the reversal of the accrued liability for our existing SAR plan resulting from the termination of the SAR plan, described in "Management—Stock Appreciation Rights Plan," and the grant of fully vested restricted stock units on the date of the consummation of this offering, described in "Management—IPO Date Restricted Stock Unit Grants," as if these events had occurred on March 31, 2004;
  - —the recognition of deferred income tax expense of \$0.5 million that would have been recorded had we revoked our S corporation tax status and elected to be taxed as a C corporation on March 31, 2004. We estimate that the actual amount of the deferred income tax expense will be approximately \$0.4 million;
  - —the accrual of the \$14.0 million S corporation distribution to our stockholders described in "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—S Corporation Status" that would have been recorded had this distribution been declared on March 31, 2004. We estimate that the actual aggregate amount of the S corporation distributions will be approximately \$21 million;
  - —the consummation of the merger described in "Reorganization and S Corporation Status—Reorganization," which will occur prior to the consummation of this offering, including the conversion of each outstanding share of common stock in Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. into a share of common stock in Cohen & Steers, Inc; and
  - —the issue and sale by us of 7,500,000 shares of common stock in this offering, at an assumed initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses.

The following table does not give effect to the change in retained earnings resulting from the change in the non-cash compensation expense and the deferred income tax benefit attributable to the reduction of the non-cash compensation expense by an amount equal to the amount of the intangible asset to be recorded. The amount of the intangible asset will be based on the value of the non-competition agreements with management level employees associated with the grant of the fully vested restricted stock units described above.

You should read this table together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including "Reorganization and S Corporation Status," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, including Note 3—Pro Forma Financial Information (unaudited), and our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements, including Note 2—Pro Forma Financial Information.

	 March 31, 2004			
	 Actual		ro Forma Adjusted	
	(\$ in thousand	s, except par	value)	
Debt:				
Bank line of credit	\$ 4,584	\$	4,584	
Long-term debt, including current portion	1,748		1,748	
Obligations under capital leases, including current portion	39		39	
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Total debt	6,371		6,371	

Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 15,000,000 voting shares		
authorized, 14,567,556 shares issued and outstanding		
and 15,000,000 non-voting shares authorized, 12,132,444		
issued and outstanding, actual; 500,000,000 shares authorized,		
34,200,000 shares issued and outstanding, pro forma		
as adjusted	267	342
Additional paid-in capital	3,692	165,621
Retained earnings (deficit)	13,026	(39,585)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,199	2,199
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Total stockholders' equity	19,184	128,577
Total capitalization	\$ 25,555	\$ 134,948
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#### **DILUTION**

If you invest in our common stock, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share of our common stock and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering.

As of March 31, 2004, our net tangible book value was \$19.2 million, or \$0.72 per share. Net tangible book value per share represents total tangible assets (total assets less intangible assets) less total liabilities, divided by the number of shares of our common stock outstanding.

After giving effect to our sale of 7,500,000 shares of common stock in this offering, at an assumed initial public offering price of \$14.00 per share and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses, our net tangible book value as of March 31, 2004 would have been \$112.3 million, or \$3.28 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value to existing stockholders of \$2.56 per share and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value to new investors of \$10.72 per share.

The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed initial public offering per share		\$ 14.00
Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2004	\$ 0.72	
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to		
new investors	2.56	
Net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering		3.28
Dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors		\$ 10.72
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#### SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables present selected consolidated financial data as of the dates and for the periods indicated. We derived the consolidated statement of financial condition data as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 and the consolidated statement of income data for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 from our consolidated financial statements audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

We derived the consolidated statement of financial condition data as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 and the consolidated statement of income data for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2000 from our unaudited consolidated financial statements which are not included in this prospectus. The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared on substantially the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of our consolidated financial position and results of operations for all periods presented.

We derived the consolidated statement of financial condition data as of March 31, 2004 and the consolidated statement of income data for each of the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 from our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements and include all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of our consolidated financial position and results of operations for the interim periods presented.

Our wholly owned subsidiary, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC, commenced operations on July 1, 2002. On the same date, Cohen & Steers Securities, LLC succeeded to the business of Cohen & Steers Securities, Inc. (previously wholly owned by our principals) pursuant to a transaction accounted for as a merger of entities under common control and recorded in a manner similar to a pooling-of-interests. Accordingly, the previously separate historical financial position and results of operations of Cohen & Steers Securities, Inc. are combined with our consolidated financial position and results of operations for all periods presented.

For all periods presented, we operated as an S corporation and were not subject to U.S. federal and certain state income taxes. Our historical income tax expense consisted of New York State and New York City and local income taxes. Prior to the completion of this offering, we will become subject to U.S. federal and certain state income taxes applicable to C corporations. See "—Unaudited Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Information" and "Reorganization and S Corporation Status."

The historical consolidated results for "Employee compensation and benefits" include salaries and bonuses paid to our co-chief executive officers during our status as an S corporation that we expect will differ from the salaries and bonuses to be paid to our co-chief executive officers in future periods.

You should read this selected consolidated financial data together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements.

### **Consolidated Statement of Income Data**

Year Ended December 31,

Three Months Ended March 31,

		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2003		2004
						(\$ in thou	sands,	except per	share	data)				
Revenue Investment advisory and administration fees:														
Closed-end mutual funds	\$	743	\$	729	\$	2,009	\$	7,837	\$	18,575	\$	2,741	\$	8,801
Open-end mutual funds		15,291		15,102		18,019		20,871		24,225		4,806		8,282
Institutional separate accounts	_	9,749	_	11,288	_	10,794	_	9,707	_	8,808	_	1,973	_	2,646
Total investment advisory and administration fees Distribution and service fee		25,783		27,119		30,822		38,415		51,608		9,520		19,729
revenue		211		397		1,112		3,071		5,880		974		2,408
Portfolio consulting and other		1,618		1,104		507		683		1,574		271		709
Investment banking fees	_	3,375		8,097		2,853	_	13,077	_	11,279		978		4,463
Total revenue		30,987	_	36,717	_	35,294		55,246	_	70,341	_	11,743	_	27,309
Expenses Employee compensation and benefits		12,715		15,571		16,719		32,312		37,193		7,754		8,980
General and administrative		4,385		5,568		6,651		6,916		8,007		1,719		2,757
Distribution and service fee expenses		2,973		2,721		4,069		4,744		9,190		1,427		4,195
Amortization, deferred commissions		162		170		533		1,698		3,077		810		1,057
Depreciation and amortization	_	257	_	402	_	517	_	927	_	1,002	_	233	_	281
Total operating expenses		20,492	_	24,432	_	28,489		46,597	_	58,469	_	11,943	_	17,270
Operating income (loss)		10,495		12,285		6,805		8,649		11,872		(200)		10,039
Non-operating income (expense)														
Interest and dividend income		369		692		513		525		435		97		101
Interest expense	_	(32)	_	(42)	_	(60)	_	(127)	_	(156)	_	(36)	_	(42
Total non-operating income		337	_	650		453		398		279	_	61	_	59
Income (loss) before income taxes		10,832		12,935		7,258		9,047		12,151		(139)		10,098
Income tax expense (benefit)(1)(2)		1,089		1,297		654		611		100		(24)		767
Net income (loss)(2)	\$	9,743	\$	11,638	\$	6,604	\$	8,436	\$	12,051	\$	(115)	\$	9,331
Net income (loss) per share—basic and diluted(2)(3)	\$	0.37	\$	0.44	\$	0.25	\$	0.32	\$	0.45	\$	(0.00)	\$	0.35
Weighted average shares outstanding—basic and diluted(3)	26	5,250,737	20	6,250,737	26	5,250,737	26	5,475,368	20	6,700,000	26	5,700,000	26	5,700,000

- See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for the explanation of the decrease in income tax expense (benefit) from the year ended December 31, 2002 to the year ended December 31, 2003.
- (2) For all periods presented, we operated as an S corporation and were not subject to U.S. federal and certain state income taxes. Prior to the completion of this offering, we will become subject to U.S. federal and certain state and local income taxes applicable to C corporations. See "Summary—Unaudited Consolidated Pro Forma Financial Information" for the pro forma effects on net income and earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004 if we had revoked our S corporation tax status and elected to be taxed as a C corporation on January 1, 2003, based on an estimated combined effective tax rate of 42%.
- (3) All per share amounts and weighted average shares outstanding have been adjusted to reflect a 291.351127 for one stock split that we effected on June 16, 2004

#### **Consolidated Statement of Income Data by Segment**

		Three Months Ended March 31,					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
				(\$ in thousands)			
Asset Management							
Total revenue	\$ 27,612	\$ 28,506	\$ 32,441	\$ 42,169	\$ 59,062	\$ 10,765	\$ 22,846
Total operating expenses	17,542	18,197	23,598	37,633	50,510	10,843	14,278
Operating income (loss)	10,070	10,309	8,843	4,536	8,552	(78)	8,568
Total non-operating income	333	426	396	325	249	53	53
Income (loss) before income taxes	10,403	10,735	9,239	4,861	8,801	(25)	8,621
Income tax expense (benefit)	1,046	1,067	865	205	(46)	90	666
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,357	\$ 9,668	\$ 8,374	\$ 4,656	\$ 8,847	\$ (115)	\$ 7,955
Investment Banking							
Total revenue	\$ 3,375	\$ 8,211	\$ 2,853	\$ 13,077	\$ 11,279	\$ 978	\$ 4,463
Total operating expenses	2,950	6,235	4,891	8,964	7,959	1,100	2,992
Operating income (loss)	425	1,976	(2,038)	4,113	3,320	(122)	1,471
Total non-operating income	<u>4</u>	224	57	73	30	8	6
Income (loss) before income taxes	429	2,200	(1,981)	4,186	3,350	(114)	1,477
Income tax expense (benefit)	43	230	(211)	406	146	(114)	101
Net income (loss)	\$ 386	\$ 1,970	\$ (1,770)	\$ 3,780	\$ 3,204	\$ —	\$ 1,376
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## **Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition Data**

#### December 31,

	2000,000								
1999			2000	2001	200	2	2003	March 31, 2004	
<del>-</del>				(\$ ir	thousands)				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,699	\$	4,737	\$ 2,750	\$ 6,0	090 \$	7,526	\$ 8,574	
Total assets	14,343		16,547	17,853	24,		34,523	39,927	
Total current liabilities	2,019		2,370	2,712		904	7,257	14,419	
Total long-term liabilities	500		500	1,430		798	6,492	6,324	
Total liabilities	2,519		2,870	4,142		702	13,749	20,743	
Total stockholders' equity	11,824		13,677	13,711	16,		20,774	19,184	
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			Y ea	r Ended Decem	ber 31,				
		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	
					(\$ in million	s)			
Total accounts									
Beginning total assets managed		\$ 3,991.4	\$ 3,762.1	\$ 4,758.5	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 6,623.8	\$ 11,680.1	\$ 15,539.3	
Net flows		(260.1)	9.5	647.3	817.7	2,629.4	2,639.1	303.1	
Net appreciation (depreciation)		30.8	986.9	291.7	108.6	2,426.9	1,220.1	(862.4)	
Ending total assets managed		\$ 3,762.1	\$ 4,758.5	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 6,623.8	\$ 11,680.1	\$ 15,539.3	\$ 14,980.0	
Closed-end mutual funds									
Beginning closed-end mutual fund as managed	sets	\$ 113.6	\$ 98.0	\$ 114.2	\$ 600.7	\$ 2,114.3	\$ 4,790.6	\$ 7,664.5	
Net flows		0.0	0.0	478.6	1,573.1	1,973.5	2,472.0	459.5	
Net appreciation (depreciation)		(15.6)	16.2	7.9	(59.5)	702.8	401.9	(453.5)	
Ending closed-end mutual fund assets managed		98.0	114.2	600.7	2,114.3	4,790.6	7,664.5	7,670.5	
Open-end mutual funds									
Beginning open-end mutual fund asse managed	ets	2,043.6	1,571.5	2,077.5	2,314.6	2,452.4	3,897.1	4,514.0	
Net flows		(484.8)	113.5	138.7	121.3	528.9	166.8	(235.2)	
Net appreciation (depreciation)		12.7	392.5	98.4	16.5	915.8	450.1	(249.5)	
Ending open-end mutual									
fund assets managed		1,571.5	2,077.5	2,314.6	2,452.4	3,897.1	4,514.0	4,029.3	
Institutional separate accounts									
Beginning institutional separate account assets managed	unt	1,834.2	2,092.6	2,566.8	2,782.2	2,057.1	2,992.4	3,360.8	
Net flows		224.7	(104.0)	30.0	(876.7)	127.0	0.3	78.9	

Net appreciation (depreciation)	33.7	578.2	185.4	151.6	808.3	368.1	(159.5)
Ending institutional separate account assets managed	2,092.6	2,566.8	2,782.2	2,057.1	2,992.4	3,360.8	3,280.1
Ending total assets managed	\$ 3,762.1	\$ 4,758.5	\$ 5,697.5	\$ 6,623.8	\$ 11,680.1	\$ 15,539.3	\$ 14,980.0
Total net flows/beginning total assets							
managed (%)	-6.5%	0.3%	13.6%	14.4%	39.7%	22.6%	2.0%
Total change in total assets managed (%)	-5.7%	26.5%	19.7%	16.3%	76.3%	33.0%	-3.6%
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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Overview

We operate in two distinct business segments:

- Asset Management
- Investment Banking

The following table provides a breakdown of our consolidated and segment revenue, operating expenses and net income for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, and for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004.

### **Summary Income Statement Data**

	Three Months
	Ended
Year Ended December 31,	March 31,