

Blackstone Group L.P.
Form 8-K
March 26, 2010

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 23, 2010

The Blackstone Group L.P.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

345 Park Avenue

001-33551
(Commission

File Number)

20-8875684
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

10154

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New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

(212) 583-5000

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On March 23, 2010, Blackstone Holdings Finance Co. L.L.C., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of The Blackstone Group L.P. (the Partnership), and Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P., as guarantors and each an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Partnership, entered into a new \$1.070 billion revolving credit facility (the New Credit Facility) with Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the Lender parties thereto. The New Credit Facility provides for revolving credit borrowings, with a final maturity date of March 23, 2013. Interest on the borrowings is based on an adjusted LIBOR rate or alternate base rate, in each case plus a margin, and undrawn commitments bear a commitment fee. Borrowings may also be made in U.K. Sterling or Euros, in each case subject to certain sub-limits. The New Credit Facility contains customary representations, covenants and events of default applicable to the co-guarantors and certain of their subsidiaries. Financial covenants consist of a maximum net leverage ratio and a requirement to keep a minimum amount of fee generating assets under management, each tested quarterly. The New Credit Facility is unsecured.

The preceding is a summary of the terms of the New Credit Facility and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Credit Agreement dated as of March 23, 2010, among Blackstone Holdings Finance Co. L.L.C., Blackstone Holdings I L.P., Blackstone Holdings II L.P., Blackstone Holdings III L.P. and Blackstone Holdings IV L.P., Citibank, N.A., and the Lender parties thereto, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this report, which is incorporated herein by reference as though it was fully set forth herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No.

Description

Exhibit 10.1	Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2010, among Blackstone Holdings Finance Co. L.L.C., Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and the Lenders party thereto.
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SIGNATURE

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

Date: March 25, 2010

The Blackstone Group L.P.

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C.,

its general partner

By: /s/ ROBERT L. FRIEDMAN
Name: **Robert L. Friedman**
Title: **Chief Legal Officer**