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LEGG MASON REPORTS RESULTS FOR FIRST FISCAL QUARTER 2011

- -- First Quarter Net Income of \$48 Million, or \$0.30 per Diluted Share --
- -- \$1.3 Billion Closed-End Fund Raise Resulted in \$0.07 per Diluted Share of Related Expenses --
 - -- First Quarter Adjusted Income of \$96 Million, or \$0.60 per Diluted Share --
 - -- Assets Under Management of \$645 Billion --

Baltimore, Maryland – July 26, 2010 – Legg Mason, Inc. (NYSE: LM) today reported its operating results for the first fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2010. The Company reported net income¹ of \$47.9 million or \$0.30 per diluted share, as compared with \$63.6 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share, in the previous quarter. In the quarter, Legg Mason raised \$1.3 billion² through a closed-end fund launch, the largest in the industry since 2007. Adjusted income³, for the first quarter was \$96.3 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, as compared to \$111.3 million, or \$0.69 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010. For the first quarter, revenues were \$674.2 million, up from \$671.4 million in the prior quarter. Operating expenses of \$571.4 million were up 1% from \$565.6 million in the fourth quarter for fiscal year 2010 and included \$17.6 million in costs related to the closed-end fund launch.

Assets Under Management ("AUM") were \$645.4 billion, down 6% as compared with \$684.5 billion as of March 31, 2010 and down 2% from \$656.9 billion as of June 30, 2009.

Legg Mason also announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock in the amount of \$0.04 per share.

(Amounts in millions, except per share amounts)

			Quart	ers Ended				
	June		March		%	June		%
		2010	2010		Change	2009		Change
Total Operating Revenues	\$	674.2	\$	671.4	0%	\$	613.1	10%
Total Operating Expenses		571.4		565.6	1%		554.8	3%
Operating Income		102.8		105.8	-3%		58.3	76%
Net Income ¹		47.9		63.6	-25%		50.1	-4%
Adjusted Income ³		96.3		111.3	-13%		86.8	11%
Net Income Per Share - Diluted ¹		0.30		0.39	-23%		0.35	-14%
Adjusted Income Per Share ³		0.60		0.69	-13%		0.61	-2%

⁽¹⁾ Net income represents net income attributable to Legg Mason, Inc.

⁽²⁾ Assuming full exercise of underwriters' over allotment option

⁽³⁾ Adjusted income was formerly reported as "cash income, as adjusted." Please see Supplemental Data below for non-GAAP performance measures



Comments on First Fiscal Quarter 2011 Results

Mark R. Fetting, Chairman and CEO, said, "We delivered a solid quarter in a volatile market with more work to do to fully position Legg Mason for future growth. We are pleased to announce our first quarter of equity inflows in over four years, including the largest closed-end fund capital raise in the industry since 2007. In fixed income, we are hard at work on the longer term process of turning flows to positive following sustained improved investment performance. We believe that Western Asset's improved performance is a testament to both the strength of their investment process and the enhancements they made in integrating their risk management efforts with that process. Over the short term, market volatility has led to swings in equity performance, but our affiliates are positioning well for improvement in client results. Our overall 3- and 5-year performance numbers show improvement over the past year, and we are working in partnership with our affiliates to create investment vehicles that will bring clients back into the market and help them rebuild wealth.

"We are making progress on our plans to transfer certain support functions to our affiliates and we are on track to meet our targets. Even as we streamline our business model, we continue to look at growth opportunities, and our affiliates continue to add talent, including an experienced professional to service sovereign wealth clients at Permal. We are actively evaluating the addition of investment capabilities. With regard to use of capital, we have entered into an accelerated share repurchase arrangement and remain fully committed to additional ways to drive shareholder value," concluded Mr. Fetting.

Assets Under Management Decreased to \$645 Billion

AUM decreased to \$645.4 billion at June 30, 2010 from \$684.5 billion driven by net outflows of \$23.1 billion and market declines of \$16.0 billion. Long-term asset net outflows of \$8.7 billion continue to trend favorably.

- Fixed income outflows were \$9.4 billion and liquidity outflows were \$14.4 billion for the quarter ended June 30th. Equity inflows of \$0.7 billion mark the first quarter of equity inflows in over four years.
- At June 30, 2010, fixed income represented 56% of AUM, while equity represented 24% and liquidity represented 20% of AUM.
- By business division, 70% of AUM was in the Americas Division and 30% of AUM was in the International Division.
- Average AUM during the quarter was \$668.3 billion compared to \$681.2 billion in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010 and \$647.2 billion in the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

Comparison to the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010

Net income was \$47.9 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, as compared with \$63.6 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share, in the fourth guarter of fiscal year 2010.

- Revenues of \$674.2 million were up from \$671.4 million in the prior quarter, due to higher realization
 rates which more than offset a 2% decline in average AUM. Performance fees of \$22.8 million were in
 line with the prior quarter due to fees earned at Western Asset Management, Brandywine Global and
 Permal.
- Operating expenses of \$571.4 million increased 1% from \$565.6 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010 due to \$17.6 million of expenses related to the launch of the closed-end fund this quarter. The current quarter's expenses also included \$3.2 million in severance and other costs related to the previously announced streamlining initiative.
- Operating margin was 15.2%, as compared to 15.8% in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2010. Operating margin, as adjusted⁴, was 20.9% as compared with 23.3% in the fourth quarter. The impact of the closed-end fund launch on our operating margin, as adjusted, was 2.9%.
- Adjusted income was \$96.3 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, compared to adjusted income of \$111.3 million, or \$0.69 per diluted share, in the prior quarter.



Comparison to the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010

Net income was \$47.9 million, or \$0.30 per diluted share, as compared with net income of \$50.1 million, or \$0.35 per diluted share, in the first quarter of fiscal year 2010.

- Revenues of \$674.2 million increased 10% from \$613.1 million in the prior year quarter reflecting higher performance fees and a 3% increase in average AUM.
- Operating expenses of \$571.4 million increased by 3% from \$554.8 million in the prior year quarter. This was primarily due to costs associated with this quarter's closed-end fund launch.
- Operating margin was 15.2% as compared to 9.5% in the prior year quarter. Operating margin, as adjusted, was 20.9% as compared with 20.4% in the same period a year ago.
- Adjusted income was \$96.3 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, compared to adjusted income of \$86.8 million, or \$0.61 per diluted share, for the first fiscal quarter 2010.

Quarterly Business Developments

Product

- Legg Mason and ClearBridge Advisors raised \$1.3 billion for the ClearBridge Energy MLP Fund Inc. (CEM), assuming full exercise of the underwriters' over allotment option.
- Legg Mason International and Western Asset launched the Legg Mason Western Asset Global Credit Absolute Return Fund in the UK and Ireland.
- Legg Mason Japan received an award for "Best Sales, Client Service and Marketing Support for fiscal year 2010" from MaDo, an industry publication focused on the marketing and retail distribution of mutual funds in Japan.
- Western Asset's Global Inflation-Linked composite won the top honor in the Global Fixed Income, Inflation-Linked category by *AsianInvestor* Magazine.

Performance

At June 30, 2010:

- Of Legg Mason's long-term U.S. mutual fund assets, 46% were beating their Lipper category averages for the 1-year period; 71% for the 3-year period; 73% for the 5-year period and 78% for the 10-year period.
- Of Legg Mason's long-term U.S. mutual fund assets, 55% were rated 4 or 5 stars by Morningstar, including 92% of Royce's fund assets and 73% of Western's fund assets.
- All 9 of the Western Asset funds outperformed their benchmarks for the 1-year period; 4 out of 9
 outperformed their benchmarks for the 3-year period; 3 out of 8 outperformed for the 5-year period and
 all 4 funds outperformed for the 10-year period.
- Ten out of 24 funds managed by Royce outperformed their benchmarks for the 1-year period; 16 out of 19 for the 3-year period; all 17 outperformed for the 5-year period and all 9 outperformed for the 10-year period.
- Five out of six funds managed by Legg Mason Capital Management outperformed their benchmarks for the 1-year period; none outperformed for the 3- and 5-year periods and 1 out of 6 outperformed for the 10-year period.



None of the funds managed by ClearBridge Advisors outperformed in the 1-year period; 5 out of 13 funds outperformed for the 3-year period; 4 out 13 outperformed for the 5-year period and 8 out of 13 outperformed for the 10-year period.

Balance Sheet

At June 30, 2010, Legg Mason's cash position was \$1.2 billion. Total debt was \$1.4 billion and stockholders' equity was \$5.6 billion. The ratio of total debt to total capital (total equity plus total debt) was 20%. In the quarter, the Company announced it had entered into an accelerated share repurchase arrangement. As of June 30, 2010, Legg Mason has repurchased and retired 9.7 million shares of common stock. The balance sheet amounts exclude consolidated investment vehicles.

The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend on its common stock in the amount of \$0.04 per share. The dividend is payable on October 25, 2010 to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 7, 2010.

Conference Call to Discuss Results

A conference call to discuss the Company's results, hosted by Mr. Fetting, will be held at 5:00 p.m. E.D.T. today. The call will be open to the general public. Interested participants should access the call by dialing 1-877-269-7756 (or for international calls 1-201-689-7817) at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start to ensure connection.

The presentation slides that will be reviewed during the conference call will be available on the Investor Relations section of the Legg Mason website (www.leggmason.com/investor relations.aspx) shortly after the release of the financial results.

A replay or transcript of the live broadcast will be available on the Legg Mason website, in the investor relations section, or by dialing 1-877-660-6853 (or for international calls 1-201-612-7415), enter account number 369 and replay ID number 353728 when prompted. Please note that the replay will be available beginning at 11:00 p.m., E.D.T. on July 26, 2010 and ending on August 9, 2010.

About Legg Mason

Legg Mason is a global asset management firm, with \$645 billion in assets under management as of June 30, 2010. The Company provides active asset management in many major investment centers throughout the world. Legg Mason is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, and its common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: LM).

This release contains forward-looking statements subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. For a discussion of these risks and uncertainties, see "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Legg Mason's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010.



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

			arters Ended			
		une 2010	Ma	arch 2010	June 2009	
Operating Revenues:					<u> </u>	
Investment advisory fees:	_		_			
Separate accounts	\$	200,972	\$	208,104	\$	190,888
Funds		352,699		341,135		328,024
Performance fees		22,774		24,656		5,684
Distribution and service fees		96,314		96,113		86,701
Other Total energting revenues		1,406		1,412		1,787
Total operating revenues		674,165		671,420	-	613,084
Operating Expenses:						
Compensation and benefits		266,074		267,270		268,812
Transition-related compensation (1)		2,713				-
Total compensation and benefits		268,787		267,270		268,812
Distribution and servicing		184,702		167,419		172,464
Communications and technology		39,976		42,225		40,490
Occupancy		33,675		25,469		32,584
Amortization of intangible assets		5,728		5,731		5,628
Other (1)		38,520		57,470		34,791
Total operating expenses		571,388		565,584		554,769
Operating Income		102,777		105,836		58,315
Other Non-Operating Income (Expense)						
Interest income		1,815		1,583		1,821
Interest expense		(22,801)		(25,095)		(43,390)
Fund support		(22,601)		(23,073)		17,558
Other income (expense)		(7,291)		14,986		41,311
Other non-operating income (expense) of		(7,2)1)		14,700		41,511
consolidated investment vehicles		(2,393)		4,410		5,089
Total other non-operating income (expense)		(30,670)		(4,116)	-	22,389
Income Before Income Tax Provision		72,107		101,720		80,704
Income tax provision		27,064		36,619		28,380
Net Income		45,043		65,101		52,324
Less: Net income (loss) attributable		15,015		03,101		32,321
to noncontrolling interests		(2,888)		1,494		2,270
Net Income Attributable to						
Legg Mason, Inc.	\$	47,931	\$	63,607	\$	50,054
Net income per share attributable to Legg Mason, Inc.						
common shareholders:	Ф	0.20	Ф	0.40	Φ.	0.25
Basic	\$	0.30	\$	0.40	\$	0.35
Diluted	\$	0.30	\$	0.39	\$	0.35
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:						
Basic		160,123		160,952		142,006
Diluted		160,762		161,703		143,126

⁽¹⁾ Costs related to streamlining our business model. Other operating expenses for June 2010 include transition-related costs of \$442.



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL DATA RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO LEGG MASON, INC.

TO ADJUSTED INCOME (1)

(Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Quarters Ended					
		June 2010		arch 2010	June 2009	
Net Income Attributable to Legg Mason, Inc.	\$	47,931	\$	63,607	\$	50,054
Plus (Less):						
Amortization of intangible assets Deferred income taxes on intangible assets Imputed interest on convertible debt		5,728 33,687 8,909		5,731 33,077 8,862		5,628 35,297 8,364
Net money market fund support gains (2)		-		-		(12,524)
Adjusted Income	\$	96,255	\$	111,277	\$	86,819
Net Income per Diluted Share attributable to Legg Mason, Inc. common shareholders	\$	0.30	\$	0.39	\$	0.35
Plus (Less):						
Amortization of intangible assets		0.04		0.04		0.04
Deferred income taxes on intangible assets		0.21		0.20		0.24
Imputed interest on convertible debt		0.05		0.06		0.06
Net money market fund support gains (2)		-		-		(0.08)
Adjusted Income per Diluted Share	\$	0.60	\$	0.69	\$	0.61

⁽¹⁾ See explanations for Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measures.

⁽²⁾ Net of income taxes.



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING MARGIN, AS ADJUSTED $^{(1)}$

(Amounts in thousands) (Unaudited)

	Quarters Ended							
	Jı	une 2010	M	[arch 2010	June 2009			
Operating Revenues, GAAP basis	\$	674,165	\$	671,420	\$	613,084		
Plus (Less):								
Operating revenues eliminated upon consolidation of investment vehicles		779		528		784		
Distribution and servicing expense excluding consolidated investment vehicles		(184,689)		(167,401)		(172,446)		
Operating Revenues, as adjusted	\$	490,255	\$	504,547	\$	441,422		
Operating Income	\$	102,777	\$	105,836	\$	58,315		
Plus (Less):								
Gains (losses) on deferred compensation and seed investments		(4,621)		11,182		31,386		
Transition-related costs ⁽²⁾		3,155		-		-		
Operating income and expenses of consolidated investment vehicles		1,243		758		339		
Operating Income, as adjusted	\$	102,554	\$	117,776	\$	90,040		
Operating margin, GAAP basis		15.2 9	% 15.8 9		ó	9.5 %		
Operating margin, as adjusted		20.9		23.3		20.4		

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(2) Transition-related costs:

Compensation	\$ 2,713
Other	 442
Total	\$ 3,155



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (Amounts in billions) (Unaudited)

Assets Under Management

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e 2009	Jun	mber 2009	Septer	rs Ended nber 2009	_	ch 2010	Mar	ne 2010	Jur	
										By asset class:
143.6	\$	165.6	\$	168.7	\$	173.8	\$	155.8	\$	Equity
366.6		385.7		365.8		364.3		357.9		Fixed Income
146.7		151.4		147.1		146.4		131.7		Liquidity
656.9	\$	702.7	\$	681.6	\$	684.5	\$	645.4	\$	Total
										By asset class (average):
138.0	\$	155.7	\$	164.6	\$	167.4	\$	167.6	\$	Equity
362.3		377.5		378.8		365.6		362.0		Fixed Income
146.9		150.8		149.9		148.2		138.7		Liquidity
647.2	\$	684.0	\$	693.3	\$	681.2	\$	668.3	\$	Total
										By division:
457.1	\$	484.3	\$	472.9	\$	475.8	\$	450.3	\$	Americas
199.8		218.4		208.7		208.7		195.1		International
656.9	\$	702.7	\$	681.6	\$	684.5	\$	645.4	\$	Total
		218.4		208.7		208.7		195.1	\$	Americas International

Component Changes in Assets under Management

	Quarters Ended									
	June 2010		March 2010		December 2009		September 2009		June 2009	
Beginning of period	\$	684.5	\$	681.6	\$	702.7	\$	656.9	\$	632.4
Net client cash flows		(23.1)		(10.9)		(32.7)		(8.1)		(30.3)
Market performance and other		(16.0)		13.8		11.6		53.9		54.8
Acquisitions (Dispositions), net		-		-		-		-		-
End of period	\$	645.4	\$	684.5	\$	681.6	\$	702.7	\$	656.9
BY DIVISION										
Americas										
Beginning of period	\$	475.8	\$	472.9	\$	484.3	\$	457.1	\$	446.7
Net client cash flows		(17.6)		(10.9)		(21.4)		(11.8)		(27.0)
Market performance and other		(7.9)		13.8		10.0		39.0		37.4
Acquisitions (Dispositions), net		-		-		-		-		-
End of period	\$	450.3	\$	475.8	\$	472.9	\$	484.3	\$	457.1
International										
Beginning of period	\$	208.7	\$	208.7	\$	218.4	\$	199.8	\$	185.7
Net client cash flows		(5.5)		-		(11.3)		3.7		(3.3)
Market performance and other		(8.1)		-		1.6		14.9		17.4
Acquisitions (Dispositions), net		-		-		-		-		-
End of period	\$	195.1	\$	208.7	\$	208.7	\$	218.4	\$	199.8

36.1%



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP BASIS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME TO NON-GAAP BASIS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME EXCLUDING INVESTMENT VEHICLES (1) (Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

Quarter Ended June 30, 2010 Non-GAAP Basis -Consolidated Excluding **GAAP Basis Investment Vehicles Investment Vehicles Operating Revenues:** Investment advisory fees \$ 576,445 \$ 767 \$ 577,212 Distribution and service fees 96,314 12 96,326 1,406 Other 1,406 779 Total operating revenues 674,165 674,944 **Operating Expenses:** Compensation and benefits 268,787 268,787 Distribution and servicing 184,702 (13)184,689 117,899 117,448 Other (451)570,924 Total operating expenses 571,388 (464)**Operating Income** 102,777 1,243 104,020 Other Non-Operating Income (Expense) Net interest income (expense) (20,986)(20,986)Other income (expense) (9,684)1,699 (7,985)Other non-operating income (expense) (30,670)1,699 (28,971)**Income Before Income Tax Provision** 2,942 75,049 72,107 Income tax provision 27,064 27,064 2,942 **Net Income** 45,043 47,985 Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests (2,888)2,942 54 Net Income Attributable to Legg Mason, Inc. 47,931 47,931 **Effective Income Tax Rate** 37.5% **Effective Income Tax Rate Excluding**

Consolidated Investment Vehicles

⁽¹⁾ See explanations for Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measures.

36.5%



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP BASIS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME TO NON-GAAP BASIS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME EXCLUDING INVESTMENT VEHICLES (1) (Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended March 31, 2010								
	GAAP Basis	Consolidated Investment Vehicles	Non-GAAP Basis - Excluding Investment Vehicles						
Operating Revenues:									
Investment advisory fees	\$ 573,895	\$ 515	\$ 574,410						
Distribution and service fees	96,113	13	96,126						
Other	1,412	<u> </u>	1,412						
Total operating revenues	671,420	528	671,948						
Operating Expenses:									
Compensation and benefits	267,270	-	267,270						
Distribution and servicing	167,419	(18)	167,401						
Other	130,895	(212)	130,683						
Total operating expenses	565,584	(230)	565,354						
Operating Income	105,836	758	106,594						
Other Non-Operating Income (Expense)									
Net interest income (expense)	(23,512	(1)	(23,513)						
Other income (expense)	19,396	(2,202)	17,194						
Other non-operating income (expense)	(4,116	(2,203)	(6,319)						
Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Provision	101,720	(1,445)	100,275						
Income tax provision	36,619		36,619						
Net Income (Loss)	65,101	(1,445)	63,656						
Less: Net income (loss) attributable									
to noncontrolling interests	1,494	(1,445)	49						
Net Income Attributable to Legg Mason, Inc.	\$ 63,607	\$ -	\$ 63,607						
Effective Income Tax Rate	36.0%	6							
Effective Income Tax Rate Excluding			0.5.50						

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Consolidated Investment Vehicles



LEGG MASON, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP BASIS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME TO NON-GAAP BASIS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME EXCLUDING INVESTMENT VEHICLES (1) (Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Quarter Ended June 30, 2009							
	G <i>A</i>	AAP Basis		olidated ent Vehicles	Non-GAAP Basis - Excluding Investment Vehicles			
Operating Revenues:								
Investment advisory fees	\$	524,596	\$	784	\$	525,380		
Distribution and service fees		86,701		-		86,701		
Other		1,787		-		1,787		
Total operating revenues		613,084		784		613,868		
Operating Expenses:								
Compensation and benefits		268,812		_		268,812		
Distribution and servicing		172,464		(18)		172,446		
Other		113,493		463		113,956		
Total operating expenses		554,769		445		555,214		
Operating Income		58,315		339		58,654		
Other Non-Operating Income (Expense)								
Net interest income (expense)		(41,569)		-		(41,569)		
Fund support		17,558		-		17,558		
Other income (expense)		46,400		(2,573)		43,827		
Other non-operating income (expense)		22,389		(2,573)		19,816		
Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Provision		80,704		(2,234)		78,470		
Income tax provision		28,380				28,380		
Net Income (Loss)		52,324		(2,234)		50,090		
Less: Net income (loss) attributable								
to noncontrolling interests		2,270		(2,234)		36		
Net Income Attributable to Legg Mason, Inc.	\$	50,054	\$		\$	50,054		
Effective Income Tax Rate		35.2%						
Effective Income Tax Rate Excluding Consolidated Investment Vehicles						36.2%		

 $^{^{(1)}}$ See explanations for Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measures.



Use of Supplemental Data as Non-GAAP Performance Measures

As supplemental information, we are providing performance measures that are based on methodologies other than generally accepted accounting principles ("non-GAAP") for "adjusted income", "consolidated statements of income, excluding consolidated investment vehicles", and "operating margin, as adjusted" that management uses as benchmarks in evaluating and comparing the period-to-period operating performance of Legg Mason, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Adjusted Income

Adjusted Income was formerly reported as "Cash Income, as Adjusted." We define "adjusted income" as net income (loss) attributable to Legg Mason, Inc. plus amortization and deferred taxes related to intangible assets and goodwill, and imputed interest and tax benefits on contingent convertible debt less deferred income taxes on goodwill and intangible asset impairment. We also adjust for non-core items that are not reflective of our economic performance, such as impairment charges on indefinite-life intangible assets and goodwill, including the related impact on deferred income taxes, and net money market fund support losses (gains).

We believe that adjusted income provides a good representation of our operating performance adjusted for noncash acquisition related items and other items that facilitate comparison of our results to the results of other asset management firms that have not issued contingent convertible debt, made significant acquisitions, including any related goodwill or intangible asset impairments, or engaged in money market fund support transactions. We also believe that adjusted income is an important metric in estimating the value of an asset management business.

Adjusted income only considers adjustments for certain items that relate to operating performance and comparability, and therefore, is most readily reconcilable to Net income determined under GAAP. This measure is provided in addition to net income, but is not a substitute for net income and may not be comparable to non-GAAP performance measures, including measures of adjusted earnings or adjusted income, of other companies. Further, adjusted income is not a liquidity measure and should not be used in place of cash flow measures determined under GAAP. Legg Mason considers adjusted income to be useful to investors because it is an important metric in measuring the economic performance of asset management companies, as an indicator of value, and because it facilitates comparison of Legg Mason's operating results with the results of other asset management firms that have not engaged in significant acquisitions, issued contingent convertible debt, or engaged in money market fund support transactions.

In calculating adjusted income, we add the impact of the amortization of intangible assets from acquisitions, such as management contracts, to net income to reflect the fact that these non-cash expenses distort comparisons of Legg Mason's operating results with the results of other asset management firms that have not engaged in significant acquisitions. Deferred taxes on indefinite-life intangible assets and goodwill represent actual tax benefits that are not realized under GAAP absent an impairment charge or the disposition of the related business. Because we actually receive these tax benefits on indefinite-life intangibles and goodwill over time, we add them to net income in the calculation of adjusted income. Conversely, we subtract the income tax benefits on impairment charges that have been recognized under GAAP. We also add back imputed interest on contingent convertible debt, which is a non-cash expense, as well as the actual tax benefits on the related contingent convertible debt that are not realized under GAAP. We also add (subtract) non-core items, such as net money market fund support losses (gains) (net of losses on the sale of the underlying SIV securities, if applicable) and impairment charges to net income to reflect that these charges distort comparisons of Legg Mason's operating results to prior periods and the results of other asset management firms that have not engaged in money market fund support transactions or significant acquisitions, including any related impairments.

Should a disposition or impairment charge for indefinite-life intangibles or goodwill occur, its impact on adjusted income may distort actual changes in the operating performance or value of our firm. Also, realized losses on money market fund support transactions are reflective of changes in the operating performance and value of our firm. Accordingly, we monitor these items and their related impact, including taxes, on adjusted income to ensure that appropriate adjustments and explanations accompany such disclosures.



Although depreciation and amortization of fixed assets are non-cash expenses, we do not add these charges in calculating adjusted income because these charges are related to assets that will ultimately require replacement.

Consolidated Statements of Income, Excluding Consolidated Investment Vehicles

Effective with the April 1, 2010 adoption of the new financial accounting standard on consolidations, Legg Mason now consolidates and separately identifies certain sponsored investment vehicles, primarily comprised of a collateralized loan obligation entity.

In presenting our "Consolidated Statements of Income, Excluding Consolidated Investment Vehicles", we add back the investment advisory and distribution and servicing fees that are eliminated upon the consolidation of investment vehicles and exclude the operating expenses and the impact on non-operating income (expense) and noncontrolling interests of consolidated investment vehicles. We believe it is important to provide the Consolidated Statements of Income, Excluding Consolidated Investment Vehicles to present the underlying performance and economics of our core asset management operations, which does not include the results of the investment funds that we manage but do not own. By deconsolidating the consolidated investment vehicles from the Consolidated Statements of Income, the investment advisory and distribution fees earned by Legg Mason from consolidated investment vehicles are added back to reflect our actual revenues. Similarly the operating expenses and the impact on non-operating income (expense) and noncontrolling interests of consolidated vehicles are removed from the GAAP basis Statements of Income since this activity does not actually belong to Legg Mason. The deconsolidation of the investment vehicles does not have any impact on Net Income Attributable to Legg Mason, Inc. in any period presented. The Consolidated Statements of Income, Excluding Consolidated Investment Vehicles are presented in addition to our GAAP basis Consolidated Statements of Income, but are not substitutes for the GAAP basis Consolidated Statements of Income and may not be comparable to Consolidated Statements of Income presented on a non-GAAP basis of other companies.

Operating Margin, as Adjusted

We calculate "operating margin, as adjusted," by dividing (i) operating income, adjusted to exclude the impact on compensation expense of gains or losses on investments made to fund deferred compensation plans, the impact on compensation expense of gains or losses on seed capital investments by our affiliates under revenue sharing agreements, transition-related costs of streamlining our business model, primarily termination benefits, income (loss) of consolidated investment vehicles, and impairment charges by (ii) our operating revenues, adjusted to add back net investment advisory fees eliminated upon consolidation of investment vehicles, less distribution and servicing expenses which we use as an approximate measure of revenues that are passed through to third parties, which we refer to as "adjusted operating revenues". The compensation items, other than transition-related costs, are removed from operating income in the calculation because they are offset by an equal amount in Other non-operating income (expense), and thus have no impact on Net Income. Transition-related costs and income (loss) of consolidated investment vehicles are removed from operating income in the calculation because these items are not reflective of our core asset management operations. We use adjusted operating revenues in the calculation to show the operating margin without distribution and servicing expenses, which we use to approximate our distribution revenues that are passed through to third parties as a direct cost of selling our products, although distribution and servicing expenses may include commissions paid in connection with the launching of closed-end funds for which there is no corresponding revenue in the period. Adjusted operating revenues also include our advisory revenues we receive from consolidated investment vehicles that are eliminated in consolidation under GAAP. Legg Mason believes that operating margin, as adjusted, is a useful measure of our performance because it provides a measure of our core business activities excluding items that have no impact on net income and because it indicates what Legg Mason's operating margin would have been without the distribution revenues that are passed through to third parties as a direct cost of selling our products, transition-related costs, and the impact of the consolidation of certain investment vehicles described above. The consolidation of these investment vehicles do not have an impact to net income attributable to Legg Mason, Inc. This measure is provided in addition to the Company's operating margin calculated under GAAP, but is not a substitute for calculations of margins under GAAP and may not be comparable to non-GAAP performance measures, including measures of adjusted margins, of other companies.