

FORRESTER RESEARCH 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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TO THE FORRESTER COMMUNITY:

As Forrester managed its way through the economic turmoil of 2009, we learned much about ourselves and our company. Here are my takeaways:

- **Role-based is powerful.** Forrester goes to market by the roles of our clients — this kept us sharply focused on what they needed during the recession. While renewal rates dropped early in the year, they ticked back to our historical averages by the fourth quarter. We stayed relevant to our clients, and that kept relationships intact.
- **Crises yield opportunities.** We used the year to refine the packaging of our research, sharpen our organization, and change the structure of our sales force. We laid groundwork that will drive our growth post-recession.
- **I've got a great management team.** They astutely managed expenses, they led their teams to be positive in a gloomy economic time, and they kept everyone focused on our clients' success. These guys have the goods!

THE POWER OF BEING ROLE-BASED

Forrester's transition to becoming fully role-based will take years. We started this voyage in 2007 and are still in the early part of this effort — if we were playing soccer we would be at about the midpoint of the first half.

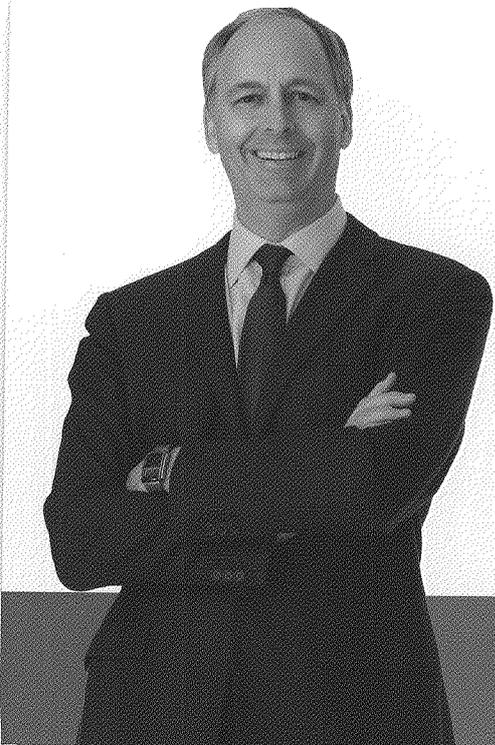
What does being role-based really mean? For us, it's simple: Role-based equals relevancy. It helps us see the world through our clients' eyes and connect to their problems, challenges, and aspirations. It keeps us on task for solving client problems and helping them achieve their highest aspirations.

To refine our strategy in 2009, we conducted “role deep dives” — extensive research on each of the 19 roles that Forrester serves — eight in IT, seven in marketing and strategy, and four in technology industry. The deep dives exponentially increased Forrester's understanding of who our clients are and what they need.

In 2009, a working team within Forrester created a “Role Manifesto” — a set of precepts for how we can work effectively with our clients in their roles:

1. **Roles first.** We start every client interaction with a clear understanding of his or her role.
2. **Identify the client's needs.** Find out what he or she needs to be successful.
3. **Get personal.** Connect to our clients as people.

The Role Manifesto is another step in our efforts to transpose every strand of Forrester's DNA to be role-based. As our genetics change, we often ask ourselves the question: “How did we ever run this business any other way?” Our comfort, reliance, and trust in roles continue to build.



GEORGE F. COLONY
CHAIRMAN AND CEO

GRABBING OPPORTUNITIES IN A CRISIS

Forrester used 2009 to make three changes: 1) We reformed the way we package research; 2) we refined our organization to create better alignment with our clients in their roles; and 3) we improved leadership in sales.

Prior to 2009, our primary research product, RoleView, was monolithic — clients paid one price and received all research for all roles. In 2009, we morphed the product into three RoleViews: IT RoleView; Marketing & Strategy RoleView; and, finally, Technology Industry RoleView.

The creation of three RoleViews had several effects:

1. Clients now receive just the research they need.
2. Forrester can now reach more roles in client companies. We send multiple sales teams into large companies, each selling to a different set of roles. We believe this gives us the best chance to increase roles per client (3.2 per client at year-end 2009) over the next three years.

The repackaging of RoleView was executed smoothly in April of 2009. The change was a win for Forrester and a win for our clients.

Another important change in 2009 was a sharpening of our organization to be evermore responsive to our clients in their roles.

Through the first three years of being role-based, Forrester retained a product-centered structure — with operational heads of research, consulting, etc. We were products first, roles second.

Early in 2009, I asked a member of the Board of Clients (a group of clients that advises us on company strategy) how we were doing. His response was instructive: “You keep hitting me with products rather than trying to understand who I am and what I need.” In other words, we were leading with our stuff rather than with what the client needed and wanted. The light bulb went on.

We decided to organize by roles, with operational leaders taking responsibility for specific roles rather than for products. These leaders are charged with understanding the needs of our roles and creating the best mix of products to meet those needs. We think this organization gives us the best chance of delivering on our value proposition: “Making leaders successful every day.”

The final change we made in 2009 was to strengthen sales leadership. We had two problems: 1) Our sales force was split into three different groups, with differing sales methods and approaches, and 2) sales attrition was too high, driven in part by weak sales management.

Charles Rutstein, Forrester’s COO, made the call at mid-year that it was time to appoint a worldwide head of sales who could bring uniformity to our process and begin building a culture of stronger leadership. Greg Nelson, who had successfully run sales in our Dallas office and, most recently, for our IT roles in Europe, took over as our Chief Sales Officer at the end of the summer.

We liked Greg for four reasons: 1) He had global experience — successfully leading sales groups in the US and in Europe; 2) Greg leads around a powerful but simple credo: passion, performance, and people; 3) he's a growth guy — always looking for ways of expanding existing client relationships and finding new companies for Forrester to work with; and 4) Greg knows our business — he has been successfully leading sales in the research business for 10 years.

Greg spent the second half of 2009 perfecting compensation, improving the sales leadership team, and standardizing how we sell. He's off to a great start, with sales performance improving in the third and fourth quarters.

THREE OPERATIONAL IMPERATIVES

For several years, Forrester has focused on three business imperatives: 1) becoming more role-based; 2) moving the mix of our business to 70/30 (syndicated/nonsyndicated); and 3) expanding our sales force by 15% to 20% per year.

Much of what I've written above outlines how much good progress we've made toward roles — we have done well against this imperative. I'm also glad to report that in 2009 we continued our march toward a 70/30 "Q"/"non-Q" balance. Q is what we call the quotient of our business that is syndicated (RoleView research, Forrester Leadership Boards, and Data), and non-Q refers to nonsyndicated business (Consulting and Events). We ended 2009 at 68% Q — up two percentage points for the year — right on our target.

We believe that the 70/30 balance is right for our business; it means that our renewable and leverageable product mix remains high while retaining a healthy blend of Consulting and Events. Through many years of experience, we have found that clients who attend our Events and engage in Consulting remain our most faithful and tenured research, Leadership Boards, and Data clients. In other words, the two businesses work well together in the right proportions.

Our third business imperative, increasing the size of our sales force, was interrupted by the economic climate. In 2009 we kept sales force growth flat. However, we expect that sales headcount will increase 15% to 20% in 2010 and for years thereafter as the economy recovers.

USING OUR CASH

Forrester's high yearly free cash flows put us in the enviable position of possessing high cash balances. This cash is deployed for two purposes: 1) to buy back the company's shares when market conditions permit, and 2) acquisitions.

In 2009 we bought back 927,052 shares at a cost of \$20,257,595. We will continue to deploy buybacks when we consider our shares to be undervalued.

Forrester believes that acquisitions play an important strategic role in the growth of the company. The previous acquisitions of Fletcher Research, Giga Information Group, and JupiterResearch, among others, have enabled Forrester to quickly move into new markets, reach new customers, and expand value to existing customers.

In 2009 we evaluated a number of M&A candidates. Despite our high cash balances, Forrester's acquisition methodology remains disciplined and structured. We don't let all that money lead us to irrational conclusions — our deal team establishes pricing based on expected future cash flows. Acquisitions must clear three hurdles: 1) They must be accretive to earnings over 12 to 24 months; 2) they must bring new content to our existing roles or bring new roles; and 3) we must see a clear operational home for the acquisition in our business.

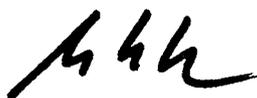
Strategic Oxygen, a company we acquired from Monitor Group late in the year, cleared those hurdles. Strategic Oxygen's product helps Technology Product Management & Marketing professionals (one of our technology industry roles) decide where to spend their marketing dollars. We liked Strategic Oxygen because it brought a unique, differentiated service to one of Forrester's primary roles — with a financial model that fit well with our high-Q philosophy. We will continue to use acquisitions to bring more value to our existing roles and, potentially, more roles to Forrester.

IN CONCLUSION

While 2009 was a challenging year, I found myself surrounded by a calm and collected group of Forrester colleagues and executives. They used the year to learn, to change, and to get closer to our clients. Whether they are based in Europe, Asia, or the Americas, the people of Forrester continue to amaze me with their inventiveness and their dedication to our clients. At the World Economic Forum, which I have attended over the past several years, I'm always pleased that everyone I meet with — be they from governments or businesses — knows and respects Forrester. On the world stage, we punch well above our weight — and that's due to the hard work of Forresterites everywhere.

Forrester believes that we are about to enter a fourth major wave of technology change — a wave that will last 10 to 15 years. The 19 roles that Forrester serves must prepare to act and thrive in that new world. Forrester will be there to help them do just that.

Thank you for your continued support of Forrester. Please feel free to email me at gcolony@forrester.com anytime if you have any questions. You can also read my thoughts about the CEO role on my blog, which is at http://blogs.forrester.com/ceo_colony.



George F. Colony
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Forrester Research, Inc.

ROLES SUPPORTED BY FORRESTER'S CLIENT GROUPS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT & DELIVERY PROFESSIONAL
BUSINESS PROCESS PROFESSIONAL
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO)
ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSIONAL
INFORMATION & KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE & OPERATIONS PROFESSIONAL
SECURITY & RISK PROFESSIONAL
SOURCING & VENDOR MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL

MARKETING & STRATEGY

CONSUMER PRODUCT STRATEGY PROFESSIONAL
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE PROFESSIONAL
CUSTOMER INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONAL
eBUSINESS & CHANNEL STRATEGY PROFESSIONAL
INTERACTIVE MARKETING PROFESSIONAL
MARKETING LEADERSHIP PROFESSIONAL
MARKET RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL

TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY

ANALYST RELATIONS PROFESSIONAL
TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT MANAGEMENT & MARKETING PROFESSIONAL
TECHNOLOGY SALES ENABLEMENT PROFESSIONAL
VENDOR STRATEGY PROFESSIONAL

The rest of this Annual Report includes the following material:

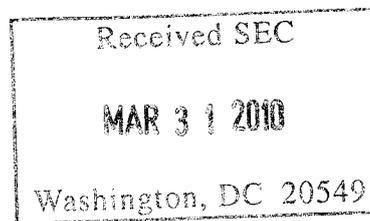
- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009
- Notice of our 2010 Annual Meeting to be held on May 11, 2010
- Our Proxy Statement in connection with the Annual Meeting



FORM 10-K
2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-K



(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 000-21433

Forrester Research, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

400 Technology Square
Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

04-2797789

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

02139

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(617) 613-6000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value

Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files.) Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2009 (based on the closing price as quoted by the Nasdaq National Market as of such date) was approximately \$360,000,000.

As of March 10, 2010, 22,449,868 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement related to its 2010 Annual Stockholders' Meeting to be filed subsequently — Part III of this Form 10-K.

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” or similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Reference is made in particular to our statements about possible acquisitions, our plans for international expansion and the adequacy of our cash, marketable investments and cash flows to satisfy our working capital and capital expenditures. These statements are based on our current plans and expectations and involve risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements are discussed below under “Risk Factors.” We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

PART I

General

Forrester Research, Inc. is an independent research company that provides pragmatic and forward-thinking advice to global leaders in business and technology. Our products and services are targeted to 19 specific roles, including senior management in business strategy, marketing and information technology at \$1 billion-plus (revenue) companies who collaborate with us to accelerate achievement of their business goals.

Research serves as the foundation for all our solutions and consists primarily of annual memberships to our RoleView™ syndicated research offerings that provide access to our core research on a wide range of business and technology issues critical to the success of the individuals in the roles we serve. In addition to our RoleView offerings, we also provide a portfolio of products and services that allow our clients to interact directly with analysts and their peers and explore in greater detail the issues and topics covered by RoleView research on a role and client-specific basis.

We were incorporated in Massachusetts on July 7, 1983 and reincorporated in Delaware on February 16, 1996.

Our Internet address is www.forrester.com. We make available free of charge, on or through the investor information section of our website, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

Industry Background

Technology plays a central role in companies' and their employees' efforts to remain both competitive and cost-efficient in an increasingly complex global business environment. Developing comprehensive and coordinated business strategies is difficult because as the economy and technology change, consumers and businesses adopt new methods of buying and selling, and markets grow increasingly dynamic.

Consequently, companies and the professionals who are in the roles we serve rely on external sources of expertise that provide independent business advice spanning a variety of areas including but not limited to technology, business strategy, and customer behavior. We believe there is a need for objective research that is thematic, prescriptive, and executable, and that provides a comprehensive perspective on the knowledge and skills required to succeed in today's rapidly changing business environment.

Forrester's Strategy

In 2007, Forrester accelerated execution of a role-based strategy to focus attention on serving leaders in key roles across its client base. Forrester's role-centric solutions provide clients with more relevant insight, allowing them to make better informed and justified decisions faster.

We seek to maintain and enhance our position as a leading independent technology and market research firm and to capitalize on demand for our offerings by:

Identifying and Defining New Business Models, Technologies, and Markets. We seek to differentiate ourselves from other research firms by delivering pragmatic and forward-thinking research and analysis on the impact of technology on business models, business practices, and technology infrastructure. We believe that our research methodology and our creative culture allow us to identify and analyze rapid shifts in business and consumer use of technology before these changes appear on the horizons of most users, vendors, and other research firms. Our early identification of these shifts enables us to help our clients capitalize on emerging business models and technologies.

Leveraging our RoleView Research. Our business model, technology platform, and research methodologies allow us to sell existing products and to rapidly introduce new products and services without incurring significant incremental costs. We intend to continue to use our business model, technology platform, and research methodologies to both increase sales of our existing RoleView research products and introduce innovative new products. Our other offerings complement, enhance and supplement our RoleView research offerings, and many are designed to address the specific needs and problems of our clients and the professionals in the roles we serve. We also may acquire, through acquisition or license from third parties, new products and services that complement and support our strategy and existing offerings. In July 2008, we acquired JupiterResearch, LLC to enhance our offerings to marketing and strategy professionals. In December 2009 we acquired the business of New Strategic Oxygen, LLC whose products and services and decision tools enhance our offerings to technology product management & marketing professionals.

Using Targeted, Global Client-Centric Sales Channels. Our business is organized into three principal global client groups that support our role-based strategy and are closely aligned with our client base: the Information Technology Client Group, the Marketing & Strategy Client Group, and the Technology Industry Client Group. Effective January 2010, we appointed senior role managers within our three principal client groups to better focus on creating and delivering relevant research and related products and services to the professional roles we serve. We sell our products and services directly through a global sales force with sales personnel focusing on the needs of professionals within each of the three principal client groups. Our sales force operates out of various locations in North America, Europe, and Australia. We also sell our products and services through independent sales representatives in select international locations.

Growing Our Client Base Worldwide and Increasing Sales to Existing Clients. We believe that our products and services can be successfully marketed and sold to new client companies worldwide and to new roles and additional units and divisions within our existing client companies. We believe that within our client base of over 2,500 client companies as of December 31, 2009 there is opportunity both to sell additional products and services to current users as well as to deliver our RoleView research and product portfolio to a greater number of professionals in our targeted roles. In addition, we intend to expand our international presence as the growing impact of technology on business innovation creates demand for external sources of objective research.

Developing and Retaining Outstanding Research Professionals. The knowledge and experience of our analysts are critical elements of our ability to provide high-quality products and services. We employ outstanding research professionals from varied backgrounds and a wide range of industries. We believe that our culture, which emphasizes quality, cooperation, and creativity, helps us to develop and retain high-caliber research professionals. We provide a competitive compensation structure, as well as recognition and rewards for excellent individual and team performance.

Forrester's Solution

Our broad range of expertise on business and the impact of technology enables us to offer our clients the best available and most relevant research on changing business models, best practices, technology investments, implementation advice, and customer trends. Our solution provides our clients with:

A Unified Set of Services to Help our Clients and to Make their Leaders Successful in their Roles. We offer clients a comprehensive set of products and services to obtain access to the research, data, analysts, and peer insights they need to be successful in their professional roles, including, for example, to:

- Assess potential new markets, competitors, products, and services, and go-to-market strategies.
- Anticipate technology-driven business model shifts.
- Understand trends in consumer behavior and how to capitalize on those trends for marketing and sales purposes.
- Educate, inform, and align strategic decision-makers in their organizations.
- Navigate technology purchase and implementation challenges and optimize technology investments.
- Capitalize on emerging technologies.

Expertise on Emerging Technologies. We started our business in 1983 and have a long history of, and extensive experience in, identifying trends and providing research and executable advice on the impact of technology on business. Our research analysts have many years of industry experience, are frequent speakers at business and technology conferences, and are often quoted in the media. They enjoy direct access to the leaders and decision-makers within large enterprises and technology vendors. We provide our research analysts with training to ensure that they have the skills to challenge conventional viewpoints and provide prescriptive, executable insight and research to our clients.

Products and Services

We offer our clients a selection of engagement opportunities that are organized for and directed toward the multiple professional roles we cover.

Roleview™ Research

Our primary syndicated research product, RoleView, provides clients with access to our core syndicated research designed to inform their strategic decision-making. Our various RoleView research offerings, including IT View, M&S View, TI View, each consists of a library of cross-linked documents that interconnect our reports, data, product rankings, best practices, evaluation tools, and research archives. RoleView research access is provided through role-based websites that facilitate client access to research and tools that are most relevant to their professional roles, including community tools that allow interaction between and among clients and our analysts. Through this access structure, each of our RoleView research offerings addresses the interplay of an individual client's responsibilities and goals, business demands, and organizational and technology capabilities.

Our RoleView research products include The Forrester Wave™. The Forrester Wave provides a detailed analysis of vendors' technologies and services based on transparent, fully accessible criteria, and measurement of characteristics weighted by us. The Forrester Wave includes an Excel spreadsheet that allows clients to compare products and get in-depth data and analysis about each one and tools to develop a custom shortlist based on the client's unique requirements. The Forrester Wave is our primary mechanism for evaluating enterprise technologies.

Clients subscribing to our RoleView research products may choose between two membership levels:

- *RoleView Member Licenses.* RoleView Member Licenses include access to the written research, as well as Inquiry with analysts, one Event seat, and access to Forrester Teleconferences. Inquiry enables clients to contact our analysts for quick feedback on projects they may have underway, to discuss ideas and models in the research, or for answers to questions about unfolding industry events. Typically, Inquiry sessions are 30-minute phone calls, scheduled upon client request, or e-mail responses coordinated through our research

specialists. Events bring together executives and other participants for one or multi-day conferences to network with their peers and to hear business leaders discuss the issues and solutions most pertinent to their roles and responsibilities. Forrester Teleconferences are hour-long audio conferences on selected topics of interest to particular professional roles that typically are held several times a week. They consist of an analyst-led presentation followed by questions from participants. Members may access the analyst Web presentation and participate in the subsequent forum for questions and discussion among all attendees. Teleconferences are also made available for member download.

- *RoleView Reader Licenses.* RoleView Reader Licenses provide access to our written research.

Both Member and Reader clients receive access to our research specialists, who provide additional information about our research, methodologies, coverage areas, and sources. The research specialists are available to help clients navigate our website, find relevant information, and put clients in contact with the appropriate analyst for inquiries.

Forrester Leadership Boards

Our Forrester Leadership Boards are exclusive offerings for executives and other key employees at large companies worldwide. Clients may choose to participate in one or more Forrester Leadership Boards. Memberships are available in the Chief Information Officer (CIO) Group and the Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) Group and in a number of additional IT, marketing, and executive programs and councils addressing issues of interest to the professional roles we cover. In addition to a Member license to access the appropriate RoleView research offering, members of our Forrester Leadership Boards receive access to the following:

- Advisors to assist members with individual research-related questions, and topics of specific relevance to the challenges these clients face.
- Membership-directed research which includes comprehensive coverage of industry trends and best practices.
- Exclusive industry-specific benchmark data.
- Peer-to-peer networking through premier event meetings and group audio-conferences, individual member to member conversations, and virtual community activities.

Data Products & Services

Our Data products and services focus on consumers' and business users' attitudes about and behavior toward technology, including ownership, future purchases, and adoption trends. These products incorporate extensive survey research designed and analyzed by our staff. Clients can leverage our data products and services or choose to have us conduct data analysis on their behalf. Our data products and services include:

- *Consumer Technographics® Data & Services.* Consumer Technographics delivers both primary data and quantitative research, based on surveys of over 250,000 households and individuals in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific, and Latin America. Marketing and strategy professionals rely on our Consumer Technographics data for unique insights into how technology impacts the way consumers select, purchase, use, and communicate about products and services. We combine respondent data sets from our Consumer Technographics surveys into four offerings: North American Consumer Technographics, European Consumer Technographics, Asia Pacific Consumer Technographics and Latin America Consumer Technographics. Additionally, clients have access to a Technographics data specialist to help them use the data effectively to meet their specific business needs.
- *Business Data Services.* Our Business Data Services is an ongoing quantitative research program that provides comprehensive, in-depth assessments of what motivates businesses to choose certain technologies and vendors over others. We annually survey more than 18,000 business and IT executives at North American, European, and other global large enterprises and small and midsize businesses. Our surveys reveal these firms' technology adoption trends, budgets, business organization, decision processes, purchase plans, and brand preferences. Business Data and Services clients also have access to a data specialist.

Forrester Consulting

Our research-based advisory and project consulting services leverage our RoleView research offerings and our data products and services to deliver focused insights and recommendations to assist clients in developing and executing technology and business strategy, informing critical decisions and reducing business risk, and making large technology investments. For example, we help IT professionals with vendor selection, compare best practices, analyze whether outsourcing is advisable, and validate technology infrastructure; marketing and strategy professionals with consumer product strategy, direct marketing technology investments, eBusiness strategy, and interactive marketing strategy, including Web 2.0; and technology industry professionals with market and competitive assessments, go-to-market strategy, custom market research, and product development.

Our consulting services include Website Reviews that provide targeted, action-oriented assessments of clients' websites, extranets, or intranets. Feedback is based on a comprehensive examination of the clients' website and web strategies as well as reviews and comparisons with competitors' websites, other channels and industry benchmarks.

Forrester Events

We host multiple Events in various locations in North America and Europe throughout the year. Events build upon our research and data products and services to bring together executives and other participants serving or interested in the particular professional role(s) in which an event focuses. Event participants come together to network with their peers, meet with Forrester analysts, and to hear business leaders discuss business and technology issues of interest or significance to the professional roles in attendance and the impact of technology on the professionals and their businesses.

Sales and Marketing

Our business is organized into three principal global client groups that support our role-based strategy and closely align with our client base: the IT Client Group, the Marketing & Strategy Client Group, and the Technology Industry Client Group. We sell our products and services through each client group's direct sales force in various locations in North America, Europe, and Australia. We also sell our products and services through independent sales representatives in select international locations. We employed 315 salespersons as of December 31, 2009, a decrease of 11% from 353 as of December 31, 2008. We also sell certain of our research products directly online through our website.

For information on our operating segments and our international operations, see Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Our marketing activities are designed to increase awareness of the Forrester brand and further our reputation as a leader in role-based business and technology research. We actively promote brand awareness via our website, Forrester Events, extensive worldwide press relations, and direct mail campaigns. We also employ an integrated direct marketing strategy that uses Internet, mail, and telephone channels for identifying and attracting high-quality sales leads. We encourage our analysts to increase our visibility by having their research ideas selectively distributed through various Internet, print, and television outlets.

As of December 31, 2009, our research was delivered to more than 2,500 client companies. No single client company accounted for more than 2% of our 2009 revenues.

Pricing and Contracts

We report our revenue from client contracts in two categories of revenue: (1) research services and (2) advisory services and other. Research offerings principally generate research revenues, and Consulting offerings consist solely of advisory services revenues. We classify revenue from our Consumer Technographics Data & Services and Business Data Services as research services revenue. Revenue from memberships to the Forrester Leadership Boards is classified as research services revenue, and revenue from Forrester Events is classified as other revenue in our advisory services and other revenue classification.

Contract pricing for annual memberships for research only is principally a function of the number of licensed users at the client. Pricing of contracts for research and advisory services is a function of the number of licensed

users, and the amount and type of advisory services. We track the agreement value of contracts to purchase research and advisory services as a significant business indicator. We calculate agreement value as the total revenues recognizable from all research and advisory service contracts in force at a given time (but not including advisory-only contracts), without regard to how much revenue has already been recognized. Agreement value decreased 12% to \$194.8 million at December 31, 2009 from \$222.5 million at December 31, 2008.

Research Analysts and Methodology

We employ a structured methodology in our research that enables us to identify and analyze technology trends, markets, and audiences and ensures consistent research quality and recommendations across all coverage areas. We seek to provide relevant research that will contribute to the success of our clients in their professional roles.

We ascertain the issues important to our clients and technology users through thousands of interactions and surveys with vendors and business, marketing, and IT professionals, and accordingly, the majority of our research is focused on the issues our clients face each day. We use the following primary research inputs:

- Confidential interviews with early adopters and mainstream users of new technologies.
- In-depth interviews with technology vendors and suppliers of related services.
- Ongoing briefings with vendors to review current positions and future directions.
- Continuous dialogue with our clients to identify technology issues in the marketplace.

Our Consumer Technographics® and Business Data Services research combines our qualitative research methodology with traditional survey research methodologies such as correlation, frequency distribution, cross-tabulation, and multivariate statistics to produce research reports, quantitative survey data, and data briefs. Third-party data vendors are frequently used for data collection and tabulation.

The Forrester Wave™ combines in-depth product test results and user interviews with market and strategic analysis to score attributes of emerging technologies. We then apply this research and strategic analysis to determine the weighting of each attribute and create interactive spreadsheets, databases, and reports.

Collaboration among analysts is an integral part of our process, leading to higher-quality research and a unified perspective. All RoleView research begins either with a client or vendor catalyst or with discussion sessions among analysts to generate ideas for research. Analysts test ideas throughout the research process at both informal and weekly research meetings and using social media technologies. Our reports are consistent in format, and we require our analysts to write in a structure that combines graphics with easy-to-read text to deliver concise, decisive, relevant, and objective research to our clients.

Competition

We believe that the principal competitive factors in our industry include the following:

- Quality of research and analysis and related services.
- The ability to offer products and services that meet the changing needs of organizations and executives for research and analysis.
- Customer service.
- Independent analysis and opinions.
- Timely delivery of information.
- The ability to leverage new technologies.
- Price.

We believe that we compete favorably with respect to each of these factors. We believe that our role-based strategy and focus on emerging technologies are significant competitive advantages. Additionally, we believe that

our role-based strategy, research methodology, easy-to-read formats, and portfolio of complementary product offerings distinguish us from our competitors.

We compete principally in the market for research and advisory services about and relating to technology and its impact on business. Our principal direct competitors include other providers of similar services, such as Gartner, as well as providers of peer networking services and Internet and digital media measurement services. In addition, our indirect competitors include the internal planning and marketing staffs of our current and prospective clients, as well as other information providers such as electronic and print publishing companies, survey-based general market research firms, and general business consulting firms. Our indirect competitors could choose to compete directly against us in the future. In addition, there are relatively few barriers to entry into our market, and new competitors could readily seek to compete against us in one or more market segments addressed by our research. Increased competition could adversely affect our operating results through pricing pressure and loss of market share. There can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to compete successfully against existing or new competitors.

Employees

As of December 31, 2009, we employed a total of 947 persons, including 362 research staff and 315 sales personnel.

Our culture emphasizes certain key values — including client service, quality, and creativity — that we believe are critical to our future growth. We promote these values through training and frequent recognition for achievement. We encourage teamwork and promote and recognize individuals who foster these values. New employees participate in a three-day training process that focuses on our role-based strategy, our products and services, corporate culture, values and goals.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those set forth in forward-looking statements made by us. These risks and uncertainties include:

Our Business may be Adversely Affected by the Current Economic Environment. Our business is in part dependent on technology spending and is impacted by economic conditions. The current global credit crisis and economic environment may materially and adversely affect demand for our products and services. If current conditions in the United States and global economy were to lead to a further decrease in technology spending, or in demand for our research and advisory services, this could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Our international operations expose us to a variety of operational risks which could negatively impact our results of operations. We have clients in over 60 countries and approximately 30% of our revenue comes from international sales. Our operating results are subject to the risks inherent in international business activities, including challenges in staffing and managing foreign operations, changes in regulatory requirements, compliance with numerous foreign laws and regulations, differences between U.S. and foreign tax rates and laws, and the difficulty of enforcing client agreements, collecting accounts receivable and protecting intellectual property rights in international jurisdictions. Furthermore, we rely on local independent sales representatives in some international locations. If any of these arrangements are terminated by our representative or us, we may not be able to replace the arrangement on beneficial terms or on a timely basis, or clients of the local sales representative may not want to continue to do business with us or our new representative.

A Decline in Renewals for Our Membership-Based Research Services. Our success depends in large part upon retaining (on both a client company and dollar basis) and enriching existing memberships for our research products and services. Our client and dollar retention rate and enrichment rate (see Item 7 — Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations — Overview) declined in 2008 as compared with 2007. Our client and dollar retention rate increased in 2009 as compared with 2008 however our enrichment rate continued to decline in 2009 as compared to 2008. Future declines in client retention, dollar retention, and enrichment could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Ability To Develop and Offer New Products And Services. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to offer new products and services. These new products and services must successfully gain market acceptance by anticipating and identifying changes in client requirements and changes in the technology industry and by addressing specific industry and business organization sectors. The process of internally researching, developing, launching and gaining client acceptance of a new product or service, or assimilating and marketing an acquired product or service, is risky and costly. We may not be able to introduce new, or assimilate acquired, products or services successfully. Our failure to do so would adversely affect our ability to maintain a competitive position in our market and continue to grow our business.

Loss of Key Management. Our future success will depend in large part upon the continued services of a number of our key management employees. The loss of any one of them, in particular George F. Colony, our founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, could adversely affect our business.

The Ability To Attract and Retain Qualified Professional Staff. Our future success will depend in large measure upon the continued contributions of our senior management team, research analysts, and experienced sales and marketing personnel. Thus, our future operating results will be largely dependent upon our ability to retain the services of these individuals and to attract additional professionals from a limited pool of qualified candidates. We experience competition in hiring and retaining professionals from developers of Internet and emerging-technology products, other research firms, management consulting firms, print and electronic publishing companies and financial services companies, many of which have substantially greater ability, either through cash or equity, to attract and compensate professionals. If we lose professionals or are unable to attract new talent, we will not be able to maintain our position in the market or grow our business.

Failure To Anticipate and Respond To Market Trends. Our success depends in part upon our ability to anticipate rapidly changing technologies and market trends and to adapt our research to meet the changing information needs of our clients. The technology and commerce sectors that we analyze undergo frequent and often dramatic changes. The environment of rapid and continuous change presents significant challenges to our ability to provide our clients with current and timely analysis, strategies and advice on issues of importance to them. Meeting these challenges requires the commitment of substantial resources. Any failure to continue to provide insightful and timely analysis of developments, technologies, and trends in a manner that meets market needs could have an adverse effect on our market position and results of operations.

Competition. We compete in the market for research products and services with other independent providers of similar services. We may also face increased competition from Internet-based research firms. Some of our competitors have substantially greater financial, information-gathering, and marketing resources than we do. In addition, our indirect competitors include the internal planning and marketing staffs of our current and prospective clients, as well as other information providers such as electronic and print publishing companies, survey-based general market research firms and general business consulting firms. Our indirect competitors may choose to compete directly against us in the future. In addition, there are relatively few barriers to entry into our market, and new competitors could readily seek to compete against us in one or more market segments addressed by our products and services. Increased competition could adversely affect our operating results through pricing pressure and loss of market share.

Fluctuations in Our Operating Results. Our revenues and earnings may fluctuate from quarter to quarter based on a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control, and which may affect our stock price. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- Trends in technology spending in the marketplace and general economic conditions.
- The timing and size of new and renewal memberships for our research services from clients.
- The utilization of our advisory services by our clients.
- The timing of revenue-generating Events sponsored by us.
- The introduction and marketing of new products and services by us and our competitors.
- The hiring and training of new analysts and sales personnel.

- Changes in demand for our research and advisory services.

As a result, our operating results in future quarters may be below the expectations of securities analysts and investors, which could have an adverse effect on the market price for our common stock. Factors such as announcements of new products, services, offices, acquisitions or strategic alliances by us, our competitors, or in the technologies services industry generally may have a significant impact on the market price of our common stock. The market price for our common stock may also be affected by movements in prices of stocks in general.

We may realize losses on our investments or be unable to liquidate these investments at desired times and in desired amounts. At December 31, 2009, we had approximately \$10.0 million of long-term marketable investments in municipal notes with an auction reset feature (“auction rate securities” or “ARS”). In February 2008, auctions had begun to fail for these securities, which means that the parties wishing to sell securities could not. Based on current market conditions, it is likely that auction failures will continue and as a result, our ability to liquidate our investment and fully recover the carrying value of our investment in the near term may be limited or not exist.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

We have not received written comments from the Securities and Exchange Commission that remain unresolved.

Item 2. Properties

Our headquarters are located in approximately 145,000 square feet of office space in Cambridge, Massachusetts, substantially all of which is currently occupied by the Company. This facility accommodates research, marketing, sales, technology, and operations personnel. The lease term of this facility expires in September 2011. We have the option to extend this lease for an additional five-year term.

On September 29, 2009, we entered into a build-to-suit net lease (“Lease”) with BHX, LLC, as trustee of Acorn Park I Realty Trust and predecessor to 200 Discovery Park, LLC (“Landlord”) pursuant to which the Landlord will build a new corporate headquarters building for our Company in an office park in the Alewife section of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Pursuant to the Lease, as amended, the Landlord will construct an approximately 190,000 square foot building (“Building”) and lease the Building and parcel to us to be used as our new corporate headquarters. During construction, we will continue to occupy our current corporate headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts under the existing lease for such premises. The commencement date under the Lease is presently expected to be on or about September 1, 2011.

We also rent office space in Foster City and San Francisco, California, New York City, Dallas, McLean Virginia, Austin, Texas, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, London and Paris. We also lease office space on a relatively short-term basis in various other locations in the North America, Europe and Asia.

We believe that our existing facilities are adequate for our current needs and that additional facilities are available for lease to meet future needs.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings.

PART II

Item 5. Market For Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters, and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol “FORR.” We did not declare or pay any dividends during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009. We anticipate that future earnings, if any, will be retained for the development of our business, and we do not presently intend to pay cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

As of March 10, 2010 there were approximately 44 stockholders of record of our common stock. On March 10, 2010 the closing price of our common stock was \$31.63 per share.

The following table represents the ranges of high and low sale prices of our common stock for the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009:

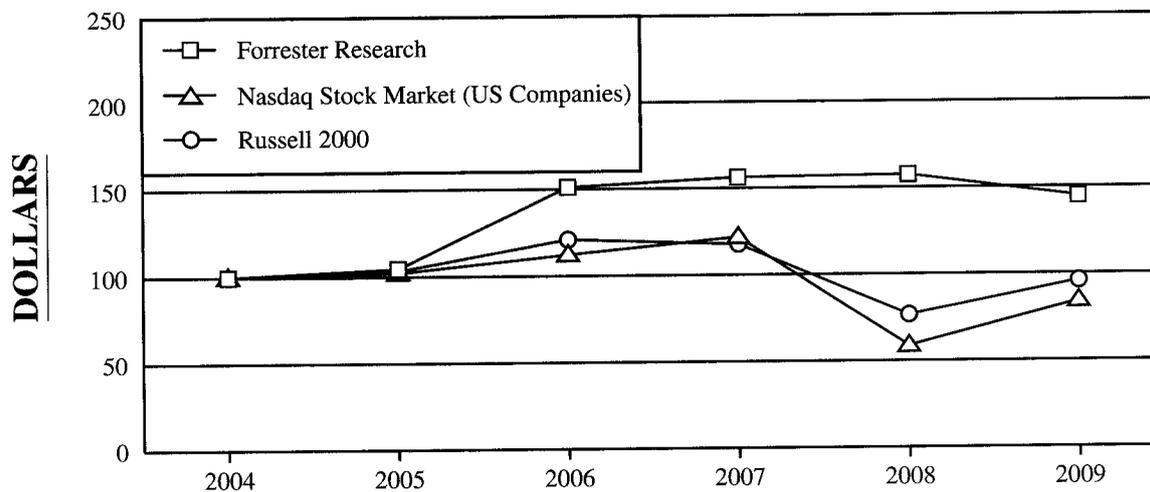
| | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | High | Low | High | Low |
| First Quarter | \$28.39 | \$23.60 | \$28.14 | \$16.49 |
| Second Quarter | \$32.23 | \$25.03 | \$25.44 | \$19.41 |
| Third Quarter | \$35.66 | \$28.57 | \$26.64 | \$21.59 |
| Fourth Quarter | \$28.63 | \$19.55 | \$27.66 | \$24.70 |

Through 2009, our Board of Directors has authorized an aggregate \$200.0 million to purchase common stock under the stock repurchase program. During the quarter ended December 31, 2009, we purchased the following shares of our common stock under the stock repurchase program:

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Total Number of Shares Purchased(1)</u> | <u>Average Price Paid per Share</u> | <u>Maximum Dollar Value that May Yet be Purchased Under the Stock Repurchase Program (In thousands)</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| October 1 — October 31 | — | \$ — | \$63,919 |
| November 1 — November 30 | 134,538 | \$25.28 | \$60,518 |
| December 1 — December 31 | 69,495 | \$25.41 | \$58,752 |
| | 204,033 | \$25.32 | \$58,752 |

(1) All purchases of our common stock were made under the previously announced stock repurchase program.

The following graph contains the cumulative stockholder return on our common stock during the period from December 31, 2004 through December 31, 2009 with the cumulative return during the same period for the Nasdaq Stock Market (U.S. Companies) and the Russell 2000, and assumes that the dividends, if any, were reinvested.



| | Cumulative Total Return | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 12/31/2004 | 12/31/2005 | 12/31/2006 | 12/31/2007 | 12/31/2008 | 12/31/2009 |
| Forrester Research | 100.00 | 104.52 | 151.11 | 156.19 | 157.25 | 144.65 |
| Nasdaq Stock Market (US Companies) | 100.00 | 102.13 | 112.19 | 121.68 | 58.64 | 84.28 |
| Russell 2000 | 100.00 | 103.32 | 120.89 | 117.57 | 76.65 | 95.98 |

Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data

The selected financial data presented below is derived from our consolidated financial statements and should be read in connection with those statements.

| | Years Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| (In thousands, except per share amounts) | | | | | |
| Consolidated Statement of Income Data | | | | | |
| Research services | \$ 96,699 | \$114,876 | \$131,163 | \$155,339 | \$157,726 |
| Advisory services and other | 54,700 | 66,597 | 80,893 | 85,536 | 75,626 |
| Total revenue | 151,399 | 181,473 | 212,056 | 240,875 | 233,352 |
| Operating income | 14,783 | 20,042 | 22,651 | 37,964 | 32,420 |
| Other income, net | 4,722 | 6,052 | 7,353 | 6,846 | 1,315 |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ 12,262 | \$ 16,057 | \$ 18,943 | \$ 29,215 | \$ 18,866 |
| Basic income per common share from continuing operations | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.82 | \$ 1.27 | \$ 0.83 |
| Diluted income per common share from continuing operations | \$ 0.56 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.80 | \$ 1.24 | \$ 0.82 |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding | 21,413 | 22,195 | 23,074 | 23,062 | 22,645 |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding | 21,876 | 22,973 | 23,729 | 23,585 | 22,884 |

| | As of December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| (In thousands) | | | | | |
| Consolidated Balance Sheet Data | | | | | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and marketable investments | \$132,268 | \$207,833 | \$248,974 | \$259,929 | \$259,792 |
| Working capital | 99,005 | 166,274 | 209,527 | 166,001 | 190,667 |
| Total assets | 308,342 | 384,143 | 426,357 | 454,951 | 470,196 |
| Deferred revenue | 86,663 | 99,875 | 111,418 | 113,844 | 117,888 |
| Total liabilities | 118,995 | 139,238 | 151,341 | 151,454 | 158,251 |

The following items impact the comparability of our consolidated data:

- The results of JupiterResearch, LLC, and its parent company, JUPR Holdings, Inc. (“JupiterResearch”) are included in our consolidated results beginning July 31, 2008, the date of acquisition. See Note 2 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.
- The 2008 other income amount includes a net foreign exchange loss of approximately \$1.6 million (\$1.2 million after tax) resulting primarily from the remeasurement of certain intercompany payables and receivables. Of the net \$1.6 million loss, approximately \$1.9 million related to periods prior to 2008.
- Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted a new accounting standard update requiring the recognition of stock-based compensation expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income based upon the fair value of the award recognized over the related service period. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, we recognized approximately \$7.2 million, \$8.3 million, \$5.4 million and \$6.1 million of stock-based compensation expense, respectively.
- The 2009 operating income amount includes a \$5.4 million reorganization charge for facility consolidations and a reduction-in-force of approximately 50 employees. See Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

We derive revenues from memberships to our research products and from our advisory services and events. We offer contracts for our research products that are typically renewable annually and payable in advance. Research revenues are recognized as revenue ratably over the term of the contract. Accordingly, a substantial portion of our billings are initially recorded as deferred revenue. Clients purchase advisory services independently and/or to supplement their memberships to our research. Billings attributable to advisory services are initially recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue when the services are performed. Event billings are also initially recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue upon completion of each event.

Our primary operating expenses consist of cost of services and fulfillment, selling and marketing expenses and general and administrative expenses. Cost of services and fulfillment represents the costs associated with the production and delivery of our products and services, including salaries, bonuses, employee benefits and stock-based compensation expense for research personnel and all associated editorial, travel, and support services. Selling and marketing expenses include salaries, bonuses, employee benefits, stock-based compensation expense, travel expenses, promotional costs, sales commissions, and other costs incurred in marketing and selling our products and services. General and administrative expenses include the costs of the technology, operations, finance, and strategy groups and our other administrative functions, including salaries, bonuses, employee benefits, and stock-based compensation expense. Overhead costs such as facilities are allocated to these categories according to the number of employees in each group.

Deferred revenue, agreement value, client retention, dollar retention and enrichment are metrics we believe are important to understanding our business. We believe that the amount of deferred revenue, along with the agreement value of contracts to purchase research and advisory services, provide a significant measure of our business activity. Deferred revenue reflects billings in advance of revenue recognition as of the measurement date. We calculate agreement value as the total revenues recognizable from all research and advisory service contracts in force at a given time (but not including advisory-only contracts), without regard to how much revenue has already been recognized. No single client accounted for more than 2% of agreement value at December 31, 2009. We calculate client retention as the percentage of client companies with memberships expiring during the most recent twelve-month period who renewed one or more of those memberships during that same period. We calculate dollar retention as a percentage of the dollar value of all client membership contracts renewed during the most recent twelve-month period to the total dollar value of all client membership contracts that expired during the period. We calculate enrichment as a percentage of the dollar value of client membership contracts renewed during the period to the dollar value of the corresponding expiring contracts. Client retention, dollar retention, and enrichment are not necessarily indicative of the rate of future retention of our revenue base. A summary of our key metrics is as follows:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Absolute Increase (Decrease) | Percentage Increase (Decrease) |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | | |
| Deferred revenue (in millions at year-end) | \$113.8 | \$117.9 | \$ 4.1 | 3.6% |
| Agreement value (in millions at year-end) | \$222.5 | \$194.8 | \$(27.7) | (12.4)% |
| Client retention | 73% | 74% | 1 | 1.4% |
| Dollar retention | 84% | 86% | 2 | 2.4% |
| Enrichment | 102% | 96% | (6) | (5.9)% |
| Number of clients (at year-end) | 2,643 | 2,519 | (124) | (4.7)% |

| | Years Ended December 31, | | Absolute Increase (Decrease) | Percentage Increase (Decrease) |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | | |
| Deferred revenue (in millions at year-end) | \$111.4 | \$113.8 | \$ 2.4 | 2% |
| Agreement value (in millions at year-end) | \$197.2 | \$222.5 | \$25.3 | 13% |
| Client retention | 75% | 73% | (2) | (3)% |
| Dollar retention | 85% | 84% | (1) | (1)% |
| Enrichment | 105% | 102% | (3) | (3)% |
| Number of clients (at year-end) | 2,468 | 2,643 | 175 | 7% |

The increase in deferred revenue from 2008 to 2009 is primarily due to increased demand for our products due to the improvement in the economy in the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to 2008 and well as the effect of the JupiterResearch and Strategic Oxygen acquisitions completed in July 2008 and December 2009, respectively. See Note 2 — Acquisitions in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The decrease in agreement value from 2008 to 2009 is reflective of the economic downturn in the second half of 2008 through the majority of 2009 which resulted in a lower number of clients and lower enrichment rates in 2009 compared to 2008 and also is due to the exclusion in 2009 of agreement value in excess of the first year value for multiple year contracts signed in 2009. Client and dollar retention amounts were essentially flat in 2009 compared to 2008.

The increase in deferred revenue from 2007 to 2008 is primarily due to the acquisition of JupiterResearch. The increase in agreement value from 2007 to 2008 is primarily due to an increase in the average contract size and to the acquisition of JupiterResearch. The acquisition of JupiterResearch accounted for \$13.3 million of agreement value at December 31, 2008. Client retention, dollar retention and enrichment all declined slightly year over year primarily due to the effects of a global economic downturn in the second half of 2008.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our policies and estimates, including but not limited to, those related to our revenue recognition, stock-based compensation, allowance for doubtful accounts, non-marketable investments, goodwill and intangible assets, income taxes and valuation and impairment of marketable investments. Management bases its estimates on historical experience, data available at the time the estimates are made and various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We consider the following accounting policies to be those that require the most subjective judgment or that involve uncertainty that could have a material impact on our financial statements. If actual results differ significantly from management’s estimates and projections, there could be a material effect on our financial statements. This is not a comprehensive list of all of our accounting policies. In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically dictated by GAAP, with no need for management’s judgment in its application. There are also areas in which management’s judgment in selecting any available alternative would not produce a materially different result. For a discussion of our other accounting policies, see Note 1 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-6.

- *Revenue Recognition.* We generate revenues from licensing our research, performing advisory services and consulting projects, hosting events and conducting teleconferences. We execute contracts that govern the terms and conditions of each arrangement. Revenues from contracts that contain multiple deliverables are allocated among the separate units based on their relative fair values; however, the amount recognized is limited to the amount that is not contingent on future performance conditions. Research service revenues are

recognized ratably over the term of the agreement. Advisory service revenues are recognized during the period in which the customer receives the agreed upon deliverable and consulting project revenues are recognized as the services are provided. Forrester Teleconferences revenue and reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses are recorded as advisory service revenues. Events revenues are recognized upon completion of the event. Annual memberships, which include access to our research, unlimited phone or email analyst inquiry, unlimited participation in Forrester Teleconferences, and the right to attend one event, are accounted for as one unit of accounting and recognized ratably as research services revenue over the membership period. We offer our clients a service guarantee, which gives them the right to cancel their contracts prior to the end of the contract term and receive a refund for unused products or services. Furthermore, our revenue recognition determines the timing of commission expenses, which are deferred and recognized as expense as the related revenue is recognized. We evaluate the recoverability of deferred commissions at each balance sheet date.

- *Stock-Based Compensation.* Stock-based compensation is recognized as an expense based upon the fair value of the award at the time of grant. The determination of the fair value of stock-based compensation requires significant judgment and the use of estimates, particularly surrounding assumptions such as stock price volatility, expected option lives and forfeiture rates. These estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management judgment. As a result, if circumstances change and we use different assumptions, our stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future.

The development of an expected life assumption involves projecting employee exercise behaviors (expected period between stock option vesting dates and stock option exercise dates). We are also required to estimate future forfeitures of stock-based awards for recognition of compensation expense. We will record additional expense if the actual forfeitures are lower than estimated and will record a recovery of prior recognized expense if the actual forfeitures are higher than estimated. In addition, for our performance-vested options and restricted stock units, we make estimates of the performance outcome at each period end in order to estimate the actual number of shares that will be earned and/or the vesting period of the award. The actual expense recognized over the vesting period will only be for those awards that vest. If our actual forfeiture rate or performance outcomes are materially different from our estimate, the actual stock-based compensation expense could be significantly different from what we have recorded in the current period.

- *Non-Marketable Investments.* We hold minority interests in technology-related investment funds. These investment funds are not publicly traded, and, therefore, because no established market for these securities exists, the estimate of the fair value of our investments requires significant judgment. Investments that are accounted for using the cost method are valued at cost unless an other-than-temporary impairment in their value occurs or the investment is liquidated. For investments that are accounted for using the equity method, we record our share of the investee's operating results each period. We review the fair value of our investments on a regular basis to evaluate whether an other-than-temporary impairment in the investment has occurred. We record impairment charges when we believe that an investment has experienced a decline in value that is other-than-temporary. Future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of underlying investments could result in losses or an inability to recover the carrying value of the investments that may not be reflected in an investment's current carrying value, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge in the future.
- *Goodwill, Intangible Assets and Other Long-Lived Assets.* As of December 31, 2009, we had \$80.4 million of goodwill and intangible assets with finite lives recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Goodwill is required to be measured for impairment at least annually or whenever events indicate that there may be an impairment. In order to determine if an impairment exists, we compare each of our reporting unit's carrying value to the reporting unit's fair value. Determining the reporting unit's fair value requires us to make estimates on market conditions and operational performance. Absent an event that indicates a specific impairment may exist, we have selected November 30th as the date to perform the annual goodwill impairment test. Future events could cause us to conclude that impairment indicators exist and that goodwill associated with our acquired businesses is impaired. Any resulting impairment loss could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

Intangible assets with finite lives consist of acquired customer relationships, technology, research content and trademarks and are valued according to the future cash flows they are estimated to produce. These assigned values are amortized on a basis which best matches the periods in which the economic benefits are expected to be realized. Tangible assets with finite lives consist of property and equipment, which are depreciated and amortized over their estimated useful lives. We continually evaluate whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate that the estimated remaining useful life of our intangible and long-lived tangible assets may warrant revision or that the carrying value of these assets may be impaired. To compute whether intangible assets have been impaired, the estimated undiscounted future cash flows for the estimated remaining useful life of the assets are compared to the carrying value. To the extent that the future cash flows are less than the carrying value, the assets are written down to their estimated fair value.

- *Income Taxes.* We have deferred tax assets related to temporary differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities as well as operating loss carryforwards (primarily from acquisitions). Such amounts are adjusted as appropriate to reflect changes in the tax rates expected to be in effect when the temporary differences reverse. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible and before the carryforwards expire. A valuation allowance is established for any deferred income tax asset for which realization is less than likely.

We record accruals for income taxes and associated interest that may become payable in future years as a result of audits by tax authorities. We recognize tax benefits when it is more likely than not (likelihood of greater than 50%), based on technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not threshold are measured and recorded, using a probability weighted approach, as the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. Whether the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met for a tax position is a matter of judgment based on the individual facts and circumstances of that position, evaluated in light of all available evidence.

- *Valuation and Impairment of Marketable Investments.* Our investment portfolio may at any time contain investments in U.S. Treasury and U.S. government agency securities, taxable and/or tax exempt municipal notes (some of which may have an auction reset feature), corporate notes and bonds, commercial paper and money market funds. The assessment of the fair value of certain of the debt securities can be difficult and subjective due in part to limited trading activity of certain of these debt instruments.

We conduct periodic reviews to identify and evaluate each investment that has an unrealized loss, in accordance with the meaning of other-than-temporary impairment and its application to certain investments, as required under current accounting standards. An unrealized loss exists when the current fair value of an individual security is less than its amortized cost basis. Unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities that are determined to be temporary, and not related to credit loss, are recorded, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

For available-for-sale debt securities with unrealized losses, management performs an analysis to assess whether we intend to sell or whether we would more likely than not be required to sell the security before the expected recovery of the amortized cost basis. Where we intend to sell a security, or may be required to do so, the security's decline in fair value would be deemed to be other-than-temporary and the full amount of the unrealized loss would be recorded within earnings as an impairment loss. Regardless of our intent to sell a security, we perform additional analysis on all securities with unrealized losses to evaluate losses associated with the creditworthiness of the security. Credit losses are identified where we do not expect to receive cash flows sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis of a security.

As of December 31, 2009, we held municipal bonds with a fair value of \$39.5 million (\$42.7 million at par value) with an auction reset feature ("auction rate securities" or "ARS") with two investment advisors. The fair value of the ARS was determined by utilizing a discounted cash flow approach. The assumptions used in preparing the discounted cash flow model include estimates, based on data available at December 31, 2009,

of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit and liquidity premiums, and expected holding periods of the ARS. The assumptions used in valuing the ARS are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change, which may lead us in the future to take an impairment charge for these securities.

In November 2008, we accepted an offer (the “Right”) from UBS AG (“UBS”), one of our investment advisors, entitling us to sell at par value auction-rate securities originally purchased from UBS (approximately \$31.7 million, par value) at anytime during a two-year period from June 30, 2010 through July 2, 2012 (“UBS ARS”). Although the Company expects to sell its UBS ARS under the Right, if the Right is not exercised before July 2, 2012, it will expire and UBS will have no further rights or obligation to buy the Company’s UBS ARS. UBS’s obligations under the Right are not secured by its assets and do not require UBS to obtain any financing to support its performance obligations under the Right. If UBS has insufficient funding to buy back the UBS ARS and the auction process continues to fail, we may incur further losses on the carrying value of the UBS ARS.

The Right is recognized as a freestanding instrument that is accounted for at fair value separately from the underlying UBS ARS investment. We valued the Right using a discounted cash flow approach including estimates of interest rates and timing and amount of cash flow, based on data available at December 31, 2009 and adjusted for any bearer risk associated with UBS’s financial ability to repurchase the ARS beginning June 30, 2010. These assumptions are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change and any change in these assumptions and market conditions would affect the value of this Right. The value of the Right of \$2.1 million, which largely offsets the unrealized loss on the UBS ARS securities subject to the Right, is included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2009 within marketable securities and changes in its value are included in the Consolidated Statements of Income, together with the change in the unrealized loss on the UBS ARS subject to the Right for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2009, as other income, net. We believe that any subsequent changes in the value of the Right will largely offset any fair value changes of the UBS ARS, subject to the continued expected performance by the financial institution of its obligations under the agreement.

Our remaining ARS are held by another investment advisor, who has not made an offer similar to UBS. We continue to classify the non-UBS ARS as long-term available-for-sale securities. Accordingly, any change in associated market value has been recorded in other comprehensive loss in the Consolidated Balance Sheets during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009. If the market conditions deteriorate further, we may be required to record unrealized losses in other comprehensive loss or impairment charges within the Consolidated Statements of Income. We may not be able to liquidate these investments unless the issuer calls the security, a successful auction occurs, a buyer is found outside of the auction process, or the security matures.

Results of Operations for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009

The following table sets forth our Consolidated Statements of Income as a percentage of total revenues for the years noted.

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Research services | 62% | 64% | 68% |
| Advisory services and other | <u>38</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>32</u> |
| Total revenues | 100 | 100 | 100 |

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Operating expenses: | | | |
| Cost of services and fulfillment | 38 | 36 | 36 |
| Selling and marketing | 34 | 33 | 33 |
| General and administrative | 14 | 12 | 12 |
| Depreciation | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Reorganization costs | — | — | 2 |
| Income from operations | 11 | 16 | 14 |
| Other income, net | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Gains (losses) on investments, net | (1) | 1 | (1) |
| Income before income taxes | 14 | 19 | 14 |
| Income tax provision | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Net income | <u>9%</u> | <u>12%</u> | <u>8%</u> |

2009 compared to 2008

Revenues

| | 2008 | 2009 | Absolute Increase (Decrease) | Percentage Increase (Decrease) |
|---|---------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Revenues (dollars in millions) | \$240.9 | \$233.4 | \$ (7.5) | (3)% |
| Revenues from research services (dollars in millions) . . . | \$155.4 | \$157.7 | \$ 2.3 | 1% |
| Revenues from advisory services and other (dollars in millions) | \$ 85.5 | \$ 75.6 | \$ (9.9) | (12)% |
| Revenues attributable to customers outside of the US (dollars in millions) | \$ 67.9 | \$ 69.3 | \$ 1.4 | 2% |
| Percentage of revenue attributable to customers outside of the US | 28% | 30% | 2 | 7% |
| Number of clients (at end of period) | 2,643 | 2,519 | (124) | (5)% |
| Number of research employees (at end of period) | 409 | 362 | (47) | (11)% |
| Number of events | 14 | 14 | — | — |

The decrease in total revenues in 2009 is primarily attributable to lower demand for our advisory and other services and the adverse effect of foreign exchange during 2009. The effects of foreign exchange resulted in an approximate 2% decrease in total revenues during 2009. The increase in revenue from research services in 2009 is due in part to our objective to drive a higher percentage of our revenue from research services, which was accomplished in part through greater alignment of our sales compensation plan with this objective, as well as the acquisition of JupiterResearch in July 2008. These increases were offset in part by a decline in the number of clients in 2009 due to the global economic slowdown. The decrease in advisory services and other revenue is reflective of the global economic slowdown in 2009 as well as our objective to drive a higher percentage of revenue from research services. No single client company accounted for more than 2% of revenues during 2008 or 2009.

Cost of Services and Fulfillment

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Cost of services and fulfillment (dollars in millions) | \$87.8 | \$84.3 | \$(3.5) | (4)% |
| Cost of services and fulfillment as a percentage of total revenues | 36% | 36% | — | — |
| Number of research and fulfillment employees (at end of period) | 495 | 441 | (54) | (11)% |

The decrease in the dollar amount of cost of services and fulfillment in 2009 is largely due to lower salary and benefit costs resulting from a lower number of employees in 2009, a decrease in discretionary spending due to management's focus on expense management in light of the global economic downturn, a decrease in outsourced costs and a general freeze in salary increases in 2009. We expect to reinstate salary merit increases in 2010.

Selling and Marketing

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Selling and marketing expenses (dollars in millions) | \$79.9 | \$76.1 | \$(3.8) | (5)% |
| Selling and marketing expenses as a percentage of total revenues | 33% | 33% | — | — |
| Selling and marketing employees (at end of period) | 403 | 358 | (45) | (11)% |

The decrease in the dollar amount of selling and marketing expenses in 2009 is primarily due to a decrease in compensation resulting from lower headcount and lower sales commissions due to lower sales volume in 2009, reduced discretionary spending and a general salary freeze in 2009. In 2010, we expect to increase sales headcount by 15% to 20% and resume salary merit increases.

General and Administrative

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| General and administrative expenses (dollars in millions) | \$29.7 | \$28.5 | \$(1.2) | (4)% |
| General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues | 12% | 12% | — | — |
| General and administrative employees (at end of period) | 150 | 148 | (2) | (1)% |

The decrease in the dollar amount of general and administrative expenses in 2009 is primarily due to a decrease in professional services fees as approximately \$0.9 million of fees were incurred in 2008 related to our historical stock option investigation. The decrease in 2009 is also attributable to lower discretionary spending, lower hiring costs and a general salary freeze in 2009. We expect to reinstate salary merit increases in 2010.

Depreciation

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Depreciation expense (dollars in millions) | \$4.0 | \$4.4 | \$0.4 | 10% |
| Depreciation expense as a percentage of total revenues | 2% | 2% | — | — |

The increase in depreciation expense in 2009 is primarily attributable to leasehold improvements completed in 2009.

Amortization of Intangible Assets

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Amortization expense (dollars in millions) | \$1.4 | \$2.3 | \$0.9 | 64% |
| Amortization expense as a percentage of total revenues | 1% | 1% | — | — |

The increase in amortization expense in 2009 is primarily attributable to amortization of intangible assets from the acquisition of JupiterResearch on July 31, 2008 and Strategic Oxygen on December 1, 2009, partially offset by a decrease in amortization from an acquisition in 2003 that became fully amortized in 2008.

Reorganization Costs

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Reorganization costs (dollars in millions) | \$— | \$5.4 | \$5.4 | N/A |
| Reorganization costs as a percentage of total revenues | — | 2% | 2 | N/A |

Reorganization costs in 2009 consist of \$3.1 million incurred in the first quarter of 2009 primarily for severance and related benefit costs in connection with the termination of approximately 50 positions and approximately \$2.3 million incurred in the fourth quarter of 2009 for costs related to facility consolidations primarily in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Other Income, Net

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Other income, net (dollars in millions) | \$5.4 | \$2.3 | \$(3.1) | (57)% |
| Other income, net as a percentage of total revenues | 2% | 1% | (1) | 50% |

Other income, net, which consists primarily of interest income and foreign exchange gains and losses, declined in 2009 primarily due to a decline interest income resulting from a significant decrease in the rates of return on our investments.

Gains (Losses) on Investments

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Gain (losses) on investments, net (dollars in millions) | \$1.5 | \$(1.0) | \$(2.5) | (165)% |
| Gains (losses) on investments, net as a percentage of total revenues | 1% | (1)% | (2) | (200)% |

In 2008 we sold the remainder of our investment in comScore, Inc. and received proceeds of approximately \$2.3 million resulting in a gain of approximately \$2.0 million. In 2008 and 2009, we recognized net losses from our non-marketable investments of approximately \$0.6 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

Provision for Income Taxes

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Provision for income taxes (dollars in millions) | \$15.6 | \$14.9 | \$(0.7) | (4)% |
| Effective tax rate | 35% | 44% | 9 | 26% |

The increase in our effective tax rate in 2009 is primarily due to an increase in state taxes, an increase in non-deductible expenses including stock-based compensation and a non-cash foreign exchange loss on the

remeasurement of a euro-denominated deferred tax liability. In addition, the 2008 effective tax rate was reduced by a reduction in a valuation allowance on foreign deferred tax assets that did not recur in 2009.

2008 compared to 2007

Revenues

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Revenues (dollars in millions) | \$212.1 | \$240.9 | \$28.8 | 14% |
| Revenues from research services (dollars in millions) . . . | \$131.2 | \$155.4 | \$24.2 | 18% |
| Revenues from advisory services and other (dollars in millions) | \$ 80.9 | \$ 85.5 | \$ 4.6 | 6% |
| Revenues attributable to customers outside of the US (dollars in millions) | \$ 62.3 | \$ 67.9 | \$ 5.6 | 9% |
| Percentage of revenue attributable to customers outside of the US | 29% | 28% | (1) | (3)% |
| Number of clients (at end of period) | 2,468 | 2,643 | 175 | 7% |
| Number of research employees (at end of period) | 336 | 409 | 73 | 22% |
| Number of events | 13 | 14 | 1 | 8% |

The increase in total revenues, research services revenues and international revenues in 2008 is primarily due to an increase in the number of clients, which resulted primarily from an increase in sales personnel, the acquisition of JupiterResearch, favorable exchange rates, reduced discounting and increased prices. Of the 14% increase in revenues, the acquisition of JupiterResearch accounted for 3% and the impact of exchange rates accounted for 1%. The increase in advisory services and other revenues is primarily attributable to an increased demand for these services and an increase in research personnel available to deliver such services. No single client company accounted for more than 2% of revenues during 2007 or 2008.

The decrease in international revenues as a percentage of total revenues is primarily attributable to demand for our products and services growing at a faster rate domestically than internationally.

Research services revenues as a percentage of total revenues increased from 62% in 2007 to 64% in 2008 as a result of our objective to drive a higher percentage of our total revenue from research services. In 2008 we modified our sales compensation plan for greater alignment with this objective.

Cost of Services and Fulfillment

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Cost of services and fulfillment (dollars in millions) | \$81.6 | \$87.8 | \$6.2 | 8% |
| Cost of services and fulfillment as a percentage of total revenues | 38% | 36% | (2) | (5)% |
| Number of research and fulfillment employees (at end of period) | 412 | 495 | 83 | 20% |

The increase in cost of services and fulfillment in dollars is primarily attributable to increased compensation and benefits costs resulting from an increase in the number of research and fulfillment employees, both as a result of the acquisition of JupiterResearch and organically, partially offset by a decrease in stock-based compensation. The acquisition of JupiterResearch resulted in additional cost of services and fulfillment expense of \$3.3 million. The decrease in cost of services and fulfillment as a percentage of total revenues is primarily attributable to an increased revenue base and the focus on expense management in the second half of 2008 in light of the global economic downturn.

Selling and Marketing

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Selling and marketing expenses (dollars in millions) | \$71.8 | \$79.9 | \$8.1 | 11% |
| Selling and marketing expenses as a percentage of total revenues | 34% | 33% | (1) | (3)% |
| Selling and marketing employees (at end of period) | 357 | 403 | 46 | 13% |

The increase in selling and marketing expenses in dollars is primarily attributable to increased compensation and benefits costs resulting from an increase in the number of selling and marketing employees, including as a result of the acquisition of JupiterResearch. The acquisition of JupiterResearch resulted in additional selling and marketing expense of \$1.4 million. The decrease in selling and marketing expenses as a percentage of total revenues is primarily attributable to an increased revenue base and the focus on expense management in the second half of 2008 in light of the global economic downturn.

General and Administrative

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| General and administrative expenses (dollars in millions) . . | \$30.7 | \$29.7 | \$(1.0) | (3)% |
| General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues | 14% | 12% | (2) | (14)% |
| General and administrative employees (at end of period) . . | 134 | 150 | 16 | 12% |

The decrease in general and administrative expenses in dollars and as a percentage of total revenues is primarily attributable to decreased professional services costs associated with the historical stock option investigation offset by increased compensation and benefits costs resulting from an increase in the number of general and administrative employees, including those added as a result of the acquisition of JupiterResearch. The acquisition of JupiterResearch resulted in additional general and administrative expense of \$0.4 million.

Depreciation

Depreciation expense remained consistent at \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to the year ended December 31, 2007.

Amortization of Intangible Assets

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|---|
| Amortization expense (dollars in millions) | \$1.2 | \$1.4 | \$0.2 | 17% |
| Amortization expense as a percentage of total revenues | 1% | 1% | — | — |

The increase in amortization expense is primarily attributable to amortization of intangible assets from the acquisition of JupiterResearch on July 31, 2008, offset by a decrease in the amortization of the intangible assets from an acquisition in 2003 that became fully amortized in 2008.

Other Income, Net

Other income, net decreased 36% to \$5.4 million in 2008 from \$8.4 million in 2007. The decrease is primarily due to a net foreign exchange loss of \$1.6 million resulting primarily from the remeasurement of certain intercompany payables and receivables. Of the loss recognized, \$1.9 million related to periods prior to 2008. Also contributing to the decrease in other income was lower interest income primarily attributable to lower returns on invested capital.

Gains (Losses) on Investments

In 2007, we sold approximately 20,000 shares of comScore, Inc., receiving proceeds of approximately \$0.7 million and recognizing a gain of approximately \$0.6 million related to the sale. In 2008, we sold the remaining 106,000 shares of comScore, receiving proceeds of approximately \$2.3 million and recording a gain of approximately \$2.0 million related to the sale. In 2007 and 2008, we recognized net losses from our non-marketable investments of approximately \$1.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Provision for Income Taxes

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>Absolute Increase (Decrease)</u> | <u>Percentage Increase (Decrease)</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Provision for income taxes (dollars in millions) | \$11.1 | \$15.6 | \$4.5 | 41% |

During 2008, our effective tax rate was 35% compared to 37% in 2007. The decrease in our effective tax rate for 2008 resulted primarily from a decrease in a valuation allowance against foreign deferred tax assets and a decrease in nondeductible expenses including nondeductible stock compensation, partially offset by a decrease in tax exempt investment income.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have financed our operations primarily through funds generated from operations. Memberships for research services, which constituted approximately 68% of our revenues during 2009, are annually renewable and are generally payable in advance. We generated cash from operating activities of \$43.1 million during 2009 and \$43.7 million during 2008. The slight decrease in cash provided from operations is primarily attributable to a \$10.3 million decrease in net income in 2009 that was almost completely offset by changes in working capital and an increase in non-cash depreciation and amortization charges in 2009.

During 2009, we used \$59.5 million of cash in investing activities, consisting primarily of \$33.5 million used for net purchases of marketable investments and a \$16.8 million increase in restricted cash. The restricted cash was comprised of \$14.8 million placed in escrow under a lease signed in 2009 for leasehold improvements for our new headquarters to be constructed in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as well as \$2.0 million of the purchase price placed in escrow in connection our acquisition of Strategic Oxygen in December 2009. Investing activities in 2009 also included \$5.6 million for acquisitions of businesses and \$4.3 million for purchases of property and equipment. During 2008, we generated \$38.6 million of cash from investing activities, consisting primarily of \$63.7 million generated from net sales of marketable investments, partially offset by \$22.4 million for the acquisition of JupiterResearch and \$3.7 million for the purchase of property and equipment. We regularly invest excess funds in short and intermediate-term interest-bearing obligations of investment grade.

Our financing activities principally consist of repurchases of our common stock and the issuance of stock under our equity incentive and employee stock purchase plans. During 2009, we used \$20.4 million to repurchase stock and received approximately \$4.3 million of proceeds from exercises of stock options and our employee stock purchase plan. During 2008, we used \$30.4 million to repurchase stock and received approximately \$27.1 million of proceeds from exercises of stock options and our employee stock purchase plan. Our Board of Directors has authorized an aggregate \$200.0 million to purchase our common stock under a stock repurchase program. As of December 31, 2009, we had cumulatively repurchased approximately 7.0 million shares of common stock at an aggregate cost of approximately \$141.3 million. We plan to continue to repurchase our common stock during 2010.

As of December 31, 2009, we held approximately \$39.5 million (\$42.7 million at par value) of state and municipal bonds with an auction reset feature (auction rate securities or “ARS”) whose underlying assets are generally student loans which are substantially backed by the federal government or municipalities. In February 2008, auctions began to fail for these securities. Throughout 2009 auction failures continued and, as a result, our ability to liquidate our investment and fully recover the carrying value of our investment in the near term may be limited or not exist. In November 2008, we accepted an offer (the “Right”) from UBS AG (“UBS”), one of our investment advisors, entitling us to sell at par ARS originally purchased from UBS (approximately \$31.7 million, par value) at anytime during a two-year period from June 30, 2010 — July 2, 2012 (“UBS ARS”). We currently

intend to sell our UBS ARS, valued at \$29.6 million at December 31, 2009, to UBS under the Right during the second half of 2010. Based on our expected operating cash flows and our cash resources, we do not anticipate the current lack of liquidity on our ARS investments will affect our ability to execute our current business plan.

As of December 31, 2009, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$97.8 million and marketable investments of \$162.0 million. We do not have a line of credit and do not presently anticipate the need to access a line of credit in the foreseeable future. We plan to continue to introduce new products and services and expect to make the requisite investments in our infrastructure during the next 12 months. We believe that our current cash balance, marketable investments, and cash flows from operations will satisfy working capital, financing activities, and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next two years.

As of December 31, 2009, we had future contractual obligations as follows:

| <u>Contractual Obligations</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>Thereafter</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | (In thousands) | | | | | | |
| Operating leases | \$107,598 | \$9,487 | \$7,010 | \$6,785 | \$6,391 | \$6,286 | \$71,639 |

Under a build-to-suit lease entered into on September 29, 2009, whereby the landlord will build a new corporate headquarters for us in Cambridge, Massachusetts, we have committed to construct approximately \$14.8 million of leasehold improvements in the building under the terms of the lease. Due to the uncertainty regarding the timing and final amount of the payments, the above table does not include the \$14.8 million of future leaseholds. We expect to incur the majority of these costs in 2011. The funding for the leasehold improvements has been placed in an escrow account and is included in restricted cash on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2009. The \$14.8 million in escrow will be increased or decreased based upon the final estimate of construction costs and will be released from escrow as the leasehold improvements are constructed.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not maintain any off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements including the respective expected dates of adoption and effects on results of operations and financial condition.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The following discussion about our market risk disclosures involves forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. We do not use derivative financial instruments.

The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve principal while at the same time maximizing the income we receive from our investments without significantly increasing risk. To achieve this objective, we maintain our portfolio of cash equivalents and marketable investments in a variety of securities, including U.S. government agencies, municipal notes which may have an auction reset feature (“auction rate securities” or “ARS”), corporate notes and bonds, commercial paper, and money market funds. The securities, other than money market funds, and the ARS for which we have accepted the Right from UBS, are classified as available-for-sale and consequently are recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value with unrealized gains or losses reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. If interest rates rise, the market value of our investments may decline, which could result in a realized loss if we are forced to sell an investment before its scheduled maturity. We have the ability to hold our fixed income investments until maturity (without giving effect to any future acquisitions or mergers). Therefore, we would not expect our operating results or cash flows to be affected to any significant degree by a sudden change in market interest rates on our securities portfolio.

At December 31, 2009, we held approximately \$39.5 million (\$42.7 million at par value) of ARS. In February 2008, auctions for these securities began to fail and continued to fail throughout 2009. The Right from UBS, one of our investment advisors, entitles us to sell at par value auction-rate securities originally purchased from UBS at anytime during a two-year period from June 30, 2010 through July 2, 2012 (“UBS ARS”). At December 31, 2009, ARS subject to the Right had a fair value and par value of \$29.6 million and \$31.7 million, respectively. In accepting the Right, we granted UBS the authority to sell or auction the UBS ARS at par at any time up until the expiration date of the offer and released UBS from any claims relating to the marketing and sale of the UBS ARS. Although we expect to sell our UBS ARS under the Right, if the Right is not exercised before July 2, 2012 it will expire and UBS will have no further rights or obligation to buy our ARS. In lieu of our acceptance of the Right, the UBS ARS will continue to accrue and pay interest as determined by the auction process or the terms specified in the prospectus of the UBS ARS if the auction process fails. The value of the Right may largely offset the decline in fair value of the UBS ARS. We valued the Right as a put option asset using a discounted cash flow approach including estimates of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flow, adjusted for any bearer risk associated with UBS’s financial ability to repurchase the UBS ARS beginning June 30, 2010. The combined fair value of the right and the UBS ARS is equal to the par value of the UBS ARS. The assumptions used in valuing both the UBS ARS and the put option are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change, which could result in significant changes to their fair value. The remaining \$9.9 million (\$11.0 at par value) of ARS may not be accessible for in excess of twelve months because of continued failed auctions and have been classified in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as long-term marketable investments as of December 31, 2009. Based on current market conditions, it is likely that auction failures will continue and as a result, our ability to liquidate our investment and fully recover the carrying value of our investment in the near term may be limited or not exist. If the issuers are unable to successfully close future auctions and their credit ratings deteriorate, we may in the future be required to record an impairment charge on these investments. We valued the ARS using a discounted cash flow model. The assumptions used in preparing the discounted cash flow model include estimates of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit and liquidity premiums, and expected holding periods of the ARS, based on data available at December 31, 2009. The assumptions used in valuing these ARS are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change, which could result in significant changes to the fair value of these ARS.

The following table provides information about our investment portfolio (excluding the value of the Right of \$2.1 million). For investment securities, the table presents principal cash flows and related weighted-average interest rates by expected maturity dates.

Principal amounts by expected maturity or auction reset dates in U.S. dollars (dollars in thousands):

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| State and municipal agency obligations | \$ 69,301 | \$16,096 | \$ — |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | <u>34,827</u> | <u>30,047</u> | <u>9,616</u> |
| Total investments | \$104,128 | \$46,143 | \$9,616 |
| Weighted average interest rates | 1.63% | 1.56% | 1.77% |

Foreign Currency Exchange. On a global level, we face exposure to movements in foreign currency exchange rates. This exposure may change over time as business practices evolve and could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations. To date, the effect of changes in currency exchange rates has not had a significant impact on our financial position or our results of operations. Accordingly, we have not entered into any hedging agreements. However, we may enter into hedging agreements in the future to attempt to mitigate the financial effect of future fluctuations in the euro or other foreign currencies. As of December 31, 2009, the total assets, excluding goodwill and intangible assets, related to non-U.S. dollar denominated currencies were approximately \$66.2 million.

Item 8. Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The financial statements listed in the following Index to Financial Statements are filed as a part of this 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors and Shareholders
Forrester Research, Inc.
Cambridge, MA

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Forrester Research, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders’ equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Forrester Research, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements, effective January 1, 2007, the company adopted accounting standards related to uncertainty in income taxes.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and our report dated March 12, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
March 12, 2010

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | December 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 129,478 | \$ 97,805 |
| Marketable investments (Note 4) | 83,951 | 152,037 |
| Accounts receivable, net (Note 12) | 64,226 | 67,436 |
| Deferred income taxes (Note 6) | 7,947 | 5,276 |
| Deferred commissions | 9,749 | 9,631 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 15,553 | 8,616 |
| Total current assets | 310,904 | 340,801 |
| Long-term marketable securities (Note 4) | 46,500 | 9,950 |
| Restricted cash (Notes 2 and 7) | — | 16,770 |
| Property and equipment, net (Note 12) | 6,759 | 5,823 |
| Deferred income taxes (Note 6) | 8,523 | 10,323 |
| Goodwill (Note 3) | 67,424 | 68,314 |
| Intangible assets, net (Note 3) | 7,138 | 12,108 |
| Non-marketable investments (Note 5) | 7,000 | 5,546 |
| Other assets | 703 | 561 |
| Total assets | \$ 454,951 | \$ 470,196 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 3,532 | \$ 2,078 |
| Accrued expenses (Note 12) | 27,527 | 30,168 |
| Deferred revenue | 113,844 | 117,888 |
| Total current liabilities | 144,903 | 150,134 |
| Non-current liabilities | 6,551 | 8,117 |
| Total liabilities | 151,454 | 158,251 |
| COMMITMENTS (NOTE 7) | | |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (NOTE 8): | | |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par value | | |
| Authorized — 500 shares, issued and outstanding — none | — | — |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value | | |
| Authorized — 125,000 shares | | |
| Issued — 29,146 and 29,362 in 2008 and 2009, respectively | | |
| Outstanding — 23,045 and 22,334 in 2008 and 2009, respectively | 291 | 294 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 315,149 | 325,207 |
| Retained earnings | 110,693 | 129,559 |
| Treasury stock — 6,101 and 7,028 in 2008 and 2009 respectively, at cost | (120,851) | (141,250) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (1,785) | (1,865) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 303,497 | 311,945 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 454,951 | \$ 470,196 |

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

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| | <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | | |
| REVENUES: | | | |
| Research services | \$131,163 | \$155,339 | \$157,726 |
| Advisory services and other | <u>80,893</u> | <u>85,536</u> | <u>75,626</u> |
| Total revenues | <u>212,056</u> | <u>240,875</u> | <u>233,352</u> |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | | |
| Cost of services and fulfillment | 81,608 | 87,802 | 84,266 |
| Selling and marketing | 71,830 | 79,944 | 76,094 |
| General and administrative | 30,749 | 29,723 | 28,461 |
| Depreciation | 3,986 | 4,007 | 4,380 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1,232 | 1,435 | 2,290 |
| Reorganization costs | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>5,441</u> |
| Total operating expenses | <u>189,405</u> | <u>202,911</u> | <u>200,932</u> |
| Income from operations | 22,651 | 37,964 | 32,420 |
| Other income, net | 8,372 | 5,373 | 2,297 |
| Gains (losses) on investments, net | <u>(1,019)</u> | <u>1,473</u> | <u>(982)</u> |
| Income before income taxes | 30,004 | 44,810 | 33,735 |
| Income tax provision | <u>11,061</u> | <u>15,595</u> | <u>14,869</u> |
| Net income | <u>\$ 18,943</u> | <u>\$ 29,215</u> | <u>\$ 18,866</u> |
| Basic income per common share | <u>\$ 0.82</u> | <u>\$ 1.27</u> | <u>\$ 0.83</u> |
| Diluted income per common share | <u>\$ 0.80</u> | <u>\$ 1.24</u> | <u>\$ 0.82</u> |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding | <u>23,074</u> | <u>23,062</u> | <u>22,645</u> |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | <u>23,729</u> | <u>23,585</u> | <u>22,884</u> |

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

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Treasury Stock | | Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) | Total Stockholders' Equity | Comprehensive Income |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Number of Shares | \$.01 Par Value | | | Number of Shares | Cost | | | |
| | (In thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2006 | 27,884 | \$279 | \$270,306 | \$ 62,766 | 4,839 | \$ (85,834) | \$(2,612) | \$244,905 | |
| Cumulative effect of adoption of accounting for uncertain tax positions | — | — | — | (231) | — | — | — | (231) | |
| Issuance of common stock upon exercise of options and under stock purchase plan, including tax benefit . . | 281 | 3 | 5,800 | — | — | — | — | 5,803 | |
| Stock-based compensation expense | — | — | 8,325 | — | — | — | — | 8,325 | |
| Purchase of common stock | — | — | — | — | 172 | (4,594) | — | (4,594) | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 18,943 | — | — | — | 18,943 | \$18,943 |
| Unrealized gain on marketable investments, net of tax | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,196 | 2,196 | 2,196 |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | — | — | — | — | — | — | (331) | (331) | (331) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | <u>\$20,808</u> |
| Balance, December 31, 2007 | 28,165 | 282 | 284,431 | 81,478 | 5,011 | (90,428) | (747) | 275,016 | |
| Issuance of common stock upon exercise of options and under stock purchase plan, including tax benefit . . | 981 | 9 | 25,429 | — | — | — | — | 25,438 | |
| Stock-based compensation expense | — | — | 5,289 | — | — | — | — | 5,289 | |
| Purchase of common stock | — | — | — | — | 1,090 | (30,423) | — | (30,423) | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 29,215 | — | — | — | 29,215 | \$29,215 |
| Unrealized loss on marketable investments, net of tax | — | — | — | — | — | — | (1,724) | (1,724) | (1,724) |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | — | — | — | — | — | — | 686 | 686 | 686 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | <u>\$28,177</u> |
| Balance, December 31, 2008 | 29,146 | 291 | 315,149 | 110,693 | 6,101 | (120,851) | (1,785) | 303,497 | |
| Issuance of common stock upon exercise of options and under stock purchase plan, including tax benefit . . | 216 | 3 | 4,013 | — | — | — | — | 4,016 | |
| Stock-based compensation expense | — | — | 6,045 | — | — | — | — | 6,045 | |
| Purchase of common stock | — | — | — | — | 927 | (20,399) | — | (20,399) | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 18,866 | — | — | — | 18,866 | \$18,866 |
| Unrealized loss on marketable investments, net of tax | — | — | — | — | — | — | (440) | (440) | (440) |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | — | — | — | — | — | — | 360 | 360 | 360 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | | <u>\$18,786</u> |
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | <u>29,362</u> | <u>\$294</u> | <u>\$325,207</u> | <u>\$129,559</u> | <u>7,028</u> | <u>\$(141,250)</u> | <u>\$(1,865)</u> | <u>\$311,945</u> | |

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

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 18,943 | \$ 29,215 | \$ 18,866 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and asset write-offs | 3,986 | 4,007 | 5,278 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1,232 | 1,435 | 2,290 |
| Net losses (gains) from investments | 1,019 | (1,473) | 982 |
| Deferred income taxes | 6,878 | 1,503 | 1,943 |
| Stock-based compensation | 8,326 | 5,358 | 6,111 |
| Amortization of premium on investments | 607 | 870 | 1,167 |
| Foreign currency losses | — | 1,611 | 1,107 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (9,486) | 7,400 | (2,090) |
| Deferred commissions | (514) | 881 | 119 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (3,552) | (4,184) | 7,092 |
| Accounts payable | 1,171 | (893) | (2,342) |
| Accrued expenses | (315) | (2,289) | (69) |
| Deferred revenue | 9,841 | 211 | 2,645 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 38,136 | 43,652 | 43,099 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Acquisitions | — | (22,406) | (5,592) |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (5,106) | (3,698) | (4,284) |
| Purchases of marketable investments | (1,240,584) | (1,224,793) | (645,312) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable investments | 1,217,367 | 1,288,532 | 611,859 |
| Increase in restricted cash | — | — | (16,770) |
| Other investing activity | 3,036 | 937 | 558 |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | (25,287) | 38,572 | (59,541) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee equity incentive plans and employee stock purchase plan | 4,896 | 18,577 | 4,282 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation | 101 | 8,476 | — |
| Repurchases of common stock | (4,594) | (30,423) | (20,399) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 403 | (3,370) | (16,117) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 754 | (2,539) | 886 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 14,006 | 76,315 | (31,673) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | 39,157 | 53,163 | 129,478 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | \$ 53,163 | \$ 129,478 | \$ 97,805 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: | | | |
| Cash paid for taxes | \$ 3,719 | \$ 7,992 | \$ 10,945 |

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

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2009

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

Principles of Consolidation

Forrester Research, Inc. (“Forrester” or “the Company”) conducts independent research and provides pragmatic and forward-thinking advice to global leaders in business and technology. Forrester’s products and services are targeted to specific roles, including principally senior management, business strategists, and marketing and technology professionals at \$1 billion-plus revenue companies who collaborate with Forrester to align their technology investments with their business goals. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Forrester and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Forrester considers the more significant of these estimates to be revenue recognition, stock-based compensation, allowance for doubtful accounts, non-marketable investments, goodwill and intangible assets, income taxes and valuation and impairment of marketable investments. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the prior year’s consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Fair Value Measurements

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted a newly issued accounting standard for fair value measurements of all nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities not recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. The adoption of the accounting standard for these assets and liabilities did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted a newly issued accounting standard for fair value measurements for our financial assets and liabilities that are re-measured and reported at fair value at each reporting period, and non-financial assets and liabilities that are re-measured and reported at fair value at least annually. The adoption of the accounting standard did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

The Company has certain financial assets recorded at fair value which have been classified as Level 1, 2 or 3 within the fair value hierarchy as described in the accounting standards for fair value measurements.

Level 1 — Fair value based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Fair value based on inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 — Fair value based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and such inputs are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

The carrying amounts reflected in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for cash, cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to their short-term maturities.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Marketable Investments

Forrester considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities at the time of purchase of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. The Company's investments with an auction reset feature and for which the Company does not have the ability to sell within one year from the balance sheet date are classified as long-term investments.

The Company's investments are comprised of securities of U.S. government agencies, municipal notes some of which mature on auction reset feature (Auction Rate Securities or ARS), corporate notes and bonds, commercial paper and money market funds meeting certain criteria. Forrester accounts for all marketable investments, except for ARS subject to the right offering with UBS as discussed further in Note 4, as available-for-sale securities and as such are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses (not related to credit losses) recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Realized gains and losses on securities are included in earnings and are determined using the specific identification method. The Company conducts periodic reviews to identify and evaluate each investment that has an unrealized loss, in accordance with the meaning of other-than-temporary impairment and its application to certain investments, as required under current accounting standards. An unrealized loss exists when the current fair value of an individual security is less than its amortized cost basis. Unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities that are determined to be temporary, and not related to credit loss, are recorded, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive loss. The determination of whether a loss is considered temporary is based in part on whether the Company intends to sell the security or whether the Company would more likely than not be required to sell the security before the expected recovery of the amortized cost basis. During the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 the Company did not record any other-than-temporary impairment charges on its available-for-sale securities.

During the fourth quarter of 2008, the Company reclassified ARS held by UBS from available-for-sale to trading securities. Investments that the Company designates as trading assets are reported at fair value, with gains or losses resulting from changes in fair value recognized in other income, net, in the Consolidated Statements of Income. See Note 4.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Forrester has no significant off-balance sheet or concentration of credit risk such as foreign exchange contracts, option contracts, or other foreign hedging arrangements. Financial instruments that potentially subject Forrester to concentrations of credit risk are principally cash equivalents, marketable investments, and accounts receivable. Forrester places its investments in highly rated securities. No single customer accounted for greater than 2% of revenues or accounts receivable in any of the periods presented.

Deferred Commissions

Commissions incurred in acquiring new or renewing existing contracts are deferred and expensed to operations as the related revenue is recognized. Forrester evaluates the recoverability of deferred commissions at each balance sheet date.

Goodwill

Goodwill is not amortized; however, it is required to be tested for impairment annually using a fair value approach at the reporting unit level. Furthermore, testing for impairment is required on an interim basis if an event or circumstance indicates that it is more likely than not an impairment loss has been incurred. An impairment loss shall be recognized to the extent that the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value. Absent an event that indicates a specific impairment may exist, the Company has selected November 30th as the date for performing the annual goodwill impairment test. Goodwill impairment charges have not been required for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Impairment of Other Long-Lived Tangible and Intangible Assets

Forrester continually evaluates whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate that the estimated remaining useful life of long-lived assets and intangible assets may warrant revision or if events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of these assets may be impaired. To compute whether assets have been impaired, the estimated undiscounted future cash flows for the estimated remaining useful life of the assets are compared to the carrying value. To the extent that the future cash flows are less than the carrying value, the assets are written down to the estimated fair value of the asset.

Foreign Currency

The functional currency of the majority of Forrester's wholly-owned subsidiaries is their respective local currencies. These subsidiary financial statements are translated to United States dollars using period-end exchange rates for assets and liabilities and average exchange rates during the corresponding period for revenues and expenses, with translation gains and losses accumulated as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss. Gains and losses related to the remeasurement of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a currency other than an entity's functional currency (principally certain intercompany payables and receivables) are included in other income, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income. Forrester recorded net foreign exchange losses in other income, net related to remeasurement of intercompany transactions of \$1.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2008, of which \$1.9 million related to prior years. For the year ended December 31, 2009, Forrester recorded \$1.1 million of foreign exchange losses in other income, net. In addition, Forrester's German holding companies, for which the functional currency is the United States dollar, recognized \$0.8 million, \$0.6 million and \$(0.6) million of remeasurement gains (losses) on its deferred tax liability in income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components of accumulated other comprehensive loss as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

| | 2008 | 2009 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net unrealized gain (loss) on marketable investments, net of taxes | \$ 365 | \$ (75) |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | <u>(2,150)</u> | <u>(1,790)</u> |
| Total accumulated other comprehensive loss | <u><u>\$(1,785)</u></u> | <u><u>\$(1,865)</u></u> |

The components of comprehensive income are as follows (in thousands):

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Net income | \$18,943 | \$29,215 | \$18,866 |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | (331) | 686 | 360 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable investments: | | | |
| Change in unrealized gain (loss) on marketable investments, net of taxes | 2,552 | (4,699) | (440) |
| Reclassification adjustment for realized gains in net income, net of taxes | (356) | (1,095) | — |
| Reclassification adjustment for realized loss from transfer of ARS from available-for-sale securities to trading securities, net of taxes | <u>—</u> | <u>4,070</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Total comprehensive income | <u><u>\$20,808</u></u> | <u><u>\$28,177</u></u> | <u><u>\$18,786</u></u> |

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

Revenue Recognition

Forrester generates revenues from licensing research, performing advisory services and consulting projects, hosting events and conducting teleconferences. Forrester executes contracts that govern the terms and conditions of each arrangement. Revenues from contracts that contain multiple deliverables are allocated among the separate units based on their relative fair values; however, the amount recognized is limited to the amount that is not contingent on future performance conditions. Research service revenues are recognized ratably over the term of the agreement. Advisory service revenues are recognized during the period in which the customer receives the agreed upon deliverable and consulting project revenues, which are short-term in nature and based upon fixed-fee agreements, are recognized as the services are provided. Losses on consulting project contracts are recognized in the period in which the loss first becomes probable and reasonably estimable. Forrester teleconferences revenue and reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses are recorded as advisory service revenues. Events revenues are recognized upon completion of the event. Annual memberships that include access to research, unlimited phone or email analyst inquiry, unlimited participation in Forrester teleconferences, and the right to attend one event, are accounted for as one unit of accounting and recognized ratably as research services revenue over the membership period. Clients are offered a service guarantee, which gives them the right to cancel their contracts prior to the end of the contract term and receive a refund for unused products or services.

Stock-Based Compensation

Forrester recognizes the fair value of stock-based compensation in net income over the requisite service period of the individual grantee, which generally equals the vesting period. Cash flows resulting from the tax benefits of tax deductions in excess of the compensation expense recognized for stock-based awards are classified as financing cash flows. The Company is required to estimate future forfeitures of stock-based awards for recognition of compensation expense. The Company will record additional expense if the actual forfeitures are lower than estimated and will record a recovery of prior recognized expense if the actual forfeitures are higher than estimated. The actual expense recognized over the vesting period will only be for those awards that vest.

Forrester recorded approximately \$8.3 million, \$5.4 million and \$6.1 million of stock-based compensation expense in the following expense categories for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, (in thousands):

| | <u>Year Ended December 31, 2007</u> | <u>Year Ended December 31, 2008</u> | <u>Year Ended December 31, 2009</u> |
|--|---|---|---|
| Cost of services and fulfillment | \$4,245 | \$2,776 | \$2,961 |
| Selling and marketing | 1,730 | 988 | 1,123 |
| General and administrative | <u>2,351</u> | <u>1,594</u> | <u>2,027</u> |
| Total | <u>\$8,326</u> | <u>\$5,358</u> | <u>\$6,111</u> |

The options granted under the equity incentive plans and shares subject to the employee stock purchase plan were valued utilizing the Black Scholes model using the following assumptions and had the following fair values:

| | <u>Years Ended December 31,</u> | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | | <u>2009</u> | |
| | <u>Equity Incentive Plans</u> | <u>Equity Incentive Plans</u> | <u>Employee Stock Purchase Plan</u> | <u>Equity Incentive Plans</u> | <u>Employee Stock Purchase Plan</u> |
| Average risk-free interest rate | 4.50% | 2.59% | 2.41% | 1.85% | 0.29% |
| Expected dividend yield | None | None | None | None | None |
| Expected life | 3.24 Years | 3.5 Years | 0.5 Years | 3.5 Years | 0.5 Years |
| Expected volatility | 35% | 35% | 35% | 44% | 44% |
| Weighted average fair value | \$ 8.28 | \$ 8.00 | \$ 7.27 | \$ 8.38 | \$ 6.81 |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

No shares under the employee stock purchase plan were issued in 2007. The dividend yield of zero is based on the fact that Forrester had never paid cash dividends and had no intention to pay regular cash dividends as of the grant date. Expected volatility is based, in part, on the historical volatility of Forrester's common stock as well as management's expectations of future volatility over the expected term of the awards granted. The risk-free interest rate used is based on the U.S. Treasury Constant Maturity rate with an equivalent remaining term. Where the expected term of a stock-based award does not correspond with a term for which the interest rates are quoted, Forrester uses the rate with the maturity closest to the award's expected term. The expected term calculation is based upon Forrester's historical experience of exercise patterns. The unamortized fair value of stock-based awards as of December 31, 2009 was \$4.6 million, with a weighted average remaining recognition period of 1.55 years.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Forrester maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make contractually obligated payments. When evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts, the Company makes judgments regarding the collectability of accounts receivable by specifically analyzing historical bad debts, customer concentrations, current economic trends, and changes in the customer payment terms. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required and if the financial condition of the Company's customers were to improve, the allowances may be reduced accordingly.

Depreciation and Amortization

Forrester provides for depreciation and amortization of property and equipment, computed using the straight-line method, over estimated useful lives of assets as follows:

| | Estimated Useful Life |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Computers and equipment | 2 to 5 Years |
| Computer software | 3 Years |
| Furniture and fixtures | 7 Years |
| Leasehold improvements | Shorter of life of the asset or term of lease |

Forrester provides for amortization of intangible assets, computed using an accelerated method according to the expected cash flows to be received from the underlying assets over the respective lives as follows:

| | Estimated Useful Life |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Customer relationships | 5 to 11 Years |
| Research content | 1 to 2 Years |
| Registered trademarks | 1 Year |
| Technology | 7 Years |

Income Taxes

Forrester recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the financial statements and tax basis of assets and liabilities as well as operating loss carryforwards.

Forrester's provision for income taxes is comprised of a current and a deferred provision for federal, state and foreign jurisdictions. The current provision is calculated as the estimated taxes payable or refundable on tax returns for the current year. The deferred income tax provision is calculated as the net change during the year in deferred tax

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assets and liabilities. Valuation allowances are provided if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Forrester accounts for uncertain tax positions using a “more-likely-than-not” threshold for recognizing and resolving uncertain tax positions. The evaluation of uncertain tax positions is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in tax law, the measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in tax returns, the effective settlement of matters subject to audit, new audit activity, and changes in facts or circumstances related to a tax position. The Company evaluates these tax positions on a quarterly basis. The Company also accrues for potential interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

Net Income Per Common Share

Basic income per common share is computed by dividing net income by the basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per common share is computed by dividing net income by the diluted weighted average number of common shares and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of common equivalent shares outstanding has been determined in accordance with the treasury-stock method. Common stock equivalents consist of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options.

Basic and diluted weighted average common shares are as follows:

| | Years Ended December 31, | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | (In thousands) | | |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding | 23,074 | 23,062 | 22,645 |
| Weighted average common equivalent shares | 655 | 523 | 239 |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | <u>23,729</u> | <u>23,585</u> | <u>22,884</u> |

As of December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, options to purchase approximately 1.3 million, 1.5 million and 2.0 million shares, respectively, were outstanding but not included in the diluted weighted average common share calculation as the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2009, the FASB issued Update No. 2009-13, “*Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements — a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force*” (ASU 2009-13). It updates the existing multiple-element revenue arrangements guidance currently included under ASC 605-25, which originated primarily from the guidance in EITF Issue No. 00-21, “*Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*” (EITF 00-21). The revised guidance primarily provides two significant changes: 1) eliminates the need for objective and reliable evidence of the fair value for the undelivered element in order for a delivered item to be treated as a separate unit of accounting, and 2) eliminates the residual method to allocate the arrangement consideration. In addition, the guidance also expands the disclosure requirements for revenue recognition. ASU 2009-13 will be effective for the first annual reporting period beginning on or after June 15, 2010, with early adoption permitted provided that the revised guidance is retroactively applied to the beginning of the year of adoption. The Company is currently assessing the future impact of this new accounting update to its consolidated financial statements.

(2) Acquisitions

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted a new accounting standard update regarding business combinations. This update requires an entity to recognize the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, contractual contingencies, and contingent consideration at their fair value on the acquisition date. It further requires that acquisition-related costs be recognized separately from the acquisition and expensed as incurred; that restructuring

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costs generally be expensed in periods subsequent to the acquisition date; and that changes in accounting for deferred tax asset valuation allowances and acquired income tax uncertainties after the measurement period be recognized as a component of provision for taxes. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

Strategic Oxygen

On December 1, 2009, Forrester acquired the Strategic Oxygen business to further support Forrester's syndicated business model and the Company's role-based strategy. The total purchase price was approximately \$7.3 million, of which approximately \$4.6 million was paid on the acquisition date, \$0.5 million was paid in February 2010 and \$0.4 million is payable in June 2011 subject to reduction for indemnification claims. The remaining purchase price of \$1.8 million represented contingent purchase price valued as of December 1, 2009, which was subject to adjustment based on the achievement of certain financial metrics related to the acquired business. Of the \$1.8 million contingent purchase price, \$0.2 million was paid in December 2009 and \$1.2 million was paid by February 2010 as full consideration. At December 31, 2009, the Company maintained approximately \$2.0 million in an escrow account classified as restricted cash in the Consolidated Balance Sheets related to the contingent purchase price. The results of Strategic Oxygen, which were not material to the consolidated financial statements, have been included in Forrester's consolidated financial statements since December 1, 2009 in the Technology Industry Client Group segment. Pro forma financial information has not been provided as it is not material to the consolidated results of operations.

Forrester Middle East FZ-LLC

On January 22, 2009, Forrester acquired all of the outstanding share capital of Forrester Middle East FZ-LLC (FME), a Dubai, UAE based reseller of Forrester's products that also offered consulting services to local customers, to expand the Company's direct geographical presence in the area. The total purchase price was approximately \$1.1 million of which approximately \$0.6 million was paid on the acquisition date, \$0.2 million was paid in the three months ended June 30, 2009 and \$0.3 million was contingent upon the acquired company meeting certain financial metrics, which were not met and accordingly the final \$0.3 million was not required to be paid by Forrester. The results of FME's operations, which were not material to the consolidated financial statements, have been included in Forrester's consolidated financial statements since January 22, 2009, with the revenue included within the client group segment to which it relates. Pro forma financial information has not been provided as it is not material to the consolidated results of operations.

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A summary of the purchase price allocation for Strategic Oxygen and FME is as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assets: | |
| Accounts receivable | \$ 1,972 |
| Prepaid expenses | 33 |
| Property and equipment | 26 |
| Goodwill | 1,409 |
| Intangible assets | <u>7,261</u> |
| Total assets | <u>10,701</u> |
| Liabilities: | |
| Accounts payable | 387 |
| Accrued expenses | 1,471 |
| Deferred revenue | <u>450</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>2,308</u> |
| Net assets acquired | <u>\$ 8,393</u> |

A portion of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Intangible assets are amortized according to the expected cash flows to be received. The following are the identifiable intangible assets acquired and their respective weighted average lives (dollars in thousands):

| | <u>Assigned Value</u> | <u>Useful Life (In Years)</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Customer relationships | \$2,958 | 10 |
| Technology | 1,507 | 7 |
| Research content | 2,500 | 1 |
| Trademarks and other | <u>296</u> | 1 |
| | <u>\$7,261</u> | |

On July 31, 2008, Forrester acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of JUPR Holdings, Inc., (“Holdings”) the parent company of JupiterResearch, LLC (“JupiterResearch”). JupiterResearch provided business professionals with syndicated research, analysis, and advice backed by proprietary data. The acquisition supported the Company’s role-based strategy and added greater depth and breadth to the marketing and strategy syndicated product offering, increased the number of client companies and was expected to reduce operating expenses of the combined entity through economies of scale. The total consideration was \$22.0 million which consisted of initial cash consideration of \$23.0 million less a working capital adjustment of \$1.0 million which was received in the fourth quarter of 2008. The aggregate purchase price of \$22.6 million consisted of \$22.0 million for the acquisition of all outstanding shares of Holdings common stock, \$0.4 million of direct acquisition costs and \$0.2 million for severance related to 14 employees of JupiterResearch terminated as a result of the acquisition. The results of JupiterResearch’s operations have been included in Forrester’s consolidated financial statements since July 31, 2008 in the Marketing and Strategy Client Group segment. Pro forma financial information has not been provided as it is not material to the consolidated results of operations.

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A summary of the purchase price allocation for JupiterResearch is as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Assets: | |
| Accounts receivable | \$ 2,636 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 500 |
| Property and equipment, net | 398 |
| Deferred tax asset, net | 1,738 |
| Goodwill | 14,807 |
| Intangible assets | <u>8,267</u> |
| Total assets | <u>28,346</u> |
| Liabilities: | |
| Accounts payable | 419 |
| Accrued expenses | 996 |
| Deferred revenue | <u>4,378</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>5,793</u> |
| Net assets acquired | <u>\$22,553</u> |

A portion of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

(3) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

A summary of the goodwill by segment and the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the Information Technology Client Group (“IT”), Technology Industry Client Group (“TI”), Marketing and Strategy Client Group (“M&S”) and Events segments is as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>IT</u> | <u>TI</u> | <u>M&S</u> | <u>Events</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2007 | \$23,001 | \$24,104 | \$ 4,598 | \$1,974 | \$53,677 |
| Acquisition of JupiterResearch | — | — | 15,404 | — | 15,404 |
| Purchase accounting adjustments(1) | (472) | (494) | (94) | (40) | (1,100) |
| Translation adjustments | <u>(238)</u> | <u>(250)</u> | <u>(48)</u> | <u>(21)</u> | <u>(557)</u> |
| Balance, December 31, 2008 | 22,291 | 23,360 | 19,860 | 1,913 | 67,424 |
| Acquisitions | 7 | 1,395 | 6 | 1 | 1,409 |
| Purchase accounting adjustments(2) | — | — | (597) | — | (597) |
| Translation adjustments | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>78</u> |
| Balance, December 31, 2009 | <u>\$22,324</u> | <u>\$24,782</u> | <u>\$19,292</u> | <u>\$1,916</u> | <u>\$68,314</u> |

(1) The Company reduced goodwill for the utilization or anticipated utilization of acquired net operating losses for which a valuation allowance was recorded at the acquisition date.

(2) Adjustments relate to the finalization of the JupiterResearch acquisition on July 31, 2009, primarily relating to tax attributes that were finalized in the first quarter of 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had no accumulated goodwill impairment losses.

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A summary of Forrester's intangible assets as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 is as follows:

| | <u>December 31, 2008</u> | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| | <u>Gross Carrying Amount</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> (In thousands) | <u>Net Carrying Amount</u> |
| Amortizable intangible assets: | | | |
| Customer relationships | \$27,239 | \$20,862 | \$6,377 |
| Research content | 3,560 | 2,909 | 651 |
| Trademarks | <u>802</u> | <u>692</u> | <u>110</u> |
| Total | <u>\$31,601</u> | <u>\$24,463</u> | <u>\$7,138</u> |
| | | | |
| | <u>December 31, 2009</u> | | |
| | <u>Gross Carrying Amount</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> (In thousands) | <u>Net Carrying Amount</u> |
| Amortizable intangible assets: | | | |
| Customer relationships | \$30,478 | \$22,398 | \$ 8,080 |
| Research content | 6,060 | 3,727 | 2,333 |
| Technology | 1,507 | 16 | 1,491 |
| Trademarks | 876 | 808 | 68 |
| Other | <u>223</u> | <u>87</u> | <u>136</u> |
| Total | <u>\$39,144</u> | <u>\$27,036</u> | <u>\$12,108</u> |

Amortization expense related to intangible assets was approximately \$1.2 million, \$1.4 million and \$2.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Estimated amortization expense related to intangible assets that will continue to be amortized is as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Year ending December 31, 2010 | \$ 3,622 |
| Year ending December 31, 2011 | 1,773 |
| Year ending December 31, 2012 | 1,241 |
| Year ending December 31, 2013 | 1,128 |
| Year ending December 31, 2014 | 1,034 |
| Thereafter | <u>3,310</u> |
| Total | <u>\$12,108</u> |

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(4) Marketable Investments

The following table summarizes the Company's marketable investments (in thousands):

| | <u>Amortized Cost</u> | <u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u> | <u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u> | <u>Market Value</u> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| December 31, 2008 | | | | |
| <i>Available-for-sale securities</i> | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ 70,455 | \$ 701 | \$ — | \$ 71,156 |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations(1) | <u>83,550</u> | <u>64</u> | <u>(86)</u> | <u>83,528</u> |
| Total short-term available-for-sale securities . . | 154,005 | 765 | (86) | 154,684 |
| Non-UBS ARS, long-term | <u>11,000</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>11,000</u> |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 165,005 | 765 | (86) | 165,684 |
| <i>Trading securities</i> | | | | |
| UBS ARS | 35,500 | — | (6,887) | 28,613 |
| UBS Right | <u>—</u> | <u>6,887</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>6,887</u> |
| Total securities | <u>\$200,505</u> | <u>\$7,652</u> | <u>\$(6,973)</u> | <u>\$201,184</u> |
| | | | | |
| | <u>Amortized Cost</u> | <u>Gross Unrealized Gains</u> | <u>Gross Unrealized Losses</u> | <u>Market Value</u> |
| December 31, 2009 | | | | |
| <i>Available-for-sale securities</i> | | | | |
| State and municipal obligations | \$ 45,392 | \$ 482 | \$ (2) | \$ 45,872 |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | <u>73,992</u> | <u>498</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>74,490</u> |
| Total short-term available-for-sale securities . . | 119,384 | 980 | (2) | 120,362 |
| Non-UBS ARS | <u>11,000</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>(1,050)</u> | <u>9,950</u> |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 130,384 | 980 | (1,052) | 130,312 |
| <i>Trading securities</i> | | | | |
| UBS ARS | 31,675 | — | (2,100) | 29,575 |
| UBS Right | <u>—</u> | <u>2,100</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>2,100</u> |
| Total securities | <u>\$162,059</u> | <u>\$3,080</u> | <u>\$(3,152)</u> | <u>\$161,987</u> |

(1) \$70.7 million of marketable investments with an original maturity of less than 90 days is included in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2008.

In 2007, Forrester owned an approximate 1.2% ownership interest in comScore, Inc. ("comScore"), a provider of infrastructure services which utilizes proprietary technology to accumulate comprehensive information on consumer buying behavior. In June 2007, comScore (NASDAQ: SCOR) completed an initial public offering in which Forrester's ownership interest was converted to approximately 126,000 shares. In December 2007, Forrester sold approximately 20,000 shares for proceeds of approximately \$0.7 million and recognized a gain of approximately \$0.6 million. In 2008, Forrester sold the remaining 106,000 shares of comScore for proceeds of approximately \$2.3 million and recognized a gain of approximately \$2.0 million.

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The following table summarizes the maturity periods of the marketable securities in the Company's portfolio as of December 31, 2009. In February 2008, certain ARS that Forrester held experienced failed auctions that limited the liquidity of these securities. These auction failures have continued throughout 2009 and based on current market conditions, it is likely that auction failures will continue. The following table reflects the ARS at their current auction reset dates. The actual contractual maturities of these investments were they not to reset would occur at various dates between 2016 and 2041 with \$0.3 million maturing in five to ten years and \$39.2 million maturing after ten years.

| | <u>FY 2010</u> | <u>FY 2011</u> | <u>FY2012</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | \$ 34,827 | \$30,047 | \$9,616 | \$ 74,490 |
| Non-ARS state and municipal obligations | 29,776 | 16,096 | — | 45,872 |
| UBS ARS | 29,575 | — | — | 29,575 |
| Non-UBS ARS | 9,950 | — | — | 9,950 |
| UBS Right | 2,100 | — | — | 2,100 |
| Total | <u>\$106,228</u> | <u>\$46,143</u> | <u>\$9,616</u> | <u>\$161,987</u> |

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and market value of Forrester's available-for-sale investments with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position (in thousands):

| | <u>As of December 31, 2008</u> | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Less Than 12 Months</u> | | <u>12 Months or Greater</u> | |
| | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Unrealized Losses</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Unrealized Losses</u> |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | <u>\$8,533</u> | <u>\$86</u> | <u>\$—</u> | <u>\$—</u> |

| | <u>As of December 31, 2009</u> | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Less Than 12 Months</u> | | <u>12 Months or Greater</u> | |
| | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Unrealized Losses</u> | <u>Market Value</u> | <u>Unrealized Losses</u> |
| State and municipal bonds | \$ 1,148 | \$ 2 | \$— | \$— |
| Non-UBS ARS | <u>11,000</u> | <u>1,050</u> | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Total | <u>\$12,148</u> | <u>\$1,052</u> | <u>\$—</u> | <u>\$—</u> |

In November 2008, the Company accepted an offer (the "Right") from UBS AG ("UBS"), one of its investment advisors, entitling the Company to sell at par value auction-rate securities originally purchased from UBS (\$29.6 million fair value and \$31.7 million par value at December 31, 2009) at any time during a two-year period from June 30, 2010 through July 2, 2012 ("UBS ARS"). In accepting the Right, the Company also granted UBS the authority to sell or auction the UBS ARS at par at any time up until the expiration date of the offer and released UBS from any claims relating to the marketing and sale of the UBS ARS. Although the Company expects to sell its UBS ARS under the Right, if the Right is not exercised before July 2, 2012, it will expire and UBS will have no further rights or obligation to buy the Company's UBS ARS. As the Company intends to exercise the Right during 2010, it has classified the UBS ARS in current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. If the Company does not exercise the Right, the UBS ARS will continue to accrue interest as determined by the auction process or the terms outlined in the prospectus of the UBS ARS if the auction process fails. UBS's obligations under the Right are not secured by its assets and do not require UBS to obtain any financing to support its performance obligations under the Right. UBS has disclaimed any assurance that it will have sufficient financial resources to satisfy its obligations under the Right.

The enforceability of the Right results in a put option that is recognized as a separate freestanding asset and is accounted for separately from the ARS investment. As of December 31, 2009, the fair value of the Right was

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approximately \$2.1 million, which is classified as a marketable investment in current assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company made an election to measure the Right at fair value in order to match the changes in the fair value of the ARS. The Company valued the Right using a discounted cash flow approach including estimates of interest rates and timing and amount of cash flow, based on data available as of December 31, 2009 and adjusted for any bearer risk associated with UBS's financial ability to repurchase the UBS ARS beginning June 30, 2010. These assumptions are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change.

Prior to accepting the UBS offer, the Company classified its ARS as available-for-sale investments, and therefore recorded resulting unrealized gains or losses, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive loss on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. In connection with the acceptance of the UBS offer in November 2008, the Company reclassified its ARS subject to the Right from available-for-sale to trading securities. The transfer to trading securities reflects the Company's intent to exercise its put option during the period June 30, 2010 to July 3, 2012. Prior to its agreement with UBS, the Company's intent was to hold the UBS ARS until the earlier of an anticipated recovery in market value or maturity. Upon transfer to trading securities, the Company recognized an unrealized loss of approximately \$6.9 million, included in other income, net for the year ended December 31, 2008, for the amount of the unrealized loss not previously recognized in earnings. This amount offset a \$6.9 million gain recognized for the initial value of the Right for the year ended December 31, 2008.

The Company holds additional ARS (\$10.0 million fair value and \$11.0 million par value at December 31, 2009) with another investment advisor who has not made an offer similar to UBS. These ARS will continue to be held as available-for-sale and are classified as a long-term asset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company intends to retain its investment in the issuer of these ARS until the earlier of an anticipated recovery in market value or maturity and as a result has not recorded an other-than-temporary loss on these ARS.

There were no gross realized gains or losses on sales of the Company's federal obligations, state and municipal bonds and corporate bonds for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 or 2009.

The following table represents the Company's fair value hierarchy for its financial assets (cash equivalents and marketable investments) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 (in thousands):

| | As of December 31, 2008 | | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Money market funds(1) | \$14,529 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 14,529 |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations(2) | — | 83,528 | — | 83,528 |
| State and municipal obligations | — | 71,156 | 39,613 | 110,769 |
| UBS Right | — | — | 6,887 | 6,887 |
| Total | <u>\$14,529</u> | <u>\$154,684</u> | <u>\$46,500</u> | <u>\$215,713</u> |
| | As of December 31, 2009 | | | |
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Money market funds(1) | \$50,472 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 50,472 |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | — | 74,490 | — | 74,490 |
| State and municipal obligations | — | 45,872 | 39,525 | 85,397 |
| UBS Right | — | — | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| Total | <u>\$50,472</u> | <u>\$120,362</u> | <u>\$41,625</u> | <u>\$212,459</u> |

(1) included in cash and cash equivalents.

(2) \$70.7 million included in cash and cash equivalents.

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Prior to 2008, the fair value of the ARS investments approximated par value due to the frequent resets through the auction process. While the Company continues to earn interest on its ARS investment at the contractual rate, these investments trade infrequently and therefore do not have a readily determinable market value. Accordingly, the estimated fair value of the ARS no longer approximates par value. At December 31, 2009, the Company held ARS with two investment advisors, both of which provided a valuation of Level 3 inputs for the ARS investments. One investment advisor utilized a discounted cash flow approach to arrive at this valuation, which was corroborated by a separate and comparable discounted cash flow analysis prepared by the Company. The assumptions used in preparing the discounted cash flow model include estimates, based on data available at December 31, 2009, of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit and liquidity premiums, and expected holding periods of the ARS. The discounted cash flow technique was used to value the ARS investments that were principally backed by student loans, which has had virtually no market activity since the auction failures began in 2008. The Company valued the Right as a put option asset using a discounted cash flow approach including estimates of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flow, adjusted for any bearer risk associated with UBS's financial ability to repurchase the ARS beginning June 30, 2010, based on Level 3 data available at December 31, 2009. The combined fair value of the Right and the UBS ARS is equal to the par value of the UBS ARS. The other investment advisor provided a valuation at par value based on the limited market activity, which Forrester considered to be a Level 3 input, in addition to the underlying credit rating of the ARS, which was generally related to municipalities. In addition to the valuation provided by the investment advisor, Forrester completed a valuation of the securities using a discounted cash flow model that included estimates of interest rates, timing and amount of cash flows, credit and liquidity premiums and expected holding periods of the securities. Forrester relied most heavily on its own valuation, based primarily on the lack of market activity in these securities, which resulted in an unrealized loss recorded in other comprehensive loss in the Consolidated Balance Sheets of \$1.1 million. The Company believes that the loss is temporary due to the underlying credit rating of the securities and the fact that the Company has the intent and ability to hold the securities until a full recovery has occurred. The assumptions used in valuing both the ARS and the Right are volatile and subject to change as the underlying sources of these assumptions and market conditions change.

The following table provides a summary of changes in fair value of the Company's Level 3 financial assets as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 (in thousands):

| | UBS Right | ARS |
|--|----------------------|------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2007..... | \$ — | \$ — |
| Transferred to Level 3 | | 120,200 |
| Sales/Maturities | — | (73,700) |
| Issuance of Right | 6,887 | |
| Total loss included in earnings | — | (6,887) |
| Balance at December 31, 2008..... | 6,887 | 39,613 |
| Sales/Maturities | — | (3,825) |
| Total gains (losses): | | |
| Included in other comprehensive loss | — | (1,050) |
| Included in earnings | (4,787) | 4,787 |
| Balance at December 31, 2009..... | \$ 2,100 | \$ 39,525 |

(5) Non-Marketable Investments

At December 31, 2008 and 2009, the carrying value of the Company's non-marketable investments, which were comprised primarily of interests in private equity funds, were \$7.0 million and \$5.5 million, respectively.

One of the Company's investments, with a book value of \$2.5 million and \$1.9 million at December 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively, is being accounted for using the cost method and, accordingly, is valued at cost unless an

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other-than-temporary impairment in its value occurs or the investment is liquidated. The other investments are being accounted for using the equity method as the investments are limited partnerships and Forrester has an ownership interest in excess of 5% and, accordingly, Forrester records its share of the investee's operating results each period. During the years ended December 2007, 2008 and 2009, the Company recorded losses of approximately \$1.6 million, \$0.6 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, which are included in investment gains (losses) in the Consolidated Statements of Income. During the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009, gross distributions of \$1.9 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, were received from the funds.

(6) Income Taxes

Income from continuing operations before income tax provision for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 consists of the following (in thousands):

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Domestic | \$25,886 | \$40,076 | \$33,094 |
| Foreign | 4,118 | 4,734 | 641 |
| Total | <u>\$30,004</u> | <u>\$44,810</u> | <u>\$33,735</u> |

The components of the income tax provision for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Current: | | | |
| Federal | \$ 334 | \$ 9,238 | \$ 8,853 |
| State | 2,238 | 3,325 | 3,488 |
| Foreign | 1,611 | 1,515 | 585 |
| | 4,183 | 14,078 | 12,926 |
| Deferred: | | | |
| Federal | 7,513 | 2,059 | 1,774 |
| State | 151 | (43) | (346) |
| Foreign | (786) | (499) | 515 |
| | 6,878 | 1,517 | 1,943 |
| Income tax provision | <u>\$11,061</u> | <u>\$15,595</u> | <u>\$14,869</u> |

A reconciliation of the federal statutory rate to Forrester's effective tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009 is as follows:

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Income tax provision at federal statutory rate | 35.0% | 35.0% | 35.0% |
| Increase (decrease) in tax resulting from: | | | |
| State tax provision, net of federal benefit | 6.2 | 4.7 | 6.1 |
| Non-deductible expenses | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Tax-exempt interest income | (8.1) | (3.8) | (3.0) |
| Stock option compensation deduction | 2.7 | (0.3) | 1.1 |
| Other, net. | 4.1 | 1.6 | 3.0 |
| Change in tax rate | (5.8) | — | — |
| Exchange rate (gain) loss | (1.9) | (1.7) | 1.8 |
| Change in valuation allowance | 3.2 | (1.1) | (0.6) |
| Effective tax rate | <u>36.9%</u> | <u>34.8%</u> | <u>44.1%</u> |

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The components of deferred income taxes as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Non-deductible reserves and accruals | \$ 3,645 | \$ 4,469 |
| Stock compensation | 3,996 | 5,542 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 820 | 1,727 |
| Net operating loss and other carryforwards | <u>22,072</u> | <u>19,445</u> |
| Gross deferred tax asset | 30,533 | 31,183 |
| Less — valuation allowance | <u>(10,922)</u> | <u>(11,672)</u> |
| Sub-total | 19,611 | 19,511 |
| Goodwill amortization | (5,291) | (6,930) |
| Deferred commissions | <u>(3,831)</u> | <u>(3,912)</u> |
| Net deferred tax asset | <u>\$ 10,489</u> | <u>\$ 8,669</u> |

The Company considers all available evidence, both positive and negative, to determine whether, based on the weight of that evidence, a valuation allowance is needed for some portion or all of a net deferred income tax asset. Judgment is used in considering the relative impact of negative and positive evidence. In arriving at these judgments, the weight given to the potential effect of negative and positive evidence is commensurate with the extent to which it can be objectively verified. Although realization is not assured, based upon projections of Forrester's future taxable income over the periods during which the deferred tax assets are deductible and the carryforwards expire, management believes it is more likely than not that Forrester will realize the benefits of these deductible differences, net of the existing valuation allowances.

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Company maintained a valuation allowance of approximately \$11.7 million and \$10.9 million, respectively, which primarily relates to foreign NOL carryforwards from a prior acquisition, foreign tax credit carryforwards and domestic capital losses.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had federal NOL carryforwards of approximately \$21.5 million. If unused, the NOL carryforwards would expire on various dates from 2013 through 2028. The use of these NOL carryforwards may be limited pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 382 as a result of future ownership changes.

As of December 31, 2009 the Company had federal and state capital loss carryforwards of \$1.0 million that expire in 2013 and had foreign tax credit carryforwards of \$0.8 million that expire between 2012 and 2018.

The Company also has foreign net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$35.1 million, which can be carried forward indefinitely. Approximately \$6.7 million of the foreign net operating loss carryforwards relate to a prior acquisition, the utilization of which is subject to limitation under the tax law of the United Kingdom.

Upon the adoption of a newly issued accounting standard as of January 1, 2009 with respect to accounting for acquisitions, changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income tax uncertainties after the acquisition date generally will affect income tax expense, including charges and uncertainties associated with acquisitions that closed prior to January 1, 2009.

During the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, the Company recognized approximately \$0.1 million and \$8.5 million, respectively, of tax benefits from excess tax deductions resulting from employee stock option exercises. The tax benefit was recorded as an increase to additional paid-in-capital. Excess tax benefits from share-based payments are recognized in the year that the deduction reduces the amount of cash payable for taxes. No such tax benefits were recognized in the year ended December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company has not provided for U.S. deferred income taxes on undistributed earnings of approximately \$11.3 million for its foreign subsidiaries, since these earnings are to be indefinitely reinvested. Determination of the amount of U.S. income tax liability that would be incurred is not practicable.

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Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted a new accounting standard concerning the accounting for income tax contingencies. This standard clarified the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements and prescribed a two step process for the measurement of uncertain tax positions that have been taken or are expected to be taken in a tax return. The first step is a determination of whether the tax position should be recognized in the financial statements. The second step determines the measurement of the tax position. The standard also provides guidance on derecognition of such tax positions, classification, potential interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods and disclosure. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of our unrecognized tax benefits is summarized as follows:

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Unrecognized tax benefits at January 1 | \$1,110 | \$1,409 | \$1,222 |
| Gross increases for tax positions of prior years | 320 | 398 | — |
| Gross decreases for tax positions of prior years | — | (12) | (19) |
| Settlements | — | (320) | — |
| Lapse of applicable statute of limitations | <u>(21)</u> | <u>(253)</u> | <u>(284)</u> |
| Unrecognized tax benefits at December 31 | <u>\$1,409</u> | <u>\$1,222</u> | <u>\$ 919</u> |

The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the United States and various state and international jurisdictions. Major taxing jurisdictions include the U.S., the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The Company is no longer subject to U.S. state or local and non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities in its major jurisdictions for years before 2002, except to the extent of net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards from those years.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense and such amounts were not material in the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008 and 2009. As of December 31, 2008 and 2009, the Company had approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, of accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

Total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the effective tax rate if recognized is \$0.9 million as of December 31, 2008 and \$0.5 million as of December 31, 2009. It is reasonably possible that the gross unrecognized benefits will be decreased by a range of zero to \$0.4 million within the next twelve months due primarily to the expiration of the relevant statutes of limitations.

(7) Commitments

As of December 31, 2009, Forrester had future contractual obligations as follows for operating leases (in thousands):

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 2010 | \$ 9,487 |
| 2011 | 7,010 |
| 2012 | 6,785 |
| 2013 | 6,391 |
| 2014 | 6,286 |
| Thereafter | <u>71,639</u> |
| Total minimum lease payments | <u>\$107,598</u> |

On September 29, 2009, the Company entered into a build-to-suit net lease ("Lease") pursuant to which the landlord will build a new corporate headquarters building for the Company in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Pursuant to the Lease, as amended, the landlord will construct an approximately 190,000 square foot building ("Building") and lease the Building and parcel to the Company to be used as its new corporate headquarters. During construction, the Company will continue to occupy its current corporate headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts under the existing lease for such premises. In accordance with the Lease, the Company placed \$14.8 million in escrow for

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leasehold improvements for the Building, which is classified as restricted cash on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The \$14.8 million in escrow will be increased or decreased based upon the final estimate of construction costs and will be released from escrow as the leasehold improvements are constructed.

Aggregate rent expenses, net of sublease income, were approximately \$9.4 million, \$9.4 million and \$10.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively.

(8) Stockholders' Equity

Preferred Stock

Forrester has authorized 500,000 shares of \$.01 par value preferred stock. The Board of Directors has full authority to issue this stock and to fix the voting powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations, or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any series or designation of such series.

Treasury Stock

Forrester's Board of Directors has authorized an aggregate \$200 million to purchase common stock under the stock repurchase program. The shares repurchased may be used, among other things, in connection with Forrester's equity incentive and purchase plans. As of December 31, 2009, Forrester had repurchased approximately 7.0 million shares of common stock at an aggregate cost of \$141.3 million, including commissions paid for the acquisition of the common stock.

Equity Plans

Forrester maintains the following four equity compensation plans: the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan"), the Amended and Restated 1996 Equity Incentive Plan (the "1996 Plan"), the 2006 Stock Option Plan for Directors' (the "2006 Directors' Plan") and the 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "1996 Directors' Plan"). Upon approval of the 2006 Plan and the 2006 Directors Plan by stockholders, no future awards under the 1996 Plan and 1996 Directors Plan could be granted or issued.

In May 2006, the 2006 Plan was approved by the stockholders of the Company. The 2006 Plan provides for the issuance of stock-based awards, including incentive stock options ("ISOs"), non-qualified stock options ("NSOs"), and restricted stock units ("RSUs") to purchase up to 4,350,000 shares authorized in the 2006 Plan plus up to 2,500,000 shares returned from the 1996 Plan. Under the terms of the 2006 Plan, ISOs may not be granted at less than fair market value on the date of grant (and in no event less than par value). Options generally vest annually over two to four years and expire after 10 years and RSUs generally vest over three years, in each case sometimes subject to performance conditions in addition to the passage of time. Options and RSUs granted under the 2006 Plan immediately vest upon certain events, as described in the 2006 Plan. As of December 31, 2009, approximately 3.3 million shares were available for future grant of awards under the 2006 Plan.

The 1996 Plan provided for the issuance of stock-based awards, including ISOs and NSOs, to purchase up to 13,500,000 shares of common stock. Under the terms of the 1996 Plan, ISOs were not granted at less than fair market value on the date of grant (and in no event less than par value). ISO grants to holders of 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of Forrester stock were required to be granted at an exercise price not less than 110% of the fair market value at the date of grant. Options generally vest ratably over two to four years and expire after 10 years and are sometimes subject to performance conditions in addition to the passage of time. Options granted under the 1996 Plan immediately vest upon certain events, as described in the 1996 Plan.

In May 2006, the 2006 Directors' Plan was approved by the stockholders of the Company. The 2006 Directors' Plan provides for the issuance of options to purchase up to 450,000 shares of common stock. Under the 2006 Directors' Plan, each non-employee director shall be awarded an option to purchase 6,000 shares of common stock, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock upon his or her election as a director. These options vest in four equal annual installments, with the first installment vested on the date of grant. In

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addition, each non-employee director will also receive an option to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date, each year immediately following Forrester's annual stockholders' meeting. These options vest in four equal installments on the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. Options granted under the 2006 Directors' Plan immediately vest upon certain events, as described in the 2006 Directors' Plan. As of December 31, 2009, approximately 0.2 million shares were available for future grant of awards under the 2006 Directors Plan.

The 1996 Directors' Plan provided that each non-employee director shall be awarded an option to purchase 6,000 shares of common stock, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock upon his or her election as a director. These options vest in four equal annual installments, with the first installment vested on the date of grant. In addition, the 1996 Directors' Plan provided that each non-employee director will also receive an option to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock at time of grant, each year immediately following Forrester's annual stockholders' meeting. These options vest in four equal installments on the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. Options granted under the 1996 Directors' Plan immediately vest upon certain events, as described in the 1996 Directors' Plan.

Stock Options

Stock option activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 is presented below (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Number of Shares | Weighted- Average Exercise Price Per Share | Weighted - Average Remaining Contractual Term (In Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|--|---------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2008 | 2,934 | \$25.16 | | |
| Granted | 460 | 24.80 | | |
| Exercised | (134) | 19.08 | | |
| Forfeited | <u>(170)</u> | 28.60 | | |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2009 | <u>3,090</u> | <u>\$25.18</u> | <u>6.30</u> | <u>\$8,734</u> |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2009 | <u>2,096</u> | <u>\$24.67</u> | <u>5.26</u> | <u>\$7,988</u> |
| Vested and expected to vest at December 31, 2009 | <u>2,975</u> | <u>\$25.16</u> | <u>6.30</u> | <u>\$8,625</u> |

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during 2007, 2008 and 2009 was \$2.5 million, \$10.4 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

On April 3, 2006, Forrester issued to its employees options to purchase 587,500 shares of common stock. These options were subject to performance criteria and would vest only if certain pro forma operating margin targets related to full year 2006 performance were achieved. The vesting of these options was over 24 or 36 months, or the options could be forfeited, depending on the actual pro forma operating margin achieved for 2006. During 2006, operating performance was expected to result in the options vesting over 36 months and expense was recognized assuming that vesting period. The actual pro forma operating margin for 2006 resulted in accelerated vesting of the options over 24 months and the compensation expense associated with the accelerated vesting was recognized on a prospective basis through the remainder of the vesting period. The expense related to these options was recognized on a graded basis.

On April 2, 2007, Forrester issued to its employees options to purchase 293,600 shares of common stock. These options were subject to performance criteria and would vest only if certain pro forma operating margin targets related to full year 2007 performance were achieved. The vesting of these options was over 24 or 36 months,

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or the options could be forfeited, depending on the actual pro forma operating margin achieved for 2007. During 2007, operating performance was expected to result in the options vesting over 36 months and expense was recognized assuming that vesting period. The actual pro forma operating margin for 2007 resulted in the options vesting over 36 months and the expense related to these options is being recognized on a graded basis.

On April 1, 2008, Forrester issued to its employees options to purchase 370,000 shares of common stock. These options were subject to performance criteria and would vest only if certain pro forma operating profit targets related to full year 2008 performance were achieved. The vesting of these options was over 24, 36 or 48 months, or the options could be forfeited, depending on the actual pro forma operating profit achieved for 2008. During 2008, operating performance was expected to result in the options vesting over 48 months and expense was recognized assuming that vesting period. The actual pro forma operating profit targets for 2008 resulted in accelerated vesting of the options over 24 months and the compensation expense associated with the accelerated vesting will be recognized on a prospective basis through the remainder of the vesting period. The expense related to these options is being recognized on a graded basis.

Terminated employees have three months from date of termination to exercise their vested options. During 2007, following the Company's conclusion that its historical financial statements could no longer be relied upon, the registration statement covering the offer and sale of stock upon the exercise of stock options was not available. As a result, no option holders were able to exercise their options and terminated employees faced the prospect of having their options expire before being able to exercise them. Because the suspension of the registration statement was not anticipated, the Company modified vested options held by terminated employees to extend their expiration dates to 30 days after the date the suspension was lifted, but no later than December 31, 2007 (tolled stock options). Options for terminated employees that were tolled before March 14, 2007 were accounted for as liability awards because the option holders were no longer employees at the time of the modification and because of the Company's inability to provide shares upon exercise. When the Company's registration statement covering the offer and sale of stock became available, these awards were reclassified as equity awards. Options that were tolled after March 14, 2007 were accounted for as equity awards because the options were tolled in conjunction with the employee's termination. A summary of the options tolled during 2007 is as follows:

| | Number of Individuals | Number of Shares | Total Expense (in 000's) |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Amount related to the modification of previously issued stock options | 16 | 76,800 | \$ 533 |
| Tolled stock options accounted for as liability awards and related fair market value adjustments | 8 | 66,588 | 478 |
| | 24 | 143,388 | \$1,011 |

During 2007, the Board of Directors approved a tender offer to amend or replace certain previously granted stock options that had exercise prices less than the market value of the Company's common stock on the correct measurement date and therefore would have been subject to tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 409A. In the tender offer, the Company adjusted the exercise prices of the affected options to the same prices used to calculate compensation expense in the consolidated financial statements. The Company agreed to compensate the employees who elected to participate in the tender offer by paying to each such person in January 2008 an amount equal to 105% of the difference between the original exercise price and the corrected exercise price for each affected option. In total, 117 employees had options to purchase approximately 213,000 shares modified in December 2007 in connection with the tender offer. The total incremental cost of the modification was approximately \$0.4 million.

Restricted Stock Units

In 2009, Forrester issued to its employees 95,496 performance-based restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Forrester common stock when the restrictions lapse and the vesting

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conditions are met. The vesting of the RSUs is subject to performance criteria and will vest at 100% or 40% on April 1, 2012, or the RSUs could be forfeited, depending on whether specified revenue growth and pro forma operating targets related to full year 2011 performance are achieved. Compensation expense in 2009 was recognized based on the assumption of 100% vesting of the RSUs.

RSU activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 is presented below (in thousands, except per share data):

| | <u>RSUs</u> | <u>Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Unvested at December 31, 2008 | — | \$ — |
| Granted | 95,496 | 25.21 |
| Vested or settled | — | — |
| Forfeited | <u>(1,294)</u> | 25.25 |
| Unvested at December 31, 2009 | <u>94,202</u> | \$25.21 |

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In September 1996, Forrester adopted the 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “Stock Purchase Plan”). The Stock Purchase Plan, as amended and restated in 2009, provides for the issuance of up to 1.5 million shares of common stock and as of December 31, 2009 approximately 0.6 million shares remain available for issuance. With certain limited exceptions, all employees of Forrester who have completed six months or more of continuous service in the employ of Forrester and whose customary employment is more than 20 hours per week, including officers and directors who are employees, are eligible to participate in the Stock Purchase Plan. Purchase periods under the Stock Purchase Plan are generally six months in length and commence on each successive January 1 and July 1. During each purchase period under the Stock Purchase Plan, the maximum number of shares of common stock that may be purchased by an employee is limited to the number of shares equal to \$12,500 divided by the fair market value of a share of common stock on the first day of the purchase period. An employee may elect to have up to 10% deducted from his or her compensation for the purpose of purchasing shares under the Stock Purchase Plan. The price at which the employee’s shares are purchased is the lower of: a) 85% of the closing price of the common stock on the day that the purchase period commences, or b) 85% of the closing price of the common stock on the day that the purchase period terminates. The Company did not have purchase periods during 2007. Shares purchased by employees under the Stock Purchase Plan are as follows:

| <u>Purchase Period Ended</u> | <u>Shares Purchased</u> | <u>Purchase Price</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| June 30, 2008 | 32,356 | \$23.38 |
| December 31, 2008 | 35,598 | \$23.98 |
| June 30, 2009 | 43,174 | \$20.87 |
| December 31, 2009 | 38,212 | \$21.46 |

(9) Employee Pension Plans

Forrester sponsors several defined contribution plans for eligible employees. Generally, the defined contribution plans have funding provisions which, in certain situations, require contributions based upon formulas relating to employee wages or the level of elective participant contributions, as well as allow for additional discretionary contributions. Further, certain plans contain vesting provisions. Forrester’s contributions to these plans totaled approximately \$2.0 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

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(10) Reorganization

During the first quarter of 2009, Forrester announced a reduction of its workforce by approximately 50 positions in response to conditions and demands of the market and a slower economy. Additionally, Forrester identified certain leased office space that was no longer required to support the ongoing business. As a result, Forrester recorded a reorganization charge of approximately \$3.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2009. Approximately 44% of the terminated employees were members of the sales force, while 38% and 18% held research and administrative roles, respectively. In addition, during the fourth quarter of 2009, Forrester incurred additional reorganization costs of \$2.3 million related to facility consolidations primarily in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Of the \$2.3 million fourth quarter charge, approximately \$1.4 million relates to future lease payments through September 2011 and \$0.9 million relates to the write-off of leasehold improvements.

The activity related to the reorganization during the year ended December 31, 2009 is as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>Workforce Reduction</u> | <u>Facility Consolidation</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total charge | \$ 2,872 | \$2,569 | \$ 5,441 |
| Cash payments | (2,774) | (84) | (2,858) |
| Non-cash portion of charge | <u>—</u> | <u>(898)</u> | <u>(898)</u> |
| Accrual at December 31, 2009 | <u>\$ 98</u> | <u>\$1,587</u> | <u>\$ 1,685</u> |

The costs accrued at December 31, 2009 are expected to be paid in the amount of \$1.3 million in 2010 and \$0.4 million in 2011.

(11) Operating Segment and Enterprise Wide Reporting

Forrester is organized into three client groups with each client group responsible for writing relevant research for the roles within the client organizations on a worldwide basis. The three client groups are: Information Technology (“IT”), Technology Industry (“TI”), and Marketing and Strategy (“M&S”). All of the client groups generate revenues through sales of research and advisory and other service offerings targeted at specific roles within their targeted clients. Each of the client groups consists of sales personnel responsible for selling to clients within the client group’s target client base and research personnel focused primarily on issues relevant to particular roles and to the day-to-day responsibilities of persons within the roles. Amounts included in the “Events” segment relate to the operations of the events sales and production departments. Revenue reported in the Events segment consists primarily of sponsorships and event tickets to Forrester events.

Forrester evaluates reportable segment performance and allocates resources based on direct margin. Direct margin, as presented below, is defined as operating income excluding certain selling and marketing expenses, client services, stock-based compensation expense, general and administrative expenses, depreciation expense, amortization of intangible assets and reorganization costs. The accounting policies used by the reportable segments are the same as those used in the consolidated financial statements.

Forrester does not identify or allocate assets, including capital expenditures, by operating segment. Accordingly, assets are not being reported by segment because the information is not available by segment and is not reviewed in the evaluation of performance or making decisions in the allocation of resources.

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The following tables present information about reportable segments (in thousands).

| | <u>IT</u> | <u>TI</u> | <u>M&S</u> | <u>Events</u> | <u>Consolidated</u> |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Year ended December 31, 2007 | | | | | |
| Revenue | \$89,818 | \$64,936 | \$46,351 | \$10,951 | \$212,056 |
| Direct margin | 39,238 | 34,279 | 16,090 | 4,074 | 93,681 |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | (69,798) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | | | <u>(1,232)</u> |
| Income from operations | | | | | <u>\$ 22,651</u> |
| Year ended December 31, 2008 | | | | | |
| Revenue | \$99,869 | \$69,621 | \$58,773 | \$12,612 | \$240,875 |
| Direct margin | 44,904 | 35,877 | 20,244 | 5,397 | 106,422 |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | (67,023) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | | | <u>(1,435)</u> |
| Income from operations | | | | | <u>\$ 37,964</u> |
| Year ended December 31, 2009 | | | | | |
| Revenue | \$92,950 | \$66,848 | \$63,910 | \$ 9,644 | \$233,352 |
| Direct margin | 43,497 | 34,408 | 22,970 | 3,183 | 104,058 |
| Corporate expenses | | | | | (63,807) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | | | | | (2,290) |
| Reorganization costs | | | | | <u>(5,541)</u> |
| Income from operations | | | | | <u>\$ 32,420</u> |

Net long-lived tangible assets by location as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| United States | \$5,447 | \$4,793 |
| Europe (excluding United Kingdom) | 934 | 765 |
| United Kingdom | 370 | 258 |
| Other | <u>8</u> | <u>7</u> |
| | <u>\$6,759</u> | <u>\$5,823</u> |

Net revenues by geographic destination and as a percentage of total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| United States | \$149,745 | \$172,973 | \$164,031 |
| Europe (excluding United Kingdom) | 25,328 | 31,179 | 31,011 |
| United Kingdom | 16,348 | 14,294 | 15,200 |
| Canada | 11,731 | 13,267 | 13,706 |
| Other | <u>8,904</u> | <u>9,162</u> | <u>9,404</u> |
| | <u>\$212,056</u> | <u>\$240,875</u> | <u>\$233,352</u> |

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| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| United States | 71% | 72% | 70% |
| Europe (excluding United Kingdom) | 12% | 13% | 13% |
| United Kingdom | 8% | 6% | 7% |
| Canada | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Other | <u>3%</u> | <u>3%</u> | <u>4%</u> |
| | <u>100%</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>100%</u> |

(12) Certain Balance Sheet Accounts

Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 consist of the following (in thousands):

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Computers and equipment | \$10,787 | \$10,758 |
| Computer software | 10,155 | 10,828 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 3,909 | 4,653 |
| Leasehold improvements | <u>5,975</u> | <u>6,043</u> |
| Total property and equipment | 30,826 | 32,282 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | <u>24,067</u> | <u>26,459</u> |
| | <u>\$ 6,759</u> | <u>\$ 5,823</u> |

Accrued Expenses:

Accrued expenses as of December 31, 2008 and 2009 consist of the following (in thousands):

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Payroll and related | \$ 9,873 | \$16,153 |
| Taxes | 7,805 | 2,896 |
| Other | <u>9,849</u> | <u>11,119</u> |
| | <u>\$27,527</u> | <u>\$30,168</u> |

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:

A roll-forward of the allowance for doubtful accounts as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2008, and 2009 is as follows (in thousands):

| | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 717 | \$ 727 | \$ 485 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 480 | 594 | 490 |
| Additions from acquisition | — | 107 | — |
| Write-offs | <u>(470)</u> | <u>(943)</u> | <u>(569)</u> |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ 727</u> | <u>\$ 485</u> | <u>\$ 406</u> |

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS — (Continued)

(13) Summary Selected Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited)

The following is a summary of selected quarterly financial data for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2009 (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Income Data for the Three Months Ended | | | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | March 31, 2008 | June 30, 2008 | September 30, 2008 | December 31, 2008 | March 31, 2009 | June 30, 2009 | September 30, 2009 | December 31, 2009 |
| Total revenues | \$54,974 | \$63,474 | \$59,506 | \$62,921 | \$56,407 | \$61,578 | \$53,881 | \$61,486 |
| Income from operations . . | \$ 6,543 | \$10,430 | \$ 8,595 | \$12,396 | \$ 3,185 | \$12,218 | \$ 7,950 | \$ 9,067 |
| Net income | \$ 5,028 | \$ 8,645 | \$ 6,388 | \$ 9,154 | \$ 2,631 | \$ 6,152 | \$ 4,300 | \$ 5,783 |
| Basic income per common share | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.38 | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.26 |
| Diluted income per common share | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.39 | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.19 | \$ 0.26 |

The Company recorded \$1.4 million of net foreign exchange losses related to the remeasurement of intercompany transactions in the fourth quarter of 2008, of which, \$1.9 million related to prior years.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not Applicable.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on the evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2009.

Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: 1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; 2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and 3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, a system of internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance and may not prevent or detect material misstatements. Further, because of changes in conditions, effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting may vary over time.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009. In making its assessment, management used the criteria set forth in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (“COSO”) of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management believes that as of December 31, 2009, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009 has been audited by BDO Seidman, LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which appears on page 29 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting in the quarter ending December 31, 2009 that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Board of Directors and Shareholders
Forrester Research, Inc.
Cambridge, MA

We have audited Forrester Research, Inc. (the “Company”) and subsidiaries internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Item 9A, Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Forrester Research, Inc. and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Forrester Research, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders’ equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009 and our report dated March 12, 2010 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
March 12, 2010

PART III

Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance*

Executive Officers

The following table sets forth information about our executive officers as of March 1, 2010.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| George F. Colony | 56 | Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer |
| Michael A. Doyle | 54 | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer |
| Dwight Griesman | 52 | Chief Marketing Officer |
| Elizabeth Lemons | 53 | Chief People Officer |
| Gail S. Mann, Esq. | 58 | Chief Legal Officer and Secretary |
| Julie Meringer | 41 | Managing Director, Information Technology Client Group |
| Mark R. Nemec | 40 | Managing Director, Technology Industry Client Group |
| Gregory Nelson | 37 | Chief Sales Officer |
| George Orlov | 52 | Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer |
| Charles Rutstein | 37 | Chief Operating Officer |
| Dennis van Lingen | 45 | Managing Director, Marketing & Strategy Client Group; Chief EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa) Officer |

George F. Colony, Forrester's founder, has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer since the Company's inception in July 1983, and as President since September 2001 and from 1983-2000.

Michael A. Doyle began serving as the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in September 2007. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Doyle was Chief Financial Officer of Easylink Services Corporation, a publicly traded telecommunications messaging provider, since 2004. Prior to joining Easylink, Mr. Doyle was the Chief Financial Officer for North America of Dun & Bradstreet Corporation from 2002 to 2004, and from 1997 to 2002, he held various senior financial and marketing positions with Cendant Corporation.

Dwight Griesman became Forrester's Chief Marketing Officer in August 2008. Mr. Griesman joined the Company in 2005 as Vice President and Practice Leader, Forrester Leadership Boards. Previously, he was Managing Director at the Forbes Consulting Group Quantitative Analytics Division from 2001-2004.

Elizabeth Lemons became Forrester's Chief People Officer in March 2007. Ms. Lemons joined the Company in June 2006 as Vice President, Strategic Growth for the Americas. Previously, she was Director of Human Resources at the Joslin Diabetes Center from 2005 to June 2006 and Vice President and Partner at Executive Destinations Inc., an executive career management firm, from 1997-2005.

Gail S. Mann, Esq. became Forrester's Chief Legal Officer and Secretary in February 2004. Ms. Mann previously was of counsel to the law firm of Morse, Barnes-Brown & Pendleton, P.C. from 2002 until joining Forrester. Prior to 2002 Ms. Mann was Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Harcourt General, Inc., a global multimedia publishing company, and its affiliate, The Neiman Marcus Group, a high end specialty retailer, from 1999-2001, and Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Digital Equipment Corporation from 1994 to 1998.

Julie Meringer became Managing Director of Forrester's Information Technology Client Group in January 2007. Ms. Meringer joined Forrester in 1991. From 2005 until 2007, Ms. Meringer served as Vice President of Forrester's consulting group and previously was a Vice President for our CIO Group, one of the Forrester Leadership Boards, from 2002 to 2004. Prior to 2002, Ms. Meringer held various leadership roles in our London office and research organization.

Gregory Nelson became Chief Sales Officer in August 2009. Previously, he served as Vice President of Sales for our Information Technology Client Group — EMEA region from September 2007 to August 2009. From January 2004 to September 2007 Mr. Nelson served as a regional sales director for the Company, and

prior to that, he held sales positions with the Company and with Giga Information Group, Inc., which we acquired in 2003.

Mark R. Nemec, Ph.D. became Managing Director of Forrester's Technology Industry Client Group in January 2007. Previously, Mr. Nemec was Vice President, Forrester Leadership Boards in 2006, and prior to that, Vice President, Council Manager. Prior to joining Forrester in 2005, Mr. Nemec was a senior director at the Advisory Board Company, a research consultancy based in Washington, D.C from 2000 to 2005. Previously, Mr. Nemec was on the faculty of Davidson College from 1999 to 2000.

George M. Orlov became Forrester's Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer in December 2004. Prior to joining Forrester, Mr. Orlov was Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer for Callisma, Inc., a professional services firm focused on technology infrastructure that was acquired by SBC Communications in 2003. Prior to 2003, Mr. Orlov served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Pacific Gas & Electric from 1998 to 2000, and prior thereto, he held the same position with Commonwealth Edison Company from 1996 to 1998.

Charles Rutstein became Forrester's Chief Operating Officer effective January 1, 2007. Mr. Rutstein joined Forrester in 1999. In 2006, Mr. Rutstein served as President, Forrester Americas. In 2005, he served as our Vice President, Community and previously was our Vice President of Consulting from 2003 to 2005. Prior to 2003, Mr. Rutstein held various leadership positions in our research organization. Before joining Forrester, Mr. Rutstein served as a principal consultant with Price Waterhouse Management Consulting Services.

Dennis van Lingen became Managing Director of our Marketing and Strategy Client Group in January 2007. Mr. Van Lingen also serves as Forrester's Chief Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) Officer. He was formerly President of EMEA from May 2006 to December 2006 and Vice President of Marketing for the Americas from January 2004 to May 2006. Mr. Van Lingen joined Forrester in 2000 as Director of Marketing for Europe. Before joining Forrester, Mr. Van Lingen worked as a senior manager in the marketing and public relations divisions of Nissan Europe for 10 years.

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics covers all employees, officers and directors, including our principal executive, financial and accounting officers. A copy of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics can be found on our web site, www.forrester.com.

We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirements under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and that relates to a substantive amendment or material departure from a provision of the Code, by posting such information on our Internet website at www.forrester.com. We also intend to satisfy the disclosure requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market regarding waivers of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by posting such information on our Internet website at www.forrester.com.

The remainder of the response to this item is contained in our Proxy Statement for our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2010 Proxy Statement") under the captions "Election of Directors" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance", all of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11. *Executive Compensation*

The response to this item is contained in the 2010 Proxy Statement under the captions "Directors' Compensation" and "Executive Compensation" and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters*

The response to this item is contained in the 2010 Proxy Statement under the caption "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" and is incorporated herein by reference.

The following table summarizes, as of December 31, 2009, the number of options issued under our equity compensation plans and the number of shares available for future issuance under these plans:

| <u>Plan Category</u> | <u>(a) Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights</u> | <u>(b) Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding options, Warrants and Rights</u> | <u>(c) Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)(1)</u> |
|--|--|--|--|
| Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders(1) | 3,183,756 | \$25.18 | 4,056,054 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total | 3,183,756 | \$25.18 | 4,056,054 |

(1) Column (c) includes, as of December 31, 2009, 3,273,116 shares available for issuance under our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, 200,000 shares under our 2006 Director’s Stock Option Plan, and 582,938 shares that are available for issuance under our Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

The shares available under our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan are available to be awarded as restricted or unrestricted stock or stock units.

Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence*

The response to this item is contained in the Company’s 2010 Proxy Statement under the captions “Information with respect to Board of Directors”, “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions”, and “Related Person Transactions” and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. *Principal Accounting Fees and Services*

The response to this item is contained in the Company’s 2010 Proxy Statement under the caption “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

Item 15. *Exhibits, Financial Statements Schedules.*

- a. *Financial Statements.* See Index on page 27.
- b. *Financial Statement Schedules.* None.
- c. *Exhibits.* A complete listing of exhibits required is given in the Exhibit Index that precedes the exhibits filed with this report on page 33 hereof.

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| 2.1(1) | Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of January 20, 2003 between Forrester Research, Inc., Whitcomb Acquisition Corp. and Giga Information Group, Inc. |
| 3.1(2) | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Forrester Research, Inc. |
| 3.2(3) | Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of Forrester Research, Inc. |
| 3.3(4) | Bylaws of Forrester Research, Inc., as amended |
| 4(3) | Specimen Certificate for shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, of Forrester Research, Inc. |
| 10.1+(3) | Registration Rights and Non-Competition Agreement |
| 10.2+(5) | 1996 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan, as amended |
| 10.3+(16) | Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| 10.4+(6) | 1996 Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors |
| 10.5+(7) | 2006 Equity Incentive Plan |
| 10.6+(7) | 2006 Stock Option Plan for Directors |
| 10.7+(8) | Form of Stock Option Certificate (1996 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan) |
| 10.8+(9) | Form of Performance-Based Option Certificate (1996 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan) |
| 10.9+(10) | Form of Director's Option Certificate (1996 Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors) |
| 10.10+(11) | Form of Incentive Stock Option Certificate (2006 Equity Incentive Plan) |
| 10.11+(11) | Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Certificate (2006 Equity Incentive Plan) |
| 10.12+(12) | Form of Performance-Based Option Certificate (2006 Equity Incentive Plan) |
| 10.13+(17) | Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (2006 Equity Incentive Plan) |
| 10.14+(12) | Form of Director's Option Certificate (2006 Stock Option Plan for Directors) |
| 10.15+(13) | Description of Matrix Bonus Plan |
| 10.16+(18) | Executive Cash Incentive Plan |
| 10.17+(12) | Employment Offer Letter from Company to Michael A. Doyle dated July 24, 2007 |
| 10.18+(14) | Employment Agreement between Forrester Research B.V. and Dennis Van Lingen dated as of June 20, 2000, and Addendum thereto dated May 21, 2001 |
| 10.19(19) | Lease dated May 6, 1999 between Technology Square LLC and the Company for the premises located at 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts |
| 10.20(5) | Fifth Amendment to Lease dated as of January 1, 2005 between Technology Square Finance, LLC and the Company for the premises located at 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts |
| 10.21(14) | Sixth Amendment to Lease date as of April 22, 2008 between ARE-Tech Square, LLC and Forrester Research, Inc. for the premises located at 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts |
| 10.22(20) | Lease of Premises at Cambridge Discovery Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts dated as of September 29, 2009 from BHX, LLC, as Trustee of Acorn Park I Realty Trust to the Company |
| 10.23(15) | First Amendment of Lease dated as of December 21, 2009 by 200 Discovery Park, LLC, successor to BHX, LLC, as Trustee of Acorn Park I Realty Trust, and the Company |
| 10.24(20) | Agreement Regarding Project Rights dated as of September 29, 2009, by BHX, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, as Trustee of Acorn Park I Realty Trust, a Massachusetts nominee trust, and the Company |
| 14.1(12) | Code of Business Conduct and Ethics |
| 21(15) | Subsidiaries of the Registrant |
| 23.1(15) | Consent of BDO Seidman, LLP |
| 31.1(15) | Certification of the Principal Executive Officer |
| 31.2(15) | Certification of the Principal Financial Officer |

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| 32.1(15) | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.2(15) | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |

+ Denotes management contract or compensation arrangements.

- (1) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 22, 2003 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on September 26, 1996 (File No. 333-12761) and incorporated by reference herein.
- (3) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated by reference herein.
- (4) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 4, 2010 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Annual Report on 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (7) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (8) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (9) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2005 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (10) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (11) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (12) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (13) Included in Forrester's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 24, 2007 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (14) Filed as an Exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (15) Filed herewith.
- (16) Included as Exhibit A in Forrester's Proxy Statement for its 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on April 3, 2009 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (17) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2009 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (18) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 17, 2010 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (19) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999 (File No. 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (20) Filed as an exhibit to Forrester's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 (File No 000-21433) and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

By: /s/ GEORGE F. COLONY
George F. Colony
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 12, 2010

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u> | <u>Capacity In Which Signed</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---|---|----------------|
| <u>/s/ GEORGE F. COLONY</u> George F. Colony | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ MICHAEL A. DOYLE</u> Michael A. Doyle | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ SCOTT R. CHOUINARD</u> Scott R. Chouinard | Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer) | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ HENK W. BROEDERS</u> Henk W. Broeders | Member of the Board of Directors | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ ROBERT M. GALFORD</u> Robert M. Galford | Member of the Board of Directors | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ GEORGE R. HORNIG</u> George R. Hornig | Member of the Board of Directors | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ GRETCHEN TEICHGRAEBER</u> Gretchen Teichgraeber | Member of the Board of Directors | March 12, 2010 |
| <u>/s/ MICHAEL H. WELLES</u> Michael H. Welles | Member of the Board of Directors | March 12, 2010 |



**NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT
2010**

Forrester Research, Inc.
400 Technology Square
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

George F. Colony
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

March 24, 2009

To Our Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Forrester Research, Inc., which will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at the offices of the Company, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts at 10:00 a.m. (local time).

On the following pages, you will find the formal notice of the Annual Meeting and our proxy statement. At the Annual Meeting you are being asked to elect two Class II Directors and to ratify the selection of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of the Class II directors named in the proxy statement and FOR the ratification of BDO Seidman, LLP.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend in person. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely yours,



GEORGE F. COLONY
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

Forrester Research, Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS May 11, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Forrester Research, Inc. will be held at the offices of the Company, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts at 10:00 a.m. (local time) on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Class II directors to serve until the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and
2. To ratify the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 23, 2010 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be open to examination by stockholders at the meeting and during normal business hours from May 1, 2010 to the date of the meeting at our offices, located at 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139.

If you are unable to be present personally, please sign and date the enclosed proxy and return it promptly in the enclosed envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors

GAIL S. MANN, ESQ.
Secretary

Cambridge, Massachusetts
March 24, 2010

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. PLEASE VOTE YOUR SHARES OVER THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH ON THE PROXY CARD, OR COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON.

FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders May 11, 2010 PROXY STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of Forrester Research, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is soliciting proxies from our stockholders. The proxy will be used at our 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and at any adjournments thereof. You are invited to attend the meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. (local time) on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the offices of the Company, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts. This proxy statement was first made available to stockholders on or about March 25, 2010.

This proxy statement contains important information regarding our annual meeting. Specifically, it identifies the proposals upon which you are being asked to vote, provides information that you may find useful in determining how to vote and describes voting procedures.

We use several abbreviations in this proxy statement. We call our Board of Directors the “Board” and refer to our fiscal year which began on January 1, 2009 and ended on December 31, 2009 as “fiscal 2009.” We also refer to ourselves as “Forrester” or the “Company.”

Who May Attend and Vote?

Stockholders who owned our common stock at the close of business on March 23, 2010 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. We refer to this date in this proxy statement as the “record date.” As of the record date, we had 22,493,332 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter to come before the meeting.

How Do I Vote?

If you are a stockholder of record of our common stock:

1. *You may vote over the internet.* If you have internet access, you may vote your shares from any location in the world by following the Vote by Internet instructions on the enclosed proxy card.
2. *You may vote by telephone.* You may vote your shares by following the “Vote by Telephone” instructions on the enclosed proxy card.
3. *You may vote by mail.* If you choose to vote by mail, simply mark your proxy card, date and sign it, and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.
4. *You may vote in person.* If you attend the meeting, you may deliver your completed proxy card in person or fill out and return a ballot that will be supplied to you at the meeting.

By voting over the internet or by telephone, or by signing and returning the proxy card according to the enclosed instructions, you are enabling the individuals named on the proxy card (known as “proxies”) to vote your shares at the meeting in the manner you indicate. We encourage you to vote in advance even if you plan to attend the meeting. In this way, your shares will be voted even if you are unable to attend the meeting. Your shares will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If a proxy card is signed and received by our Secretary, but no instructions are indicated, then the proxy will be voted “FOR” the election of the nominees for directors and “FOR” ratifying the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.

How Do I Vote if My Shares are Held in Street Name?

If you hold shares in “street name” (that is, through a bank, broker, or other nominee), the bank, broker, or other nominee, as the record holder of your shares, is required to vote your shares according to your instructions. In order to vote your shares, you will need to follow the directions your brokerage firm provides you. Many brokers also offer the option of voting over the internet or by telephone, instructions for which would be provided by your

brokerage firm on your voting instruction form. Please follow the instructions on that form to make sure your shares are properly voted. If you hold shares in “street name” and would like to attend the annual meeting and vote in person, you will need to bring an account statement or other acceptable evidence of ownership of our common stock. In addition, if you wish to vote your shares in person, you must contact the person in whose name your shares are registered and obtain a proxy card from that person and bring it to the annual meeting.

What Does the Board of Directors Recommend?

The Board recommends that you vote FOR the election of nominees for Class II directors identified in Proposal One and FOR ratifying the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm as described in Proposal Two.

If you are a record holder and submit the proxy card but do not indicate your voting instructions, the persons named as proxies on your proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. Starting this year, the election of directors (Proposal One) is a “non-discretionary” item. If you hold your shares in “street name”, and you do not indicate how you wish to have your shares voted, your nominee has discretion to instruct the proxies to vote on Proposal Two but does not have the authority, without your specific instructions, to vote on the election of directors and those votes will be counted as “broker non-votes”.

What Vote is Required for Each Proposal?

A majority of the shares entitled to be cast on a particular matter, present in person or represented by proxy, constitutes a quorum as to any proposal. The nominees for election of the Class II directors at the meeting (Proposal One) who receive the greatest number of votes properly cast for the election of directors will be elected. As a result, shares that withhold authority as to the nominees recommended by the Board will have no effect on the outcome. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy and voting is required to ratify the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal Two).

Shares represented by proxies that indicate an abstention or a “broker non-vote” (that is, shares represented at the annual meeting held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will be counted as shares that are present and entitled to vote on the matter for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. This year for the first time, brokers do not have discretionary authority to vote in the election of directors. However, because directors are elected by a plurality vote, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome. On Proposal Two, an abstention is not a vote cast and therefore will have no effect on the outcome. Brokers have discretionary authority on Proposal Two but if nonetheless there were any broker non-votes, they would have no effect on the outcome.

May I Change or Revoke My Vote After I Return My Proxy Card or After I Have Voted My Shares over the Internet or by Telephone?

Yes. If you are a stockholder of record, you may change or revoke a proxy any time before it is voted by:

- returning to us a newly signed proxy bearing a later date;
- delivering a written instrument to our Secretary revoking the proxy; or
- attending the annual meeting and voting in person.

If you hold shares in “street name”, you should follow the procedure in the instructions that your nominee has provided to you.

Who Will Bear the Cost of Proxy Solicitation?

We will bear the expense of soliciting proxies. Our officers and regular employees (who will receive no compensation in addition to their regular salaries) may solicit proxies. In addition to soliciting proxies through the mail, our officers and regular employees may solicit proxies personally, as well as by mail, telephone, and telegram

from brokerage houses and other stockholders. We will reimburse brokers and other persons for reasonable charges and expenses incurred in forwarding soliciting materials to their clients.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on May 11, 2010

This proxy statement and our Annual Report to Stockholders are available on-line at www.edocumentview.com/forr. These materials will be mailed to stockholders who request them.

How Can I Obtain an Annual Report on Form 10-K?

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 is available on our website at www.forrester.com. If you would like a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, we will send you one without charge. Please contact Investor Relations, Forrester Research, Inc., 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139, Tel: (617) 613-6000.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table and notes provide information about the beneficial ownership of our outstanding common stock as of February 17, 2010 (except as otherwise noted) by:

- (i) each person who we know beneficially owns more than 5% of our common stock;
- (ii) each of the executive officers named below in the Summary Compensation Table;
- (iii) each member of our Board of Directors; and
- (iv) our directors and executive officers as a group.

Except as otherwise indicated, each of the stockholders named in the table below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of our common stock beneficially owned. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and includes voting or investment power with respect to the shares. Shares subject to exercisable options include options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of February 17, 2010.

| <u>Name of Beneficial Owner</u> | <u>Common Stock Beneficially Owned</u> | | |
|--|--|--|---|
| | <u>Shares Beneficially Owned</u> | <u>Shares Subject to Exercisable Options</u> | <u>Percentage of Outstanding Shares</u> |
| George F. Colony Forrester Research, Inc. 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139(1) | 7,934,208 | — | 35.3% |
| Morgan Stanley 1585 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10036(2) | 1,995,573 | — | 8.9% |
| BlackRock, Inc. 40 East 52 nd Street New York, N.Y. 10022(3) | 1,169,781 | — | 5.21% |
| Henk Broeders | — | 93,750 | * |
| Robert Galford(4) | 2,400 | 93,750 | * |
| George Hornig | — | 46,875 | * |
| Gretchen Teichgraeber | — | 24,750 | * |
| Michael Welles | 2,016 | 93,750 | * |
| Michael Doyle | 1,532 | 25,000 | * |
| Julie Meringer | — | 75,309 | * |
| Charles Rutstein | 760 | 135,500 | * |
| Dennis Van Lingen | — | 75,250 | * |
| Directors and executive officers as a group (16 persons)(1)(4) | 7,944,800 | 883,684 | 37.8% |

- (1) Includes 1,580 shares held by Mr. Colony's wife as to which Mr. Colony disclaims beneficial ownership.
 - (2) Beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2009, as reported in a Schedule 13G/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 12, 2010. The shares being reported upon by Morgan Stanley as a parent holding company are owned, or may be deemed to be beneficially owned, by Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., an investment adviser and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. Morgan Stanley has sole voting power with respect to 1,894,237 shares and sole dispositive power with respect to 1,995,573 shares.
 - (3) Beneficial ownership as of December 31, 2009, as reported in a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 29, 2010. The reporting person has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to all of the reported shares.
 - (4) The 2,400 shares are held in trust for Mr. Galford's children, and Mr. Galford disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- * Less than 1%

**PROPOSAL ONE:
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes of equal size. The members of each class are elected to serve a three-year term with the term of office of each class ending in successive years. Henk W. Broeders and George R. Hornig are the Class II directors whose terms expire at this annual meeting. The Board of Directors has nominated them to serve as Class II directors until the 2013 annual meeting. The proxies intend to vote each share for which a proper proxy card has been returned or voting instructions received and not revoked in favor of the Class II directors named above. If you wish to withhold the authority to vote for the election of either of the nominees, your voting instructions must so indicate or your returned proxy card must be marked to that effect.

It is expected that Messrs. Broeders and Hornig will be able to serve, but if either of them is unable to serve, the proxies reserve discretion to vote, or refrain from voting, for a substitute nominee or nominees.

The following section provides information about each nominee, including information provided by each nominee and sitting director about his or her principal occupation and business experience for the past five years and the names of other publicly-traded companies, if any, for which he or she currently serves as a director or has served as a director during the past five years. In addition to the information presented with respect to each nominee's and each sitting director's experience, qualifications and skills that led our Board to conclude that he or she should serve as a director, we also believe that all of our directors, including the two nominees for election at the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders, has demonstrated business acumen and a significant commitment to our company, and has a reputation for integrity and adherence to high ethical standards.

NOMINEES FOR CLASS II DIRECTORS — TERM EXPIRING 2013

Henk W. Broeders, age 57, a Class II director, became a director of Forrester in May 1998. Since October 2003, Mr. Broeders has been a member of the Executive Committee of Cap Gemini S.A., a global management consulting firm headquartered in Paris, France operating under the name CapGemini. From 1998 to 2003, Mr. Broeders served as Chairman of the Executive Board of Cap Gemini N.V., a subsidiary of Cap Gemini S.A. located in the Netherlands. We believe Mr. Broeders' qualifications to sit on our Board of Directors include his many years of operational and management experience in the management consulting business, along with his experience with and perspective on European business as a Dutch national working for a firm headquartered in France.

George R. Hornig, age 55, a Class II director, became a director of Forrester in November 1996. Mr. Hornig is the Managing Director and Co-Chief Operating Officer of Asset Management and the head of Asset Management Americas at Credit Suisse, a global financial services firm, and from 1999-2006, he was the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of Alternative Investments at Credit Suisse. We believe Mr. Hornig's qualifications to sit on our Board of Directors include his three decades of finance and management experience in the investment banking and private equity business.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF
THE NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.**

CLASS I DIRECTORS CONTINUING IN OFFICE UNTIL 2011

George F. Colony, age 56, a Class I director, is the founder of Forrester and since 1983, he has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. He also has served as Forrester's President since September 2001, and he previously was Forrester's President from 1983 to 2000. We believe Mr. Colony's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors and as its Chairman include his almost thirty years of experience in the research industry, including 26 years as our chief executive officer, and his significant ownership stake in the Company.

Michael H. Welles, age 55, a Class I director, became a director of Forrester in November 1996. Mr. Welles is chief operating officer, a founder, and director of S2 Security Corporation, an IP-based facility security systems start-up. Previously, he served as vice president and general manager of the platforms business with NMS Communications, an OEM infrastructure supplier to the telecom industry from 2000 to 2002. We believe

Mr. Welles' qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his considerable knowledge of the information technology industry, his experience as the chief operating officer of a company he co-founded, and his many years of general management experience in global technology companies.

CLASS II DIRECTORS CONTINUING IN OFFICE UNTIL 2012

Robert M. Galford, age 57, a Class III director, became a director of Forrester in November 1996. Since November 2007, Mr. Galford has been the managing partner of the Center for Leading Organizations, an organizational development firm he founded in Concord, Massachusetts. From 2001 to 2007, Mr. Galford was a managing partner of the Center for Executive Development, an executive education provider in Boston, Massachusetts. We believe Mr. Galford's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include his many years of organizational development and executive education experience, along with his more recent corporate governance experience as an instructor for the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Gretchen G. Teichgraeber, age 56, a Class III director, became a director of Forrester in December 2005. Ms. Teichgraeber is the chief executive officer of Leadership Directories, Inc., a premier information services company that publishes biographical and contact data on leaders in the private and public sectors. Previously, Ms. Teichgraeber was an independent consultant to digital media companies and various non-profit organizations from 2007 to 2009. From 2000 to 2007, Ms. Teichgraeber was the chief executive officer of Scientific American, Inc., publisher of the science and technology magazine, Scientific American. Prior to joining Scientific American, Ms. Teichgraeber served as general manager, publishing, and vice president, marketing and information services at CMP Media, Inc., a leading provider of technology news and information. We believe Ms. Teichgraeber's qualifications to serve on our Board of Directors include her significant general management and marketing experience in the publishing and information services business, including on-line and print media, as well as the gender diversity she brings to our Board of Directors.

Corporate Governance

We believe that good corporate governance is important to ensure that Forrester is managed for the long-term benefit of its stockholders. Based on our continuing review of the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market, our Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, an amended and restated charter for the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, and a charter for the Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board. We also have a written code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our officers, directors and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, and persons performing similar functions. You can access our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines and our current committee charters on our website, at www.forrester.com/Investor/CorpGov.

Information With Respect to Board of Directors

Board Meetings and Committees

Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the directors, with the exception of Mr. Colony, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is independent under applicable NASDAQ standards as currently in effect. In reaching this conclusion, the Board considered that Mr. Hornig is a managing director of Credit Suisse, which provides cash management services to Forrester that were procured on an arm's length, competitive basis.

Our Board of Directors held seven meetings during fiscal 2009. Each director other than Henk Broeders attended at least 75 percent of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board of Directors and of each committee of which he or she is a member. Forrester does not require directors to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. Only Mr. Colony, who presided at the meeting, attended the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. Historically, very few stockholders have attended our annual meeting and we have not found it to be a particularly useful forum for communicating with our stockholders. The Board of Directors currently has two standing committees, the Audit Committee and the Compensation and Nominating Committee, whose members consist solely of independent directors.

Our Audit Committee consists of three members: George R. Hornig, Chairman, Henk W. Broeders, and Michael H. Welles, each of whom, in addition to satisfying the NASDAQ independence standards, also satisfies the Sarbanes-Oxley independence requirements for audit committee membership. In addition, the Board has determined that Mr. Hornig is an “audit committee financial expert” under applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and all of the members of the Audit Committee satisfy the financial literacy standards of NASDAQ. The Audit Committee held seven meetings during fiscal 2009. The responsibilities of our Audit Committee and its activities during fiscal 2009 are described in the committee’s amended and restated charter, which is available on our website at www.forrester.com/Investor/CorpGov. The charter will also be made available without charge to any stockholder who requests it by writing to Forrester Research, Inc., Attn: Chief Legal Officer, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Our Compensation and Nominating Committee consists of three members: Robert M. Galford, Chairman, Gretchen G. Teichgraeber, and Michael H. Welles. The Compensation and Nominating Committee held eight meetings during fiscal 2009. The Compensation and Nominating Committee has authority, as specified in the committee’s charter, to, among other things, evaluate and approve the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer, review and approve the compensation of our other executive officers, administer our stock plans, and oversee the development of executive succession plans for the CEO and other executive officers. The committee also has the authority to identify and recommend to the Board qualified candidates for director. The Compensation and Nominating Committee charter is available on our website at www.forrester.com/Investor/CorpGov. The charter will also be made available without charge to any stockholder who requests it by writing to Forrester Research, Inc., Attn: Chief Legal Officer, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Board Leadership Structure

At the present time, Mr. Colony serves as both Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Colony is a significant stockholder in Forrester, beneficially owning approximately 35.3% of our outstanding common stock. As such, we believe it is appropriate that he set the agenda for the Board of Directors in addition to serving as the Chief Executive Officer. We also do not believe that the size of the Company warrants the division of these responsibilities. We do not have a single lead director because our Board is small enough that the independent directors work effectively together as a group and the presiding director at meetings of the independent directors rotates among the chairmen of the committees.

The Board’s Role in Risk Oversight; Risk Considerations in our Compensation Programs

The Board’s role in the Company’s risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from members of management on areas of material risk to the Company, including financial, strategic, operational, legal and regulatory risks. The full Board (or the appropriate Committee in the case of risks that are under the purview of a particular Committee) receives these reports from the appropriate manager within the Company. When a committee receives such a report, the Chairman of the relevant Committee reports on the discussion to the full Board during the Committee reports portion of the next Board meeting, enabling the full Board to coordinate the risk oversight role, particularly with respect to risk interrelationships.

Our Compensation and Nominating Committee does not believe that our compensation programs encourage excessive or inappropriate risk taking. We structure our pay programs to consist of both fixed and variable compensation, with the fixed base salary portion providing steady income regardless of our stock price performance. The variable components, consisting of cash bonus and stock-based awards, are designed to reward both short and long-term performance. Targets under our bonus plans are a function of bookings and profit (described in greater detail in the Compensation, Discussion and Analysis below), important financial metrics for our business. For long-term performance, we award a combination of tenure-based and performance-based stock options and restricted stock units generally vesting over three to four years. We believe that the variable elements of compensation are a sufficient percentage of overall compensation to motivate executives to produce excellent short and long-term results for the Company, while fixed base salary is also sufficiently high such that the executives are not encouraged to take unnecessary or excessive risks. In addition, our bonus plan funding metrics apply company-wide, regardless of function or client group, which we believe encourages relatively consistent behavior across the organization. We cap our bonus at 2.4 times target company performance (up to 1.6 times for actual

company performance and up to 1.5 times the result to account for extraordinary individual and/or team performance). Therefore, even if Company performance dramatically exceeds target performance, bonus payouts are limited. Conversely, we have a floor on Company performance under our bonus plan approved by the Compensation and Nominating Committee so that the bonus plan is not funded at performance below a certain level.

Director Candidates

As noted above, the Compensation and Nominating Committee has responsibility for recommending nominees for election as directors of Forrester. Our stockholders may recommend individuals for this committee to consider as potential director candidates by submitting their names and background to the "Forrester Research Compensation and Nominating Committee", c/o Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139. The Compensation and Nominating Committee will consider a recommended candidate for the next annual meeting of stockholders only if biographical information and background material are provided no later than the date specified below under "Stockholder Proposals" for receipt of director nominations.

The process that the Compensation and Nominating Committee will follow to identify and evaluate candidates includes requests to Board members and others for recommendations, meetings from time to time to evaluate biographical information and background material relating to potential candidates, and interviews of selected candidates by members of the Compensation and Nominating Committee. Assuming that biographical and background material is provided for candidates recommended by the stockholders, the Compensation and Nominating Committee will evaluate those candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as for candidates submitted by Board members.

In considering whether to recommend any candidate for inclusion in the Board's slate of recommended director nominees, including candidates recommended by stockholders, the Compensation and Nominating Committee will apply the criteria set forth in the committee's charter and in the Corporate Governance Guidelines. These criteria include, among others, the candidate's integrity, age, experience, commitment, diligence, conflicts of interest and the ability to act in the interests of all stockholders. Although the Compensation and Nominating Committee considers as one of many factors in the director identification and nomination process diversity of race, gender and ethnicity, as well as geography and business experience, it has no specific diversity policy. The Compensation and Nominating Committee does not assign specific weights to particular criteria and no particular criterion is necessarily applicable to all prospective nominees. We believe that the backgrounds and qualifications of the directors, considered as a group, should provide a composite mix of experience, knowledge and abilities that will allow the Board to fulfill its responsibilities.

In addition, our bylaws permit stockholders to nominate directors for election at an annual meeting of stockholders, other than as part of the Board's slate. To nominate a director, in addition to providing certain information about the nominee and the nominating stockholder, the stockholder must give timely notice to Forrester, which, in general, requires that the notice be received by us no less than 60 nor more than 90 days prior to the applicable annual meeting of stockholders. In accordance with our by-laws, the 2011 Annual Meeting will be held on May 10, 2011.

Communications from Stockholders

The Board will give appropriate attention to communications on issues that are submitted by stockholders, and will respond if and as appropriate. Absent unusual circumstances or as contemplated by committee charters, the Compensation and Nominating Committee, with the assistance of the Chief Legal Officer, will be primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders and will provide copies of summaries of such communications to the other directors as deemed appropriate.

Stockholders who wish to send communications on any topic to the Board should address such communications to the Forrester Research Compensation and Nominating Committee, c/o Chief Legal Officer and Secretary, Forrester Research, Inc., 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Compensation Objectives and Strategy

The primary purpose of our executive compensation program is to attract, retain and motivate the key individuals who are most capable of contributing to the success of our Company and building long-term value for our stockholders. Our principal objectives and strategy concerning our executive compensation program are as follows:

- encourage achievement of key Company values — including client service, quality, and creativity — that we believe are critical to our continued growth;
- base cash compensation on individual achievement, teamwork, and our short-term financial performance;
- align employees' incentives with our objective of enhancing stockholder value over the longer term through long-term incentives, which historically have been principally in the form of stock options vesting over time and/or subject to performance conditions, and in 2009 included restricted stock units subject to performance conditions;
- design compensation packages that will attract, retain, and motivate key employees who are critical to the long-term success of our Company; and
- emphasize individual excellence and encourage employees at all levels, as well as executive officers, to take initiative and lead individual projects that enhance our performance.

These objectives and strategy are reviewed each year by the Compensation and Nominating Committee of our Board of Directors, which we refer to as the "Committee", which oversees our executive compensation program. In furtherance of these objectives, the Committee takes the following actions each year:

- reviews the performance of George F. Colony, our chairman and chief executive officer, including his demonstration of leadership and his overall contribution to the financial performance of the Company;
- reviews Mr. Colony's assessment of the performance of all other executive officers against their individual and, if applicable, team goals;
- reviews the company-wide financial goals that are used in the calculation of the incentive cash compensation for our executives;
- reviews all components of compensation for each executive officer: base salary, short-term cash incentive compensation, and long-term equity incentive compensation; and
- holds executive sessions (without our management present) as appropriate to accomplish the above actions.

Mr. Colony and Charles Rutstein, our chief operating officer, also play a substantial role in the compensation process for the other executive officers, primarily by setting quarterly goals for the executives reporting directly to each of them, evaluating their performance against those goals, and providing recommendations on their compensation to the Committee.

The Committee has not historically used formal benchmarking data to establish compensation levels, but has relied instead on relevant market data and surveys to design compensation packages that it believes are competitive with other similarly situated companies or those with whom we compete for talent. In July 2007, to assist the Committee with its strategic, in-depth review of executive compensation, the Committee retained Pearl Meyer & Partners to prepare a peer group analysis of executive compensation and help the Committee evaluate and design executive compensation packages. In December 2007, Pearl Meyer & Partners presented an executive compensation assessment to the Committee comparing the compensation of the Company's executives against those of peer group companies in order to inform and assist the Committee in its decision-making with respect to the compensation of executive officers for 2008 and beyond. This assessment was updated by Pearl Meyer & Partners

in late 2008, and further updated by the Company in 2009 from publicly available information with respect to the peer group companies.

Pearl Meyer & Partners' competitive assessment analysis included 13 publicly-traded firms that were chosen, after consultation with the Committee, based on three principal selection criteria: market segment similarity; annual revenue; and market capitalization. The firms include The Advisory Board Company, Arbitron Inc., The Corporate Executive Board Company, CoStar Group, Inc., CRA International, Inc., Diamond Management & Technology Consultants, Inc., Gartner, Inc., Greenfield Online, Inc., The Hackett Group, Inc. (formerly Answerthink, Inc.), Harris Interactive Inc., Sapient Corporation, TechTarget, Inc. and Visual Sciences, Inc. The Pearl Meyer analysis included the competitive position of Forrester executive officers relative to market percentiles of the peer group with respect to the various elements of executive compensation and for total compensation. While the Committee considered this data, along with other factors, such as the experience and performance of the executive and the difficult economic environment in 2009, in setting compensation levels and equity awards in 2009, the Committee did not specifically target any elements of compensation against the peer companies.

Elements of Compensation

Compensation for our named executive officers consists of the following principal components:

- base salary;
- short-term cash incentive compensation;
- long-term equity incentive compensation, in the form of stock options and restricted stock units; and
- other benefits available generally to all full-time employees.

We do not have an express policy for weighting different elements of compensation or for allocating between long-term and short-term compensation, but we do attempt to maintain compensation packages that will advance our overall compensation objectives. In reviewing and setting the compensation of each executive, we consider the individual's position with the Company and his or her ability to contribute to achievement of strategic and financial objectives

In 2009, as illustrated in our Summary Compensation Table below, base salaries for our named executive officers other than Mr. Colony represented an average of approximately 47% of total compensation (including base salary, short-term cash incentive compensation and the value of 2009 stock-based awards) for these individuals, while the base salary for Mr. Colony represented approximately 67% of his total compensation. Because of Mr. Colony's significant ownership of our common stock, the Committee generally does not grant stock options or restricted stock units to him, resulting in a higher ratio of base salary to total compensation than that of the other named executive officers.

Base Salary. The Committee approves the base salaries of our named executive officers annually by evaluating the responsibilities of their position, the experience and performance of the individual, the referenced peer group analysis, and survey and market data. The base salary of a named executive officer is also considered together with the other components of his or her compensation to ensure that both the executive's total cash compensation opportunity (or "on-target earnings") and the allocation between base salary and variable compensation for the executive are in line with our overall compensation philosophy.

Our goal is to pay base salaries to our named executive officers that are competitive with the base salaries of companies that are similarly situated or with which we compete to attract and retain executives, including the referenced peer group, while taking into account total on-target earnings, and remaining consistent with our overall compensation objectives with respect to variable compensation. In 2009, in light of the global economic environment, the Committee froze base salaries and target cash incentive amounts at 2008 levels for all of the named executive officers, including Mr. Colony.

Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation. A significant portion of each of our named executive officers' total annual cash compensation is dependent on our achievement of financial objectives set forth in our 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan. All of our employees, other than temporary employees and employees who were covered by a sales

compensation or commission-based plan, were eligible to participate in the 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan, including all of the named executive officers. Payouts under the plan are made quarterly in arrears, except with respect to Mr. Colony, who was paid annually in arrears for 2009 based on annual performance goals derived from the quarterly goals described below. Historically, performance goals under the matrix bonus plan for all participants other than Mr. Colony, including executive officers, have been set quarterly, rather than annually, to allow us to more effectively align our employees' performance with the changing business needs and financial performance of the Company over the year, thus improving our ability to meet both our quarterly and annual financial goals. Beginning with 2010, the Committee has adopted an annual cash incentive plan for all executive officers, described below, to better focus the senior leadership of the Company on strategic issues and the growth of the Company's business, while retaining the quarterly bonus plan for other employees.

An individual named executive officer's quarterly bonus payout, or annual bonus payout in the case of Mr. Colony, under the 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan is based on the following three factors, which are discussed in more detail below:

- the named executive officer's target award;
- the Company's financial performance; and
- the named executive officer's individual and, if applicable, team performance.

As noted above, in light of the global economic environment and the resultant challenges in the Company's business and uncertain outlook, the Committee elected to freeze the 2009 target cash incentive amounts for all of the named executive officers at 2008 levels. The annual cash bonus targets for our named executive officers ranged from approximately 35% to 63% of each named executive officer's base salary.

For purposes of the 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan, the financial performance of our Company for 2009 was measured quarterly based on booked sales accounts (referred to as "bookings") and operating profit goals. The Committee selected bookings as one of the metrics because we believe that bookings provide an important measure of our current business activity and estimated future revenues. The Committee selected adjusted operating profit ("operating profit") as the other key metric because we believe operating profit provides a comprehensive measure of our financial performance that takes into account the importance of both revenue growth and expense management. In addition, by linking payouts under the plan to the Company's profitability, we provide our employees with the opportunity to share in our profits while assuring that payouts are only made if we achieve a satisfactory, pre-approved level of profitability, taking into account the nature of our business and the economic environment. The Committee may adjust the operating profit metric, as it deems appropriate, to include or exclude particular non-recurring items, such as acquisition-related or reorganization expenses, to avoid unanticipated results and to promote, and provide appropriate incentives for, actions and decisions that are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

The 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan was structured as follows:

- A matrix for each quarter containing bookings on the x axis and operating profit on the y axis was approved by the Committee under the plan based on the Company's annual financial plan approved by the Board of Directors. Quarterly minimum bookings and operating profit levels for our Company were set, taking into account the Company's historical growth levels for bookings and operating profit, but recognizing the difficult economic environment experienced by the Company in the second half of 2008 that was projected to continue into 2009. Failure of our Company to meet either of these minimum levels would result in each executive officer being ineligible to receive any quarterly bonus payout. The minimum, target and maximum

levels of bookings and operating profit under the 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan approved by the Committee were as follows (all dollars in thousands):

| | <u>Q1</u> | <u>Q2</u> | <u>Q3</u> | <u>Q4</u> |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bookings | | | | |
| Minimum: | \$35,269 | \$38,142 | \$35,626 | \$ 78,903 |
| Target: | \$46,406 | \$50,186 | \$46,876 | \$103,820 |
| Maximum: | \$53,367 | \$57,714 | \$53,908 | \$119,393 |
| Operating Profit | | | | |
| Minimum: | \$ 6,745 | \$11,727 | \$ 6,723 | \$ 11,092 |
| Target: | \$ 7,665 | \$13,326 | \$ 7,640 | \$ 12,604 |
| Maximum: | \$ 9,044 | \$15,725 | \$ 9,016 | \$ 14,873 |

- If the Company’s target bookings and operating profit were achieved, the plan allowed for the payment of 100% of a named executive officer’s target award for the applicable quarter, subject to adjustment upward or downward for individual performance and team performance, as described in more detail below. If the bookings and operating profit were above the minimum thresholds but below the target, the bonus payout would be between 10% and 100% of the target award, subject to adjustment upward or downward for individual and team performance.
- If the applicable target bookings and operating profit were exceeded, the plan allowed for the payment of up to 160% of a named executive officer’s target award for the applicable quarter, subject to adjustment upward or downward for individual performance and team performance.

The Company’s actual bookings and operating profit results for 2009, and the associated percentage of each named executive officer’s target award payable before adjustment for individual or team performance (referred to as the “Company Modifier”), were as follows:

| | <u>Q1</u> | <u>Q2</u> | <u>Q3</u> | <u>Q4</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bookings | \$43,842 | \$42,907 | \$45,109 | \$97,175 |
| Operating Profit | \$ 9,173 | \$14,202 | \$10,123 | \$13,284 |
| Company Modifier: | 110% | 60% | 120%* | 80% |

* The Committee elected to cap the Company Modifier at 100% for Mr. Colony and his direct reports, including Messrs. Doyle and Rutstein. This reflects the fact that in light of the deterioration in the economic environment over the first half of 2009, the Committee, on management’s recommendation, decided to lower the bookings targets under the plan for all employees other than the executive officers for the second half of 2009. As part of this reduction, the Committee provided that the non-executive employee payout under the plan could not exceed 100% unless the original, unreduced bookings target was met or exceeded, regardless of how high operating profit was in that quarter. While the Company experienced better than planned operating profit in the third quarter of 2009, bookings for the quarter were below the target level of performance. The Committee therefore determined that it was appropriate to apply the 100% cap to the payouts for Messrs. Colony, Doyle and Rutstein, because of their visibility into and/or responsibility for the company-wide financial plan and bookings performance.

The 2009 quarterly bonus payouts of each named executive officer other than Mr. Colony, as determined under the plan based on the Company’s performance, could be increased by as much as an additional 50% or reduced to as little as zero, depending on Mr. Colony’s or Mr. Rutstein’s, as the case may be, evaluation of the overall performance of such individual against specific individual quarterly goals and, for Messrs. Doyle and Rutstein, the achievement of a team goal relating to an increase in the percentage of the Company’s bookings from research (syndicated) products and services. The Company’s primary reason for targeting this increase is that the Company’s syndicated products and services generally are renewable and more profitable than its non-syndicated advisory services. With respect to Messrs. Doyle and Rutstein, 40% of each payout for the quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009, and 25% of the payout for the quarter ended December 31, 2009, was subject to

modification based on performance against the syndicated team goal, and the remaining 60% or 75% of each payout, depending on the quarter, was subject to modification based on performance against individual goals. The Committee believed that the team goal was appropriate for Messrs. Doyle and Rutstein because of their visibility into and responsibility for company-wide financial planning and operating results, respectively. The targeted percentage of syndicated bookings, the actual syndicated bookings, and the associated team goal modifier for Messrs. Doyle and Rutstein, were as follows:

| | <u>Q1</u> | <u>Q2</u> | <u>Q3</u> | <u>Q4</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Target Syndicated %: | 67.5-68.5% | 64.5-65.5% | 64.5-65.5% | 73.5-74.5% |
| Actual Syndicated %: | 66.8% | 60.0% | 61.2% | 74.1% |
| Team Modifier: | 75% | 0.0% | 40% | 100% |

The individual goals for each executive officer were set quarterly by Mr. Colony and Mr. Rutstein for each of their direct reports, and were designed to promote achievement of our Company’s quarterly and annual performance targets approved by the Committee. These individual goals included goals with respect to particular financial or customer satisfaction metrics, which were company-wide in the case of Mr. Rutstein, and focused on the applicable client group for which they served as managing director, in the case of Ms. Meringer and Mr. Van Lingen, as well as more subjective items such as management style and strategic direction. Based upon Mr. Colony’s and Mr. Rutstein’s evaluation of their direct reports’ performance against those goals, the average individual goal modifier for the named executive officers other than Mr. Colony for 2009 was determined to be approximately 98.5%.

The 2009 bonus payout of Mr. Colony, as determined under the plan based on the Company’s performance, which was paid annually in arrears, and could be increased by as much as an additional 50% or reduced to as little as zero, depending on the Committee’s evaluation of the overall performance of Mr. Colony against individual annual goals, as well as the achievement of the “syndicated” team goal described above. The individual goals were set by the Committee at the beginning of the year and included company-wide-financial performance, as well as strategic and organizational goals. Based upon the Committee’s evaluation of Mr. Colony’s performance against those goals, Mr. Colony’s individual goal modifier for 2009 was determined to be 100%.

Actual bonus payments for 2009 are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table under the heading “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” and reflect that, in the aggregate, actual awards paid to our named executive officers for 2009 were on average equal to approximately 81% of the aggregate cash incentive compensation targets that the Committee established for 2009, based on Company, individual and team performance relative to the applicable goals for each executive.

Long-term Equity Incentive Compensation. The principal equity component of our executive compensation historically has been in the form of stock options granted under our equity incentive plans. All stock-based compensation awards granted to our executive officers are granted by the Committee. Stock options generally have been granted when an executive joins Forrester or in connection with a promotion, with additional stock-based awards granted from time to time, typically as part of an annual grant to a larger group of key employees. We believe that stock-based awards help to motivate and retain executives and also align management’s incentives with long-term stock price appreciation. Grants to new executives and grants made in connection with promotions are typically tenure-based, with vesting occurring with the passage of time, with more recent follow-on grants to current executives typically being performance-based, with vesting and/or the vesting schedule keyed to achievement of specified financial goals. We believe that the combination of tenure-based and performance-based awards serves to encourage retention while further aligning the interests of executives and stockholders. Neither the Company nor our board of directors, including the Committee, has any plan, program or practice of timing equity incentive awards in coordination with the release or withholding of material non-public information.

In determining the size and nature of stock-based awards for 2009, the Committee considered the aggregate number of options outstanding relative to the Company’s total shares outstanding, the average aggregate size of stock awards made to executive officers of companies that are similarly situated or with which we compete to attract and retain executives, including the referenced peer group, and the individuals that they believed were most likely to contribute to or influence the continued implementation of the Company’s role-based strategy, a return to the Company’s historical growth levels and continued improvement in the Company’s operating margin. On June 29, 2009, the Committee reviewed and approved the grant of performance-based restricted stock units (RSUs) and

tenure-based stock options to each of Mr. Doyle, Ms. Meringer, Mr. Rutstein and Mr. van Lingen, effective July 1, 2009 as part of a grant of equity-based compensation to key employees across the Company. The Committee determined that an award comprised of a combination of tenure-based stock options and performance-based restricted stock units would best align the interests of management with that of the stockholders of the Company by providing incentives for the executives to remain employed by the Company and to focus on initiatives designed to promote long-term growth. In addition, in structuring the awards, the Committee considered that if and when an RSU award vests, it provides immediate compensatory value to the executive. With respect to the stock options, the Committee determined that extending the vesting schedule to provide that none of the grant would vest until 21 months after award date was appropriate to promote a longer-term outlook. So long as the named executive officer holding one of the options remains employed by the Company, 50% of the shares subject to the option will vest on April 1, 2011, an additional 25% will vest April 1, 2012, and the balance of the shares subject to the option will vest on April 1, 2013. The stock options were granted at an exercise price of \$25.25, which was equal to the closing market price of the common stock on the grant date.

Each RSU granted to the named executive officers in 2009 entitles the applicable officer to receive on or after April 1, 2012, prior to deducting the applicable number of shares necessary to satisfy withholding tax obligations, one share of the Company's common stock, if two performance levels are met and the officer remains employed by the Company. The applicable performance metrics are the percentage growth in the Company's total consolidated revenues for the year ending December 31, 2011 as compared to the Company's total consolidated revenues for the year ending December 31, 2010, or year-over-year revenue growth, and consolidated pro forma operating margin for the year ending December 31, 2011. If both target performance levels are met, the RSUs will vest at 100%; if both target performance levels are not achieved, but year-over-year revenue growth and pro forma operating margin equal or exceed prescribed minimum levels, then the RSUs will vest at 40%. Failure to achieve the minimum performance levels for either year-over-year revenue growth or pro forma operating margin will result in forfeiture of the RSUs. The Committee decided that using scaled metrics was appropriate to achieve the objectives of longer-term strategic thinking and retention of key talent, particularly given the uncertainty of the current business environment. The applicable minimum and target levels for each of the performance metrics are as follows:

| | <u>Minimum</u> | <u>Target</u> |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Year-Over-Year Revenue Growth: | 12% | 15% |
| Pro Forma Operating Margin: | 15% | 17% |

Given Mr. Colony's significant ownership of our common stock, the Committee did not grant stock options or restricted stock units to Mr. Colony in 2009.

Other Benefits

As employees of our Company, our executive officers are eligible to participate in all Company-sponsored benefit programs on the same basis as other full-time employees, including health and dental insurance and life and disability insurance. In addition, our executive officers are eligible to receive the same employer match under our 401(k) plan (or applicable foreign plan) as is applicable for all participating employees. We do not offer any supplemental executive health and welfare or retirement programs, or provide any other supplemental benefits or perquisites, to our executives.

We have a cash bonus plan adopted in 2000 to pay bonuses measured by a portion of the share of our net profits from two technology related private equity investment funds. Certain of our key employees, including certain of our executive officers who were employees of the Company at the time of the adoption of this plan, participate in this plan. The principal purpose of this cash bonus plan was to retain key employees by allowing them to participate in a portion of the potential return from our technology-related investments if they remained employed by the Company. The plan was established at a time when technology and internet companies were growing significantly, and providing incentives to retain key employees during that time was important. To date, although we have invested \$19.6 million of a \$20 million commitment in these funds, we have not paid any bonuses under this plan.

2010 Compensation

The Committee adopted an Executive Cash Incentive Plan effective February 10, 2010 for the executive officers. Beginning with 2010, cash incentive payouts for the executive officers of the Company, including all of the named executive officers, will be paid annually, rather than quarterly, in arrears.

In February 2010, the Committee approved increases in the base salary and cash incentive targets for Messrs. Colony, Rutstein, Doyle, and van Lingen, and Ms. Meringer, effective January 1, 2010, as follows:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>2010 Base Salary</u> | <u>2010 Cash Incentive Target</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| George Colony | \$350,000 | \$210,000 |
| Charles Rutstein | 336,000 | 144,000 |
| Michael Doyle | 315,000 | 135,000 |
| Julie Meringer | 252,000 | 108,000 |
| Dennis van Lingen | 263,326* | 112,854* |

* Reflects a translation from Euros into U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of 1.4 dollars per Euro, which is the exchange rate that the Company will use for financial planning purposes for 2010.

Impact of Tax and Accounting on Compensation Decisions

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code limits the deductibility of compensation paid to certain executive officers in excess of \$1 million unless the compensation is performance based. Because the compensation amounts paid to our executive officers are substantially below this threshold, to date we have not needed to structure compensation arrangements with our executive officers to preserve the deductibility of that compensation in light of Section 162(m).

When determining amounts of equity awards to executives and employees under our equity incentive program, the Committee considers the compensation charges associated with the awards. We recognize compensation expense for stock-based awards based upon the fair value of the award. Grants of stock options result in compensation expense equal to the fair value of the options, which is calculated using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. Restricted stock unit awards result in compensation expense equal to the fair value of the award on the award date, which is calculated using the closing stock price of the underlying shares on the date of the award. Stock-based compensation is recognized as an expense over the vesting period of the award.

Compensation Committee Report

The Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis included in this proxy statement with management and, based on this review and discussion, recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Compensation and Nominating Committee

Robert M. Galford, Chair
Michael H. Welles
Gretchen G. Teichgraber

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows the compensation earned during 2007, 2008 and 2009 by our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer and each of our three most highly compensated executives as of December 31, 2009. We refer to these officers as the “named executive officers.”

| <u>Name and Principal Position</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Salary (\$)</u> | <u>Bonus \$(1)</u> | <u>Stock Awards \$(2)</u> | <u>Option Awards \$(2)</u> | <u>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)</u> | <u>All Other Compensation \$(3)</u> | <u>Total (\$)</u> |
|---|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| George F. Colony Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer | 2009 | 320,000 | — | — | — | 145,500 | 10,394 | 475,894 |
| | 2008 | 310,000 | — | — | — | 142,500 | 6,135 | 458,635 |
| | 2007 | 300,000 | — | — | — | 116,250 | 4,668 | 420,918 |
| Michael A. Doyle(4) Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer | 2009 | 308,000 | — | 84,184 | 86,023 | 78,759 | 8,912 | 565,878 |
| | 2008 | 304,000 | 37,500 | — | — | 83,326 | 8,440 | 433,266 |
| | 2007 | 80,747 | 37,500 | — | 385,865 | 17,675 | 443 | 522,230 |
| Julie Meringer Managing Director, Information Technology Client Group | 2009 | 230,000 | — | 84,184 | 86,023 | 87,709 | 7,862 | 495,778 |
| | 2008 | 230,000 | — | — | 154,994 | 77,188 | 6,405 | 468,587 |
| | 2007 | 215,000 | — | — | 172,458 | 70,529 | 9,996 | 467,983 |
| Charles Rutstein Chief Operating Officer | 2009 | 290,000 | — | 126,250 | 129,034 | 97,268 | 11,092 | 653,644 |
| | 2008 | 290,000 | — | — | 232,490 | 111,173 | 8,420 | 642,083 |
| | 2007 | 275,000 | — | — | 247,861 | 97,750 | 11,330 | 631,941 |
| Dennis van Lingen(5) Managing Director, Marketing & Strategy Client Group; Chief Europe, Middle East, & Africa Officer | 2009 | 253,753 | — | 105,217 | 107,528 | 97,311 | 26,194 | 590,003 |
| | 2008 | 267,620 | — | — | 154,994 | 94,310 | 28,690 | 545,614 |
| | 2007 | 234,174 | — | — | 114,829 | 77,033 | 40,530 | 466,566 |

- (1) Amounts represent a sign-on bonus paid to Mr. Doyle in two installments.
- (2) These amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock unit and option awards for 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Assumptions used in the calculation of grant date fair value of stock options are included in footnote 1 to the Company’s consolidated financial statements included in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units is based upon the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant. For purposes of calculating the grant date fair value of performance awards, we assume that the performance criteria will be fully achieved and 100% of each award will vest. The amounts set forth may be more or less than the value ultimately realized by the named executive officer based upon, among other things, the value of the Company’s Common Stock at the time of exercise of the options or vesting of the restricted stock units and whether such options or restricted stock units actually vest.
- (3) 2009 amounts include the following amounts of Company matching contributions under our 401(k) plan or, for Mr. van Lingen, our Netherlands-based defined contribution pension plan: Mr. Colony, \$7,350; Mr. Doyle, \$7,350; Ms. Meringer, \$7,350; Mr. Rutstein, \$7,350; and Mr. van Lingen, \$18,055. Other amounts consist of group term life insurance premiums and miscellaneous other items.
- (4) Mr. Doyle joined the Company as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer on September 24, 2007.
- (5) All elements of Mr. van Lingen’s 2009 compensation, other than stock compensation-related expenses, reflect a translation from Euros into U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of 0.71916 Euros per dollar, which was the average exchange rate during 2009. Elements of Mr. Van Lingen’s compensation for 2008 and 2007 reflect the average exchange rates for each of those years.

GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS FOR 2009

The following table sets forth information with respect to plan-based awards granted to named executive officers in 2009.

| Name | Grant Date | Committee Approval Date | Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1) | | | Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards(3) | | | All Other Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#) | Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh) | Grant Date Fair Value of Option Awards (\$)(4) |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------|--|------------|-------------|---|---|--|
| | | | Threshold (\$)(2) | Target (\$) | Maximum (\$)(2) | Threshold (#) | Target (#) | Maximum (#) | | | |
| George F. Colony | — | — | 0 | 200,000 | 480,000 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Michael A. Doyle | — | — | 0 | 108,000 | 259,200 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10,000 | 25.25 | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | 1,334 | 3,334 | 3,334 | — | — | |
| Julie Meringer | — | — | 0 | 95,000 | 228,000 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10,000 | 25.25 | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | 1,334 | 3,334 | 3,334 | — | — | |
| Charles Rutstein | — | — | 0 | 135,000 | 324,000 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 15,000 | 25.25 | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | 2,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | — | — | |
| Dennis van Lingen(5) | — | — | 0 | 94,740 | 227,376 | — | — | — | — | — | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12,500 | 25.25 | |
| | 07/01/09 | 06/29/09 | — | — | — | 1,667 | 4,167 | 4,167 | — | — | |

(1) Consists of awards under our 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan, an annual non-equity incentive plan, with payouts thereunder made quarterly in arrears to executives other than Mr. Colony, and annually in arrears for Mr. Colony. Our 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan is described in detail, including calculation of threshold, target and maximum awards under the plan, in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis above. Actual amounts awarded are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table above.

(2) The threshold and maximum amounts reflect the fact that a named executive officer's payout, as determined by the Company's matrix performance, can be increased by as much as 50% or reduced to as little as zero, depending on achievement of specific individual goals and, with respect to Mr. Colony and his direct reports, the achievement of a team goal. Without giving effect to any upward or downward adjustment for individual or team performance, the threshold (10% of target), target and maximum (160% of target) possible payouts under the 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan for the named executive officers were as follows:

| Name | Threshold (\$) | Target (\$) | Maximum (\$) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| George F. Colony | \$20,000 | \$200,000 | \$320,000 |
| Michael A. Doyle | \$10,800 | \$108,000 | \$172,800 |
| Julie Meringer | \$ 9,500 | \$ 95,000 | \$152,000 |
| Charles Rutstein | \$13,500 | \$135,000 | \$216,000 |
| Dennis van Lingen | \$ 9,474 | \$ 94,740 | \$151,584 |

(3) Consists of performance-based restricted stock units granted pursuant to our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan ("2006 Plan"). The vesting of such restricted stock units is conditioned upon achievement of defined performance objectives relating to year-over-year revenue growth and pro form operating margin in 2011. The restricted stock units can vest as to either 40% or 100% of the total number of shares subject to the award, depending on performance, or the restricted stock units can be forfeited if the defined performance objectives are not met. Pursuant to the terms of the 2006 Plan, the restricted stock units become vested in full upon a change of control, unless there is an assumption, substitution or cash-out of such restricted stock units in connection with the change of control.

(4) Assumptions used in the calculation of option awards are included in footnote 1 to the Company's consolidated financial statements included in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units is based upon the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. For purposes of calculating the grant date fair value of performance awards, we assume that the performance criteria will be fully achieved and 100% of each award will vest.

- (5) Threshold, target and maximum awards under our 2009 Matrix Bonus Plan for Mr. van Lingen reflect a translation from Euros into U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of 1.28 dollars per Euro, which was the exchange rate that the Company used for all financial planning purposes for 2009. The applicable amounts expressed in Euro would be: threshold, €7,402; target, €74,016; and maximum, €177,638. Applying the average exchange rate during 2009, which was used to calculate the actual amounts paid in the Summary Compensation Table, the same amounts expressed in U.S. dollars would be: threshold, \$10,292; target, \$102,920; and maximum, \$247,008.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2009 YEAR-END TABLE

The following table sets forth information for the named executive officers regarding outstanding option awards and stock awards held as of December 31, 2009.

| Name | Option Awards | | | | Stock Awards | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable | Option Exercise Price (\$) | Option Expiration Date | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(1) | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested \$(2) |
| George F. Colony | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Michael A. Doyle | — | — | — | — | 3,334 | 86,517 |
| | 25,000 | 25,000(3) | \$25.20 | 09/30/2017 | — | — |
| | 0 | 10,000(4) | \$25.25 | 06/30/2019 | — | — |
| Julie Meringer | — | — | — | — | 3,334 | 86,517 |
| | 8,000 | — | \$25.16 | 03/15/2011 | — | — |
| | 5,000 | — | \$15.96 | 10/31/2011 | — | — |
| | 2,397 | — | \$17.38 | 10/31/2011 | — | — |
| | 1,000 | — | \$14.73 | 03/30/2013 | — | — |
| | 4,500 | — | \$18.42 | 03/30/2014 | — | — |
| | 4,412 | — | \$14.06 | 03/30/2015 | — | — |
| | 15,000 | — | \$22.19 | 04/03/2016 | — | — |
| | 10,000 | 10,000(5) | \$27.34 | 01/01/2017 | — | — |
| | 10,000 | 10,000(6) | \$27.11 | 03/31/2018 | — | — |
| | — | 10,000(7) | \$25.25 | 06/30/2019 | — | — |
| Charles Rutstein | — | — | — | — | 5,000 | 129,750 |
| | 7,500 | — | \$61.25 | 07/31/2010 | — | — |
| | 8,000 | — | \$25.16 | 03/15/2011 | — | — |
| | 5,000 | — | \$14.73 | 03/30/2013 | — | — |
| | 7,500 | — | \$18.42 | 03/30/2014 | — | — |
| | 7,500 | — | \$14.06 | 03/30/2015 | — | — |
| | 30,000 | 10,000(8) | \$21.87 | 02/14/2016 | — | — |
| | 20,000 | 10,000(9) | \$28.62 | 04/01/2017 | — | — |
| | 15,000 | 15,000(10) | \$27.11 | 03/31/2018 | — | — |
| | — | 15,000(11) | \$25.25 | 06/30/2019 | — | — |
| Dennis van Lingen | — | — | — | — | 4,167 | 108,134 |
| | 5,000 | — | \$61.25 | 07/31/2010 | — | — |
| | 5,000 | — | \$25.16 | 03/15/2011 | — | — |
| | 1,250 | — | \$14.73 | 03/30/2013 | — | — |
| | 4,000 | — | \$18.42 | 03/30/2014 | — | — |
| | 2,500 | — | \$14.06 | 03/30/2015 | — | — |
| | 11,250 | 3,750(12) | \$26.08 | 05/14/2016 | — | — |
| | 11,250 | 3,750(13) | \$27.35 | 09/06/2016 | — | — |
| | 10,000 | 5,000(14) | \$26.93 | 04/01/2017 | — | — |
| | 10,000 | 10,000(15) | \$27.11 | 03/31/2018 | — | — |
| | — | 12,500(16) | \$25.25 | 06/30/2019 | — | — |

(1) Consists of performance-based restricted stock units granted pursuant to our 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. The vesting of these restricted stock units is conditioned upon achievement of defined performance objectives

relating to year-over-year revenue growth and pro form operating margin in 2011. The restricted stock units can vest on April 1, 2012 as to either 40% or 100% of the total number of shares subject to the award, depending on performance, or the restricted stock units can be forfeited if the defined performance objectives are not met.

- (2) The market value was calculated based on \$25.95, the closing price per share of our common stock on December 31, 2009.
- (3) Stock options become exercisable in equal installments on each of October 1, 2010 and October 1, 2011.
- (4) Stock options become exercisable as to 5,000 shares on April 1, 2011, 2,500 shares on April 1, 2012 and 2,500 shares on April 1, 2013.
- (5) Stock options became exercisable as to 5,000 shares on January 2, 2010, and the remainder become exercisable on January 2, 2011.
- (6) Stock options become exercisable on April 1, 2010.
- (7) Stock options become exercisable as to 5,000 shares on April 1, 2011, 2,500 shares on April 1, 2012 and 2,500 shares on April 1, 2013.
- (8) Stock options became exercisable on February 15, 2010.
- (9) Stock options become exercisable on April 2, 2010.
- (10) Stock options became become exercisable on April 1, 2010.
- (11) Stock options become exercisable as to 7,500 shares on April 1, 2011, 3,750 shares on April 1, 2012 and 3,750 shares on April 1, 2013.
- (12) Stock options become exercisable on May 15, 2010.
- (13) Stock options become exercisable on May 15, 2010.
- (14) Stock options become exercisable on April 2, 2010.
- (15) Stock options become exercisable on April 1, 2010.
- (16) Stock options become exercisable as to 6,250 shares on April 1, 2011, 3,125 shares on April 1, 2012 and 3,125 shares on April 1, 2013.

OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED TABLE FOR 2009

None of the named executive officers exercised stock options or acquired shares upon the vesting of stock awards during 2009.

Pension Benefits

We have no defined benefit pension plans or long-term incentive plans applicable to the named executive officers.

Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

We have no nonqualified defined contribution or deferred compensation plans.

Severance and Change-of-Control Benefits

We entered into an employment offer letter on July 24, 2007 with Mr. Doyle that provides for severance benefits following a termination of his employment by the Company without Cause (as defined in the offer letter). In the event of such a termination, we must continue to pay Mr. Doyle his base salary for the 6 months following his termination, subject to his signing a separation agreement in a form acceptable to us that includes a general release of all claims. We have not entered into agreements providing for severance benefits with any of the other named executive officers. Each of our named executive officers other than Mr. Colony has entered into stock option and restricted stock unit grant agreements that provide for full acceleration of vesting upon a change of control of the Company, unless there is an assumption, substitution or cash-out of such options or restricted stock units in connection with the change of control. The following table shows what the benefit of such acceleration would have

been assuming a change of control had occurred on December 31, 2009, and also shows the severance amounts that would have been payable to Mr. Doyle if we had terminated his employment without Cause on December 31, 2009.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Early Vesting of Stock Options Upon a Change of Control\$(1)</u> | <u>Early Vesting of Stock Awards Upon a Change of Control\$(2)</u> | <u>Severance Amount Upon Termination Without Cause (\$)</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| George F. Colony | — | — | — |
| Michael A. Doyle | 25,750 | 86,517 | 154,000 |
| Julie Meringer | 7,000 | 86,517 | — |
| Charles Rutstein | 51,300 | 129,750 | — |
| Dennis van Lingen | 8,750 | 108,134 | — |

- (1) This amount equals the difference between the exercise price of each option and \$25.95, the closing price of our common stock on NASDAQ on December 31, 2009, multiplied by the number of unvested shares of our common stock underlying stock options on December 31, 2009, the assumed date of the change of control.
- (2) This amount equals \$25.95, the closing price per share of our common stock on December 31, 2009, multiplied by the number of unvested shares of our common stock underlying restricted stock units on December 31, 2009, the assumed date of the change of control.

Director Compensation

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE FOR 2009

The following table shows the compensation that we paid during the year ended December 31, 2009 to each of our directors, other than Mr. Colony, whose compensation is reflected in “Executive Compensation” above.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)</u> | <u>Option Awards \$(1)(2)(3)</u> | <u>Total (\$)</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Henk W. Broeders | 13,000 | 97,512 | 110,512 |
| Robert M. Galford | 10,000 | 97,512 | 107,512 |
| George R. Hornig | 21,000 | 97,512 | 118,512 |
| Gretchen G. Teichgraeber | 10,000 | 97,512 | 107,512 |
| Michael H. Welles | 16,000 | 97,512 | 113,512 |

- (1) The amounts in this column reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of option awards for 2009. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in footnote 1 to the Company’s consolidated financial statements included in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The amounts set forth may be more or less than the value ultimately realized by the named director based upon, among other things, the value of the Company’s Common Stock at the time of vesting or exercise of the options and whether such options actually vest.
- (2) On May 12, 2009, each of the directors other than Mr. Colony received an option to purchase 12,500 shares with an exercise price of \$23.41.
- (3) At December 31, 2009, the directors held options to purchase the number of shares listed next to their name below:

| <u>Director</u> | <u>Number of Shares</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Henk W. Broeders | 125,000 |
| Robert W. Galford | 125,000 |
| George R. Hornig | 78,125 |
| Gretchen G. Teichgraeber | 56,000 |
| Michael H. Welles | 125,000 |

Our non-employee directors receive an annual retainer of \$10,000, payable quarterly in arrears, and members of the Audit Committee receive \$1,500 for each meeting they attend, with the Chairman of the Audit Committee receiving an additional \$5,000 per year. Members of our Board of Directors are reimbursed for their expenses incurred in connection with attending any meeting.

Under the 2006 Stock Option Plan for Directors, following each annual meeting of stockholders, each non-employee director receives an option to purchase 12,500 shares of our common stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value on that date. These options vest in four equal annual installments. After last year's annual meeting, our five non-employee directors at that time each received an option to purchase 12,500 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$23.41 per share. Any non-employee director that is newly elected between annual meetings will receive an option to purchase 6,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value on the date he or she is first elected as a director. These options also vest in four equal annual installments, with the first installment vested on the date of grant. Options granted under the 2006 Stock Option Plan for Directors become exercisable in full upon a change of control of the Company, unless there is an assumption, substitution or cash-out of such options in connection with the change of control.

Options granted to our non-employee directors prior to our 2006 annual meeting were made pursuant to our Amended and Restated 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors. All options granted under that plan become exercisable in full upon a change of control of the Company.

The Compensation and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors also has the authority under the plan to grant stock options to non-employee directors in such amounts and on such terms as it shall determine at the time of grant. No such awards have been made.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has appointed an Audit Committee composed of three non-employee directors: Messrs. Hornig (Chairman), Broeders, and Welles. Each of the members of the Audit Committee is “independent” as defined under the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards. The Board has determined that Mr. Hornig is an “audit committee financial expert” under applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the members of the Audit Committee satisfy the NASDAQ financial literacy standards.

The Audit Committee is responsible for providing independent oversight of Forrester’s accounting functions and internal controls. The Audit Committee oversees Forrester’s financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors, reviews financial disclosures, and meets privately, outside of the presence of management, with Forrester’s internal auditor and with representatives of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also selects and appoints the independent registered public accounting firm, reviews the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm, and reviews the independent registered public accounting firm’s fees. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed Forrester’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 with Forrester’s management and with BDO Seidman, LLP, Forrester’s independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also discussed with BDO Seidman, LLP the matters required by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) in Rule 3200T. This included a discussion of the independent registered public accounting firm’s judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of Forrester’s accounting principles, and such other matters as are required under the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The Audit Committee also received the written disclosures and letter from BDO Seidman, LLP required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) Rule 3526, and the Audit Committee discussed the independence of BDO Seidman, LLP with that firm.

Based on the Audit Committee’s review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors approved, the inclusion of the audited financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

George R. Hornig, Chairman
Henk W. Broeders
Michael H. Welles

OTHER INFORMATION

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act requires our officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership on Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish to us copies of all Forms 3, 4 and 5 they file. Based solely on our review of copies of such forms which we received, we believe that all of our officers, directors, and greater than 10% beneficial owners complied on a timely basis with all filing requirements with respect to transactions during 2009.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Registration Rights and Non-Competition Agreement. At the time of our initial public offering, we entered into a registration rights and non-competition agreement with Mr. Colony which provides that if Mr. Colony’s employment with us is terminated he will not compete with us for the one year period after the date of such termination. The agreement also provides that in the event we propose to file a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to an offering by us for our own account or the account of another person, or both, Mr. Colony shall be entitled to include shares held by him in such a registration, subject to the right of the managing underwriter of any such offering to exclude some or all of such shares from such registration if and to the extent the inclusion of the shares would adversely affect the marketing of the shares to be sold by us. The agreement also provides that Mr. Colony may require us to register shares under the Securities Act with a fair market value of at least \$5 million, except that we are not required to effect such registration more than twice or at certain times described in the agreement. The agreement also provides that we will pay all expenses incurred in connection with such registration.

Related Person Transactions

Pursuant to its amended and restated charter, our Audit Committee has responsibility for the review and approval of all transactions between the Company and any related parties or affiliates of the Company, its officers, and directors.

Related persons can include any of our directors or executive officers, certain of our stockholders, and any of their immediate family members. In evaluating related person transactions, the committee members apply the same standards they apply to their general responsibilities as members of a committee of the board of directors and as individual directors. The committee will approve a related person transaction when, in its good faith judgment, the transaction is in the best interest of the Company. To identify related person transactions, each year we require our directors and officers to complete a questionnaire identifying any transactions with the Company in which the officer or director or their family members have an interest. In addition, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics includes our expectation that all directors, officers and employees who may have a potential or apparent conflict of interest will notify our legal department.

PROPOSAL TWO:

RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO SEIDMAN, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

BDO Seidman, LLP audited our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. Our Audit Committee has selected BDO Seidman, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Although stockholder approval of the selection of BDO Seidman, LLP is not required by law, our Board of Directors believes that it is advisable to give stockholders an opportunity to ratify this selection.

If stockholders do not approve this proposal at the 2010 annual meeting, our Audit Committee will reconsider its selection of BDO Seidman, LLP. If stockholders do ratify this appointment, the Audit Committee, which has direct authority to engage our independent registered public accounting firm, may appoint a different independent

registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that the change would be in the best interests of Forrester and our stockholders.

The Audit Committee has approved all services provided to Forrester by BDO Seidman, LLP during 2009. Representatives of BDO Seidman, LLP are expected to be present at the 2010 annual meeting. They will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will also be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

Independent Auditors' Fees and Other Matters

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for services rendered by BDO Seidman, LLP and its affiliates.

| | <u>Fiscal 2009</u> | <u>Fiscal 2008</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Audit Fees(1) | \$603,760 | \$ 642,515 |
| Audit-Related Fees(2) | \$ 25,155 | \$ 28,255 |
| Tax Fees(3) | \$ 37,512 | \$ 5,385 |
| All Other Fees(4) | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 325,900</u> |
| Total Fees | <u>\$666,427</u> | <u>\$1,002,055</u> |

- (1) Audit fees are fees related to professional services rendered by BDO Seidman, LLP in connection with the audit of our financial statements and our internal controls over financial reporting, the reviews of our interim financial statements included in each of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, international statutory audits, and review of other SEC filings.
- (2) Audit-related fees are for assurance and related services by BDO Seidman, LLP that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements, primarily for accounting consultations and audits of our defined contribution plans.
- (3) Tax fees are fees billed for professional services related to tax compliance and tax consulting services.
- (4) All other fees include legal fees incurred by BDO Seidman, LLP in connection with our independent investigation into stock option granting practices and the SEC inquiry into such practices, which were reimbursed by us.

Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures

The Audit Committee approves the engagement of our independent registered public accounting firm to render any audit or non-audit services. At a regularly scheduled Audit Committee meeting, management or a representative of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm summarizes the services to be provided by the firm and the fees that will be charged for the services. Thereafter, if new services or dollar amounts in excess of those pre-approved at the meeting are proposed, they are either presented for pre-approval at the next meeting of the Audit Committee or approved by the Chairman of the Audit Committee pursuant to delegated authority. At subsequent meetings, the Audit Committee is provided a listing of any newly pre-approved services since the last meeting, and an updated projection for the current year of the estimated annual fees to be paid to the firm for all pre-approved audit and permissible non-audit services.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT
THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
BDO SEIDMAN, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.**

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Stockholder proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2011 must be received by November 29, 2010 to be considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for that meeting.

Stockholders who wish to make a proposal at the 2011 annual meeting, other than proposals included in our proxy materials, or who wish to nominate individuals for election as directors, must notify us between February 10, 2011 and March 12, 2011. If the stockholder does not notify us by March 12, 2011, the proxies will have discretionary authority to vote on a stockholder's proposal brought before the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors has no knowledge of any other matter that may come before the annual meeting and does not, itself, currently intend to present any other such matter.

FORM 10-K

A copy of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission will be sent to stockholders without charge by writing to Forrester Research, Inc., Investor Relations, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139.

COMPANY INFORMATION

Board of Directors

George F. Colony

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Henk W. Broeders

Member of the Executive Committee, Cap Gemini S.A.

Robert M. Galford

Managing Partner, Center for Leading Organizations

George R. Hornig

Managing Director & Co-Chief Operating Officer of Asset Management and Head of Asset Management Americas, Credit Suisse

Gretchen G. Teichgraeber

Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Directories, Inc.

Michael H. Welles

Chief Operating Officer and Director, S2 Security Corporation

Executive Officers

George F. Colony

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Michael A. Doyle

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dwight Griesman

Chief Marketing Officer

Elizabeth A. Lemons

Chief People Officer

Gail S. Mann

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Julie Meringer

Managing Director, Information Technology Client Group

Greg Nelson

Chief Sales Officer

Mark R. Nemec, Ph.D.

Managing Director, Technology Industry Client Group

George M. Orlov

Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer

Charles Rutstein

Chief Operating Officer

Dennis van Lingen

Managing Director, Marketing & Strategy Client Group; Chief Europe, Middle East, & Africa Officer

Annual Meeting

Forrester's annual meeting of stockholders will be held at 10 a.m. local time on May 11, 2010, at the offices of the Company, 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA 02139.

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Stock Listing And Trading Symbol

Forrester's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the trading symbol "FORR."

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RELEVANCE IS PERSONAL

If you're curious about the people depicted here, allow us to explain.

Some are personas representing Forrester's clients in their professional roles. The others are Forrester employees who serve those professionals. They're paired because, at Forrester, we don't make a move without focusing on our clients first.

Personas help us align our research and resources with each client's agenda. Not ours.

Through this personalized, clients-first approach, Forrester delivers role-focused research, consulting, data, executive programs, and events — to help our clients make smarter decisions faster and succeed every day.

Left to right: **Dan Klein**, Forrester Vice President, Role Manager, serving Technology Product Management & Marketing Professionals; **Travis Martin**, Client Persona representing Technology Product Management & Marketing Professionals; **Sangita Patel**, Forrester Vice President, Worldwide Marketing & Strategy Sales; **Melissa Laken**, Client Persona representing Marketing Leadership Professionals; **Julie Meringer**, Forrester Managing Director, Information Technology Client Group; **Carol Ito**, Client Persona representing CIOs