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(1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:

Equity interests of GLG Partners Limited, GLG Holdings Limited, Mount Granite Limited, Albacrest Corporation, Liberty Peak Ltd., GLG Partners Services Limited, Mount Garnet Limited, Betapoint Corporation, Knox Pines Ltd., GLG Partners Asset Management Limited and GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited (collectively, the Acquired Companies).

(2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies: 100% of the equity interests of the Acquired Companies.

(3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined): \$52,131,000, representing the combined book value as of March 31, 2007 of the aggregate equity interests of the Acquired Companies to be acquired.

(4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction: \$52,131,000¹

(5) Total fee paid: \$1,600.42¹

þ Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

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**FREEDOM ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.
1114 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor
New York, New York 10036**

**PROXY STATEMENT FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF
STOCKHOLDERS OF FREEDOM ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.**

To the Stockholders of Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc.:

You are cordially invited to attend a special meeting of the stockholders of Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc., or Freedom, which will be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on October 31, 2007, at the offices of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166.

At this important meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote upon the following proposals:

The Acquisition Proposal a proposal to approve the acquisition by Freedom of GLG Partners LP and certain affiliated entities pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2007, by and among Freedom, certain wholly owned subsidiaries of Freedom and the equity holders of GLG Partners LP and certain affiliated entities party thereto, and the transactions contemplated thereby;

The Pre-Closing Certificate Amendment Proposals four proposals to amend the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Freedom, which we refer to as the certificate of incorporation, in connection with the consummation of the acquisition:

Name Change Proposal a proposal to change Freedom's name from Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc. to GLG Partners, Inc. ;

Authorized Share Proposal a proposal to increase the number of authorized shares of Freedom capital stock from 201,000,000 shares to 1,150,000,000 shares, including:

increasing the authorized shares of Freedom common stock from 200,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 shares; and

increasing the authorized shares of Freedom preferred stock from 1,000,000 to 150,000,000 shares, of which it is expected that 58,904,993 shares (subject to adjustment) will be designated by the board of directors as a new series of Freedom preferred stock titled Series A voting preferred stock, which will be entitled to one vote per share and to vote as a single class with the common stock on all matters, but which will not be entitled to dividends or certain other distributions;

Super-Majority Vote Proposal a proposal to increase to the affirmative vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to:

adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws;

remove a director from office, with or without cause; and

amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote, including the amendment provision itself, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with those provisions; and

Other Pre-Closing Certificate Amendments Proposal a proposal to amend certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors and certain other ministerial amendments;

The Post-Closing Certificate Amendment Proposal a proposal to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, (1) certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and (2) the entirety of Article Fifth of the certificate of incorporation, all of which relate to the operation of Freedom as a blank check company prior to the consummation of a business combination, and to add provisions regarding dividends and distributions;

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The Restricted Stock Plan Proposal a proposal to approve the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Restricted Stock Plan pursuant to which Freedom will reserve 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for issuance to employees, service providers and certain key personnel;

The Incentive Plan Proposal a proposal to approve the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan pursuant to which Freedom will reserve 40,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for issuance to employees, service providers and certain key personnel;

The Adjournment Proposal a proposal to authorize the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, or the incentive plan proposal; and

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The board of directors of Freedom has fixed the close of business on October 12, 2007, as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. A list of stockholders entitled to vote as of the record date at the special meeting will be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours for a period of ten calendar days before the special meeting at the principal place of business of Freedom at 1114 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor, New York, New York 10036 and at the time and place of the meeting during the duration of the meeting.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock outstanding as of the record date is required to approve the acquisition proposal, provided that the holders of less than 20% of the shares of Freedom common stock that were issued in its initial public offering vote against the acquisition proposal and elect a redemption of their shares.

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock outstanding as of the record date is required to approve the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal.

The adoption of each of the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and the adjournment proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting.

Each of the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, and the incentive plan proposal are conditioned upon the approval of the other proposals (subject to Freedom's right to waive any such condition) and, in the event one or more of those proposals does not receive the necessary vote to approve that proposal, only the adjournment proposal will be presented at the special meeting for adoption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is a condition to the closing of the acquisition for both Freedom and the GLG Shareowners under the purchase agreement that each of these proposals is approved by Freedom's stockholders.

In addition, each Freedom stockholder who holds shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering (whether such shares were acquired pursuant to such initial public offering or afterwards) has the right to vote against

the acquisition proposal and, at the same time, elect that Freedom redeem all such stockholder's shares, which we refer to as the redemption election shares, for cash equal to a pro rata portion of the trust account in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering is deposited, including interest. However, if the holders of 10,560,000 or more shares of Freedom common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering, an amount equal to 20% or more of the total number of shares issued in Freedom's initial public offering, vote against the acquisition and elect redemption of their shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account, then Freedom will not be able to consummate the acquisition, regardless of whether a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock vote in favor of the acquisition proposal. Based on the amount of cash held in the trust account as of September 30, 2007, without taking into account any interest accrued after such date, a stockholder who votes against the acquisition proposal and elects to redeem its shares will be entitled to redeem shares of Freedom common stock that it holds for approximately \$9.83 per share. If the acquisition is not completed, then the redemption election shares will not be redeemed for cash, even if a stockholder who voted against the acquisition elected redemption. Freedom will have sufficient funds

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in the trust account (after giving effect to the co-investment by its sponsors described below and the payment of the cash purchase price of the acquisition) to pay the redemption price for the redemption election shares, even if it must redeem 19.99% of the shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering.

Freedom's sponsors, Berggruen Holdings North America Ltd. and Marlin Equities II, LLC, and all of its directors, who purchased or received shares of Freedom common stock prior to its initial public offering, beneficially own an aggregate of approximately 21.2% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock and all of these stockholders have agreed to vote the shares acquired prior to the initial public offering in accordance with the vote of the majority in interest of all other Freedom stockholders on the acquisition proposal. In addition, each of Freedom's sponsors and independent directors, whom we refer to collectively as the founders, has previously agreed that if he or it acquires shares of Freedom common stock in or following the initial public offering, he or it will vote all such acquired shares in favor of the acquisition proposal. In addition, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, which beneficially own approximately 20.9% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, have entered into a founders agreement with certain of the equity holders of GLG Partners LP and certain affiliated entities that requires them to vote for the adoption of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal.

After careful consideration of the terms and conditions of the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and the adjournment proposal, the board of directors of Freedom has determined that such proposals and the transactions contemplated thereby are fair to and in the best interests of Freedom and its stockholders.

The board of directors of Freedom unanimously recommends that you vote or give instruction to vote FOR adoption of the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal. When you consider the recommendation of Freedom's board of directors, you should keep in mind that certain of Freedom's directors, officers and sponsors and GLG's principals, trustees of related trusts and GLG's key personnel have interests in the acquisition which are described in the accompanying proxy statement that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder.

Enclosed is a notice of special meeting and proxy statement containing detailed information concerning each of the proposals discussed above. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, we urge you to read this material carefully. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Berggruen
President and Chief Executive Officer

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED. IF YOU RETURN YOUR PROXY CARD WITHOUT AN INDICATION OF HOW YOU WISH TO VOTE, IT WILL BE VOTED FOR EACH OF THE PROPOSALS. AN ABSTENTION, SINCE IT IS NOT AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IN FAVOR OF A PROPOSAL, WILL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A VOTE AGAINST (1) THE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL (BUT WILL NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDEEMING YOUR SHARES FOR A PRO RATA PORTION OF THE TRUST ACCOUNT IN WHICH A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE NET PROCEEDS OF FREEDOM'S

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING ARE HELD, UNLESS AN AFFIRMATIVE ELECTION VOTING AGAINST THE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL IS MADE AND AN AFFIRMATIVE

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ELECTION TO REDEEM SUCH SHARES OF COMMON STOCK IS MADE NO LATER THAN IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON THE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL AT THE SPECIAL MEETING ON THE PROXY CARD), (2) EACH OF THE PRE-CLOSING CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT PROPOSALS, (3) THE POST-CLOSING CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL, (4) THE RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN PROPOSAL, (5) THE INCENTIVE PLAN PROPOSAL AND (6) THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL.

SEE RISK FACTORS FOR A DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS FACTORS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF GLG PARTNERS LP AND CERTAIN AFFILIATED ENTITIES SINCE, UPON THE CONSUMMATION OF THE ACQUISITION, THE OPERATIONS AND ASSETS OF FREEDOM WILL ESSENTIALLY BE THOSE OF THE GLG PARTNERS LP AND CERTAIN AFFILIATED ENTITIES.

Freedom is soliciting the proxy represented by the enclosed proxy on behalf of its board of directors, and it will pay all costs of preparing, assembling and mailing the proxy materials. In addition to mailing out proxy materials, Freedom's Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and other officers may solicit proxies by telephone or fax, each without receiving any additional compensation for his services. Freedom has requested brokers, banks and other fiduciaries to forward proxy materials to the beneficial owners of its common stock. Freedom has engaged Innisfree M&A Incorporated to solicit proxies for this special meeting. Freedom is paying approximately \$21,250 for solicitation services, which amount includes a \$20,000 fixed solicitation fee and a per call fee estimated in the aggregate to be equal to \$1,250.

This proxy statement is dated October 12, 2007 and is first being mailed to Freedom stockholders on or about October 12, 2007.

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**FREEDOM ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.
1114 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor
New York, New York 10036**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held on October 31, 2007**

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF FREEDOM ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of stockholders, including any adjournments or postponements thereof, of Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Freedom), will be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on October 31, 2007, at the offices of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the acquisition by Freedom of GLG Partners Limited, GLG Holdings Limited, Mount Granite Limited, Albacrest Corporation, Liberty Peak Ltd., GLG Partners Services Limited, Mount Garnet Limited, Betapoint Corporation, Knox Pines Ltd., GLG Partners Asset Management Limited and GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited (each, an Acquired Company and collectively, the Acquired Companies), pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2007, by and among Freedom, FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited, FA Sub 3 Limited, Jared Bluestein, as the buyers representative, Noam Gottesman, as the sellers representative, Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd, Noam Gottesman, Pierre Lagrange, Emmanuel Roman, Jonathan Green, Leslie J. Schreyer, in his capacity as trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust, G&S Trustees Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Lagrange GLG Trust, Jeffrey A. Robins, in his capacity as trustee of the Roman GLG Trust, Abacus (C.I.) Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Green GLG Trust, Lavender Heights Capital LP, Ogier Fiduciary Services (Cayman) Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Green Hill Trust, Sage Summit LP and Ogier Fiduciary Services (Cayman) Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Blue Hill Trust (collectively, the GLG Shareowners), and the transactions contemplated thereby, whereby FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited, each a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of Freedom, will acquire all of the outstanding equity interests of the Acquired Companies, each Acquired Company will become a subsidiary of Freedom, and the GLG Shareowners will receive in exchange for their equity interests in the Acquired Companies (subject to adjustment) \$1.0 billion in cash (or promissory notes in lieu of cash), 230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock (or the economic equivalent thereof), representing a majority of Freedom s outstanding shares after the acquisition, and 58,904,993 shares of Freedom Series A voting preferred stock;

2. To consider and vote upon four proposals to amend the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Freedom, which we refer to as the certificate of incorporation, in connection with the consummation of the acquisition:

a proposal to change Freedom s name from Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc. to GLG Partners, Inc. ;

a proposal to increase the number of authorized shares of Freedom capital stock from 201,000,000 shares to 1,150,000,000 shares, including:

increasing the authorized shares of Freedom common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, from 200,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 shares; and

increasing the authorized shares of Freedom preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, from 1,000,000 to 150,000,000 shares, of which it is expected that 58,904,993 shares (subject to adjustment)

will be designated by the board of directors as a new series of Freedom preferred stock titled Series A voting preferred stock, which will be entitled to one vote per share and to vote as a single class with the common stock on all matters, but which will not be entitled to dividends or certain other distributions (the Series A preferred stock);

a proposal to increase from the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present at the meeting or a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, as the case may be, to the affirmative vote of at least 66²/₃% of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of

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Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to:

adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws;

remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office, with or without cause; and

amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote, including the amendment provision itself, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with those provisions; and

a proposal to amend certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors and certain other ministerial amendments;

3. To consider and vote upon a proposal to amend the certificate of incorporation to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, (1) certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and (2) the entirety of Article Fifth of the certificate of incorporation, all of which relate to the operation of Freedom as a blank check company prior to the consummation of a business combination, and to add provisions regarding dividends and distributions;

4. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Restricted Stock Plan pursuant to which Freedom will reserve 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for issuance to employees, service providers and certain key personnel;

5. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan pursuant to which Freedom will reserve 40,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for issuance to employees, service providers and certain key personnel;

6. To consider and vote upon a proposal to authorize the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal; and

7. To consider and vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The board of directors of Freedom has fixed the close of business on October 12, 2007 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Only the holders of record of Freedom common stock on the record date are entitled to have their votes counted at the Freedom special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

We expect that the GLG Shareowners will hold approximately 70% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock on a fully diluted basis immediately following the consummation of the acquisition, based on the number of shares of Freedom common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2007 and after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors for 5,000,000 units, each consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant, and assuming (1) the exchange into Freedom common stock of all exchangeable shares issued in connection with the acquisition, (2) the exercise of all put and call rights with respect to shares of FA Sub 1 Limited described below and

(3) no election of redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders. Specifically, the total consideration for the acquisition is comprised of the following, which is subject to certain adjustments:

\$1.0 billion in cash, reduced by the amount of any promissory notes issued to certain GLG Shareowners at their election;

promissory notes, if certain GLG Shareowners elect to receive promissory notes in lieu of all or a portion of the cash consideration payable to electing GLG Shareowners;

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230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock, which consists of: (1) 138,095,007 shares of Freedom common stock issuable by Freedom upon the consummation of the acquisition, including 10,000,000 shares of common stock to be issued for the benefit of GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan; (2) 33,000,000 shares of common stock payable by Freedom upon exercise of certain put or call rights with respect to 33,000,000 ordinary shares to be issued by FA Sub 1 Limited to certain GLG Shareowners upon the consummation of the acquisition; and (3) 58,904,993 shares of common stock to be issued upon the exchange of 58,904,993 exchangeable Class B ordinary shares (the Exchangeable Shares) to be issued by FA Sub 2 Limited to certain GLG Shareowners upon the consummation of the acquisition. Each of the ordinary shares to be issued by FA Sub 1 Limited may be put by the holder to, or called by, Freedom immediately following consummation of the acquisition in exchange for one share of Freedom common stock. Each Exchangeable Share is exchangeable at any time at the election of the holder for one share of Freedom common stock; and

58,904,993 shares of Series A preferred stock which will be issued with the corresponding Exchangeable Shares and will carry only voting rights and nominal economic rights as described in the accompanying proxy statement, and will automatically be redeemed on a share for share basis as Exchangeable Shares are exchanged for shares of Freedom common stock.

We will not transact any other business at the special meeting, except for business properly brought before the special meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof, by our board of directors.

Your vote is important. Whether you plan to attend the special meeting or not, please sign, date and return your proxy card as soon as possible to make sure that your shares are represented at the special meeting. If you are a stockholder of record of Freedom common stock, you may also cast your vote in person at the special meeting. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm or bank, you must instruct your broker or bank on how to vote your shares.

The board of directors of Freedom unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** each of the proposals that are described in the accompanying proxy statement. When you consider the recommendation of Freedom's board of directors, you should keep in mind that certain of Freedom's directors, officers and sponsors and GLG's principals, trustees of related trusts and GLG's key personnel have interests in the acquisition which are described in the accompanying proxy statement that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Nicolas Berggruen
President and Chief Executive Officer

October 12, 2007

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROPOSALS

In this proxy statement, the term "GLG" refers to the combined business and operations of the Acquired Companies and their subsidiaries and affiliates, including GLG Partners LP, GLG Partners Services LP, Laurel Heights LLP and Lavender Heights LLP, and the term "GLG Funds" refers to the investment funds that GLG manages, operates and advises.

Nothing in this proxy statement should in any way be construed as, or is intended to be, a solicitation for, or an offer to provide, investment advisory services.

Why am I receiving this proxy statement?

Freedom, FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited, FA Sub 3 Limited and the GLG Shareowners have agreed to the acquisition by Freedom, through FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited, of the Acquired Companies under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2007, which is described in this proxy statement. A copy of the purchase agreement is attached to this proxy statement as Annex A. We encourage you to review the entire purchase agreement carefully.

In order to complete the acquisition, (1) a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding as of October 12, 2007, the record date, must be voted for the acquisition proposal, and (2) less than 20% of the shares of Freedom common stock issued in our initial public offering must be voted against the acquisition proposal and elect a redemption of their shares.

What is being voted on?

You are being asked to vote on nine proposals.

The first proposal is to approve the acquisition by FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited, Freedom's wholly owned subsidiaries, of the Acquired Companies from the GLG Shareowners pursuant to the purchase agreement.

The second through fifth proposals are to approve amendments to Freedom's certificate of incorporation effective immediately prior to the consummation of the acquisition to:

change Freedom's corporate name to "GLG Partners, Inc.;"

increase the total number of authorized shares of Freedom capital stock, including common and preferred stock, which will allow Freedom to issue additional shares of common stock and create and issue Series A preferred stock, which will be entitled to one vote per share and to vote as a single class with the common stock on all matters, but which will not be entitled to dividends or certain other distributions;

increase to the affirmative vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to:

adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws;

remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office, with or without cause; and

amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote; and

amend certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors and certain other ministerial amendments;

The sixth proposal is to approve amendments to Freedom's certificate of incorporation to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth,

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paragraph B and the entirety of Article Fifth relating to the operation of Freedom as a blank check company prior to the consummation of a business combination, and to add provisions regarding dividends and distributions.

The seventh proposal is to approve the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Restricted Stock Plan, which we refer to as the Restricted Stock Plan, pursuant to which Freedom will reserve 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for issuance to employees, service providers and certain key personnel.

The eighth proposal is to approve the adoption of the 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which we refer to as the LTIP, pursuant to which 40,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock will be reserved for issuance to employees, service providers and certain key personnel.

The ninth proposal is to approve the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal.

A form of Freedom's restated certificate of incorporation, as it would appear if the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals (with deletions denoted by italics and strikeouts and insertions denoted by italics and underlines) and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal (with deletions denoted by bold italics and strikeouts and insertions denoted by bold italics and underlines) are all effected, is attached as Annex H. Each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP has been approved by Freedom's board of directors and will be effective upon consummation of the acquisition, subject to stockholder approval of each plan. A form of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP is attached as Annex I and Annex J, respectively.

Each of the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal is conditioned upon the approval of the other proposals (subject to Freedom's right to waive any such condition) and, in the event one or more of those proposals does not receive the necessary vote to approve that proposal, then only the adjournment proposal will be presented at the special meeting for adoption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is a condition to the closing of the acquisition for both Freedom and the GLG Shareowners under the purchase agreement that each of these proposals is approved by Freedom's stockholders.

You are invited to attend the special meeting to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card. Your vote is important. Freedom encourages you to vote as soon as possible after carefully reviewing this proxy statement.

This proxy statement provides you with detailed information about the proposed acquisition, the pre-closing and post-closing amendments to the certificate of incorporation, the Restricted Stock Plan, the LTIP, the adjournment proposal and the special meeting of stockholders. We encourage you to carefully read this entire document, including the attached annexes. **YOU SHOULD ALSO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THOSE FACTORS DESCRIBED UNDER THE HEADING "RISK FACTORS" .**

Why is Freedom proposing the acquisition, the amendments to its certificate of incorporation and the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP?

Freedom is a blank check company formed specifically as a vehicle for the acquisition of or merger with a business whose fair market value is equal to at least 80% of the net assets of Freedom plus the proceeds of the co-investment by its sponsors (excluding deferred underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$18.0 million).

Freedom has been in search of a business combination partner since its initial public offering occurred in December 2006. Freedom's board of directors believes that GLG presents a unique opportunity for Freedom because of its variety of investment products, advisory services, growth prospects and investment management team, among other factors. As a result, Freedom believes that the acquisition of GLG will provide Freedom stockholders with an opportunity to acquire, and participate in, a company with significant growth potential, particularly as its business continues to grow and expand into the United States and other dynamic global markets. Several of the amendments to Freedom's certificate of incorporation are being

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undertaken because the proposed issuances in connection with the acquisition (including under the Restricted Stock Plan) and the adoption of the LTIP require a greater number of shares of Freedom common and preferred stock to be issued than is currently authorized, and upon consummation of the acquisition, management desires the name of the business to reflect its operations and for the certificate of incorporation to include certain provisions relevant to a publicly traded operating company. The adoption of the LTIP is being undertaken because Freedom's board of directors deems it beneficial for Freedom going forward to attract, motivate and retain highly skilled investment professionals and others important to grow GLG's business following the acquisition.

What vote is required in order to approve the acquisition proposal?

The approval of the acquisition of the Acquired Companies will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock outstanding as of the record date.

In addition, each Freedom stockholder who holds shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering (whether such shares were acquired pursuant to such initial public offering or afterwards) has the right to vote against the acquisition proposal and, at the same time, elect that Freedom redeem such stockholder's shares, which we refer to as the redemption election shares, for cash equal to a pro rata portion of the trust account, including interest, in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering is deposited. Stockholders who seek to exercise this redemption right must submit their vote against adoption of the acquisition proposal and their election that Freedom redeem their shares for cash no later than immediately prior to the vote on the acquisition proposal at the special meeting. Based on the amount of cash held in the trust account as of September 30, 2007, without taking into account any interest accrued after such date, a stockholder who votes against the acquisition proposal and elects to redeem its shares will be entitled to redeem shares of Freedom common stock that it holds for approximately \$9.83 per share. These shares will be redeemed for cash only if the acquisition is completed.

However, if the holders of 10,560,000 or more shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering, an amount equal to 20% or more of the total number of shares issued in the initial public offering, vote against the acquisition and elect redemption of their shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account, then Freedom will not be able to consummate the acquisition, regardless of whether a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock vote in favor of the acquisition proposal. If the acquisition is not completed, then redemption election shares will not be redeemed for cash, even if a stockholder who voted against the acquisition elected redemption. In connection with any redemption request, you may be asked to submit a physical stock certificate, which you would need to request from your broker if your shares are held in street name. In addition, you may also be required to submit proof of your vote against the acquisition proposal and of your election to redeem your shares for cash.

Each of Freedom's sponsors, Berggruen Holdings North America Ltd. and Marlin Equities II, LLC, and all of its directors who purchased or received shares of Freedom common stock prior to its initial public offering, which we collectively refer to herein as the founders, beneficially own an aggregate of approximately 21.2% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock. All of these persons have agreed to vote all of these shares which were acquired prior to the public offering in accordance with the vote of the majority in interest of all other Freedom stockholders on the acquisition proposal. In addition, each of Freedom's founders has previously agreed that if he or it acquires shares of Freedom common stock in or following the initial public offering, he or it will vote all such acquired shares in favor of the acquisition proposal. In addition, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, which beneficially own approximately 20.9% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, have entered into a founders agreement with certain of the GLG Shareowners that requires them to vote for the adoption of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal.

Certain GLG Funds own in the aggregate 403,965 shares of Freedom common stock. The GLG principals control the voting of the shares of Freedom common stock owned by these GLG Funds by virtue of GLG entities acting as the manager and investment manager of these GLG Funds. Although there is no agreement

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with respect to the voting of these shares for the proposals, Freedom has been advised by GLG that GLG intends to cause these GLG Funds to vote the shares of Freedom common stock owned by them in accordance with the vote of a majority in interest of all Freedom stockholders on the acquisition proposal, subject to the approval of such vote by the board of directors of each such GLG Fund.

What vote is required in order to approve the name change proposal?

The approval of the amendment to the certificate of incorporation to change Freedom's corporate name to GLG Partners, Inc. immediately prior to the consummation of the acquisition will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

What vote is required in order to approve the authorized share proposal?

The approval of the pre-closing amendment to the certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of Freedom capital stock from 201,000,000 shares to 1,150,000,000 shares, including: (1) increasing Freedom's authorized common stock from 200,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 shares and (2) increasing Freedom's authorized preferred stock from 1,000,000 to 150,000,000 shares, of which it is expected that 58,904,993 shares (subject to adjustment) will be designated by the board of directors as a new series of Freedom preferred stock titled Series A voting preferred stock, will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

What vote is required in order to approve the super-majority vote proposal?

The approval of the pre-closing amendment to the certificate of incorporation to increase from the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present at the meeting or a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, as the case may be, to the affirmative vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to (1) adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws, (2) remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office, with or without cause, and (3) amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote, including the amendment provision itself, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with those provisions, will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

What vote is required in order to approve the other pre-closing certificate amendments proposal?

The approval of the pre-closing amendment of certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors and certain other ministerial amendments, as more fully set forth in the form of restated certificate of incorporation attached as Annex H, will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

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What vote is required in order to approve the post-closing certificate amendment proposal?

The approval of the amendments to the certificate of incorporation to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and the entirety of Article Fifth relating to the operation of Freedom as a blank check company prior to the consummation of a business combination, and to add provisions regarding dividends and distributions, will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

What vote is required in order to approve the restricted stock plan proposal?

The approval of the adoption of the Restricted Stock Plan will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

What vote is required in order to approve the incentive plan proposal?

The approval of the adoption of the LTIP will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

What vote is required in order to adopt the adjournment proposal?

The approval of the adjournment proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities have agreed to, and Freedom has been advised that each of its other founders intends and GLG intends to cause the GLG Funds to, vote all of his or its shares of Freedom common stock in favor of this proposal.

Did Freedom's board of directors make a determination as to the value of GLG?

While they did not identify a specific value for GLG, Freedom's directors determined that the fair market value of GLG is in excess of 80% of Freedom's net assets plus the proceeds of the co-investment by its sponsors (excluding deferred underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$18.0 million).

Did Freedom's board of directors obtain a fairness opinion in connection with its approval of the purchase agreement?

No. During the process leading up to the signing of the purchase agreement, Freedom's board of directors discussed the option of obtaining a fairness opinion of the proposed acquisition by Freedom of GLG. The board of directors of Freedom determined not to obtain a fairness opinion in connection with the approval of the purchase agreement for the following reasons: (1) its internal ability to value the business against public comparables and other market index measures; (2) its general exercise of its business judgment; and (3) its knowledge that the valuation of the proposed acquisition would be tested by the market and factors that Freedom's public stockholders deem relevant and that 20%

of the public stockholders could effectively veto the combination if they did not deem such valuation to be fair.

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If I am not going to attend the Freedom special meeting of stockholders in person, should I return my proxy card instead?

Yes. After carefully reading and considering the information contained in this proxy statement, please complete and sign your proxy card. Then return the enclosed proxy card in the return envelope provided as soon as possible, so that your shares may be represented at the special meeting.

What will happen if I abstain from voting or fail to vote?

An abstention, since it is not an affirmative vote in favor of a particular proposal but adds to the number of shares present in person or by proxy, will have the same effect as a vote against (1) the acquisition proposal (but will not have the effect of redeeming your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering are held), (2) each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, (3) the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, (4) the restricted stock plan proposal, (5) the incentive plan proposal and (6) the adjournment proposal.

A failure to vote will have no impact upon the approval of the matters referred to in clauses (4), (5) and (6) above, but, as the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal require the affirmative vote of a majority of all outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, a failure to vote will have the effect of a vote against such acquisition proposal and each of the pre-closing and post-closing certificate amendment proposals. Failure to vote will not have the effect of electing to redeem your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account.

What do I do if I want to change my vote?

If you wish to change your vote, please send a later-dated, signed proxy card to Innisfree M&A Incorporated at 501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10022 prior to the date of the special meeting or attend the special meeting and vote in person. You also may revoke your proxy by sending a notice of revocation to Innisfree M&A Incorporated, provided such revocation is received prior to the special meeting.

If my shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?

If your broker holds your shares in its name and you do not give the broker voting instructions, under the applicable stock exchange rules, your broker may not vote your shares on the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal. If you do not give your broker voting instructions and the broker does not vote your shares, this is referred to as a broker non-vote. Broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum and will have the same effect as votes AGAINST the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, but will not be counted towards the vote total for the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal or the adjournment proposal. However, a broker non-vote that has the effect of voting against the acquisition proposal will not have the effect of electing to redeem your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account.

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock are represented by stockholders present at the meeting or by proxy. On the record date, there were 64,800,003 shares of Freedom common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the special meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, a majority of the votes present at the special meeting may adjourn the special meeting to another date.

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Will I receive anything in the acquisition?

If the acquisition is completed and you vote your shares for the acquisition proposal, you will continue to hold the Freedom common stock and warrants that you currently own. If the acquisition is completed but you have voted your shares against the acquisition proposal and have elected a redemption, your Freedom common stock will be cancelled and you will receive cash equal to a pro rata portion of the trust account, which, as of September 30, 2007, without taking into account any interest accrued after such date, was equal to approximately \$9.83 per share. However, you will continue to hold the warrants that you currently own.

Do I have redemption rights in connection with the acquisition?

If you hold shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering (whether such shares were acquired pursuant to such initial public offering or afterwards), then you have the right to vote against the acquisition proposal and elect that Freedom redeem your shares of common stock for a pro rata portion of the trust account in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of its initial public offering are held. These rights to vote against the acquisition and elect redemption of your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account are referred to in this proxy statement as redemption rights, and each share of common stock as to which such election is made is referred to as a redemption election share.

If I have redemption rights, how do I exercise them?

If you wish to exercise your redemption rights, you must submit your vote against the acquisition and your election that Freedom redeem your shares for cash no later than immediately prior to the vote on the acquisition proposal at the special meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof). If you validly exercise your redemption rights and the acquisition is completed then (1) you will be entitled to receive a pro rata portion of the trust account in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering are held, including any interest earned thereon through the date of the special meeting and (2) you will be exchanging your redemption election shares for cash and will no longer own these shares. However, if you elect to have Freedom redeem your redemption election shares, you will still have the right to exercise any warrants received as part of the units you hold in accordance with the terms thereof.

Based on the amount of cash held in the trust account as of September 30, 2007, without taking into account any interest accrued after such date, you will be entitled to elect to have Freedom redeem each redemption election share that you hold for approximately \$9.83 per share. You will only be entitled to receive cash for these shares if you continue to hold these shares through the closing date of the acquisition and then tender your stock certificate to Freedom. If the acquisition is not completed, then these shares will not be redeemed for cash. Freedom will have sufficient funds in the trust account (after giving effect to the co-investment and the payment of the cash purchase price of the acquisition) to pay the redemption price for the redemption election shares, even if it must redeem 19.99% of the shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering.

The acquisition will not be completed if the holders of 10,560,000 or more shares of common stock issued in Freedom's initial public offering, an amount equal to 20% or more of such shares, vote against the acquisition proposal and exercise their redemption rights, regardless of whether a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock vote in favor of the acquisition proposal. If the acquisition is not completed, then your redemption election shares will not be redeemed for cash at this time, even if you elected redemption.

You will be required, whether you are a record holder or hold your shares in street name, either to tender your certificates to our transfer agent at any time through the vote on the acquisition or to deliver your shares to Freedom's transfer agent electronically using the Depository Trust Company's DWAC (Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian)

System, at your option. There is a nominal cost associated with this tendering process and the act of certificating the shares or delivering them through the DWAC system. The transfer agent will typically charge the tendering broker \$35, and the broker may or may not pass this cost on to you.

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You will have sufficient time from the time we send out this proxy statement through the time of the vote on the acquisition proposal to deliver your shares if you wish to exercise your redemption rights. This time period will vary depending on the specific facts of each transaction. However, as the delivery process can be accomplished by you, whether or not you are a record holder or your shares are held in street name, within a day, by simply contacting the transfer agent or your broker and requesting delivery of your shares through the DWAC System, we believe this time period is sufficient for an average investor.

Any request for redemption, once made, may be withdrawn at any time up to immediately prior to the vote on the acquisition proposal at the special meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof). Furthermore, if you delivered a certificate for redemption and subsequently decided prior to the meeting not to elect redemption, you may simply request that the transfer agent return the certificate (physically or electronically) to you.

Please note, however, that once the vote on the acquisition proposal is held at the special meeting, you may not withdraw your request for redemption and request the return of your stock certificate (either physically or electronically). If the acquisition is not completed, your stock certificate will be automatically returned to you.

What happens to the Freedom warrants I hold if I vote against adoption of the acquisition proposal and exercise my redemption rights?

Properly exercising your redemption rights does not result in either the redemption or loss of your warrants. Your warrants will continue to be outstanding following the acquisition and the redemption of your Freedom common stock.

What if I object to the proposed acquisition? Do I have appraisal or dissenters' rights?

No appraisal or dissenters' rights are available under the Delaware General Corporation Law, which we refer to as the DGCL, for the stockholders of Freedom in connection with the proposals described in this proxy statement.

What happens to the funds deposited in the trust account after consummation of the acquisition?

Upon consummation of the acquisition, any funds remaining in the trust account after payment of amounts, if any, to stockholders requesting and exercising their redemption rights, will be used for working capital purposes.

What happens if the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal do not receive the necessary votes for approval?

If the acquisition proposal, pre-closing certificate amendments proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal do not receive the necessary votes for approval, then only the adjournment proposal will be presented at the special meeting for adoption, and if such proposal is approved the special meeting will be adjourned to a later date or dates to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies.

What happens if, even after adjournment, the acquisition is not consummated?

If the acquisition is not consummated even after adjournment, Freedom's certificate of incorporation will not be amended, each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP will not be adopted and Freedom will continue to search for a business to acquire. However, Freedom will be liquidated if (1) it does not consummate a business combination by June 28, 2008 or (2) a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement is executed by June 28, 2008, but

a business combination is not consummated by December 28, 2008. If Freedom is unable to conclude an initial business combination and is liquidated and it expends all of the net proceeds of its initial public offering, other than the proceeds deposited in the trust

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account, and without taking into account interest, if any, earned on the trust account, net of income taxes payable on such interest and net of up to \$3.9 million in interest income on the trust account balance previously released to it to fund working capital requirements, the initial per-share liquidation price would be \$9.83, or \$0.17 less than the per-unit offering price of \$10.00. We cannot assure you that the actual per share liquidation price will not be less than \$9.83. Furthermore, the outstanding warrants are not entitled to participate in a liquidating distribution and the warrants will therefore expire and become worthless if Freedom dissolves and liquidates before completing a business combination.

If the acquisition is completed, what will happen to the Freedom common stock, units and warrants?

The acquisition will have no effect on the Freedom common stock, units and warrants currently outstanding, except that Freedom expects that they will trade on the New York Stock Exchange instead of the American Stock Exchange, upon consummation of the acquisition. Freedom may in the future consider the listing of its common stock, warrants and units on a trading market in London, Europe or elsewhere.

When do you expect the proposals to be completed?

Freedom expects that the transactions and actions contemplated in the proposals (other than the post-closing certificate amendment) will be completed as promptly as practicable following the Freedom special meeting of stockholders to be held on October 31, 2007. However, Freedom may terminate the purchase agreement in certain circumstances even if stockholders approve the acquisition proposal. The post-closing certificate amendment proposal will be completed as soon as practicable after consummation of the acquisition.

Who can help answer my questions?

If you have questions about any of the proposals, you may write or call Innisfree M&A Incorporated at 501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10022, (888) 750-5834.

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SUMMARY

*This Summary is being provided with respect to each of the proposals. Although the acquisition is the primary reason for the calling of the special meeting of stockholders, the other proposals are important as well. All of the proposals are described in detail elsewhere in this proxy statement and this Summary discusses the material items of each of the proposals. You should carefully read this entire proxy statement, including the attached annexes. See *Where You Can Find More Information* . Unless the context indicates otherwise, in this Summary, prior to the acquisition, the terms *we* , *us* and *our* refer to Freedom and, following the acquisition, such terms refer to the combined company, which will be renamed GLG Partners, Inc.*

The Companies

Freedom

Freedom is a Delaware blank check company formed to complete a business combination with one or more operating businesses. On December 28, 2006, it sold 48,000,000 units (consisting of one share of Freedom common stock and one warrant to purchase Freedom common stock) in an initial public offering, and on January 24, 2007, the underwriters for the initial public offering purchased an additional 4,800,000 units pursuant to an over-allotment option. Freedom's sponsors, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, purchased in equal amounts an aggregate of 4,500,000 warrants at a price of \$1.00 per warrant (\$4.5 million in the aggregate) in a private placement that occurred immediately prior to the initial public offering.

Freedom received net proceeds of approximately \$512.6 million from its initial public offering (including proceeds from the exercise by the underwriters of their over-allotment option) and sale of the sponsors' warrants. Of those net proceeds, approximately \$18.0 million is attributable to the portion of the underwriters' discount which has been deferred until the consummation of a business combination. The net proceeds were deposited into a trust account and will be part of the funds distributed to Freedom's public stockholders in the event it is unable to complete a business combination. In addition, in connection with the initial public offering, Freedom's sponsors have previously agreed to purchase in equal amounts an aggregate of 5,000,000 units at \$10.00 per unit (\$50.0 million in the aggregate) in a private placement that will occur immediately prior to the consummation of any business combination, including the acquisition. This private placement is referred to as the co-investment and these private placement units, shares of common stock and warrants are referred to as the co-investment units, co-investment common stock and co-investment warrants, respectively, in this proxy statement.

Freedom's shares of common stock, warrants and units are listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbols FRH, FRH.WS and FRH.U, respectively.

Freedom's principal executive office is located at 1114 Avenue of the Americas, 41st Floor, New York, New York 10036, and its telephone number is (212) 380-2230.

GLG

GLG, the largest independent alternative asset manager in Europe and the eleventh largest globally, offers its base of long-standing prestigious clients a diverse range of investment products and account management services. GLG's focus is on preserving clients' capital and achieving consistent, superior absolute returns with low volatility and low correlations to both the equity and fixed income markets. Since its inception in 1995, GLG has built on the roots of its founders in the private wealth management industry to develop into one of the world's largest and most recognized alternative investment managers, while maintaining its tradition of client-focused product development and customer

service.

GLG uses a multi-strategy approach across the funds it manages, offering approximately 40 funds across equity, credit, convertible and emerging markets products. We refer to these funds as the GLG Funds. As of June 30, 2007, GLG's gross AUM (including assets invested from other GLG Funds) were approximately \$21.5 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001, representing a compound annual

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growth rate, or CAGR, of 36%. As of June 30, 2007, GLG's net AUM (net of assets invested from other GLG Funds) were approximately \$18.6 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001, representing a CAGR of 33%. In 2007, on a dollar-weighted basis, the net return of the GLG Funds was 10.9% for the first six months, flat in July and decreased by 3.3% in August, for an overall increase of 7.6%. In 2007, on a dollar-weighted basis, the net return of the single-manager alternative strategy funds was 11.7% for the first six months, increased by 0.5% in July and decreased by 3.6% in August, for an overall increase of 8.6%.

GLG derives revenues by charging performance fees based on the performance of the funds and accounts it manages and management and administration fees as a percentage of the AUM of the funds and accounts it manages. Unlike other typical alternative asset managers, GLG does not hold any ownership interest, investments or carried interests in the GLG Funds, other than a de minimis amount of subscriber and management shares. The subscriber and management shares are for a fixed notional amount and do not have an entitlement to participate in movements in net asset value, nor do they generate any income for GLG. As a result, GLG does not receive any income by reason of investment on its own account in the GLG Funds.

In addition, GLG's principals, their related trustees and certain GLG key personnel do not have any carried interests in the GLG Funds and, after the completion of the acquisition, they are expected to have investments in GLG Funds, including amounts they are required to invest in GLG Funds pursuant to the purchase agreement, equal to approximately \$715 million of net AUM.

Headquartered in London, GLG has built an experienced and highly-regarded investment management team of 95 investment professionals and supporting staff of 205 personnel, representing decades of experience in the alternative asset management industry. In addition, GLG receives dedicated research and administrative services with respect to GLG's U.S.-focused investment strategies from GLG Inc., an independently owned dedicated service provider based in New York with 27 personnel. GLG has recently agreed to acquire GLG Inc. subject to certain conditions, including registration by GLG Inc. and GLG Partners LP (to the extent required by applicable law) as investment advisers under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

On August 16, 2007, Istithmar (PJSC), the Government of Dubai-owned private equity and alternative investment firm, and Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A., Europe's largest independent private bank, each completed the purchase of shares in GLG Holdings Limited and GLG Partners Services Limited equal to 3.92% of the outstanding shares in those entities and shares in GLG Partners Limited, GLG Partners Asset Management Limited and GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited equal to 3.53% of the outstanding shares in those entities for an aggregate purchase price of \$82.5 million payable by each of Istithmar and Sal. Oppenheim from Jonathan Green, one of GLG's founders who retired from GLG in 2003, and Abacus (C.I.) Limited, in its capacity as trustee of the Green GLG Trust, a trust established by Jonathan Green for the benefit of himself and his family, which we refer to as the Green GLG Trust. Each acquisition represents an approximately 3% equity stake in GLG. Both Istithmar and Sal. Oppenheim will separately be investors in GLG Funds.

The principal executive office of GLG is located at One Curzon Street, London, W1J 5HB, which will be Freedom's headquarters after the acquisition. GLG's telephone number is + 44 20 7016 7000.

Recent Developments

As of September 30, 2007, GLG's estimated net AUM was approximately \$20.5 billion. During the three months ended September 30, 2007, on a dollar-weighted basis, the net returns of the GLG Funds decreased less than 0.5% and managed account inflows and gross fund-based inflows of AUM (net of redemptions) exceeded \$1.7 billion.

The GLG Shareowners

The GLG Shareowners include:

Each of GLG's principals, Noam Gottesman, Emmanuel Roman and Pierre Lagrange, whom we refer to collectively as the Principals;

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Leslie J. Schreyer, in his capacity as trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust, a trust established by Mr. Gottesman for the benefit of himself and his family, which we refer to as the Gottesman GLG Trust;

G&S Trustees Limited*, in its capacity as trustee of the Lagrange GLG Trust, a trust established by Mr. Lagrange for the benefit of himself and his family, which we refer to as the Lagrange GLG Trust;

Jeffrey A. Robins, in his capacity as trustee of the Roman GLG Trust, a trust established by Mr. Roman for the benefit of himself and his family, which we refer to as the Roman GLG Trust;

Abacus (C.I.) Limited*, in its capacity as trustee of the Green GLG Trust;

Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd;

Istithmar (PJSC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Dubai World, the Government of Dubai's investment company;

Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A.;

Lavender Heights Capital LP, an entity through which certain of GLG's key personnel participate in the equity participation plan described below under The Acquisition Acquisition-Related Agreements and Transactions and the general partner of which is Mount Garnet Limited, the directors of which are the Trustees;

Ogier Fiduciary Services (Cayman) Limited*, in its capacity as trustee of the Green Hill Trust, a trust established for the benefit of certain past, current or future GLG employees and key personnel who participate or may in the future participate in any remainder interests in the equity participation plan;

Sage Summit LP, an entity through which certain of GLG's key personnel participate in the equity participation plan and the general partner of which is Sage Summit Ltd., the directors of which are the Trustees; and

Ogier Fiduciary Services (Cayman) Limited*, in its capacity as trustee of the Blue Hill Trust, a trust established for the benefit of certain past, current or future GLG employees and key personnel who participate or may in the future participate in any remainder interests in the equity participation plan.

We refer to Mr. Schreyer, G&S Trustees Limited and Mr. Robins, in their capacities as the trustees of the Gottesman GLG Trust, the Lagrange GLG Trust and the Roman GLG Trust, respectively, collectively as the Trustees and individually as a Trustee.

Note: The entities marked with an asterisk are unaffiliated professional corporate trustees.

The Acquisition

Freedom's board of directors believes that GLG presents a unique opportunity for Freedom because of its variety of investment products, advisory services, growth prospects and investment management team, among other factors. As a result, Freedom believes that the acquisition of GLG will provide Freedom stockholders with an opportunity to acquire, and participate in, a company with significant growth potential, particularly as its business continues to grow and expand into the United States and other dynamic global markets. GLG currently derives its revenues from management fees and administration fees based on the value of the assets under management in the GLG Funds and the accounts managed by GLG, and performance fees based on the performance of the GLG Funds and the accounts managed by GLG. If the acquisition is consummated, Freedom's stockholders will not become investors in the GLG

Funds and the accounts managed by GLG, but rather will become stockholders of an alternative asset manager which will be named GLG Partners, Inc.

The Acquired Companies

The purchase agreement, executed on June 22, 2007, provides for the acquisition by Freedom of all of the outstanding equity interests of the Acquired Companies through FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA

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Sub 3 Limited (collectively with Freedom, the Freedom Group), each a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of Freedom. Following consummation of the acquisition, the business and assets of the Acquired Companies will be Freedom s only operations. However, the following interests in certain GLG entities will not be (1) acquired by the Freedom Group in the acquisition or (2) held by the Freedom Group after the acquisition:

Limited partner profit shares: Certain profit share interests of GLG s key personnel (other than the Principals) who participate in GLG s limited partner profit share arrangement described under Organizational Structure ; and

Exchangeable Shares: Exchangeable Shares of FA Sub 2 Limited representing 19.65% of the equity of FA Sub 2 Limited described below under Acquisition Consideration will be held by the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust.

The limited partner profit share arrangement is the primary means through which certain non-employee key personnel are compensated for their services to GLG. The limited partner profit shares will be paid as distributions from GLG s net income in amounts determined at the discretion of GLG s management, but before distributions to GLG Partners, Inc. As described below under Acquisition Consideration , the Exchangeable Shares will be entitled to certain distributions by FA Sub 2 Limited which shareholders of GLG Partners, Inc. will not be entitled to participate in. Accordingly, after completion of the acquisition, amounts distributed in respect of limited partner profit shares and FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares will not be available for distribution to GLG Partners, Inc. shareholders. As a result of the distributions, management, administration and performance fees earned by GLG will not necessarily flow to the GLG Partners, Inc. shareholders in amounts proportionate to their beneficial ownership of shares of GLG Partners, Inc. Instead, the amounts available for distribution to GLG Partners, Inc. shareholders will be reduced by the amounts received by GLG s key personnel as limited partner profit share and by the holder of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares as special distributions.

There is no single exchange ratio or uniform per share amount that GLG Shareowners will be paid for their equity interests in the Acquired Companies. The value of each equity interest is tied to the value ascribed to the related Acquired Company in the purchase agreement, as well as the number and type of equity interests issued by that Acquired Company. The chart below summarizes the aggregate consideration (cash and the value of Freedom securities based on an assumed trading price of Freedom common stock of \$9.50 per share (the minimum price under the purchase agreement)) that will be paid for each share of the various Acquired Companies.

Name of Acquired Company	Aggregate Consideration (Cash & Freedom Securities) Per Outstanding Share	
GLG Partners Asset Management Limited	\$	47.46
GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited	\$	0.17
GLG Partners Services Limited	\$	188,575.91
Mount Garnet Limited	\$	<0.01
Knox Pines, Ltd.	\$	1,682,392.93
Betapoint Corporation	\$	104,869.16
GLG Holdings Limited	\$	282,863.87
GLG Partners Limited	\$	43.66
Mount Granite Limited	\$	<0.01
Liberty Peak Ltd.	\$	2,523,589.39

Albcrest Corporation	\$	157,303.74
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The consideration received by each GLG Shareowner for each Acquired Company will be in direct proportion to that GLG Shareowner's percentage interest in that Acquired Company, after reallocating to Lavender Heights Capital LP and Sage Summit LP 15% of the sale proceeds attributable to the following Acquired Companies:

GLG Partners Asset Management Limited;

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GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited; and

GLG Partners Limited.

While neither Lavender Heights Capital LP nor Sage Summit LP has any direct or indirect equity interest in these three Acquired Companies, they have a contractual right to receive 15% of the aggregate consideration paid in connection with the acquisition under the terms of the equity participation plan. The reallocation of sale proceeds for these three Acquired Companies gives effect to the equity participation plan. It results in Lavender Heights Capital LP and Sage Summit LP receiving an additional 59,943 FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares and \$272,847 of cash, in the aggregate.

Apart from the fact that per share amounts vary based on the value of each Acquired Company and the number and type of equity interests issued by that Acquired Company, the consideration received by each GLG Shareowner will also vary because:

not every GLG Shareowner holds shares or other equity interests in each Acquired Company; and

GLG Shareowners who hold shares or other equity interests in many of the Acquired Companies, such as the Principals, have different percentage interests in the shares or other equity interests issued by different Acquired Companies.

However, in the aggregate, each GLG Shareowner will receive for his or its combined ownership interests stock and cash consideration proportionate to his or its combined ownership interest (after giving effect to the 15% interest for the equity participation plan and the 10,000,000 shares to be issued for the benefit of employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan).

Acquisition Consideration

At the closing, and subject to adjustment as hereafter described, the GLG Shareowners will receive, in exchange for all of the outstanding equity interests of the Acquired Companies, an aggregate of:

\$1.0 billion in cash, reduced by the amount of any promissory notes issued to Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP at their election (Notes);

Notes, if Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP elect to receive Notes in lieu of all or a portion of the cash consideration payable to the electing GLG Shareowner(s);

230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock, which consists of:

138,095,007 shares of Freedom common stock issuable by Freedom upon the consummation of the acquisition, including 10,000,000 shares of common stock to be issued for the benefit of GLG s employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan;

33,000,000 shares of common stock payable by Freedom upon exercise of certain put or call rights with respect to 33,000,000 ordinary shares to be issued by FA Sub 1 Limited to Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP upon the consummation of the acquisition; and

58,904,993 shares of common stock to be issued upon the exchange of 58,904,993 Exchangeable Shares to be issued by FA Sub 2 Limited to the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust upon the consummation of the acquisition; and

58,904,993 shares of Series A preferred stock to be issued to the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust upon the consummation of the acquisition.

Based on the closing sale price of Freedom common stock on June 22, 2007 of \$10.45 per share, the aggregate value of the consideration for the acquisition will be approximately \$3.4 billion.

The GLG Shareowners are subject to a number of varying tax regimes and tax rules. The receipt of a particular type of security (*e.g.*, Freedom common stock, FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares, or FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares and Freedom Series A preferred stock) or form of consideration (*e.g.*, cash or Notes) may have different tax consequences to particular GLG Shareowners depending on their tax

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circumstances. The issuance of the Notes and the FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares (which are subject to put and call rights) will have the effect of accommodating the differing personal tax profiles of the GLG Shareowners and will not have a negative impact on Freedom.

On the closing date, FA Sub 1 Limited will issue the Notes to Sage Summit LP and/or Lavender Heights Capital LP, if either so elects, with a term of two years from the closing date. The Notes will bear interest at a fixed rate per annum equal to LIBOR as of the closing date, payable on June 30 and December 31 of each year. The Notes will be nonrecourse and will be secured by and payable only from a bank deposit in an aggregate amount equal to the principal amount of the Notes. The holders of the Notes will have the right to require FA Sub 1 Limited to repay the outstanding principal and accrued interest of the Notes on any business day not less than six months after the closing date. FA Sub 1 Limited will be entitled at any time after the expiration of six months from the closing date to purchase any of the Notes, at a price equal to the principal amount of such Notes plus accrued but unpaid interest, by tender or otherwise by agreement with the relevant holder of the Notes.

On the closing date, FA Sub 1 Limited will issue to Sage Summit LP and Lavender Height Capital LP 33,000,000 ordinary shares which are subject to put and call rights pursuant to a shares exchange agreement to be entered into between Freedom, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP. Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP will have the right, at any time on or after the closing date, to require Freedom to acquire all of the FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares held by them and Freedom will have the right, at any time starting from one business day after the closing date, to require Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP (to the extent they have not yet exercised their put rights) to transfer all of their FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares to Freedom, in each case, in consideration for shares of Freedom common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustments. The put and call rights with respect to the 33,000,000 FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares were provided to permit FA Sub 1 Limited and/or the holders of the ordinary shares to simplify the capitalization of FA Sub 1 Limited following the completion of the acquisition. Freedom anticipates exercising (subject to approval by Freedom's reconstituted board of directors after the acquisition) its call right at the earliest opportunity in the event that either of Sage Summit LP or Lavender Heights Capital LP does not first exercise its put right following the completion of the acquisition. If the put and call rights relating to the FA Sub 1 Limited shares are not exercised, the consolidated financial statements after the transaction will include a minority interest reflecting approximately 11% of FA Sub 1 and its subsidiaries that is not owned by Freedom.

On the closing date, FA Sub 2 Limited will issue 58,904,993 Exchangeable Shares (subject to adjustment) to the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust. Except for certain limited matters which will require the majority vote or written consent of the holder of Exchangeable Shares, the holder of Exchangeable Shares will have no voting rights with respect to FA Sub 2 Limited. The holder of Exchangeable Shares will also hold shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock in an amount equal to the number of shares of Freedom common stock into which the Exchangeable Shares it holds are exchangeable, which will entitle such holder to vote on the same basis as the holders of shares of Freedom common stock. The shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock will not provide their holder with any economic rights with respect to Freedom, except for nominal payments upon a liquidation of Freedom.

Each Exchangeable Share will be exchangeable at any time after the closing date, at the election of the holder, for one share of Freedom common stock, subject to adjustments. Upon each exchange of an Exchangeable Share, one share of Series A preferred stock will be automatically redeemed for each share of Freedom common stock issued. Pursuant to a support agreement to be entered into between Freedom and FA Sub 2 Limited, Freedom will be obligated to issue to FA Sub 2 Limited (through FA Sub 1 Limited), the number of shares of Freedom common stock as may be required to comply with an exchange notice from a holder of Exchangeable Shares. The Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust does not have any current intention to exchange its Exchangeable Shares for Freedom Common Stock.

The Exchangeable Shares will entitle their holder to receive cumulative dividend distributions from FA Sub 2 Limited at the same time that Freedom pays or makes a dividend or distribution of cash or other property (other than certain restructuring distributions) to its common shareholders, in an aggregate amount

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equal to the amount of the dividend or distribution paid or made by Freedom per share of Freedom common stock multiplied by the number of shares of Freedom common stock into which the Exchangeable Shares are then exchangeable. In addition, the holder of Exchangeable Shares will be entitled to cumulative quarterly cash distributions. These special dividends will be determined by reference to the greater of (1) the highest combined U.S. federal, state and local rate of income tax (as in effect from time to time) payable by an individual who is a citizen of the United States who is resident in New York City (currently 43.87%) and the holder's share of taxable income of FA Sub 2 Limited as determined for U.S. federal, state and local tax purposes and (2) the highest rate of income tax in the United Kingdom (as in effect from time to time) payable by an individual who is resident of and domiciled in the United Kingdom (currently 40.00%) and the holder's share of taxable income of FA Sub 2 Limited as determined for U.K. tax purposes. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of FA Sub 2 Limited, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holder of Exchangeable Shares will be entitled to share in the proceeds of such liquidation, dissolution or winding up on a pro rata basis in accordance with the holder's ownership percentage in FA Sub 2 Limited, subject to certain adjustments for prior non-pro rata dividends.

Upon consummation of the acquisition (and assuming the exercise of all put and call rights relating to FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares), FA Sub 2 Limited, as an operating subsidiary of Freedom, will be 80.35% owned by Freedom and 19.65% owned by the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust.

The Notes, the FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares, the FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares and the Freedom Series A preferred stock are described in more detail under [Agreements Related to the Acquisition](#), [Shares Exchange Agreement](#) and [Support Agreement](#) and [The Authorized Share Proposal](#), [Description of Capital Stock](#).

In addition, Freedom and GLG estimate that they will incur direct transaction costs of approximately \$36 million associated with the acquisition, which will be included as a part of the total purchase cost for accounting purposes if the acquisition is completed.

The \$1.0 billion in cash (less the amount of Notes issued) necessary to pay the cash portion of the purchase price to the GLG Shareowners will be financed through a combination of (1) up to approximately \$551.1 million of proceeds raised in Freedom's initial public offering (after giving effect to the \$50.0 million co-investment by Freedom's sponsors) and (2) bank debt financing of up to \$570.0 million described below under [Financing](#). The available cash will be reduced by amounts necessary to pay for any redemption rights exercised by Freedom's stockholders. The balance of the net proceeds of the debt financing will be used for working capital payments.

Freedom and GLG plan to complete the acquisition as promptly as practicable after the Freedom special meeting, provided that:

Freedom's stockholders have approved the acquisition, the pre-closing and post-closing amendments to Freedom's certificate of incorporation, the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP;

holders of less than 20% of the shares of Freedom common stock issued in its initial public offering vote against the acquisition proposal and elect to have Freedom redeem their shares for cash; and

the other conditions specified in the purchase agreement described below under [Conditions to the Completion of the Acquisition](#) have been satisfied or waived.

If Freedom stockholder approval has not been obtained at that time, or any other conditions have not been satisfied or waived, the acquisition will be completed promptly after stockholder approval is obtained or the remaining conditions are satisfied or waived.

A copy of the purchase agreement is included as Annex A to this proxy statement. We encourage you to read the purchase agreement in its entirety. See The Purchase Agreement .

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Financing

FA Sub 3 Limited has obtained commitments from a syndicate of banks arranged and led by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. to provide, subject to customary conditions, a 5-year amortizing term loan facility and a 5-year non-amortizing revolving credit facility for up to an aggregate of \$570.0 million to finance the acquisition, including purchase price adjustments, paying transaction costs and repaying existing GLG indebtedness, and for working capital purposes, purchase price adjustments and other general corporate purposes. The term loans and revolving loans will be guaranteed by Freedom and certain of its subsidiaries (including certain Acquired Companies, but excluding certain regulated entities) and will be secured by a first priority pledge of all notes and capital stock owned by FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors and a first priority security interest in all or substantially all other assets owned by FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors. The term loans will amortize in equal installments due 42, 48 and 54 months from the closing date in an aggregate amount equal to 75% of the original principal amount. The remaining balance of the term loan will be due on the fifth anniversary of the closing date.

The term loans and revolving loans will bear interest at one of the following rates, at the election of FA Sub 3 Limited:

the Applicable Margin (as described below) plus the highest of:

Citibank, N.A.'s base rate;

the adjusted average three-month certificate of deposit rate plus 0.5%; and

the federal funds effective rate plus 0.5%; or

the Applicable Margin plus the current LIBOR.

Applicable Margin means for the first two fiscal quarters after the closing of the acquisition 0% per annum for loans based on the base rate and 1.25% per annum for loans based on LIBOR (1.125% per annum if the original principal amount of the term loans is less than \$500.0 million). Thereafter, the interest rate will be based on a margin over the specified base floating rate determined by reference to certain financial ratios of Freedom and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. is acting as the sole arranger and book manager for the term loan facility and the revolving credit facility and Citicorp USA, Inc., or one of its affiliates, will be the administrative agent for the credit facilities. For a more detailed description of the term loan facility and the revolving credit facility, please see [Agreements Related to the Acquisition - Credit Facilities](#).

Acquisition-Related Agreements and Transactions

The purchase agreement provides that at or prior to the closing of the acquisition:

Support Agreement. Freedom and FA Sub 2 Limited will enter into a support agreement providing for the reservation, issuance and delivery by Freedom of the shares of Freedom common stock issuable upon the exchange of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares; and

Shares Exchange Agreement. Sage Summit LP, Lavender Heights Capital LP and Freedom will enter into a shares exchange agreement providing for the put and call rights with respect to ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited.

Concurrent with the execution of the purchase agreement:

GLG Shareholders Agreement. Freedom entered into a shareholders agreement with its sponsors and the GLG Shareowners providing for (1) restrictions on the direct or indirect sale or transfer by the GLG Shareowners and their permitted transferees of their equity interests in Freedom or its subsidiaries for periods of one to four years after completion of the acquisition and (2) registration rights for Freedom shares held by the GLG Shareowners, their permitted transferees and Freedom's sponsors;

Founders Agreement. The Principals, the Trustees and Freedom's sponsors entered into a founders agreement, pursuant to which Freedom's sponsors have agreed: to vote (1) all the sponsors' securities acquired prior to Freedom's initial public offering in accordance with the majority of votes with respect to the

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acquisition proposal cast by holders of shares issued in Freedom's initial public offering, (2) all shares that may have been acquired by the sponsors in any private placement, the initial public offering or the aftermarket for the acquisition proposal and (3) all sponsors' shares for the other proposals contained in this proxy statement; to certain restrictions on the sale or transfer of their Freedom securities for one year after completion of the acquisition; and to exercise the sponsor warrants at the written demand of Mr. Gottesman, as the GLG Shareowners' representative, any time after the redemption of Freedom's public warrants and amendment to such sponsor warrants permitting a cashless exercise;

Voting Agreement. The Principals, the Trustees, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP entered into a voting agreement with Freedom pursuant to which they have agreed to vote their Freedom shares together for the election and removal of directors and the taking of certain extraordinary corporate actions by Freedom; and

Agreement Among Principals and Trustees. The Principals and the Trustees have entered into an agreement among principals and trustees which provides that, in the event a Principal voluntarily terminates his employment with Freedom for any reason prior to the fifth anniversary of the closing of the acquisition, a portion of the equity interests held by that Principal and his related Trustee as of the closing of the acquisition will be forfeited to the Principals who are still employed by Freedom and their related Trustees.

In connection with the acquisition:

Equity Participation Plan. Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP will receive collectively approximately 15% of the total consideration of cash and Freedom capital stock payable to the GLG Shareowners in the acquisition, or 33,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock and \$150 million in cash or Notes. These limited partnerships will distribute to certain of GLG key personnel an aggregate of 25% of such amounts upon consummation of the acquisition, and the remaining 75% will be distributed to the key personnel in three equal installments upon vesting over a three-year period on the first, second and third anniversaries of the consummation of the acquisition;

Restricted Stock Plan. Freedom intends to adopt, subject to the approval of Freedom's stockholders, the 2007 Restricted Stock Plan, or Restricted Stock Plan, which will provide for the grants of restricted shares of common stock to employees, service providers and certain key personnel who hold direct or indirect limited partnership interests in certain GLG entities; and

Long-Term Incentive Plan. Freedom intends to adopt, subject to the approval of Freedom's stockholders, the 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan, or LTIP, which will provide for the grants of incentive and non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, common stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units and performance shares to employees, service providers, non-employee directors and certain key personnel who hold direct or indirect limited partnership interests in certain GLG entities.

Freedom's Board of Directors Recommendation

After careful consideration, Freedom's board of directors has determined unanimously that the acquisition proposal is fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders. Accordingly, Freedom's board has unanimously approved and declared advisable the acquisition and unanimously recommends that you vote or instruct your vote to be cast FOR the approval of the acquisition proposal.

In negotiating and structuring the business combination, Freedom's board of directors considered certain traditional metrics in valuating businesses, including multiples of historic cash flow, multiples of historic revenue and, in particular to asset management businesses, multiples of historic assets under management. Under each such metric, the contemplated acquisition, which reflects an enterprise value (assuming a trading price of Freedom common stock

of \$10.00 per share) of approximately \$3.3 billion, exceeded the 80% asset test required under Freedom's certificate of incorporation.

Freedom's board of directors has determined unanimously that the amendments to the certificate of incorporation are fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders. Accordingly, Freedom's board has unanimously approved and declared advisable the amendments to the certificate of incorporation

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and unanimously recommends that you vote or instruct your vote to be cast **FOR** the approval of each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal.

Freedom's board of directors has determined unanimously that the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP is fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders. Accordingly, Freedom's board has unanimously approved and declared advisable the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP and unanimously recommends that you vote or instruct your vote to be cast **FOR** the approval of the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal.

Finally, Freedom's board of directors has determined unanimously that the adjournment proposal is fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders. Accordingly, Freedom's board has unanimously approved and declared advisable the adjournment proposal and unanimously recommends that you vote or instruct your vote to be cast **FOR** the approval of the adjournment proposal.

In considering the recommendation of Freedom's board of directors to vote **FOR** the acquisition proposal, you should be aware that Freedom's officers, directors and sponsors have interests in the acquisition that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder, including in particular (1) all of Freedom's directors other than Herbert A. Morey (who will resign due to auditor independence issues) will continue to serve as directors of Freedom following the acquisition and will be compensated for such service, (2) if the acquisition is not approved and Freedom fails to consummate an alternative business combination within the time allotted, the shares of common stock and warrants held by Freedom's directors (other than those purchased in the open market after the initial public market), will be worthless because Freedom's directors are not entitled to receive any of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering that may be distributed upon liquidation of Freedom and (3) if Freedom does not complete a business combination, Freedom's officers and directors will not receive reimbursement for expenses they incur that exceed Freedom's available cash.

In addition, you should be aware that GLG's principals, trustees of related trusts and GLG's key personnel have interests in the acquisition that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder, including in particular (1) Noam Gottesman, Emmanuel Roman and Simon White will become executive officers of Freedom following the acquisition and will be compensated for such service, (2) as Mr. Gottesman is a GLG Shareowner, as well as the representative of the other GLG Shareowners, it is possible that potential conflicts of interest may arise with respect to his obligations as representative, his interests as an equity holder of GLG and his position as an executive officer following the acquisition and (3) Mr. White is a participant in GLG's limited partner profit share arrangement and equity participation plan and may receive an allocation from the 10,000,000 shares reserved from the purchase price for the acquisition for the benefit of employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan.

Management of GLG Partners, Inc. Upon Consummation of the Acquisition

Upon consummation of the acquisition, Freedom will change its name to GLG Partners, Inc. and will be managed by the following persons: Noam Gottesman and Emmanuel Roman, each of whom is currently a Co-Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Director of GLG, and Simon White, who is currently the Chief Operating Officer of GLG, will be the Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer, the Co-Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of GLG Partners, Inc. It is anticipated that the board of directors of GLG Partners, Inc. will consist of Mr. Gottesman, Mr. Roman, Ian H.G. Ashken, Nicolas Berggruen, Martin E. Franklin, James N. Hauslein, William P. Lauder, Paul Myners and Peter A. Weinberg, and may include others to be determined.

Structure of GLG Partners, Inc. Upon Consummation of the Acquisition

Following the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests in the Acquired Companies, all of GLG's operations will continue to be conducted by, and all of GLG's assets which constituted the GLG business prior to the acquisition will continue to be held by, the Acquired Companies. This includes all assets, properties and liabilities of GLG; the business and benefit of the investment management agreements relating to the GLG Funds and managed accounts; and the benefit of the agreement to acquire GLG Holdings Inc. and GLG Inc.

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No portion of GLG's business reflected in its historical financial statements will be excluded from the acquisition, other than the business of GLG Inc., which is currently an independent business that GLG has agreed to acquire, subject to certain conditions. Pursuant to a stock purchase agreement dated June 13, 2007, GLG Partners LP (or its designee) agreed to purchase from Emerald Tree Foundation, an independent Bermuda charitable foundation, all of the outstanding shares of GLG Holdings Inc., the parent company of GLG Inc., for \$2.5 million. The closing of the stock purchase is conditioned on, among other things, the registration with the SEC of GLG Partners LP or GLG Inc. as an investment adviser under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940. It is expected that the acquisition of GLG Inc. will be completed following the completion of the acquisition. It is also expected that GLG Partners LP will designate GLG Partners, Inc. as the purchaser and that GLG Inc. will become an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of GLG Partners, Inc. GLG will not accept any new U.S. advisory clients prior to registration with the SEC of GLG Partners LP or GLG Inc. as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act, other than certain clients with whom GLG was already in discussions prior to the filing of Freedom's preliminary Proxy Statement on July 12, 2007, and within the fewer than 15 clients' limitation under the exemption provided by Section 203(b)(3) of the Advisers Act.

As part of the acquisition transaction, Freedom will also acquire the capital interests in certain GLG entities held by Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP through Liberty Peak Ltd. and Knox Pines Ltd. Through these capital interests, certain of GLG's key personnel participate in GLG's equity participation plan entitling them, in the aggregate, to acquire 15% of the cash and stock consideration to be paid to the GLG Shareowners in the acquisition, subject to certain vesting requirements. The cash and shares of stock will be held by Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP for the benefit of these key personnel until they have vested. Freedom will not be acquiring certain profit share interests of GLG's key personnel who participate in GLG's limited partner profit share arrangement. The limited partner profit share arrangement is the primary means through which these non-employee key personnel are compensated for their services to GLG and these profit share interests will continue to remain outstanding after the acquisition. None of the Principals participates in either the equity participation plan or the limited partner profit share arrangement.

Following the acquisition, Freedom will be renamed GLG Partners, Inc. and will be a holding company with the following structure:

GLG Partners, Inc. will hold 100% of the ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited, assuming that all of the FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares issued at the closing to Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP subject to the put/call arrangement are exchanged following the closing of the acquisition for Freedom common stock. The purpose of FA Sub 1 Limited is to be the holding company for all the non-U.S. entities that conduct GLG's business;

FA Sub 1 Limited will hold 100% of the Class A ordinary shares of FA Sub 2 Limited, and the Trustee for the Gottesman GLG Trust will own 100% of the Exchangeable Shares of FA Sub 2 Limited, the company through which the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust will hold its continuing interest in the Acquired Companies. The purpose of FA Sub 2 Limited is to be the holding company for the GLG businesses that are subject to the regulatory authority of the Cayman Islands; and

FA Sub 2 Limited will hold 100% of the ordinary shares of FA Sub 3 Limited. The purpose of FA Sub 3 Limited is to be the holding company for the GLG businesses that are subject to the regulatory authority of the European Union, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Luxembourg and other European regulatory authorities.

The diagram set forth below depicts GLG's organizational structure prior to the consummation of the acquisition and related transactions.

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Key to GLG Organizational Structure

This organizational chart presents a simplified version of GLG's organizational structure immediately prior to the acquisition. It presents certain information on a condensed or combined basis. Among other things, it does not reflect the different classes of shares or partnership interests GLG Shareowners hold in various entities after giving effect to Sage Summit LP's and Lavender Heights Capital LP's entitlement to 15% of the proceeds from the acquisition pursuant to the equity participation plan. For each named GLG Shareowner, the chart shows on a combined, condensed basis the interests held by that GLG Shareowner, any trust that may hold shares for the benefit of that GLG Shareowner (and/or his family or others), and any interests held indirectly through one or more subsidiaries, trusts or affiliates of the GLG Shareowner. The percentage interests reflected in the top line of this organizational chart reflects the combined equity ownership of each GLG Shareowner.

Albacrest: Albacrest Corporation

Betapoint: Betapoint Corporation

GHL: GLG Holdings Limited

GLGPL: GLG Partners Limited

GPAM: GLG Partners Asset Management Limited

GPCL: GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited

GPICL: GLG Partners International (Cayman) Limited

GPC: GLG Partners Corporation

GPLP: GLG Partners LP

GPS: GLG Partners Services Limited

GPS LP: GLG Partners Services LP

Knox Pines: Knox Pines Ltd.

Laurel Heights: Laurel Heights LLP

Lavender Heights: Lavender Heights LLP

Liberty Peak: Liberty Peak Ltd.

Mount Garnet: Mount Garnet Limited

Mount Granite: Mount Granite Limited

Saffron Woods: Saffron Woods Corporation

Steven Roth: a GLG key personnel

Gottesman: Noam Gottesman and the Gottesman GLG Trust, individually and collectively

Green: Jonathan Green and the Green GLG Trust, individually and collectively

Istithmar: IFS V Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Istithmar (PJSC) and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Dubai World

Lagrange: Pierre Lagrange and the Lagrange GLG Trust, individually and collectively

Lehman: Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd

Roman: Emmanuel Roman, the Roman GLG Trust, Albacrest and Betapoint, individually and collectively

Sal. Oppenheim: FARAMIR Beteiligungs und Verwaltungen GmbH, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A.

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The following diagram shows the corporate structure of GLG Partners, Inc. and its subsidiaries immediately after the acquisition and related transactions.

** The Gottesman ownership interests reflect the Exchangeable Shares of FA Sub 2 Limited and the Freedom Series A preferred stock.

* Represents profits interests of participants in GLG's limited partner profit share arrangement that are not being acquired by Freedom in the acquisition.

These entities hold capital interests and discretionary profits interests in GPS LP.

This entity holds capital interests and discretionary profits interests in GPLP.

Note: The historical financial statements of GLG include GLG Holdings Inc. and GLG Inc., an independently owned dedicated research and administrative services provider, which GLG has agreed to acquire, subject to certain conditions.

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The table below shows, for each of the Freedom founders and each of the GLG Shareowners that will beneficially own more than one percent of the outstanding equity of Freedom after the completion of the acquisition, the number of shares and relative percentage interests (both voting and economic) that each of those persons will have in Freedom on a primary basis immediately after the completion of the acquisition.

Name of Shareholder	Number of Shares(1)	Percentage Interest
Berggruen Holdings North America Ltd.	10,132,700	3.38%
Marlin Equities II, LLC	8,423,200	2.81%
Noam Gottesman(2)	58,904,993	19.65%
Emmanuel Roman(3)	18,699,995	6.24%
Pierre Lagrange(4)	58,904,993	19.65%
Jonathan Green(5)	3,630,304	1.21%
Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd	33,659,998	11.23%
Istithmar(6)	6,599,843	2.20%
Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A.(7)	6,599,843	2.20%
Lavender Heights Capital LP(8)	13,200,000	4.40%
Sage Summit LP(8)	19,800,000	6.60%
GLG Employees, Key Personnel and Service Providers(9)	10,000,000	3.34%
Total	248,555,869	82.91%

- (1) The trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust will own all the Exchangeable Shares of FA Sub 2 Limited and the Freedom Series A preferred Stock, as described in the proxy statement. All the other shares will be Freedom common stock.
- (2) Includes 58,904,993 Exchangeable Shares and 58,904,993 associated shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock expected to be owned by the Gottesman GLG Trust, which will be exchangeable by the holder at any time and from time to time following the consummation of the acquisition into 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock. Each share of Series A preferred stock will be automatically redeemed upon the exchange of an Exchangeable Share.
- (3) Includes 18,699,995 shares of Freedom common stock expected to be owned by the Roman GLG Trust.
- (4) Includes 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock expected to be owned by the Lagrange GLG Trust.
- (5) Includes 3,630,019 shares of Freedom common stock expected to be owned by the Green GLG Trust.
- (6) Represents shares of Freedom common stock expected to be owned by IFS V Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Istithmar (PJSC) and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Dubai World.
- (7) Represents shares of Freedom common stock expected to be owned by FARAMIR Beteiligungs und Verwaltungs GmbH, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A.
- (8)

Represents shares of Freedom common stock expected to be held on behalf of certain non-employee key personnel who participate in the equity participation plan through Lavender Heights Capital LP and Sage Summit LP, subject to certain vesting requirements. Until vesting, the Trustees, as the directors of the general partner of these limited partnerships will have shared voting power over the shares and will be attributed beneficial ownership of the shares. The Principals disclaim beneficial ownership over these shares.

- (9) Represents 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock expected to be allocated from the acquisition consideration and held for the benefit of GLG employees, service providers and certain key personnel (other than the Principals), subject to certain vesting requirements under the Restricted Stock Plan. Until vesting, the Principals will have shared voting power over the shares and will be attributed beneficial ownership of the shares. The Principals disclaim beneficial ownership over these shares.

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Certain of the shares included in the table above are subject to a voting agreement, vesting and transfer restrictions, as described in this proxy statement.

The authorized share proposal will have a substantial dilutive effect on the current holders of Freedom common stock. On a primary basis, current stockholders of Freedom will be reduced from owning 100% of the currently outstanding voting stock of Freedom to owning approximately 23% of the outstanding voting stock after giving effect to the acquisition.

Interests of Freedom Directors and Officers in the Acquisition

When you consider the recommendation of Freedom's board of directors that you vote in favor of the acquisition proposal, you should keep in mind that certain of Freedom's directors and officers have interests in the acquisition that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder. It is anticipated that after the consummation of the acquisition, Nicolas Berggruen, Martin E. Franklin, James N. Hauslein and William P. Lauder will remain members of Freedom's board of directors and will be compensated for such service. Herbert A. Morey will resign effective immediately prior to consummation of the acquisition due to auditor independence issues.

Freedom's sponsors, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, are affiliates of Nicolas Berggruen and Martin Franklin, respectively. Nicolas Berggruen is Freedom's president, chief executive officer and a director. Martin Franklin is Freedom's chairman of the board. If the acquisition is not approved and Freedom fails to consummate an alternative business combination within the time allotted pursuant to its certificate of incorporation, it will be required to liquidate, and the warrants owned by its founders and the shares of common stock issued at a price per share of \$0.00208 prior to its initial public offering to and held by its founders will be worthless because the founders are not entitled to receive any of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering that may be distributed upon liquidation of the trust account. If Freedom does not complete a business combination, Freedom's officers and directors will not receive reimbursement for expenses they incur that exceed Freedom's available cash. Additionally, Freedom's founders who acquired shares of Freedom common stock prior to its initial public offering at a price per share of \$0.00208 will benefit if the acquisition is approved. See "The Acquisition Proposal - Interests of Freedom Directors and Officers in the Acquisition".

The table below shows the amount that the units (consisting of shares and warrants), the common stock and the warrants beneficially owned by the directors and officers of Freedom as of October 5, 2007 (after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors) would be worth upon consummation of the acquisition and the unrealized profit from such securities based on an assumed market price of the units, the common stock and the warrants of Freedom of \$15.54, \$11.97 and \$3.63, respectively.

Amount Paid	Units(a)			Common Stock(b)			Amount Paid	Unrealized Profit	Beneficially Owned	Amount Paid
	Value	Unrealized Profit	Beneficially Owned	Value	Unrealized Profit	Beneficially Owned				
012,340	\$ 130,896,528	\$ 105,884,188	1,709,500	\$ 17,936,128(d)	\$ 20,462,715	\$ 2,526,587	2,250,000	\$ 2,526,587	2,250,000	\$ 2,526,587
012,340	130,896,528	105,884,188					2,250,000		2,250,000	
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- (a) The purchase price per unit for the founders units was \$0.00208 per unit and for the co-investment units is \$10.00 per unit. Each of these stockholders has agreed, subject to exceptions, not to transfer, assign or sell these shares until one year after we consummate a business combination.
- (b) Excludes common stock included in the units.
- (c) Excludes warrants included in the units.
- (d) The purchase prices for the shares were (i) \$10.50 per share for 500,000 shares, (ii) \$10.49 for 1,056,800 shares and (iii) \$10.48 per share for 152,700 shares.

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In addition, Freedom's sponsors, directors and officers may make additional open market purchases of units, common stock or warrants prior to the special meeting. Although such units and common stock will not be subject to any voting restrictions applicable to Freedom's sponsors, directors or officers, those entities and individuals have advised us that they intend to vote all units and common stock with the right to vote at the special meeting in favor of the acquisition proposal and the other proposals described in this proxy statement.

Interests of Principals, The Trustees and Key Personnel of GLG in the Acquisition

You should understand that some of the Principals, the Trustees and key personnel of GLG have interests in the acquisition that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder. In particular, Mr. Gottesman, a Co-Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Director of GLG, is expected to become Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG Partners, Inc.; Mr. Roman, a Co-Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Director of GLG, is expected to become the Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG Partners, Inc.; and Mr. White, the Chief Operating Officer of GLG, is expected to become the Chief Financial Officer of GLG Partners, Inc. Further, each of Messrs. Gottesman, Roman and White will enter into new employment agreements with GLG Partners, Inc. in connection with the acquisition, providing for, among other things, compensation for such service to GLG Partners, Inc. In addition, the GLG Shareowners have appointed Mr. Gottesman as their representative to make certain decisions on behalf of the GLG Shareowners under the purchase agreement. As Mr. Gottesman is a GLG Shareowner, as well as the representative of the other GLG Shareowners, it is possible that potential conflicts of interest may arise with respect to his obligations as representative, his interests as an equity holder of GLG and his position as Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG Partners, Inc. following the acquisition.

In the acquisition, Mr. Gottesman and the Gottesman GLG Trust will receive an aggregate of 58,904,993 shares of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares exchangeable into 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock, \$267.8 million cash and 58,904,993 shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock; Mr. Lagrange and the Lagrange GLG Trust will receive an aggregate of 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock and \$267.8 million in cash; and Mr. Roman and the Roman GLG Trust will receive an aggregate of 18,699,995 shares of Freedom common stock and \$85.0 million in cash.

Currently, the Principals and Trustees do not own any Freedom units, common stock or warrants, other than units owned by the GLG Funds for which the Principals are attributed beneficial ownership. The Principals and Trustees may make open market purchases of units, common stock or warrants prior to the special meeting. Although such units and common stock will not be subject to any voting restrictions applicable to the Principals and Trustees, those entities and individuals have advised us that they intend to vote all units and common stock with the right to vote at the special meeting in favor of the acquisition proposal and the other proposals described in this proxy statement.

In addition, GLG's Principals have agreed to enter into agreements not to compete with Freedom for a period of five years following the closing of the acquisition. The Principals and the Trustees have also entered into lock-up arrangements restricting their ability to transfer shares of Freedom capital stock for the first year following the closing of the acquisition. Thereafter, subject to any limitations imposed by U.S. federal securities laws, the Principals and the Trustees will only be able to transfer: (1) 10% of their shares following each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the closing of the acquisition; and (2) an unlimited number of their shares following the fourth anniversary of such closing. See [Agreements Related to the Acquisition](#) and [GLG Shareholders Agreement](#).

The Principals and the other GLG Shareowners have also agreed to invest at least 50% of the after-tax cash proceeds they receive in the acquisition in GLG Funds (an amount, together with additional amounts expected to be invested by them contemporaneously with the closing, equal to approximately \$805 million of net AUM) and will pay the same fees and otherwise invest on the same terms as other investors. See [Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions](#) and [GLG Investment Transactions](#).

In addition, Mr. White is a participant in GLG's limited partner profit share arrangement and equity participation plan and may receive an allocation of the 10,000,000 shares reserved from the purchase price for

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the acquisition for the benefit of employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan. The amount of his allocation, if any, has not yet been determined.

Except as described above, no compensation or other remuneration will be paid to any GLG Shareowner, Principal or key personnel in connection with the acquisition. Upon consummation of the acquisition, it is anticipated that employment agreements between each of Messrs. Gottesman, Roman and Lagrange and GLG Partners, Inc. will provide for a base salary of \$1 million per annum for the remainder of 2007 and for 2008 and no cash bonus or equity compensation with respect to 2007. To date, there has been no determination with respect to future awards under the LTIP for participants, including the Principals.

Set forth in the table below is information regarding cash distributions and cash compensation in 2006 and year-to-date through August 31, 2007 for each GLG Shareowner and executive officer and the key personnel who participate in the limited partner profit share arrangement:

	Cash Distributions		Cash Compensation	
	2006	YTD 2007	2006	YTD 2007
	(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)			
GLG Shareowners:				
Noam Gottesman and Gottesman GLG Trust	\$ 84,954	\$ 102,694	\$ 4,664	\$ 2,892
Pierre Lagrange and Lagrange GLG Trust	41,337	82,546	4,700	2,901
Emmanuel Roman and Roman GLG Trust	15,533	35,212	4,659	2,892
Jonathan Green and Green GLG Trust	18,031	5,777		
Chapter Investment Assets Limited(1)		10,123		
Philippe Jabre and Jabre GLG Trust(2)	5,852	17,980	168	
Executive Officers:				
Simon White(3)	314(4)	2,262(4)(5)	2,053(6)	
Key Personnel(3)(7)	14,656	209,214(4)(5)	105,956(6)	76

- (1) A corporate trust company to which Mr. Green transferred non-voting interests in GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners Asset Management Limited and GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited on June 15, 2007 in consideration of Chapter assuming Mr. Green's obligations under his loans from Lehman Bankhaus. The non-voting interests will be redeemed immediately prior to the completion of the acquisition.
- (2) Mr. Jabre and the Jabre GLG Trust ceased to own voting shares of GLG Partners Limited, GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited and GLG Partners Asset Management Limited in December 2006, and the non-voting shares of GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited and GLG Partners Asset Management Limited owned by the Jabre GLG Trust were redeemed in June 2007.
- (3) Mr. White and other key personnel ceased to be employees and became participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement beginning in mid-2006.
- (4) Reflects cash distributions paid through Laurel Heights LLP and Lavender Heights LLP to Mr. White and other key personnel.

- (5) Includes limited partner profit share distributions made in 2007 with respect to 2006 performance.
- (6) Includes bonuses paid in 2006 with respect to 2005 performance.
- (7) Includes amounts paid or distributed to Mr. White.

Prior to the completion of the acquisition, GLG is expected to make further cash distributions to the individuals and entities in the table above from the distributable profits (net income less reserves) generated by GLG entities as follows:

an amount equal to approximately \$18.0 million in the aggregate, representing the remaining undistributed amount of 2006 profits; and

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an amount based on 2007 profits, which will depend on GLG's year-to-date performance for 2007 up to the closing of the acquisition, which will be subject to such factors as regulatory capital and working capital requirements and which cannot be readily estimated at this time.

In addition, there may be further distributions declared with respect to 2007 profits prior to the closing of the acquisition but not paid until 2008, which also will be subject to such factors as regulatory capital and working capital requirements and which cannot be readily estimated at this time.

GLG does not expect any other cash distributions to be made in connection with the acquisition or any other reorganization transactions, except for the cash and shares to be issued as consideration for the acquisition.

Controlled Company

The Principals, the Trustees, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP have entered into a voting agreement which will become effective upon consummation of the acquisition. These GLG Shareowners will beneficially own our common stock and Series A preferred stock which collectively initially represent approximately 54% of our voting power (after giving effect to the co-investment and assuming no redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders and no exercise of outstanding warrants) and will have the ability to elect our board of directors. Therefore, we will be a controlled company for purposes of Section 303(A) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual. As a controlled company, we will be exempt from certain governance requirements otherwise required by the New York Stock Exchange, including the requirement that we have a nominating and corporate governance committee. Notwithstanding the fact that, as a controlled company, we will not be required to have a board of directors comprised of a majority of independent directors, our board of directors has determined that a majority of the individuals who will comprise our board of directors after the acquisition, Ian G.H. Ashken, Martin E. Franklin, James N. Hauslein, William P. Lauder and Paul Myners, are independent as defined in Section 303A.02 of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual.

In addition, pursuant to the voting agreement described above, Freedom has agreed not to take certain actions without the consent of the GLG Shareowners party to the voting agreement so long as they collectively beneficially own (1) more than 25% of the voting stock and at least one Principal is an employee, partner or member of our company or any of our subsidiaries or (2) more than 40% of the voting stock. Because of their ownership of approximately 54% of the our voting power, the Principals, their Trustees and certain other GLG Shareowners will also be able to determine the outcome of all matters requiring stockholder approval (other than those requiring a super-majority vote) and will be able to cause or prevent a change of control of our company or a change in the composition of our board of directors, and could preclude any unsolicited acquisition of our company. In addition, because they collectively may determine the outcome of a stockholder vote, they could deprive stockholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their shares as part of a sale of our company, and that voting control could ultimately affect the market price of the shares.

Conditions to the Completion of the Acquisition

The obligations of each of the Freedom Group and the GLG Shareowners to complete the acquisition are subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the other group at or prior to the closing date of various conditions, including:

the representations and warranties of the other group that are qualified by materiality must be true and correct in all respects and the representations and warranties of the other group that are not so qualified must be true in all material respects on the date of the purchase agreement and as of the closing date as if they were made on that date;

the other group's performance or compliance with its covenants and agreements contained in the purchase agreement or the transaction documents;

no litigation or action being threatened in writing, instituted or pending which is reasonably likely to make illegal, delay, restrain, prohibit or otherwise adversely affect consummation of the acquisition or which would otherwise have a material adverse effect on GLG or the Freedom Group as applicable;

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the absence of any law or action by any court or other government entity which may inhibit or have a material adverse effect on the acquisition;

the receipt of all required approvals and consents and their submission to the other group;

the termination or expiration of all antitrust-related waiting periods, the receipt of all antitrust approvals and consents and the filing of all antitrust notices or filings required to have been made;

the approval by Freedom's stockholders of the acquisition proposal and the other proposals contained in this proxy statement;

the execution and delivery by each of the other parties of each of the transaction documents; and

the availability for funding on the closing date of the entire amount that may be borrowed under the credit agreement by FA Sub 3 Limited and the satisfaction of all conditions precedent to the borrowing of \$550.0 million.

The Freedom Group's obligation to complete the acquisition is also subject to (1) consummation by the GLG Shareowners of the contemplated reorganization of the Acquired Companies, and (2) delivery by the GLG Shareowners' representative to Freedom of copies of the executed organizational documents of the Acquired Companies that issued shares purchased by the Freedom Group in the acquisition. The GLG Shareowners' obligation to complete the acquisition is also subject to receipt of the copies of the resolutions of the Freedom's board of directors authorizing the LTIP and the reservation for issuance of Freedom common stock issuable pursuant to the LTIP and pursuant to the terms of the Exchangeable Shares, the put and call rights with respect to ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited pursuant to a shares exchange agreement among Freedom and certain GLG Shareowners who receive ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited and the support agreement between Freedom and FA Sub 2 Limited.

Termination, Amendment and Waiver

The purchase agreement may be terminated and the acquisition abandoned at any time prior to the closing of the acquisition:

by mutual written agreement of Freedom and the GLG Shareowners' representative;

by either group, if the closing has not occurred before the termination date of December 31, 2007;

by either group, if there is any law or court or governmental order, which is not subject to appeal or has become final, that makes consummation of the acquisition illegal or otherwise prohibited;

by either group, if there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement by the other group such that the conditions set forth above with respect to representations, warranties, covenants and agreements under "Conditions to the Completion of the Acquisition" would not be satisfied as of such time, unless such breach is curable and the breaching party continues to exercise reasonable best efforts to cure it; or

by either group, if the required approvals of Freedom's stockholders related to the acquisition are not obtained.

If permitted under applicable law, either Freedom or the GLG Shareowners representative may waive conditions for its own respective benefit and consummate the acquisition, even though one or more of these conditions have not been met. We cannot assure you that all of the conditions will be satisfied or waived or that the acquisition will occur.

Regulatory Matters

The acquisition and the transactions contemplated by the purchase agreement are not subject to any U.S. federal or state regulatory requirement or approval, except for filings necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, and filings for the proposed listing of Freedom common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

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In the United Kingdom, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the FSMA) requires that any person who proposes to take a step that would result in his acquiring control (as such term is defined in the FSMA) over a U.K. authorized person (such as GLG Partners LP) must notify the Financial Services Authority (the FSA) and obtain the FSA's prior approval to the proposal. The FSA has three months in which to rule on such an application. The notice and application for approval was filed with the FSA on August 31, 2007.

The prior approval of the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority (IFSRA) will be required for the change in ownership of GLG Partners Asset Management Limited which acts as manager of the GLG Funds authorized in Ireland and for the change in ownership of GLG Partners LP, which acts as promoter and investment manager of the GLG Funds authorized in Ireland. The application for approval was filed with IFSRA on August 31, 2007.

The prior approval of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) will be required for the change in ownership of GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited, which acts as manager of the GLG Funds incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Although no prior approval is required, notification of the change in ownership of GLG Partners Services LP and GLG Partners Services Limited will be required to be provided to the Cayman Islands Trade and Business Licencing Board following the acquisition and the transactions contemplated by the purchase agreement. The application for approval was filed with CIMA on August 31, 2007.

Other Matters to be Considered at the Special Meeting

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, Freedom is seeking stockholder approval of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal.

Freedom is seeking stockholder approval to adjourn the special meeting to a later date, or dates, in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal.

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The summary combined historical financial information of GLG as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and for the six months ended June 30, 2006 was derived from unaudited condensed combined financial statements of GLG included in this proxy statement. The summary combined historical financial information of GLG as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 was derived from combined financial statements of GLG audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, included in this proxy statement. The summary combined historical financial information of GLG as of June 30, 2006 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was derived from unaudited combined financial statements of GLG not included in this proxy statement. This information should be read in conjunction with GLG Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the financial statements and the notes thereto included in this proxy statement.

	Years Ended December 31,					Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2002 (unaudited)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006 (unaudited)	2007 (unaudited)
(US dollars in thousands)							
Combined Statement of Operations Data:							
Net revenues and other income:							
Management fees, net	\$ 30,108	\$ 65,259	\$ 138,988	\$ 137,958	\$ 186,273	\$ 82,971	\$ 120,334
Performance fees, net	31,288	206,685	178,024	279,405	394,740	175,946	343,032
Administration fees, net				311	34,814	15,921	26,680
Transaction charges	80,613	115,945	191,585	184,252			
Other	626	6,497	6,110	1,476	5,039	2,023	970
Total net revenues and other income	142,635	394,386	514,707	603,402	620,866	276,861	491,016
Expenses:							
Employee compensation and benefits	(88,994)	(158,789)	(196,784)	(345,918)	(168,386)	(114,459)	(81,566)
General, administrative and other	(22,052)	(23,005)	(42,002)	(64,032)	(68,404)	(27,285)	(53,743)
Total expenses	(111,046)	(181,794)	(238,786)	(409,950)	(236,790)	(141,744)	(135,309)
Income from operations	31,589	212,592	275,921	193,452	384,076	135,117	355,707
Interest income, net	882	709	519	2,795	4,657	2,574	1,647

Income before income taxes	32,471	213,301	276,440	196,247	388,733	137,691	357,354
Income taxes	(8,456)	(49,966)	(48,372)	(25,345)	(29,225)	(13,000)	(28,286)
Net income	\$ 24,015	\$ 163,335	\$ 228,068	\$ 170,902	\$ 359,508	\$ 124,691	\$ 329,068
Distributions to Principals and Trustees	\$ (33,895)	\$ (70,825)	\$ (222,074)	\$ (106,531)	\$ (165,705)	\$ (148,533)	\$ (145,069)
Distributions to non-controlling interest holders					(14,656)		(208,043)

	As of December 31,					As of June 30,	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	2007
	(unaudited)		(US dollars in thousands)			(unaudited)	

Combined Balance Sheet Data:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,450	\$ 65,655	\$ 136,378	\$ 236,261	\$ 273,148	\$ 97,672	\$ 130,268
Fees receivable	34,826	139,103	163,235	246,179	251,963	198,211	380,157
Working capital	15,579	25,940	20,395	42,387	370,094	169,251	344,129
Property and equipment, net	4,102	3,801	4,342	3,290	6,121	3,253	8,980
Total assets	75,359	220,829	310,592	495,340	557,377	311,661	546,977
Accrued compensation and benefits	21,654	25,038	125,850	247,745	102,507	81,954	47,702
Other liabilities					5,100	5,000	3,653
Loans payable	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Total members equity	19,400	112,722	117,980	180,229	361,952	158,123	338,305

Table of Contents**Summary Historical Financial Information of Freedom**

The summary historical financial information of Freedom as of December 31, 2006 and June 30, 2007 was derived from financial statements of Freedom as of December 31, 2006 audited by Rothstein, Kass & Company P.C., independent registered public accounting firm, and unaudited financial statements of Freedom as of June 30, 2007, respectively, included in this proxy statement. This information should be read in conjunction with Freedom Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the financial statements and the notes thereto included in this proxy statement. Since Freedom has not had any significant operations to date, only balance sheet data is presented.

Balance Sheet Data:	As of December 31, 2006	As of June 30, 2007
Working capital (deficiency)	\$ (122,294)	\$ (3,436,415)
Total assets	467,306,751	526,075,556
Total liabilities	110,289,016	128,681,005
Common stock, subject to possible redemption for cash	93,247,353	102,572,088
Stockholders' equity	357,017,735	397,394,551

Table of Contents**Summary Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information**

The following summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information should be read in conjunction with the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information and related notes included elsewhere in this proxy statement. The historical financial information set forth below has been derived from, and is qualified by reference to, the financial statements of Freedom and GLG and should be read in conjunction with those financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this proxy statement. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information gives effect to the acquisition as if it occurred on January 1, 2006. This information is for illustrative purposes only. You should not rely on this information as being indicative of the historical results that would have been achieved had the companies always been combined or the future results that we will experience after the acquisition. See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information .

The table has been prepared using two different assumed levels of approval of the acquisition by Freedom stockholders, as follows: (1) maximum approval, which assumes that none of the Freedom stockholders exercise their redemption rights; and (2) minimum approval, which assumes that 19.99% of Freedom stockholders exercise their redemption rights.

	Year Ended December 31, 2006		Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	
	Maximum Approval	Minimum Approval	Maximum Approval	Minimum Approval

(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

Pro Forma Statement of Operations Data:

Net revenues and other income	\$ 620,866	\$ 620,866	\$ 491,016	\$ 491,016
Income (loss) from operations	(421,250)	(421,250)	(46,907)	(46,907)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(448,304)	(455,431)	(60,512)	(63,948)
Income taxes	(22,491)	(20,353)	(25,176)	(24,146)
Net loss	(470,795)	(475,784)	(85,688)	(88,094)
Net loss applicable to equity interest holders	(500,557)	(505,121)	(113,624)	(115,823)
Basic and diluted net loss per common share	\$ (2.08)	\$ (2.17)	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.49)
Shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per common share	240,895	230,340	240,895	230,340

Pro Forma Balance Sheet Data (at period end):

Cash and cash equivalents			\$ 106,147	\$ 106,147
Working capital			346,427	346,427
Total assets			651,029	651,029
Loans payable			467,428	570,000
Stockholders /Members equity			(70,229)	(172,801)

On a pro forma basis, net loss applicable to equity interest holders for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the six months ended June 30, 2007 were \$500.6 million (assuming maximum approval) and \$505.1 million (assuming minimum approval) and \$113.6 million (assuming maximum approval) and \$115.8 million (assuming minimum approval), respectively, compared to historical net income applicable to equity interest holders of \$360.0 million and \$328.7 million, respectively, largely driven by non-cash share-based compensation expense adjustments of \$818 million and \$409 million, respectively. These expenses relate to the 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock to be issued for the benefit of GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted

Stock Plan; 33,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock and \$150 million in cash or Notes to be issued for the benefit of certain of GLG's key personnel participating in the equity participation plan; and 77,604,988 shares of Freedom common stock and 58,904,993 shares of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares subject to the agreement among principals and trustees.

Total shareholders' deficit on a pro forma basis as of June 30, 2007 was \$70.2 million (assuming maximum approval) and \$172.8 million (assuming minimum approval), compared to historical total members' equity of \$338.3 million, and largely reflects the cash portion of the acquisition consideration of \$1.0 billion, less certain amounts payable in relation to the equity participation plan that will be recognized in future periods.

See Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information for further information.

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The following table sets forth certain historical per share data of Freedom and combined per share data of Freedom and GLG on an unaudited pro forma combined basis giving effect to the acquisition. The information in the table should be read in conjunction with the audited and unaudited combined financial statements of GLG and Freedom and the notes thereto included in this proxy statement and the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information and notes thereto included elsewhere herein. The unaudited pro forma combined information provided below is for illustrative purposes only. The companies may have performed differently had they always been combined. You should not rely on this information as being indicative of the historical results that would have been achieved had the companies always been combined or the future results that we will experience after the acquisition.

The table has been prepared using two different assumed levels of approval of the acquisition by Freedom stockholders, as follows: (1) maximum approval, which assumes that none of the Freedom stockholders exercise their redemption rights; and (2) minimum approval, which assumes that 19.99% of Freedom stockholders exercise their redemption rights.

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2006		As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	
Freedom Historical:				
Net income per common share Basic	\$	0.01	\$	0.11
Net income per common share Diluted	\$	0.01	\$	0.08
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$		\$	
Book value per common share	\$	6.87	\$	6.98

	As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2006		As of and for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	
	Maximum Approval	Minimum Approval	Maximum Approval	Minimum Approval
Pro Forma Combined:				
Net loss per common share Basic	\$ (2.08)	\$ (2.17)	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.49)
Net loss per common share Diluted	\$ (2.08)	\$ (2.17)	\$ (0.47)	\$ (0.49)
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$	\$	\$	\$

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the following risk factors, together with all of the other information included in this proxy statement, before you decide whether to vote or instruct your vote to be cast to adopt the acquisition proposal. As GLG's operations will be those of Freedom upon consummation of the acquisition, a number of the following risk factors relate to the business and operations of GLG, as our successor. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in this section prior to the acquisition, the terms we, us and our refer to Freedom and, following the consummation of the acquisition, such terms refer to the combined company, which will be renamed GLG Partners, Inc.

Risks Related to Our Business Following the Acquisition

Difficult market conditions may adversely affect our business in many ways, each of which could materially reduce our revenue and cash flow and adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

GLG's business is materially affected by conditions in the global financial markets and economic conditions throughout the world that are outside its control, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws (including laws relating to taxation), trade barriers, commodity prices, currency exchange rates and controls and national and international political circumstances (including wars, terrorist acts or security operations). These factors may affect the level and volatility of securities prices and the liquidity and the value of investments, and we may not be able to or may choose not to manage our exposure to these market conditions. Our profitability may also be adversely affected by fixed costs and the possibility that we would be unable to scale back other costs within a time frame sufficient to match any decreases in revenue relating to changes in market and economic conditions.

A general market downturn, or a specific market dislocation, may result in lower net inflows and lower returns for the GLG Funds, which would adversely affect our revenues. Furthermore, such conditions would also increase the risk of default with respect to investments held by the GLG Funds that have significant debt investments.

GLG's revenue, net income and cash flow are dependent upon performance fees, which may make it difficult for us to achieve steady earnings growth on a semi-annual basis.

GLG's revenue, net income and cash flow are all highly variable, primarily due to the fact that performance fees can vary significantly from period to period, in part, because performance fees are recognized as revenue only when contractually payable, or "crystallized", from the GLG Funds and managed accounts to which they relate, generally on June 30 and December 31 of each year for the majority of the GLG Funds. Although GLG has historically had low inter-group correlations across asset classes, it may also experience fluctuations in our results from period to period due to a number of other factors, including changes in the values of the GLG Funds' investments, changes in the amount of distributions, dividends or interest paid in respect of investments, changes in our operating expenses, the degree to which we encounter competition and general economic and market conditions. Such variability may lead to volatility in the trading price of our common stock and cause our results for a particular period not to be indicative of our performance in a future period. It may be difficult for us to achieve steady growth in net income and cash flow on a semi-annual basis, which could in turn lead to large adverse movements in the price of our common stock or increased volatility in our stock price generally.

The GLG Funds have "high water marks", whereby performance fees are earned by GLG only to the extent that the net asset value of a GLG Fund at the end of a semi-annual period exceeds the highest net asset value on the last date on which a performance fee was earned. Certain of the GLG Funds also have LIBOR hurdles whereby performance fees are not earned during a particular period until the returns of such funds surpass the LIBOR rate. The performance fees

we earn are therefore dependent on the net asset value of the GLG Funds, which could lead to significant volatility in our semi-annual results. Because our revenue, net income and cash flow can be highly variable from period to period, we plan not to provide any guidance

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regarding our expected semi-annual and annual operating results. The lack of guidance may affect the expectations of public market analysts and could cause increased volatility in our stock price.

Periods of underperformance could lead to disproportionate redemptions in the GLG Funds or a decline in the rate at which we acquire additional AUM.

If the GLG Funds underperform, existing clients may decide to reduce or redeem or sell their investments or transfer asset management responsibility to other asset managers and we may be unable to obtain new asset management business. Poor performance relative to other asset management firms may result in reduced purchases of fund shares or units and increased sales or redemptions of fund shares or units. As a result, investment underperformance could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. Such underperformance would also likely lead to a decrease in our revenue and operating income.

In order to retain our investment professionals during periods of poor performance, we may have to pay our investment professionals a significant amount, even if we earn low or no performance fees, which could have an adverse impact on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Competition for investment professionals in the alternative asset management industry is intense. Historically, the compensation and limited partner profit share paid to GLG's investment personnel and senior management (other than the Principals) have been determined by the Principals or by the Trustees in consultation with the Principals. GLG has set compensation at levels that it believes are competitive against compensation offered by other alternative asset managers and leading investment banks against whom it competes for senior management and other key personnel, principally those located in London, while taking into account the performance of the GLG Funds and the GLG managed accounts. GLG believes these forms of remuneration are important to align the interests of its senior management and key personnel with those of investors in the GLG Funds. However, even if we earn low or no performance fees, we may be required to pay significant compensation and limited partner profit share to retain our key personnel. In these circumstances, these amounts may represent a greater percentage of our revenues than they have historically.

Investors in the GLG Funds can generally redeem investments with only short periods of notice.

Investors in the GLG Funds may generally redeem their investments in those funds with only short periods of notice. Investors may reduce the aggregate amount of their investment in such funds, or transfer their investment to other funds with different fee rate arrangements, for any number of reasons, including investment performance, changes in prevailing interest rates and financial market performance, or for no reason. If interest rates are rising and/or stock markets are declining, the pace of fund redemptions could accelerate. Redemptions of investments in the GLG Funds could also take place more quickly than assets may be sold on account of those funds to meet the price of such redemptions, which could result in relevant funds and/or our being in breach of applicable legal, regulatory and contractual requirements in relation to such redemptions resulting in possible regulatory and stockholder actions against us and/or the GLG Funds. Any such action could potentially cause further redemptions and/or make it more difficult to attract new investors. The redemption of investments in the GLG Funds could adversely affect our revenues, which are substantially dependent upon the AUM in the GLG Funds. If redemptions of investments in funds cause our revenues to decline, they could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We will be dependent on the continued services of GLG's Principals and other key personnel. The loss of key personnel could have a material adverse effect on us.

GLG's Principals and other key personnel have contributed to the growth and success of its business. We will be dependent on the continued services of Messrs. Gottesman, Roman and Lagrange and other key personnel for our future success. The loss of any Principal or other key personnel may have a significant effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

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The market for experienced asset management professionals is extremely competitive and is increasingly characterized by frequent movement of employees among firms. Due to the competitive market for asset management professionals and the success achieved by some of GLG's key personnel, the costs to attract and retain key personnel are significant and will likely increase over time. In particular, if we lose any of our Principals or other key personnel, there is a risk that we may also experience outflows from AUM or fail to obtain new business. As a result, the inability to attract or retain the necessary highly skilled key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

The cost of compliance with international employment, labor, benefits and tax regulations may adversely increase our costs, affect our revenue and impede our ability to expand internationally.

Since GLG operates its business internationally, it is subject to many different employment, labor, benefit and tax laws in each country in which GLG operates, including laws and regulations affecting employment practices, GLG's relations with the Principals and its relations with some of its key personnel who participate in the limited partner profit share arrangement described below. If we are required to comply with new regulations or new or different interpretations of existing regulations, or if we are unable to comply with these regulations or interpretations, our business could be adversely affected, or the cost of compliance may make it difficult to expand into new international markets, or we may be liable for additional costs, such as social security or social insurance, which may be substantial. Additionally, our competitiveness in international markets may be adversely affected by regulations requiring, among other things, the awarding of contracts to local contractors, the employment of local citizens and/or the purchase of services from local businesses or that favor or require local ownership.

GLG has experienced rapid growth, which may be difficult to sustain and which may place significant demands on our administrative, operational and financial resources.

As of June 30, 2007, GLG's gross AUM (including assets invested from other GLG Funds) were approximately \$21.5 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001. As of June 30, 2007, GLG's net AUM (net of assets invested from other GLG Funds) were approximately \$18.6 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001. This rapid growth has caused, and if it continues will continue to cause, significant demands on GLG's legal, accounting, technology and operational infrastructure, and increased expenses. The complexity of these demands, and the expense required to address them, is a function not simply of the amount by which GLG's AUM have grown, but of significant differences in the investing strategies of its different funds. In addition, we will be required to continuously develop our systems and infrastructure in response to the increasing sophistication of the investment management market and legal, accounting and regulatory developments. Our future growth will depend, among other things, on our ability to maintain an operating platform and management system sufficient to address our growth and will require us to incur significant additional expenses and to commit additional senior management and operational resources. As a result, we face significant challenges:

in maintaining adequate financial and business controls;

in implementing new or updated information and financial systems and procedures; and

in training, managing and appropriately sizing our work force and other components of our business on a timely and cost-effective basis.

There can be no assurance that we will be able to manage our expanding operations effectively or that we will be able to continue to grow, and any failure to do so could adversely affect our ability to generate revenue and control our expenses.

There can be no assurance that our expansion into the United States or other markets will be successful.

While GLG is currently in the process of developing distribution capability in the United States, the Middle East and Asia, expanding our operations into the United States or other markets will be difficult due to a number of factors, including the fact that several of them are well-developed markets with established competitors and different regulatory regimes. Our failure to continue to grow our revenues (whether or not as

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a result of a failure to increase AUM), expand our business or control our cost base could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Damage to our reputation, including as a result of personnel misconduct, failure to manage inside information, or fraud, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

GLG's reputation is one of its most important assets. Its relationships with individual and institutional investors and other significant market participants are very important to its business. Any deterioration in our reputation held by one or more of these market participants could lead to a loss of business or a failure to win new fund mandates. For example, we will be exposed to the risk that litigation, regulatory action, misconduct, operational failures, negative publicity or press speculation, whether or not valid, could harm our reputation. Factors which could adversely affect our reputation include but are not limited to:

fraud, misconduct or improper practice by any of our personnel, including failure to comply with applicable regulations or non-adherence by a portfolio manager to the investment guidelines applicable to each fund. Such actions can be particularly detrimental in the provision of financial services and could involve, for example, fraudulent transactions entered into for a client's account, diversion of funds, the intentional or inadvertent release of confidential information or failure to follow internal procedures. Such actions could expose us to financial losses resulting from the need to reimburse customers or other business partners or as a result of fines or other regulatory sanctions, and may significantly damage our reputation;

failure to manage inside information. GLG frequently trades in multiple securities of the same issuer. In the course of transactions involving these securities, we may receive inside information in relation to certain issuers. If we do not sufficiently control the use of this inside information or any other inside information we receive, we and/or our employees could be subject to investigation and criminal or civil liability; and

failure to manage conflicts of interest. As GLG has expanded the scope of its business and client base, it has been increasingly exposed to potential conflicts of interest. If we fail, or appear to fail, to deal appropriately with conflicts of interest, we could face significant damage to our reputation, litigation or regulatory proceedings or penalties.

Damage to our reputation as a result of these or other factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Operational risks may disrupt our business, result in losses or limit our growth.

GLG relies heavily on its financial, accounting and other data processing systems. If any of these systems do not operate properly or are disabled, we could suffer financial loss, a disruption of our business, liability to the GLG Funds, regulatory intervention or reputational damage.

In addition, GLG operates in a business that is highly dependent on information systems and technology. Our information systems and technology may not continue to be able to accommodate our growth, and the cost of maintaining such systems may increase from its current level. Such a failure to accommodate growth, or an increase in costs related to such information systems, could have a material adverse effect on us.

Furthermore, GLG depends on its headquarters in London, where most of its personnel are located, for the continued operation of its business. A disaster or a disruption in the infrastructure that supports our business, including a disruption involving electronic communications or other services used by us or third parties with whom we will conduct business, or directly affecting our headquarters, could have a material adverse impact on our ability to

continue to operate our business without interruption. Our disaster recovery programs may not be sufficient to mitigate the harm that may result from such a disaster or disruption. In addition, insurance and other safeguards might only partially reimburse us for our losses, if at all.

Through outsourcing arrangements, GLG and the GLG Funds rely on third-party administrators and other providers of middle- and back-office support and development functions, such as prime brokers, custodians,

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market data providers and certain risk system, portfolio and management and telecommunications system providers. Any interruption in our ability to rely on the services of these third parties or deterioration in their performance could impair the quality (including the timing) of our services. Furthermore, if the contracts with any of these third-party providers are terminated, we may not find alternative outsource service providers on a timely basis or on equivalent terms. The occurrence of any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Our business may suffer as a result of loss of business from key private and institutional investors.

GLG generates a significant proportion of its revenue from a small number of its top clients. As of July 31, 2007, the assets of GLG's top individual client accounted for approximately 5.3% of its net AUM. As of July 31, 2007, GLG's largest institutional investor account represented 4.4% of its net AUM, with the top five accounts collectively contributing 18.9% of its net AUM. The loss of all or a substantial portion of the business provided by one or more of these clients would have a material impact on the income we derive from management and performance fees and consequently have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We may be subject to regulatory investigation or enforcement action or a change in regulation in the jurisdictions in which we operate.

Our business is subject to regulation by various regulatory authorities that are charged with protecting the interests of our customers. The activities of GLG Partners LP are regulated primarily by the FSA in the United Kingdom and are also subject to regulation in the various other jurisdictions in which it operates, including the IFSRA, CIMA and the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg. In addition, the GLG Funds are subject to regulation in the jurisdictions in which they are organized. These and other regulators in these jurisdictions have broad regulatory powers dealing with all aspects of financial services including, among other things, the authority to make inquiries of companies regarding compliance with applicable regulations, to grant and in specific circumstances to vary or cancel permits and to regulate marketing and sales practices, advertising and the maintenance of adequate financial resources. We will also be subject to applicable anti-money laundering regulations and net capital requirements in the jurisdictions in which we operate.

For example, on February 28, 2006, the FSA found that GLG had committed market abuse and failed to observe proper standards of market conduct in relation to a convertible bond issued by Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group in 2003. This finding was based solely on the conduct of Philippe Jabre, a former Managing Director who resigned from GLG in early 2006. The FSA imposed £750,000 fines on both GLG and Mr. Jabre.

On November 23, 2006, the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), the French securities regulator, imposed a fine of 1.2 million (\$1.6 million) against GLG in connection with GLG's trading in the shares of Alcatel S.A. (Alcatel) based on confidential information prior to a December 12, 2002 issuance of Alcatel convertible securities. GLG has appealed this decision.

On May 29, 2007, GLG agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500,000 and disgorgement and interest of approximately \$2.7 million to settle enforcement and civil actions brought by the SEC for illegal short selling. GLG did not admit or deny the findings, but consented to the SEC order finding that GLG violated Rule 105 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act in connection with 14 public offerings and a final judgment in the civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

On June 21, 2007, the AMF, imposed a fine of 1.5 million (\$2.0 million) against GLG in connection with GLG's trading in the shares of Vivendi Universal S.A. (Vivendi) based on confidential information prior to a November 14, 2002 issuance of Vivendi notes which are mandatorily redeemable for Vivendi convertible securities. GLG has

appealed this decision.

In addition, the regulatory environment in which we will operate frequently changes and has seen significant increased regulation in recent years. We may be materially adversely affected as a result of new or

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revised legislation or regulations or by changes in the interpretation or enforcement of existing laws and regulations.

As a result of regulatory actions, increased litigation in the financial services industry or other reasons, we could be subject to civil liability, criminal liability or sanctions (including revocation of the licenses of our employees or limited partners), censures, fines, or temporary suspension or permanent bar from conducting business. Regulatory proceedings could also result in adverse publicity or negative perceptions regarding our business and divert management's attention from the day-to-day management of the business. Any regulatory investigations, proceedings, consequent liability or sanction could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We will be subject to substantial litigation and regulatory enforcement risks, and we may face significant liabilities and damage to our professional reputation as a result of litigation allegations or regulatory investigations and the attendant negative publicity.

The investment decisions GLG makes in its asset management business subject it to the risk of regulatory investigations and enforcement actions in connection with its investment activities, as well as third-party litigation arising from investor dissatisfaction with the performance of those investment funds and a variety of other litigation claims. In general, we will be exposed to risk of litigation by GLG Fund investors if a GLG Fund suffers losses resulting from the negligence, willful default, bad faith or fraud of the manager or the service providers to whom the manager has delegated responsibility for the performance of its duties. GLG has in the past been, and we may in the future be, the subject of investigations and enforcement actions by regulatory authorities resulting in fines and other penalties, which may be harmful to our reputation, as well as our business, results of operations or financial condition.

In addition, we will be exposed to risks of litigation or investigation relating to transactions which present conflicts of interest that are not properly addressed. In such actions, we would be obligated to bear legal, settlement and other costs (which may be in excess of available insurance coverage). Although we will be indemnified by the GLG Funds, our rights to indemnification may be challenged. If we are required to incur all or a portion of the costs arising out of litigation or investigations as a result of inadequate insurance proceeds or failure to obtain indemnification from the GLG Funds, our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity would be materially adversely affected.

Each of the GLG Funds is structured as a limited liability company, incorporated in the Cayman Islands, Ireland or Luxembourg. The laws of these jurisdictions, particularly with respect to shareholders rights, partner rights and bankruptcy, differ from the laws of the United States and could change, possibly to the detriment of the GLG Funds and GLG itself.

We will be subject to intense competition and could lose business to our competitors.

The alternative investment management industry in which we will be engaged is extremely competitive. Competition includes numerous national, regional and local asset management firms and broker-dealers, commercial bank and thrift institutions, and other financial institutions. Many of these organizations offer products and services that are similar to, or compete with, those offered by GLG and have substantially more personnel and greater financial resources than we will. Our key areas for competition include historical investment performance, our ability to source investment opportunities, our ability to attract and retain the best investment professionals, quality of service, the level of fees generated or earned by our managers and our investment managers' stated investment strategy. We will also compete for investment assets with banks, insurance companies and investment companies. Our ability to compete may be adversely affected if we underperform in comparison to relevant benchmarks or peer groups.

The competitive market environment may result in increased pressure on revenue margins (*e.g.*, by the provision of management fee rebates). Our profit margins and earnings will be dependent in part on our ability to maintain current

fee levels for the products and services that we offer. Competition within the alternative asset management industry could lead to pressure on us to reduce the fees that we charge our clients for products and services. A failure to compete effectively in this environment may result in the loss of existing

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clients and business, and of opportunities to capture new business, each of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

Certain of our investment management and advisory agreements are subject to termination on short notice.

Institutional and individual clients, and firms and agencies with which we have strategic alliances, can terminate their relationships with us for various reasons, including unsatisfactory investment performance, interest rate changes and financial market performance. Termination of these relationships could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Each of the GLG Funds has appointed either GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited (in the case of Cayman Islands funds and the Luxembourg fund) or GLG Partners Asset Management Limited (in the case of the Irish funds) as the manager under the terms of a management agreement, which is terminable on 30 days' written notice by either party (*i.e.*, the fund or the manager). The articles of association of each GLG Fund provide that the fund cannot terminate the management agreement unless holders of not less than 50% of the outstanding issued share capital have previously voted in favor of the termination at a general meeting of the fund. For each GLG Fund, the manager has appointed GLG Partners LP as investment manager under the terms of an investment management agreement, which is terminable on 30 days' written notice by either party (*i.e.*, the manager or the investment manager).

The historical returns attributable to the GLG Funds may not be indicative of our future results or of any returns expected on an investment in our common stock.

The historical and potential future returns of the GLG Funds are not directly linked to returns on its capital. Therefore, you should not conclude that continued positive performance of the GLG Funds will necessarily result in positive returns on an investment in our common stock. However, poor performance of the GLG Funds would cause a decline in our revenue from such funds, and would therefore have a negative effect on our performance and in all likelihood the returns on an investment in our common stock.

Our insurance arrangements may not be adequate to protect us.

GLG's business entails the risk of liability related to litigation from clients or third-party vendors and actions taken by regulatory agencies. There can be no assurance that a claim or claims will be covered by insurance or, if covered, will not exceed the limits of available insurance coverage, or that any insurer will remain solvent and will meet its obligations to provide us with coverage or that insurance coverage will continue to be available with sufficient limits at a reasonable cost. Renewals of insurance policies may expose us to additional costs through higher premiums or the assumption of higher deductibles or co-insurance liability. The future costs of maintaining insurance or meeting liabilities not covered by insurance could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We may use substantial amounts of leverage to finance our business, which will expose us to substantial risks.

We may eventually use a significant amount of borrowings to finance our business operations as a public company, including for the provision of working capital, possible warrant and share repurchases, making minimum tax distributions and limited partner profit share distributions, acquisition financing and general business purposes. This will expose us to the typical risks associated with the use of substantial leverage, including those discussed below under Risks Related to the GLG Funds. There are risks associated with the GLG Funds' use of leverage. These risks could result in an increase in our borrowing costs and could otherwise adversely affect our business in a material way. In addition, when our credit facility expires, we will need to negotiate a new credit facility with our existing lender, replace it by entering into credit facilities with new lenders or find other sources of liquidity, and there is no guarantee that we will be able to do so on attractive terms or at all. See GLG Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial

Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources for a further discussion of our liquidity.

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An increase in our borrowing costs may adversely affect our earnings and liquidity.

Under our new revolving credit and term loan facilities, we may borrow of up to an aggregate of \$570.0 million. When these facilities becomes due on the fifth anniversary of the closing of the acquisition, we will be required to refinance them by entering into new credit facilities or issuing debt securities, which could result in higher borrowing costs, or issuing equity, which would dilute existing stockholders. We could also repay the revolving credit and term loan facilities by using cash on hand or cash from the sale of our assets. No assurance can be given that we will be able to enter into new credit facilities or issue debt or equity securities in the future on attractive terms, or at all, or that we will have sufficient cash on hand to repay the revolving credit and term loan facilities.

The term loans and revolving loans will bear interest at a floating rate of (1) the base rate plus 0% per annum for loans based on the base rate or (2) LIBOR plus 1.25% per annum for loans based on LIBOR (1.125% per annum if the original principal amount of the term loans is less than \$500.0 million), at the election of FA Sub 3 Limited, for the first two fiscal quarters ending after the closing date of the acquisition, and thereafter at an interest rate based on certain financial ratios applicable to us and our consolidated subsidiaries. As such, the interest expense we incur will vary with changes in the applicable base or LIBOR reference rate. An increase in interest rates would adversely affect the market value of any fixed-rate debt investments and/or subject them to prepayment or extension risk, which may adversely affect our earnings and liquidity.

GLG is subject to currency-related risks that could adversely affect our business, results of operation or financial condition.

GLG earns a significant portion of its revenue and incurs a significant portion of its expenditure in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Movements in currency exchange rates could have an adverse effect on both our revenues and expenses.

If we were deemed an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 following the consummation of the acquisition, applicable restrictions could make it impractical for us to continue our business as contemplated and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

A person will generally be deemed to be an investment company for purposes of the Investment Company Act, if:

it is or holds itself out as being engaged primarily, or proposes to engage primarily, in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities; or

absent an applicable exemption, it owns or proposes to acquire investment securities having a value exceeding 40% of the value of its total assets (exclusive of U.S. government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis.

We believe that we will be engaged primarily in the business of providing asset management and financial advisory services and not in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities. We also believe that the primary source of income from each of our businesses will be properly characterized as income earned in exchange for the provision of services. We will be an asset management and financial advisory firm and do not propose to engage primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities. Accordingly, we do not believe that, following the acquisition, we will be an orthodox investment company as defined in section 3(a)(1)(A) of the Investment Company Act and described in the first bullet point above. Further, following the acquisition, we will have no material assets other than our equity interests in our subsidiaries, which in turn will have no material assets, other than equity interests in the Acquired Companies and inter-company debt. (These subsidiaries will be vested with all management and control over the Acquired Companies.) We do not believe our equity interests in our subsidiaries or

the equity interests of these subsidiaries in the Acquired Companies are investment securities. Moreover, because we believe that the subscriber shares in certain GLG Funds are neither securities nor investment securities, we believe that less than 40% of our total assets (exclusive of U.S. government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis following the acquisition will be comprised of assets that could be considered investment securities.

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Accordingly, we do not believe that, following the acquisition, we will be an inadvertent investment company by virtue of the 40% test in section 3(a)(1)(C) of the Investment Company Act as described in the second bullet point above.

The Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder contain detailed parameters for the organization and operation of investment companies. Among other things, the Investment Company Act and the rules thereunder limit or prohibit transactions with affiliates, impose limitations on the issuance of debt and equity securities, generally prohibit the issuance of options and impose certain governance requirements. We intend to conduct our operations so that we will not be deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act. If anything were to happen which would cause us to be deemed to be an investment company under the Investment Company Act, requirements imposed by the Investment Company Act, including limitations on our capital structure, ability to transact business with affiliates (including the Acquired Companies) and ability to compensate key employees, could make it impractical for us to continue our business as currently conducted, impair the agreements and arrangements between and among us, the Acquired Companies, and our senior managing directors, or any combination thereof, and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we may be required to limit the amount of investments that we make as a principal or otherwise conduct our business in a manner that does not subject us to the registration and other requirements of the Investment Company Act.

Risks Related to the GLG Funds

GLG currently derives its revenues from management fees and administration fees based on the value of the assets under management in the GLG Funds and the accounts managed by GLG, and performance fees based on the performance of the GLG Funds and the accounts managed by GLG. If the acquisition is consummated, Freedom's stockholders will not become investors in the GLG Funds and the accounts managed by GLG, but rather will become stockholders of an alternative asset manager. GLG's revenues could be adversely affected by many factors that could reduce assets under management or negatively impact the performance of the GLG Funds and accounts managed by GLG.

Valuation methodologies for certain assets in the GLG Funds can be subject to significant subjectivity.

In calculating the net asset values of the GLG Funds, administrators of the GLG Funds may rely on methodologies for calculating the value of assets in which the GLG Funds invest that GLG or other third parties supply. Such methodologies are advisory only but are not verified in advance by GLG or any third party, and the nature of some of the funds' investments is such that the methodologies may be subject to significant subjectivity and little verification or other due diligence and may not comply with generally accepted accounting practices or other valuation principles. Any allegation or finding that such methodologies are or have become, in whole or in part, incorrect or misleading could have an adverse effect on the valuation of the relevant GLG Funds and, accordingly, on the management fees and any performance fees receivable by us in respect of such funds.

Some of the GLG Funds and managed accounts are subject to emerging markets risks.

Some of the GLG Funds and managed accounts invest in sovereign debt issues by emerging market countries as well as in debt and equity investments of companies and other entities in emerging markets. Many emerging markets are developing both economically and politically and may have relatively unstable governments and economies based on only a few commodities or industries. Many emerging market countries do not have firmly established product markets, and companies may lack depth of management or may be vulnerable to political or economic developments such as nationalization of key industries. Investments in companies and other entities in emerging markets and investments in emerging market sovereign debt may involve a high degree of risk and may be speculative. Risks include (1) greater risk of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, social and political instability

(including the risk of changes of government following elections or otherwise) and economic instability; (2) the relatively small current size of some of the markets for securities and other investments in emerging markets issuers and the current relatively low volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility; (3) certain national policies which

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may restrict a GLG Fund's or a managed account's investment opportunities including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests; (4) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property; (5) the potential for higher rates of inflation or hyper-inflation; (6) currency risk and the imposition, extension or continuation of foreign exchange controls; (7) interest rate risk; (8) credit risk; (9) lower levels of democratic accountability; (10) differences in accounting standards and auditing practices which may result in unreliable financial information; and (11) different corporate governance frameworks. The emerging markets risks described above increase counterparty risks for GLG Funds and managed accounts investing in those markets. In addition, investor risk aversion to emerging markets can have a significant adverse affect on the value and/or liquidity of investments made in or exposed to such markets and can accentuate any downward movement in the actual or anticipated value of such investments which is caused by any of the factors described above.

Emerging markets are characterized by a number of market imperfections, analysis of which requires experience in the market and a range of complementary specialist skills. These inefficiencies include (1) the effect of politics on sovereign risk and asset price dynamics; and (2) institutional imperfections in emerging markets, such as deficiencies in formal bureaucracies, historical or cultural norms of behavior and access to information driving markets. While GLG seeks to take advantage of these market imperfections to achieve investment performance for the GLG Funds and managed accounts, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so in the future. A failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, growth prospects, net inflows of AUM, revenues, results of operations and/or financial condition.

Many of the GLG Funds invest in foreign countries and securities of issuers located outside of the United States and the United Kingdom, which may involve foreign exchange, political, social and economic uncertainties and risks.

Many of the GLG Funds invest a portion of their assets in the equity, debt, loans or other securities of issuers located outside the United States and the United Kingdom. In addition to business uncertainties, such investments may be affected by changes in exchange values as well as political, social and economic uncertainty affecting a country or region. Many financial markets are not as developed or as efficient as those in the United States and the United Kingdom, and as a result, liquidity may be reduced and price volatility may be higher. The legal and regulatory environment may also be different, particularly with respect to bankruptcy and reorganization. Financial accounting standards and practices may differ, and there may be less publicly available information in respect of such companies.

Restrictions imposed or actions taken by foreign governments may adversely impact the value of our fund investments. Such restrictions or actions could include exchange controls, seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits and adoption of other governmental restrictions which adversely affect the prices of securities or the ability to repatriate profits on investments or the capital invested itself. Income received by the GLG Funds from sources in some countries may be reduced by withholding and other taxes. Any such taxes paid by a GLG Fund will reduce the net income or return from such investments. While the GLG Funds will take these factors into consideration in making investment decisions, including when hedging positions, no assurance can be given that the GLG Funds will be able to fully avoid these risks or generate sufficient risk-adjusted returns.

There are risks associated with the GLG Funds' investments in high yield and distressed debt.

The GLG Funds may invest in obligors and issuers in weak financial condition, experiencing poor operating results, having substantial financial needs or negative net worth, facing special competitive problems, or in obligors and issuers that are involved in bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings. Among the problems involved in investments in troubled obligors and issuers is the fact that it may frequently be difficult to obtain full information as to the conditions of such obligors and issuers. The market prices of such investments are also subject to abrupt and erratic

market movements and significant price volatility, and the spread between the bid and offer prices of such investments may be greater than normally expected. It may take a number of years for the market price of such investments to reflect their intrinsic value. Some of the investments held by the GLG Funds may not be widely traded, and depending on the investment profile of a particular GLG Fund, that fund's exposure to such investments may be substantial in relation to the market for

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those investments. In addition, there is no recognized market for some of the investments held in GLG Funds, with the result that such investments are likely to be illiquid. As a result of these factors, the investment objectives of the relevant funds may be more difficult to achieve.

Fluctuations in interest rates may significantly affect the returns derived from the GLG Funds investments.

Fluctuations in interest rates may significantly affect the return derived from investments within the GLG Funds, as well as the market values of, and the corresponding levels of gains or losses on, such investments. Such fluctuations could materially adversely affect investor sentiment towards fixed income and convertible debt instruments generally and the GLG Funds in particular and consequently could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

The GLG Funds are subject to risks due to potential illiquidity of assets.

The GLG Funds may make investments or hold trading positions in markets that are volatile and which may become illiquid. Timely divestiture or sale of trading positions can be impaired by decreased trading volume, increased price volatility, concentrated trading positions, limitations on the ability to transfer positions in highly specialized or structured transactions to which it may be a party, and changes in industry and government regulations. It may be impossible or costly for the GLG Funds to liquidate positions rapidly in order to meet margin calls, withdrawal requests or otherwise, particularly if there are other market participants seeking to dispose of similar assets at the same time or the relevant market is otherwise moving against a position or in the event of trading halts or daily price movement limits on the market or otherwise. Moreover, these risks may be exacerbated for the GLG Funds that are funds of hedge funds. For example, if one of these funds of hedge funds were to invest a significant portion of its assets in two or more hedge funds that each had illiquid positions in the same issuer, the illiquidity risk for these funds of hedge funds would be compounded.

There are risks associated with the GLG Funds use of leverage.

The GLG Funds have, and may, in the future, use leverage by borrowing on the account of funds on a secured and/or unsecured basis and pursuant to repurchase arrangements and/or deferred purchase agreements. Leverage can also be employed in a variety of other ways including margining (that is, an amount of cash or securities an investor deposits with a broker when borrowing to buy investments) and the use of futures, warrants, options and other derivative products. Generally, leverage is used with the intention of increasing the overall level of investment in a fund. Higher investment levels may offer the potential for higher returns. This exposes investors to increased risk as leverage can increase the fund's market exposure and volatility. For instance, a purchase or sale of a leveraged investment may result in losses in excess of the amount initially deposited as margin for the investment. This increased market exposure and volatility could have a material adverse effect on the return of the funds.

There are risks associated with the GLG Funds investments in derivatives.

The GLG Funds may make investments in derivatives. These investments are subject to a variety of risks. Examples of such risks may include, but are not limited to:

limitation of risk assessment methodologies. Decisions to enter into these derivatives and other securities contracts will be based on estimates of returns and probabilities of loss derived from our own calculations and analysis. There can be no assurance that the estimates or the methodologies, or the assumptions which underlie such estimates and methodologies, will turn out to be valid or appropriate;

risks underlying the derivative and securities contracts. A general rise in the frequency, occurrence or severity of certain non-financial risks such as accidents and/or natural catastrophes will lead to a general decrease in the returns and the possibility of returns from these derivatives and securities contracts, which will not be reflected in the methodology or assumption underlying the analysis of any specific derivative or securities contract; and

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particular risks. The particular instruments in which we will invest on behalf of the GLG Funds may produce an unusually and unexpectedly high amount of losses, which will not be reflected in the methodology or assumptions underlying the analysis of any specific derivative or securities contract.

The GLG Funds are subject to risks in using prime brokers, custodians, administrators and other agents.

All of the GLG Funds depend on the services of prime brokers, custodians, administrators and other agents in connection with certain securities transactions. For example, in the event of the insolvency of a prime broker and/or custodian, the funds might not be able to recover equivalent assets in full as they will usually rank among the prime broker's and custodian's unsecured creditors in relation to assets that the prime broker or custodian borrows, lends or otherwise uses. In addition, the GLG Funds' cash held with a prime broker or custodian may not be segregated from the prime broker's or custodian's own cash, and the GLG Funds may therefore rank as unsecured creditors in relation thereto.

GLG Fund investments are subject to numerous additional risks.

GLG Fund investments, including investments by its external fund of hedge funds products in other hedge funds, are subject to numerous additional risks, including the following:

certain of the GLG Funds are newly established funds without any operating history or are managed by management companies or general partners who do not have a significant track record as an independent manager;

generally, there are few limitations on the execution of the GLG Funds' investment strategies, which are subject to the sole discretion of the management company of such funds;

the GLG Funds may engage in short-selling, which is subject to the theoretically unlimited risk of loss because there is no limit on how much the price of a security may appreciate before the short position is closed out. A GLG Fund may be subject to losses if a security lender demands return of the lent securities and an alternative lending source cannot be found or if the GLG Fund is otherwise unable to borrow securities that are necessary to hedge its positions;

credit risk may arise through a default by one of several large institutions that are dependent on one another to meet their liquidity or operational needs, so that a default by one institution causes a series of defaults by the other institutions. This systemic risk may adversely affect the financial intermediaries (such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges) with which the GLG Funds interact on a daily basis;

the efficacy of investment and trading strategies depends largely on the ability to establish and maintain an overall market position in a combination of financial instruments. Trading orders may not be executed in a timely and efficient manner due to various circumstances, including systems failures or human error. In such event, the GLG Funds might only be able to acquire some but not all of the components of the position, or if the overall position were to need adjustment, the GLG Funds might not be able to make such adjustment. As a result, the GLG Funds would not be able to achieve the market position selected by the management company or general partner of such funds, and might incur a loss in liquidating their position; and

the investments held by the GLG Funds are subject to risks relating to investments in commodities, equities, bonds, futures, options and other derivatives, the prices of which are highly volatile and may be subject to the

theoretically unlimited risk of loss in certain circumstances, including if the fund writes a call option. Price movements of commodities, futures and options contracts and payments pursuant to swap agreements are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, credit market conditions, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments and national and international political and economic events and policies. The value of futures, options and swap agreements also depends upon the price of the commodities underlying them. In addition, the assets of the GLG Funds are subject to the risk of the

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failure of any of the exchanges on which their positions trade or of their clearinghouses or counterparties. Most U.S. commodities exchanges limit fluctuations in certain commodity interest prices during a single day by imposing daily price fluctuation limits or daily limits, the existence of which may reduce liquidity or effectively curtail trading in particular markets.

The GLG Funds are subject to counterparty risk with regard to over-the-counter instruments which they may hold.

In the event of the insolvency of any counterparty or of any broker through which portfolio managers trade for the account of the GLG Funds, such as prime brokerage and custodian agreements to which certain of the GLG Funds are party, the funds may only rank as unsecured creditors in respect of sums due to them on the margin accounts or otherwise and any losses will be borne by the funds. The GLG Funds may also enter into currency, interest rate, total return or other swaps which may be surrogates for other instruments such as currency forwards and interest rate options. The value of such instruments, which generally depends upon price movements in the underlying assets as well as counterparty risk, will influence the performance of the GLG Funds and therefore a fall in the value of such instruments could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. In particular, certain GLG Funds frequently trade in debt securities and other obligations, either directly or on an assignment basis. Consequently, the GLG Funds will be subject to risk of default by the debtor or obligor in relation to their debt securities and other obligations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

The due diligence process that we will undertake in connection with investments by the GLG Funds may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with an investment.

Before making investments, we will conduct due diligence that we deem reasonable and appropriate based on the facts and circumstances applicable to each investment. When conducting due diligence, we may be required to evaluate important and complex business, financial, tax, accounting, environmental and legal issues. Outside consultants, legal advisors, accountants and investment banks may be involved in the due diligence process in varying degrees depending on the type of investment. Nevertheless, when conducting due diligence and making an assessment regarding an investment, we will rely on the resources available to us, including information provided by the target of the investment and, in some circumstances, third-party investigations. The due diligence investigation that we will carry out with respect to any investment opportunity may not reveal or highlight certain facts that could adversely affect the value of the investment.

The GLG Funds make investments in companies that the GLG Funds do not control.

Investments by most of the GLG Funds will include debt instruments and equity securities of companies that the GLG Funds do not control. Such instruments and securities may be acquired by the GLG Funds through trading activities or through purchases of securities from the issuer. These investments will be subject to the risk that the company in which the investment is made may make business, financial or management decisions with which we do not agree or that the majority stakeholders or the management of the company may take risks or otherwise act in a manner that does not serve our interests. If any of the foregoing were to occur, the values of investments by the GLG Funds could decrease and our financial condition, results of operations and cash flow could suffer as a result.

Risk management activities may adversely affect the return on the GLG Funds' investments.

When managing their exposure to market risks, the GLG Funds may from time to time use forward contracts, options, swaps, credit default swaps, caps, collars and floors or pursue other strategies or use other forms of derivative instruments to limit our exposure to changes in the relative values of investments that may result from market developments, including changes in prevailing interest rates, currency exchange rates and commodity prices. The

success of any hedging or other derivative transactions generally will depend on the ability to correctly predict market changes, the degree of correlation between price movements of a derivative instrument, the position being hedged, the creditworthiness of the counterparty and other factors. As a result,

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while the GLG Funds may enter into a transaction in order to reduce their exposure to market risks, the transaction may result in poorer overall investment performance than if it had not been executed. Such transactions may also limit the opportunity for gain if the value of a hedged position increases.

The GLG Funds may be subject to U.K. tax if GLG does not qualify for the U.K. Investment Manager Exemption.

Certain of the GLG Funds may, under U.K. tax legislation, be regarded as carrying on a trade in the United Kingdom through their investment manager, GLG Partners LP. It is our intention to organize our affairs such that neither the investment manager nor the group companies that are partners in the investment manager constitute a U.K. branch or permanent establishment of the GLG Funds by reason of exemptions provided by Section 127 of the Finance Act 1995 and Schedule 26 of the Finance Act 2003. These exemptions, which apply in respect of income tax and corporation tax respectively, are substantially similar and are each often referred to as the Investment Manager Exemption (IME).

We cannot assure you that the conditions of the IME will be met at all times in respect of every fund. Failure to qualify for the IME in respect of a fund could subject the fund to U.K. tax liability, which, if not paid, would become the liability of GLG Partners LP, as investment manager. This U.K. tax liability could be substantial.

In organizing our affairs such that we are able to meet the IME conditions, we will take account of a statement of practice published by the U.K. tax authorities that sets out their interpretation of the law. A revised version of this statement was published on July 20, 2007. The revised statement applies with immediate effect, but under grandfathering provisions we may follow the original statement in respect of the GLG Funds until December 31, 2009 and, therefore, the revised statement has no impact until 2010. Furthermore, we believe that the changes in practice that have been introduced will not have a material impact on our ability to meet the IME conditions in respect of the GLG Funds.

Risks Related to Our Organization and Structure Following the Acquisition

The consummation of the acquisition could result in disruptions in business, loss of clients or contracts or other adverse effects.

The consummation of the acquisition may cause disruptions, including potential loss of clients and other business partners, in the business of GLG, which could have material adverse effects on our business and operations. Although we believe that GLG's business relationships are and will remain stable following the acquisition, GLG's clients and other business partners, in response to the consummation of the acquisition, may adversely change or terminate their relationships with us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business following the acquisition.

Since GLG is primarily operated in the United Kingdom, we may encounter risks specific to companies located outside the United States.

Since GLG is primarily operated in the United Kingdom, we will be exposed to risks that could negatively impact our future results of operations following the acquisition. The additional risks we may be exposed to in these cases include but are not limited to:

tariffs and trade barriers;

regulations related to customs and import/export matters;

tax issues, such as tax law changes and variations in tax laws as compared to the United States;

cultural differences; and
foreign exchange controls.

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We will be a controlled company within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual and, as a result, will qualify for, and intend to rely on, exemptions from certain corporate governance standards, which may limit the presence of independent directors on our board of directors or board committees.

Following the consummation of the acquisition, GLG's Principals, their Trustees and certain other GLG Shareowners who have entered into a voting agreement will beneficially own our common stock and Series A preferred stock which collectively initially represent approximately 54% of our voting power (after giving effect to the co-investment and assuming no redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders and no exercise of outstanding warrants). Accordingly, they will have the ability to elect our board of directors and thereby control our management and affairs. Therefore, we will be a controlled company for purposes of Section 303(A) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual.

As a controlled company, we will be exempt from certain governance requirements otherwise required by the New York Stock Exchange, including the requirement that we have a nominating and corporate governance committee. Under these rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, a group or another company is a controlled company and is exempt from certain corporate governance requirements, including requirements that (1) a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors, (2) compensation of officers be determined or recommended to the board of directors by a majority of its independent directors or by a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors and (3) director nominees be selected or recommended for selection by a majority of the independent directors or by a nominating committee composed solely of independent directors. Following the consummation of the acquisition, we intend to utilize some of these exemptions. For example, we will not have a nominating committee. Accordingly, the procedures for approving significant corporate decisions can be determined by directors who have a direct or indirect interest in the matters and you will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of other companies that are required to comply with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. In addition, although we initially expect that a majority of our board of directors will consist of independent directors, we cannot assure you that we will not rely on the exemption from this requirement in the future.

Because of their ownership of approximately 54% of our voting power, GLG's Principals, their Trustees and certain other GLG Shareowners will also be able to determine the outcome of all matters requiring stockholder approval (other than those requiring a super-majority vote) and will be able to cause or prevent a change of control of our company or a change in the composition of our board of directors, and could preclude any unsolicited acquisition of our company. In addition, because they collectively may determine the outcome of a stockholder vote, they could deprive stockholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their shares as part of a sale of our company, and that voting control could ultimately affect the market price of our common stock.

Certain provisions in our proposed organizational documents and Delaware law will make it difficult for someone to acquire control of us.

Provisions in our organizational documents as proposed to be amended in connection with the acquisition will make it more difficult and expensive for a third party to acquire control of us even if a change of control would be beneficial to the interests of our stockholders. For example, our organizational documents will require advance notice for proposals by stockholders and nominations, place limitations on convening stockholder meetings and authorize the issuance of preferred shares that could be issued by our board of directors to thwart a takeover attempt. In addition, if approved by Freedom stockholders, the amendments to our organizational documents will require the affirmative vote of at least 66²/₃% of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, to adopt, alter, amend or repeal our by-laws; remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office,

with or without cause; and amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote, including the amendment provision itself, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with those provisions.

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Because of their ownership of approximately 54% of the our voting power, the Principals, their Trustees and certain other GLG Shareowners will be able to determine the outcome of all matters requiring stockholder approval (other than those requiring a super-majority vote) and will be able to cause or prevent a change of control of our company or a change in the composition of our board of directors, and could preclude any unsolicited acquisition of our company. Certain provisions of Delaware law may also delay or prevent a transaction that could cause a change in our control. The market price of our shares could be adversely affected to the extent that the Principals control over us, as well as provisions of our organizational documents, discourage potential takeover attempts that our stockholders may favor.

An active market for our common stock may not develop.

Our common stock is currently listed on the American Stock Exchange. We will apply to have our shares of common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GLG . However, we cannot assure you that our shares will be approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange or, if approved, that a regular trading market of our shares will develop on that exchange or elsewhere or, if developed, that any market will be sustained. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the likelihood that an active trading market for our shares will develop or be maintained, the liquidity of any trading market, your ability to sell your shares when desired, or at all, or the prices that you may obtain for your shares.

The value of our common stock may be adversely affected by market volatility.

Even if an active trading market develops, the market price of our shares may be highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations. In addition, the trading volume in our shares may fluctuate and cause significant price variations to occur. If the market price of our shares declines significantly, you may be unable to resell your shares at or above your purchase price, if at all. We cannot assure you that the market price of our shares will not fluctuate or decline significantly in the future. Some of the factors that could negatively affect the price of our shares or result in fluctuations in the price or trading volume of our shares include:

variations in our quarterly operating results or dividends;

failure to meet analysts earnings estimates or failure to meet, or the lowering of, our own earnings guidance;

publication of research reports about us or the investment management industry or the failure of securities analysts to cover our shares after the acquisition;

additions or departures of the Principals and other GLG key personnel;

adverse market reaction to any indebtedness we may incur or securities we may issue in the future;

actions by stockholders;

changes in market valuations of similar companies;

speculation in the press or investment community;

changes or proposed changes in laws or regulations or differing interpretations thereof affecting our business or enforcement of these laws and regulations, or announcements relating to these matters;

adverse publicity about the asset management industry generally or individual scandals, specifically; and

general market and economic conditions.

We may not be able to pay dividends on our common stock.

As a holding company, our ability to pay dividends will be subject to the ability of our subsidiaries to provide cash to us. We intend to distribute dividends to our stockholders and/or repurchase our common stock at such time and in such amounts to be determined by our board of directors. Accordingly, we expect to cause our subsidiaries to make distributions to their stockholders or partners, as applicable, in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay such dividends to our stockholders or make such repurchases, as applicable; however, no assurance can be given that such distributions or stock repurchases will or can be made. Our board can reduce or eliminate our dividend, or decide not to repurchase our common stock, at any time, in its discretion. In

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addition, our subsidiaries will be required to make minimum tax distributions and intend to make limited partner profit share distributions to our key personnel pursuant to our limited partner profit share arrangement prior to distributing dividends to our stockholders or repurchasing our common stock. If our subsidiaries have insufficient funds to make these distributions, we may have to borrow funds or sell assets, which could materially adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition. In addition, our subsidiaries' earnings may be insufficient to enable them to make required minimum tax distributions or intended limited partner profit share distributions to their stockholders, partners or members, as applicable, because, among other things, our subsidiaries may not have sufficient capital surplus to pay dividends or make distributions under the laws of the relevant jurisdiction of incorporation or organization or may not satisfy regulatory requirements of capital adequacy, including the regulatory capital requirements of the FSA in the United Kingdom or the Financial Groups Directive of the European Community. We will also be restricted from paying dividends or making stock repurchases under our credit facility in the event of a default or if we are required to make mandatory prepayment of principal thereunder.

Risks Related to the Acquisition

Our current directors either directly or beneficially own shares of common stock and warrants and have other interests in the acquisition that are different from and in addition to yours. If the acquisition is not approved, the securities held by them will become worthless.

Our sponsors, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, have agreed to act together for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of our shares of common stock and are deemed to be a group for reporting purposes under the Exchange Act of 1934. As of September 30, 2007, our sponsors and their affiliates beneficially own, in the aggregate, 20.9% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock (6.2%, in the aggregate, upon consummation of the co-investment and the acquisition). Mr. Berggruen is deemed to beneficially own 11.8% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock (3.4% upon consummation of the co-investment and the acquisition) and Mr. Franklin is deemed to beneficially own 9.1% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock (2.8% upon consummation of the co-investment and the acquisition). All of the shares of our common stock that they are deemed to beneficially own and control are owned indirectly through their respective affiliates.

Our founders beneficially own warrants to purchase 16,500,003 shares of our common stock (21,500,003 shares of our common stock including the co-investment warrants to be purchased by our sponsors immediately prior to our consummation of a business combination). Of these warrants, 12,000,003 were purchased by our founders in a private placement for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000, and 4,500,000 were purchased by our sponsors for \$4.5 million immediately prior to the consummation of our initial public offering. In light of the amount of consideration paid, our founders will likely benefit from the consummation of the acquisition, even if the acquisition causes the market price of our securities to significantly decrease. Furthermore, the \$4.5 million purchase price of the 4,500,000 sponsors warrants will be included in the working capital that is distributed to our public stockholders in the event of our dissolution and liquidation. This may influence their motivation for promoting the acquisition and/or soliciting proxies for the adoption of the acquisition proposal. Our common stock and warrants had an aggregate market value (without taking into account any discount due to the restricted nature of such securities) of \$1,027,215,047 based on the closing sale prices of \$11.97 and \$3.63, respectively, on the American Stock Exchange on October 5, 2007. These securities are subject to lock-up agreements and, subject to certain exceptions, may not be sold, assigned or transferred until at least one year after we consummate a business combination, and our founders have waived any rights to receive any liquidation proceeds that may be distributed upon our liquidation in respect of shares they acquired prior to our initial public offering. Therefore, if the acquisition proposal is not adopted and we are required to commence proceedings to dissolve and liquidate, the shares and warrants held directly or beneficially by our founders will be worthless.

In particular, in considering the recommendation of Freedom's board of directors elsewhere in this proxy statement to vote FOR the acquisition proposal, you should also be aware that (i) all of Freedom's directors other than Mr. Morey

(due to auditor independence issues) will continue to serve as directors of Freedom following the acquisition and will be compensated for such service and (ii) if the acquisition is not approved

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and Freedom fails to consummate an alternative transaction within the time allotted, the shares of common stock and warrants held by Freedom's directors will be worthless because Freedom's directors are not entitled to receive any of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering that may be distributed upon liquidation of Freedom. Freedom's founders acquired shares of Freedom common stock prior to its initial public offering at a price per share of \$0.00208. Freedom's founders will therefore also benefit if the acquisition is approved. For example, the units and the warrants beneficially owned by the directors and officers of Freedom in the aggregate (after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors) would be worth \$264,180,048 and \$16,335,000, respectively, upon consummation of the acquisition and the unrealized profit from such securities would be \$214,155,047 and \$11,835,000, respectively (in each case, based on an assumed market price of the units and the warrants of Freedom of \$15.54 and \$3.63, respectively).

In addition, if we dissolve and liquidate prior to the consummation of a business combination, Messrs. Berggruen and Franklin, pursuant to certain written agreements executed in connection with our initial public offering, will be personally liable to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of various vendors that are owed money by us for services rendered or products sold to us and target businesses who have entered into written agreements, such as a letter of intent or confidentiality agreement, with us and who have not waived all of their rights to make claims against the proceeds in the trust account. These personal and financial interests of our directors and officer may have influenced their decision as members of our board of directors to approve the acquisition proposal. In considering the recommendations of our board of directors to vote for the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, you should consider these interests. Additionally, the exercise of our directors' discretion in agreeing to changes or waivers in the terms of the acquisition may result in a conflict of interest when determining whether such changes or waivers are appropriate and in our stockholders' best interest.

The price of our common stock after the acquisition may be less than what you originally paid for your shares of common stock prior to the acquisition.

The market for common shares of companies in our industry may be volatile. Our common stock after the acquisition may trade at prices lower than what you originally paid for your corresponding shares of our common stock prior to the acquisition.

A substantial number of Freedom's shares will be issued in connection with the acquisition and will become eligible for future resale in the public market after the acquisition, which will result in substantial dilution and could have an adverse effect on the market price of those shares.

We expect that 230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock will be issued or reserved for issuance in connection with the acquisition. Upon consummation of the acquisition, there will be the economic equivalent of 294,800,003 shares of our common stock outstanding (299,800,003 shares upon issuance of the co-investment common stock). After giving effect to the acquisition and related transactions, the GLG Shareowners and GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel who receive securities in connection with the acquisition will, collectively, own securities that would (if fully converted or exchanged) represent approximately 70% of Freedom's common stock on a fully diluted basis (exclusive of any stock-based awards that may be granted under the LTIP). Freedom's existing stockholders would own approximately 30% of Freedom's common stock on a fully diluted basis (exclusive of any stock-based awards that may be granted under the LTIP). As of September 30, 2007, there were 64,800,003 shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding. As a result of the dilutive effect of the issuance of our stock in the acquisition, for purposes of illustration, a stockholder who owned 5.0% of Freedom's outstanding shares of our common stock on September 30, 2007, would own approximately 1.1% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock immediately following the closing of the acquisition and after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors and assuming no redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders and no exercise

of outstanding Freedom warrants. Sales of substantial numbers of such shares in the public market could adversely affect the market price of such shares and of the warrants.

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To complete the proposed acquisition, we will incur a large amount of debt, which will limit our ability to fund general corporate requirements and obtain additional financing, limit our flexibility in responding to business opportunities and competitive developments and increase our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions.

We expect to incur up to \$570.0 million of indebtedness to finance the proposed acquisition, transaction costs, deferred underwriting fees and our operations after the acquisition. As a result of the substantial fixed costs associated with these debt obligations, we expect that:

a decrease in revenues will result in a disproportionately greater percentage decrease in earnings;

we may not have sufficient liquidity to fund all of these fixed costs if our revenues decline or costs increase;

we may have to use our working capital to fund these fixed costs instead of funding general corporate requirements, including capital expenditures; and

we may not have sufficient liquidity to respond to business opportunities, competitive developments and adverse economic conditions.

These debt obligations may also impair our ability to obtain additional financing, if needed, and our flexibility in the conduct of our business. Moreover, we expect that the terms of our indebtedness will restrict our ability to take certain actions, including the incurrence of additional indebtedness, mergers and acquisitions, investments at the parent company level and asset sales. Our ability to pay the fixed costs associated with our debt obligations will depend on our operating performance and cash flow, which will in turn depend on general economic conditions. A failure to pay interest or indebtedness when due could result in a variety of adverse consequences, including the acceleration of our indebtedness. In such a situation, it is unlikely that we would be able to fulfill our obligations under or repay the accelerated indebtedness or otherwise cover our fixed costs.

We expect to incur significant costs associated with the acquisition, whether or not the acquisition is completed, which will reduce the amount of cash otherwise available for other corporate purposes.

We expect to incur significant costs associated with the acquisition, whether or not the acquisition is completed. These costs will reduce the amount of cash otherwise available for other corporate purposes. We estimate that we will incur direct transaction costs of approximately \$36 million associated with the acquisition, which will be included as a part of the total purchase cost for accounting purposes if the acquisition is completed. There is no assurance that the actual costs may not exceed these estimates. In addition, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited may incur additional material charges reflecting additional costs associated with the acquisition in fiscal quarters subsequent to the quarter in which the acquisition was completed. There is no assurance that the significant costs associated with the acquisition will prove to be justified in light of the benefit ultimately realized. Although there are no compensation charges in connection with the acquisition, we expect compensation and benefits post-acquisition to reflect the amortization of a significant non-cash equity-based compensation expense associated with the vesting of equity-based awards over the next five years. The expected compensation and benefits expense will relate to the 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock to be issued for the benefit of GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan; 33,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock and \$150 million in cash or Notes to be issued for the benefit of certain of GLG's key personnel participating in the equity participation plan; and 77,604,988 shares of Freedom common stock and 58,904,993 shares of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares subject to the agreement among principals and trustees. These shares are subject to certain vesting and forfeiture provisions, and the related share-based compensation expenses are being recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period. This treatment under GAAP will reduce our net income and may result in net losses in future periods. As a result, as

described under Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information , we will have negative net worth of \$70.2 million (assuming maximum approval) and \$172.8 million (assuming minimum approval) as of June 30, 2007 and net losses of \$113.6 million and \$500.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and the year ended December 31, 2006, respectively, on a pro forma basis after the consummation of the acquisition.

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There are significant limitations on our right to make damage claims against GLG and the GLG Shareowners for their breach of purchase agreement representations and warranties or covenants, under the indemnification provisions in the purchase agreement.

The purchase agreement gives us the right, after the closing, to make indemnification claims against the GLG Shareowners under certain circumstances. These include, among others, subject to in each case certain exceptions and limitations:

a breach of representations and warranties made to us in the purchase agreement;

a violation of certain covenants or agreements in the purchase agreement and related documents;

the litigation referred to in this proxy statement under the heading Information About GLG Legal and Regulatory Proceedings Vivendi ;

certain tax liabilities; and

the failure to have terminated certain contractual arrangements binding on certain Acquired Companies prior to closing the acquisition.

There are a number of limitations on our right to make indemnification claims for these matters. Some of these relate only to specified items referred to above; others apply generally to all of these items. These limitations are summarized in this proxy statement under the heading The Purchase Agreement Indemnification . Among other things, these limitations include:

a limit on the time period in which we have the right to make a claim, and for many potential claims our right to claim indemnification will end one year after the acquisition;

a requirement that, for most types of claims, our damages exceed various specified amounts, which vary depending on the type of indemnity claim involved, ranging from \$1 million to \$15 million;

a limit on the maximum amount of damages we may recover, which varies depending on the type of claim and the GLG Shareowner against whom we make the claim, but in any event can not exceed what we paid to the person or persons liable, and for many potential claims may not exceed \$300 million;

a reduction of the amount we can claim based on insurance recoveries, tax savings and various other offsets; and

exclusions for claims based on matters reflected or reserved for in GLG s financial statements and for matters related to changes in law.

In addition, our ability to make indemnification claims against certain of the GLG Shareowners (referred to as Designated Sellers) are subject to further limitations as described under the heading The Purchase Agreement Indemnification .

We do not have any operations, and GLG has never operated as a public company. Fulfilling our obligations as a public company after the acquisition will be expensive and time consuming.

GLG, as a private company, has not been required to prepare or file periodic and other reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, under the applicable U.S. federal securities laws or to comply with the requirements of U.S. federal securities laws applicable to public companies, such as Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Although GLG maintains separate legal and compliance and internal audit functions, which along with its Chief Operating Officer, report on a day-to-day basis directly to its Co-Chief Executive Officer with further formal reporting to its Management Committee, and we have maintained disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting as required under the U.S. federal securities laws with respect to our activities, neither GLG nor Freedom has been required to establish and maintain such disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting as will be required with respect to a public company with substantial operations.

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Under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the related rules and regulations of the SEC, as well as the rules of the American Stock Exchange, where we are currently listed, and the New York Stock Exchange, where we intend to apply for listing if the acquisition is consummated, we will be required to implement additional corporate governance practices and adhere to a variety of reporting requirements and accounting rules. Compliance with these obligations will require significant time and resources from our management and our finance and accounting staff, may require additional staffing and infrastructure and will significantly increase our legal, insurance and financial compliance costs. As a result of the increased costs associated with being a public company after the acquisition, our operating income as a percentage of revenue is likely to be lower.

We must comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in a relatively short timeframe.

After the acquisition, Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will require us to document and test the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with an established control framework and to report on our management's conclusion as to the effectiveness of these internal controls over financial reporting beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. We will also be required to have an independent registered public accounting firm test the internal controls over financial reporting and report on the effectiveness of such controls for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007 and subsequent years. In addition, the independent registered public accounting firm will be required to report on management's assessment. Any delays or difficulty in satisfying these requirements could adversely affect future results of operations and our stock price.

We may incur significant costs to comply with these requirements. We may in the future discover areas of internal controls over financial reporting that need improvement, particularly with respect to any businesses acquired in the future. There can be no assurance that remedial measures will result in adequate internal controls over financial reporting in the future. Any failure to implement the required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could materially adversely affect our results of operations or could cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations. If we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting, or if our auditors are unable to provide an unqualified report regarding the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as required by Section 404, investors may lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which could result in a decrease in the value of our securities. In addition, failure to comply with Section 404 could potentially subject us to sanctions or investigation by the SEC or other regulatory authorities.

The American Stock Exchange may delist our securities, which could limit investors' ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.

Our securities are listed on the American Stock Exchange. We intend to seek to have our securities approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange following consummation of the acquisition. We cannot assure you that our securities will continue to be listed on the American Stock Exchange, as we might not meet certain continued listing standards such as income from continuing operations, or that our securities will be approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Additionally, until such time as we voluntarily delist from the American Stock Exchange in connection with the acquisition of GLG, the American Stock Exchange may require us to file a new initial listing application and meet its initial listing requirements as opposed to its more lenient continued listing requirements. We cannot assure you that we will be able to meet those initial listing requirements at that time.

If we fail to have our securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and the American Stock Exchange delists our securities from trading, we could face significant consequences including:

a limited availability for market quotations for our securities;

reduced liquidity with respect to our securities;

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a determination that our common stock is a penny stock which will require brokers trading in our common stock to adhere to more stringent rules and possibly result in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our common stock;

limited amount of news and analyst coverage for our company; and

a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

The failure to address actual or perceived conflicts of interest that may arise as a result of the investment by the Principals and other key personnel of GLG of at least 50% of the after-tax cash proceeds they receive in the acquisition in GLG Funds, may damage GLG's reputation and materially adversely affect GLG's business.

As a result of the significant amount that the Principals their Trustees, and GLG key personnel intend to invest in the GLG Funds after the completion of the acquisition, other investors in the GLG Funds may perceive conflicts of interest regarding investments in the GLG Funds in which the Principals their Trustees, and other key personnel of GLG are personally invested. Actual or perceived conflicts of interests could give rise to investor dissatisfaction or litigation and our reputation could be damaged if we fail, or appear to fail, to deal appropriately with these conflicts of interest. Investor dissatisfaction or litigation in connection with conflicts of interest could materially adversely affect our reputation and GLG's business in a number of ways, including as a result of redemptions by investors from the GLG Funds and a reluctance of counterparties do business with us.

We may choose to redeem our outstanding warrants at a time that is disadvantageous to our warrant holders.

We may redeem the warrants issued as a part of our units at any time after the warrants become exercisable in whole and not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per warrant, upon a minimum of 30 days prior written notice of redemption, if and only if, the last sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds \$14.25 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending three business days before we send the notice of redemption. Redemption of the warrants could force the warrant holders (1) to exercise the warrants and pay the exercise price therefor at a time when it may be disadvantageous for the holders to do so, (2) to sell the warrants at the then current market price when they might otherwise wish to hold the warrants or (3) to accept the nominal redemption price which, at the time the warrants are called for redemption, is likely to be substantially less than the market value of the warrants.

Our outstanding warrants may be exercised in the future, which would increase the number of shares eligible for future resale in the public market and result in dilution to our stockholders. This might have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

Excluding 21,500,003 warrants beneficially owned by our founders (which includes 5,000,000 co-investment warrants), outstanding redeemable warrants to purchase an aggregate of 52,800,000 shares of common stock (100% of outstanding shares not held by our founders) will become exercisable after the later of the consummation of the acquisition or of another business combination, or December 28, 2007. These warrants would only be exercised if the \$7.50 per share exercise price is below the market price of our common stock. To the extent they are exercised, additional shares of our common stock will be issued, which will result in dilution to our stockholders and increase the number of shares eligible for resale in the public market. Sales of substantial numbers of such shares in the public market could adversely affect the market price of our shares.

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Risks Related to a Failure to Consummate the Acquisition

If you fail to vote or abstain from voting on the adoption of the acquisition proposal, you may not exercise your redemption rights to redeem your shares of Freedom common stock for a pro rata portion of the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account.

Stockholders holding shares of our common stock issued in our initial public offering who vote against adoption of the acquisition proposal may elect to have Freedom redeem their shares for cash equal to a pro rata portion of the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account (net of taxes payable on the interest earned thereon). Stockholders who seek to exercise this redemption right must submit their vote against adoption of the acquisition proposal and their election that Freedom redeem their shares for cash no later than immediately prior to the vote on the acquisition proposal at the special meeting. Any stockholder who fails to vote or who abstains from voting on the acquisition proposal may not exercise his or her redemption rights and will not receive a pro rata portion of the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account upon redemption of such stockholder's shares.

We may have insufficient time or funds to complete an alternate business combination if the acquisition proposal is not adopted by our stockholders or the acquisition is otherwise not completed.

Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation, among other things, we must complete a business combination with a fair market value of at least 80% of the sum of the balance of the trust account plus the proceeds of the co-investment by certain of our founders at the time of the business combination (excluding deferred underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$18.0 million) by June 28, 2008 (or by December 28, 2008 if a letter of intent, agreement in principle or a definitive agreement has been executed by June 28, 2008 and the business combination relating thereto has not yet been consummated). If we fail to consummate a business combination within the required time frame, we will, in accordance with our certificate of incorporation dissolve, liquidate and wind up. The foregoing requirements are set forth in our certificate of incorporation and may not be eliminated without the vote of our board and the vote of at least a majority of the voting power of our outstanding voting stock. If the acquisition proposal is not adopted by our stockholders, we will not complete the acquisition and may not be able to consummate an alternate business combination within the required time frame, either due to insufficient time or insufficient operating funds. If we fail to consummate a business combination within the required time frame, we will be required to commence proceedings to dissolve and liquidate our assets. If we dissolve and liquidate before we consummate a business combination and distribute the trust account, our public stockholders will receive less than the unit offering price in our initial public offering of \$10.00 and our warrants will expire and become worthless.

You may be held liable for claims by third parties against us to the extent of liquidating distributions received by you.

We will dissolve and liquidate if we do not complete a business combination by June 28, 2008 (or by December 28, 2008 if a letter of intent, agreement in principle or a definitive agreement has been executed by June 28, 2008 and the business combination relating thereto has not yet been consummated). Under the DGCL, stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution conducted in accordance with the DGCL. We do not intend to comply with the procedures set forth in Section 280 of the DGCL, which prescribes various procedures by which stockholder liability may be limited. Because we will not be complying with Section 280, we will seek stockholder approval to comply with Section 281(b) of the DGCL, requiring us to adopt a plan of dissolution that will reasonably provide for our payment of (1) all existing claims, including those that are contingent and are known to us, (2) all pending proceedings to which we are a party and (3) all claims that may be potentially brought against us within the subsequent 10 years based on facts known to us.

However, because we are a blank check company, rather than an operating company, and our operations have been limited to searching for prospective target businesses to acquire, the only likely claims to arise would be from the vendors that we have engaged (such as accountants, lawyers, investment bankers, etc.) and

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potential target businesses. We have sought to have all vendors that we engage and prospective target businesses execute agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account. Although we have not received any such agreements, the claims that could be made against us should be significantly limited and the likelihood that any claim that would result in any liability extending to the trust is minimal. If our plan of distribution complies with Section 281(b) of the DGCL, any liability of stockholders with respect to a liquidating distribution is limited to the lesser of such stockholder's pro rata portion of the claim or the amount distributed to the stockholder. Our plan of distribution in compliance with Section 281(b) of the DGCL does not bar stockholder liability for claims not brought in a proceeding before the third anniversary of the dissolution (or such longer period directed by the Delaware Court of Chancery). Accordingly, we cannot assure you that third parties will not seek to recover from our public stockholders amounts owed to them by us.

If we are unable to consummate a business combination within the prescribed time frames and are forced to dissolve and distribute our assets, you will receive less than \$10.00 per share on distribution of trust account funds and our warrants will expire worthless.

If we are unable to complete a business combination and must dissolve and liquidate our assets, the per-share liquidating distribution will be less than \$10.00 because of the expenses of our initial public offering, our general and administrative expenses and the costs of seeking a business combination. We expect these costs and expenses to include approximately \$1.7 million for expenses for the due diligence and investigation of a target business or businesses; approximately \$1.7 million for legal, accounting and other expenses associated with structuring, negotiating and documenting an initial business combination; an aggregate of up to \$240,000 for office space, administrative services and secretarial support payable to Berggruen Holdings, Inc., an affiliate of Mr. Berggruen, representing \$10,000 per month; \$125,000 as a reserve for liquidation expenses; \$60,000 for legal and accounting fees relating to our SEC reporting obligations; and approximately \$75,000 for general working capital that will be used for miscellaneous expenses and reserves. If we are unable to conclude an initial business combination and expend all of the net proceeds of our initial public offering, other than the proceeds deposited in the trust account, and without taking into account interest, if any, earned on the trust account, net of income taxes payable on such interest and net of up to \$3.9 million in interest income on the trust account balance previously released to us to fund working capital requirements, the initial per-share liquidation price would be \$9.83, or \$0.17 less than the per-unit offering price of \$10.00. We cannot assure you that the actual per share liquidation price will not be less than \$9.83.

In the event that our board of directors recommends and our stockholders approve our dissolution and the distribution of our assets and it is subsequently determined that our reserves for claims and liabilities to third parties are insufficient, stockholders who receive funds from our trust account could be liable up to such amounts to creditors. Furthermore, our outstanding warrants are not entitled to participate in a liquidating distribution and the warrants will therefore expire and become worthless if we dissolve and liquidate before completing a business combination.

If third parties bring claims against us, the proceeds held in trust may be reduced and the per share liquidation price received by you will be less than \$9.83 per share.

Our placing of funds in trust may not protect those funds from third-party claims against us. Although we seek to have all vendors, prospective target businesses or other entities that we engage execute agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the trust account, not all vendors, prospective target businesses or other entities that we have engaged have executed such agreements, and there is no guarantee that all vendors, prospective target businesses or other entities that we engage in the future (if the acquisition is not completed) will execute such agreements, or if executed, that this will prevent potential contracted parties from making claims against the trust account. Nor is there any guarantee that such entities will agree to waive any claims they may have in the future as a result of, or arising out of, any negotiations, contracts or agreements with us and will not seek recourse against the trust account for any reason. Accordingly, the proceeds held in trust may be subject to

claims which would take priority over the claims of our public stockholders and, as a result, the per-share liquidation price could be less

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than \$9.83 due to claims of such creditors. If we are unable to complete a business combination and are forced to dissolve and liquidate, each of Messrs. Berggruen and Franklin will, by agreement, be personally liable to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of prospective target businesses, vendors or other entities that are owed money by us for services rendered or products sold to us. Messrs. Berggruen and Franklin have provided us with documentation showing sufficient liquid assets with which they could meet their respective obligations.

Additionally, if we are forced to file a bankruptcy case or an involuntary bankruptcy case is filed against us which is not dismissed, the funds held in our trust account will be subject to applicable bankruptcy law, and may be included in our bankruptcy estate and subject to claims of third parties with priority over the claims of our public stockholders. To the extent bankruptcy claims deplete the trust account, we cannot assure you that we will be able to return to our public stockholders the liquidation amounts due them.

If we do not complete a business combination and dissolve, payments from the trust account to you may be delayed.

We currently believe that any dissolution and plan of distribution subsequent to the expiration of the 18 and 24 month deadlines would proceed in approximately the following manner:

our board of directors would, consistent with its obligations described in our certificate of incorporation and Delaware law, consider a resolution for us to dissolve and consider a plan of distribution which it may then vote to recommend to our stockholders; at such time it would also cause to be prepared a preliminary proxy statement setting out such plan of distribution as well as the board's recommendation of such plan;

upon such deadline, we would file our preliminary proxy statement with the SEC;

if the SEC were not to review the preliminary proxy statement, then, not less than 10 days following the passing of such deadline, we would mail the proxy statement to our stockholders, and 30 days following the passing of such deadline we would convene a meeting of our stockholders, at which they would either approve or reject our dissolution and plan of distribution; and

if the SEC were to review the preliminary proxy statement, we currently estimate that we would receive their comments 30 days following the passing of such deadline. We would mail the proxy statement to our stockholders following the conclusion of the comment and review process (the length of which we cannot predict with any certainty, and which may be substantial) and we would convene a meeting of our stockholders at which they would either approve or reject our dissolution and plan of distribution.

In the event we seek stockholder approval for our dissolution and plan of distribution and do not obtain such approval, we will nonetheless continue to pursue stockholder approval for our dissolution. Pursuant to the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our powers following the expiration of the permitted time periods for consummating a business combination will automatically thereafter be limited to acts and activities related to dissolving and winding up our affairs, including liquidation. Pursuant to the trust agreement governing such funds, the funds held in our trust account may not be distributed except upon our dissolution and, unless and until the approval of our dissolution is obtained from our stockholders, the funds held in our trust account will not be released (other than in connection with the funding of working capital, a redemption or a business combination as described elsewhere in this proxy statement). Consequently, holders of a majority of our outstanding common stock must approve our dissolution in order to receive the funds held in our trust account and the funds will not be available for any other corporate purpose.

These procedures, or a vote to reject any dissolution and plan of distribution by our stockholders, may result in substantial delays in the liquidation of our trust account to our public stockholders as part of our plan of distribution.

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Unless we complete a business combination, Mr. Berggruen and our other directors will not receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket expenses they incur if such expenses exceed the amount of our available cash which is not in the trust account. Therefore, they may have a conflict of interest in determining whether GLG is appropriate for a business combination and in the public stockholders' best interest.

Mr. Berggruen and our other directors will not receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them to the extent such expenses exceed the amount not required to be retained in the trust account, unless the acquisition is consummated. Mr. Berggruen and our other directors have, as part of the acquisition, negotiated the repayment of some or all of any such expenses. The financial interest of Mr. Berggruen and our other directors could influence their motivation in selecting the acquisition and thus, there may be a conflict of interest when determining whether a particular business combination is in the stockholders' best interest. In addition, the proceeds we receive from the co-investment may be used to repay the expenses for which Mr. Berggruen and our other directors may negotiate repayment as part of our business combination.

If we are unable to maintain a current prospectus relating to the common stock underlying our warrants, our warrants may have little or no value and the market for our warrants may be limited.

No warrants will be exercisable, and we will not be obligated to issue shares of common stock upon exercise of warrants by a holder unless, at the time of such exercise, we have a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, in effect covering the shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants and a current prospectus relating to that common stock. We have agreed to use our best efforts to have a registration statement in effect covering shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants from the date the warrants become exercisable and to maintain a current prospectus relating to that common stock until the warrants expire or are redeemed. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so. In addition, we may determine to exercise our right to redeem the outstanding warrants while a current prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants is not available, in which case the warrants will not be exercisable prior to their redemption. Additionally, we have no obligation to settle the warrants for cash in the absence of an effective registration statement or under any other circumstances. The warrants may be deprived of any value, the market for the warrants may be limited and the holders of warrants may not be able to exercise their warrants if there is no registration statement in effect covering the shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants or the prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants is not current.

Risks Related to Taxation

Our effective income tax rate depends on various factors and may increase as our business expands into countries with higher tax rates.

There can be no assurance that we will continue to have a low effective income tax rate. We are a U.S. corporation that is subject to the U.S. corporate income tax on its taxable income. Our low expected effective tax rate after the acquisition is primarily attributable to the asset basis step-up resulting from the acquisition and the associated 15-year goodwill amortization deduction for U.S. tax purposes. Going forward, our effective income tax rate will be a function of our overall earnings, the income tax rates in the jurisdictions in which our entities do business, the type and relative amount of income earned by our entities in these jurisdictions and the timing of repatriation of profits back to the United States in the form of dividends. We expect that our effective income tax rate may increase as our business expands into countries with higher tax rates. In addition, allocation of income among business activities and entities is subject to detailed and complex rules and depends on the facts and circumstances. No assurance can be given that the facts and circumstances or the rules will not change from year to year or that taxing authorities will not be able to successfully challenge such allocations.

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U.S. persons who own 10% or more of our voting stock may be subject to higher U.S. tax rates on a sale of the stock.

U.S. persons who hold 10% or more (actually and/or constructively) of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock may on the sale of the stock be subject to U.S. tax at ordinary income tax rates (rather than at capital gain tax rates) on the portion of their taxable gain attributed to undistributed offshore earnings. This would be the result if we are treated (for U.S. federal income tax purposes) as principally availed to hold the stock of foreign corporation(s) and the stock ownership in us satisfies the stock ownership test for determining controlled foreign corporation (CFC) status (determined as if we were a foreign corporation). A foreign corporation is a CFC if, for an uninterrupted period of 30 days or more during any taxable year, more than 50% of its stock (by vote or value) is owned by 10% U.S. Shareholders. A U.S. person is a 10% U.S. Shareholder if such person owns (actually and/or constructively) 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote of such corporation. Following the acquisition, approximately 32.0% of our stock will be treated as directly or constructively owned by 10% U.S. Shareholders. Therefore, any U.S. person who considers acquiring (directly, indirectly and/or constructively) 10% or more of our outstanding stock should first consult with his or her tax advisor.

Our U.K. tax liability will be higher if the interest expense incurred by FA Sub 3 Limited cannot be fully utilized for U.K. tax purposes.

FA Sub 3 Limited is incurring debt to finance the acquisition and will be claiming a deduction for U.K. tax purposes for the interest expense incurred on such debt. If the interest expense incurred by FA Sub 3 Limited cannot be fully utilized for U.K. tax purposes against U.K. income, our U.K. tax liability might increase significantly. See also Our tax position might change as a result of a change in tax laws. below for a discussion of U.K. government proposals on interest deductibility.

Our tax position might change as a result of a change in tax laws.

Since we operate our business in the United Kingdom, the United States and internationally, we are subject to many different tax laws. Tax laws (and the interpretations of tax laws by taxing authorities) are subject to frequent change, sometimes retroactively. There can be no assurance that any such changes in the tax laws applicable to us will not adversely affect our tax position.

The U.K. government has recently published proposals with regard to the deductibility of interest expense incurred by U.K. tax resident entities. No assurances can be given that the U.K. government will not enact legislation that restricts the ability of FA Sub 3 Limited to claim a tax deduction for the full amount of its interest expense.

The U.S. Congress is considering changes to U.S. income tax laws which would increase the U.S. income tax rate imposed on carried interest earnings and would subject to U.S. corporate income tax certain publicly held private equity firms and hedge funds structured as partnerships (for U.S. federal income tax purposes). These changes would not apply to us because Freedom is already taxed in the United States as a U.S. corporation and GLG earns fee income and does not receive a carried interest. No assurances can be given that the U.S. Congress might not enact other tax law changes that would adversely affect us.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This proxy statement includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. The words anticipates, believe, continue, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, might, potential, predict, project, should, would and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

The forward-looking statements contained in this proxy statement are based on our current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on us and speak only as of the date of such statement. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we have anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors described under the heading Risk Factors and the following:

Freedom's ability to complete a combination with one or more target businesses, including the acquisition of GLG;

Freedom's success in retaining or recruiting, or changes required in, its management or directors following a business combination;

Freedom's potential inability to obtain additional financing to complete the acquisition;

Freedom's limited pool of prospective target businesses, including if the acquisition fails to close;

the change in control of Freedom once the acquisition is consummated;

public securities' limited liquidity and trading;

the delisting of Freedom's securities from the American Stock Exchange or an inability to have Freedom's securities listed on the American Stock Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange or another exchange following the consummation of the acquisition;

use of proceeds not in trust or available to Freedom from interest income on the trust account balance;

financial performance;

market conditions for GLG Funds;

performance of GLG Funds, the related performance fees and the associated impacts on revenues, net income, cash flows and fund inflows and outflows;

the cost of retaining GLG's key investment and other personnel or the loss of such key personnel;

risks associated with the expansion of GLG's business in size and geographically;

operational risk;

litigation and regulatory enforcement risks, including the diversion of management time and attention and the additional costs and demands on GLG's resources;

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risks associated with the use of leverage, investment in derivatives, interest rates and currency fluctuations;

costs related to the proposed acquisition;

failure to obtain the required approvals of Freedom's stockholders; and

risks that the closing of the transaction is substantially delayed or that the transaction does not close.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable law.

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THE FREEDOM SPECIAL MEETING

The Freedom Special Meeting

Freedom is furnishing this proxy statement to you as part of the solicitation of proxies by the Freedom board of directors for use at the special meeting in connection with the proposed acquisition, the pre-closing and post-closing amendments to our certificate of incorporation, the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP and the adjournment proposal.

Date, Time and Place

The special meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on October 31, 2007, at the offices of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166, to vote on each of the acquisition, the pre-closing and post-closing amendments to our certificate of incorporation, the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal.

Purpose of the Special Meeting

At the special meeting, the holders of Freedom common stock are being asked to:

approve the acquisition of GLG by Freedom pursuant to a purchase agreement by and among Freedom, FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited, FA Sub 3 Limited and the GLG Shareowners;

approve four proposals to amend the certificate of incorporation immediately prior to the consummation of the acquisition to:

change Freedom's name from Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc. to GLG Partners, Inc. ;

increase the number of authorized shares of Freedom capital stock from 201,000,000 shares to 1,150,000,000 shares, including:

increasing the authorized shares of Freedom common stock from 200,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 shares; and

increasing the authorized shares of Freedom preferred stock from 1,000,000 to 150,000,000 shares, of which it is expected that 58,904,993 shares (subject to adjustment) will be designated by the board of directors as a new series of Freedom preferred stock titled Series A voting preferred stock, which will be entitled to one vote per share and to vote as a single class with the common stock on all matters, but which will not be entitled to dividends or certain other distributions;

increase from the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present at the meeting or a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, as the case may be, to the affirmative vote of at least 66²/₃% of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to (1) adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws, (2) remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office, with or without cause, and (3) amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote, including the amendment provision itself, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with those

provisions; and

amend certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors and certain other ministerial amendments;

approve a proposal to amend the certificate of incorporation to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, (1) certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and (2) the entirety of Article Fifth of the certificate of incorporation, all of which relate to the operation of Freedom as a blank check company prior to the consummation of a business combination, and to add provisions regarding dividends and distributions;

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approve the adoption of the Restricted Stock Plan;

approve the adoption of the LTIP; and

authorize the adjournment of the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, or the incentive plan proposal.

Recommendation of the Freedom Board of Directors

The Freedom board of directors:

has unanimously determined that the proposed acquisition, amendments to our certificate of incorporation, adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP and adjournment proposal are fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders;

has determined that the fair market value of GLG is equal to or greater than 80% of the value of the net assets of Freedom plus the proceeds of the co-investment by our sponsors (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$18.0 million);

has unanimously approved and declared advisable the acquisition, the amendments to our certificate of incorporation, the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP and the adjournment proposal; and

unanimously recommends that the holders of Freedom common stock vote **FOR** the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal.

In considering the recommendation of Freedom's board of directors to vote **FOR** the acquisition proposal, you should be aware that (1) all of Freedom's directors other than Mr. Morey (due to auditor independence issues) will continue to serve as directors of Freedom following the acquisition and will be compensated for such service, (2) if the acquisition is not approved and Freedom fails to consummate an alternative transaction within the time allotted, the shares of common stock and warrants held by Freedom's directors will be worthless because Freedom's directors are not entitled to receive any of the net proceeds of Freedom's initial public offering that may be distributed upon liquidation of Freedom and (3) if Freedom does not complete a business combination, Freedom's officers and directors will not receive reimbursement for expenses they incur that exceed Freedom's available cash.

Record Date; Who is Entitled to Vote

The record date for the special meeting is October 12, 2007. Record holders of Freedom common stock at the close of business on the record date are entitled to vote or have their votes cast at the special meeting. On the record date, there were 64,800,003 outstanding shares of Freedom common stock.

Each share of Freedom common stock is entitled to one vote per share at the special meeting. The holders of common stock acquired in its initial public offering or afterwards are free to vote such shares in their discretion.

Any shares of Freedom common stock purchased by its founders prior to its initial public offering will be voted in accordance with the majority of the votes cast at the special meeting and any shares of Freedom common stock purchased by its founders in or following the initial public offering will be voted in favor of the acquisition proposal. In addition, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, which beneficially own approximately 20.9% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, have entered into a founders agreement with certain of the GLG Shareowners that requires them to vote for the adoption of the pre-closing

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certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal.

Freedom's issued and outstanding warrants do not have voting rights and record holders of Freedom warrants will not be entitled to vote at the special meeting.

Voting Your Shares

Each share of Freedom common stock that you own in your name entitles you to one vote. Your proxy card shows the number of shares of Freedom common stock that you own.

There are two ways to vote your shares of Freedom common stock at the special meeting:

you can vote by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card. If you vote by proxy card, your proxy, whose name is listed on the proxy card, will vote your shares as you instruct on the proxy card. If you sign and return the proxy card, but do not give instructions on how to vote your shares, your shares will be voted, as recommended by the Freedom board, FOR the approval of the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal; or

you can attend the special meeting and vote in person. Freedom will give you a ballot when you arrive. However, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or another nominee, you must get a proxy from the broker, bank or other nominee. That is the only way Freedom can be sure that the broker, bank or nominee has not already voted your shares.

Who Can Answer Your Questions About Voting Your Shares

If you have any questions about how to vote or direct a vote in respect of your Freedom common stock, you may call Innisfree M&A Incorporated at (800) 750-5834.

No Additional Matters May Be Presented at the Special Meeting

This special meeting has been called only to consider the approval of the acquisition, the pre-closing and post-closing amendments to Freedom's certificate of incorporation, the Restricted Stock Plan, the LTIP and the adjournment proposal. Under Freedom's by-laws, no other matters may be considered at the special meeting if they are not included in the notice of the meeting.

Revoking Your Proxy

If you give a proxy, you may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by doing any one of the following:

you may send another proxy card with a later date;

you may notify Innisfree M&A Incorporated at 501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10022 in writing before the special meeting that you have revoked your proxy; and

you may attend the special meeting, revoke your proxy and vote in person.

Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock outstanding as of the record date is required to approve the acquisition proposal, provided that the holders of less than 20% of the shares of Freedom common stock that were issued in its initial public offering vote against the acquisition proposal and elect a redemption of their shares.

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Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock outstanding as of the record date is required to approve each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal.

The adoption of each of the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and the adjournment proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting.

Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

If you abstain from voting, it will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** : (1) the acquisition proposal (but will not have the effect of redeeming your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of our initial public offering are held, unless an affirmative election voting against the proposal is made and an affirmative election to redeem such shares of common stock is made on the proxy card); (2) each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals; (3) the post-closing certificate amendment proposal; (4) the restricted stock plan proposal; (5) the incentive plan proposal and (6) the adjournment proposal.

A failure to vote by not returning a signed proxy card will have no impact upon the approval of the matters referred to in (4), (5) and (6) above, but, as the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority of Freedom common stock, a failure to vote will have the effect of a vote **AGAINST** such acquisition and certificate amendments. Failure to vote will not have the effect of electing to redeem your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account.

If your broker holds your shares in its name and you do not give the broker voting instructions, under the applicable stock exchange rules, your broker may not vote your shares on the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal. If you do not give your broker voting instructions and the broker does not vote your shares, this is referred to as a **broker non-vote** . Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes **AGAINST** the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, but will not be counted towards the vote total for the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal or the adjournment proposal. However, a **broker non-vote** that has the effect of voting against the acquisition proposal will not have the effect of electing to redeem your shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account.

Redemption Rights

Any stockholder of Freedom holding shares of common stock issued in its initial public offering (whether such shares were acquired pursuant to such initial public offering or afterwards) who votes against the acquisition proposal may, at the same time, elect that Freedom redeem its shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account. Stockholders who seek to exercise this redemption right must submit their vote against adoption of the acquisition proposal and their election to have Freedom redeem their shares for cash no later than immediately prior to the vote on the acquisition proposal at the special meeting. If so elected, Freedom will redeem these shares for a pro rata portion of funds held in the trust account, which consists of approximately \$519.1 million, as of September 30, 2007 (and includes a substantial portion of the net proceeds from Freedom's initial public offering and sale of the sponsors' warrants) plus interest earned thereon after such date, if the acquisition is consummated. If the holders of 20%, or 10,560,000, or more shares of Freedom common stock issued in our initial public offering vote against the acquisition proposal and elect to have Freedom redeem their shares into a pro rata portion of the trust account, Freedom will not be able to consummate the acquisition, regardless of whether a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock vote in favor of the acquisition proposal. Based on the amount of cash held in the trust account as of September 30,

2007, without taking into account any interest accrued after such date, you will be entitled to elect to have Freedom redeem each share of Freedom common stock that you hold for approximately \$9.83

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per share. If the acquisition is not consummated, Freedom will continue to search for a business combination and no stockholder will be redeemed. However, Freedom will be liquidated if (1) it does not consummate a business combination by June 28, 2008, or (2) a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement is executed by June 28, 2008 but a business combination is not consummated by December 28, 2008. In any liquidation, the net proceeds of our initial public offering held in the trust account, plus any interest earned thereon, will be distributed on a pro rata basis to the holders of Freedom common stock who purchased their shares in Freedom's initial public offering or thereafter.

If you properly exercise your redemption rights, then you will be exchanging your redemption election shares for cash and will no longer own these shares. You will only be entitled to receive cash for these shares if you continue to hold these shares through the closing date of the acquisition. You will be required, whether you are a record holder or hold your shares in street name, to either tender your certificates to our transfer agent at any time through the vote on the acquisition or to deliver your shares to the transfer agent electronically using Depository Trust Company's DWAC System, at your option. There is a nominal cost associated with this tendering process and the act of certificating the shares or delivering them through the DWAC system. The transfer agent will typically charge the tendering broker \$35, and the broker may or may not pass this cost on to you.

You will have sufficient time from the time we send out this proxy statement through the time of the vote on the acquisition proposal to deliver your shares if you wish to exercise your redemption rights. This time period will vary depending on the specific facts of each transaction. However, as the delivery process can be accomplished by you, whether or not you are a record holder or your shares are held in street name, within a day, by simply contacting the transfer agent or your broker and requesting delivery of your shares through the DWAC System, we believe this time period is sufficient for an average investor.

Any request for redemption, once made, may be withdrawn at any time up to immediately prior to the vote on the acquisition proposal at the special meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof). Furthermore, if you delivered a certificate for redemption and subsequently decided prior to the meeting not to elect redemption, you may simply request that the transfer agent return the certificate (physically or electronically) to you.

The closing price of Freedom common stock on October 5, 2007 was \$11.97 and the amount of cash held in the trust account was approximately \$519.1 million as of September 30, 2007, plus interest accrued thereon after such date. If you would have elected to exercise your redemption rights on such date, without taking into account any interest accrued after such date, then you would have been entitled to receive \$9.83 per share. Prior to exercising redemption rights, you should verify the market price of Freedom common stock as you may receive higher proceeds from the sale of your common stock in the public market than from exercising your redemption rights. As of October 5, 2007, the market price of \$11.97 per share was higher than the amount which would be received upon redemption.

Solicitation Costs

Freedom is soliciting proxies on behalf of the Freedom board of directors. This solicitation is being made by mail but also may be made by telephone or in person. Freedom and its officers and directors may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by other electronic means, and in the event of such solicitations, the information provided will be consistent with this proxy statement and enclosed proxy card. These persons will not be paid for soliciting proxies. Freedom will ask banks, brokers and other institutions, nominees and fiduciaries to forward its proxy statement materials to their principals and to obtain their authority to execute proxies and voting instructions. Freedom will reimburse them for their reasonable expenses. Freedom has engaged Innisfree M&A Incorporated to solicit proxies for the special meeting. Freedom is paying Innisfree M&A Incorporated approximately \$21,250 for solicitation services, which amount includes a \$20,000 fixed solicitation fee and a per call fee estimated in the aggregate to be equal to \$1,250.

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Stock Ownership

Freedom's founders, including all its directors, and their respective affiliates, who purchased or received shares of common stock prior to its initial public offering and as of the record date, beneficially own an aggregate of approximately 21.2% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock. All of such stockholders have agreed (1) to vote their shares of common stock acquired prior to Freedom's initial public offering in accordance with the vote of the majority in interest of all other Freedom stockholders on the acquisition proposal and (2) to vote any shares of common stock purchased in our initial public offering FOR the acquisition proposal. In addition, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, which beneficially own approximately 20.9% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, have entered into a founders agreement with certain of the GLG Shareowners that requires them to vote FOR the adoption of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal, the incentive plan proposal and, if necessary, the adjournment proposal.

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THE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL

Proposal

Pursuant to the purchase agreement, dated as of June 22, 2007, by and among Freedom, certain wholly owned subsidiaries of Freedom and the GLG Shareowners, Freedom is proposing to acquire all of the outstanding equity interests of GLG Partners Limited, GLG Holdings Limited, Mount Granite Limited, Albacrest Corporation, Liberty Peak Ltd., GLG Partners Services Limited, Mount Garnet Limited, Betapoint Corporation, Knox Pines Ltd., GLG Partners Asset Management Limited and GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited (each, an Acquired Company and collectively, the Acquired Companies). As a result of this acquisition, Freedom will own and operate the combined business and operations of the Acquired Companies and certain of their subsidiaries and affiliates, including GLG Partners LP, GLG Partners Services LP, Laurel Heights LLP and Lavender Heights LLP. The purchase price for the acquisition will be a combination of cash, promissory notes and capital stock of Freedom and certain Freedom subsidiaries, as described in further detail under The Acquisition General Purchase Price below. Freedom believes that the terms of the acquisition and the related agreements and transactions comply with the terms described in the prospectus relating to its initial public offering.

Interests of Freedom Directors and Officers in the Acquisition

In considering the recommendation of the board of directors of Freedom to vote FOR the acquisition proposal, you should be aware that all of the members of the Freedom board have agreements or arrangements that provide them with interests in the acquisition that differ from, or are in addition to, those of Freedom stockholders generally. In particular:

if the acquisition is not approved and Freedom fails to consummate an alternative transaction within the time allotted pursuant to its certificate of incorporation and Freedom is therefore required to liquidate, the shares of common stock and warrants held by Freedom s founders will be worthless because Freedom s founders are not entitled to receive any of the net proceeds of Freedom s initial public offering that may be distributed upon liquidation of Freedom. Freedom s founders beneficially own a total of 13,709,503 shares of Freedom common stock that have a market value of \$164,102,751 based on Freedom s share price of \$11.97 as of October 5, 2007. Freedom s sponsors also beneficially own warrants to purchase 16,500,003 shares of Freedom common stock that have a market value of \$58,895,011 based on Freedom s warrant price of \$3.63 as of October 5, 2007. However, as Freedom s founders are contractually prohibited from selling their shares of Freedom common stock prior to June 28, 2008, during which time the value of the shares may increase or decrease, it is impossible to determine what the financial impact of the acquisition will be on Freedom s founders; and

it is currently anticipated that Nicolas Berggruen, Martin E. Franklin, James N. Hauslein and William P. Lauder, each of whom is a current director of Freedom, will continue as directors of Freedom.

The table below shows the amount that the units (consisting of shares and warrants), the common stock and the warrants beneficially owned by the directors and officers of Freedom as of October 5, 2007 (after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom s sponsors) would be worth upon consummation of the

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acquisition and the unrealized profit from such securities based on an assumed market price of the units, the common stock and the warrants of Freedom of \$15.54, \$11.97 and \$3.63, respectively.

Amount Paid	Units(a)			Common Stock(b)			Beneficially Owned	Amount Paid
	Value	Unrealized Profit	Beneficially Owned	Value	Unrealized Profit			
012,340	\$ 130,896,528	\$ 105,884,188	1,709,500	\$ 17,936,128(d)	\$ 20,462,715	\$ 2,526,587	2,250,000	\$ 2,250,000
012,340	130,896,528	105,884,188					2,250,000	2,250,000
107	795,664	795,557						
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025,001	\$ 264,180,048	\$ 214,155,047	1,709,500	\$ 17,936,128	\$ 20,462,715	\$ 2,526,587	4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000

(a) The purchase price per unit for the founders' units was \$0.00208 per unit and for the co-investment units is \$10.00 per unit. Each of these stockholders has agreed, subject to exceptions, not to transfer, assign or sell these shares until one year after we consummate a business combination.

(b) Excludes common stock included in the units.

(c) Excludes warrants included in the units.

(d) The purchase prices for the shares were (i) \$10.50 per share for 500,000 shares, (ii) \$10.49 for 1,056,800 shares and (iii) \$10.48 per share for 152,700 shares.

In addition, Freedom's sponsors, directors and officers may make additional open market purchases of units, common stock or warrants prior to the special meeting. Although such units and common stock will not be subject to any voting restrictions applicable to Freedom's sponsors, directors or officers, those entities and individuals have advised us that they intend to vote all units and common stock with the right to vote at the special meeting in favor of the acquisition proposal and the other proposals described in this proxy statement.

Interests of Principals, The Trustees and Key Personnel of GLG in the Acquisition

You should understand that some of the Principals, the Trustees and key personnel of GLG have interests in the acquisition that are different from, or in addition to, your interests as a stockholder. In particular, Mr. Gottesman, a Co-Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Director of GLG, is expected to become Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG Partners, Inc.; Mr. Roman, a Co-Chief Executive Officer and a Managing Director of GLG, is expected to become the Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG Partners, Inc.; and Mr. White, the Chief Operating Officer of GLG, is expected to become the Chief Financial Officer of GLG Partners, Inc. Further, each of Messrs. Gottesman, Roman and White will enter into new employment agreements with GLG Partners, Inc. in connection with the acquisition, providing for, among other things, compensation for such service to GLG Partners, Inc. In addition, the GLG Shareowners have appointed Mr. Gottesman as their representative to make certain decisions on behalf of the GLG Shareowners under the purchase agreement. As Mr. Gottesman is a GLG Shareowner, as well as the representative of the other GLG Shareowners, it is possible that potential conflicts of interest may arise

with respect to his obligations as representative, his interests as an equity holder of GLG and his position as Chairman of the Board and Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG Partners, Inc. following the acquisition.

In the acquisition, Mr. Gottesman and the Gottesman GLG Trust will receive an aggregate of 58,904,993 shares of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares exchangeable into 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock, \$267.8 million cash and 58,904,993 shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock; Mr. Lagrange and the Lagrange GLG Trust will receive an aggregate of 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock and \$267.8 million in cash; and Mr. Roman and the Roman GLG Trust will receive an aggregate of 18,699,995 shares of Freedom common stock and \$85.0 million in cash.

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Currently, the Principals and Trustees do not own any Freedom units, common stock or warrants, other than units owned by the GLG Funds for which the Principals are attributed beneficial ownership. The Principals and Trustees may make open market purchases of units, common stock or warrants prior to the special meeting. Although such units and common stock will not be subject to any voting restrictions applicable to the Principals and Trustees, those entities and individuals have advised us that they intend to vote all units and common stock with the right to vote at the special meeting in favor of the acquisition proposal and the other proposals described in this proxy statement.

In addition, GLG's Principals have agreed to enter into agreements not to compete with Freedom for a period of five years following the closing of the acquisition. The Principals and the Trustees have also entered into lock-up arrangements restricting their ability to transfer shares of Freedom capital stock for the first year following the closing of the acquisition. Thereafter, subject to any limitations imposed by U.S. federal securities laws, the Principals and the Trustees will only be able to transfer: (1) 10% of their shares following each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the closing of the acquisition; and (2) an unlimited number of their shares following the fourth anniversary of such closing. See *Agreements Related to the Acquisition* - *GLG Shareholders Agreement* .

The Principals and the other GLG Shareowners have also agreed to invest at least 50% of the after-tax cash proceeds they receive in the acquisition in GLG Funds (an amount, together with additional amounts expected to be invested by them contemporaneously with the closing, equal to approximately \$805 million of net AUM) and will pay the same fees and otherwise invest on the same terms as other investors. See *Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions* - *GLG Investment Transactions* .

In addition, Mr. White is a participant in GLG's limited partner profit share arrangement and equity participation plan and may receive an allocation of the 10,000,000 shares reserved from the purchase price for the acquisition for the benefit of employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan. The amount of his allocation, if any, has not yet been determined.

Except as described above, no compensation or other remuneration will be paid to any GLG Shareowner, Principal or key personnel in connection with the acquisition. Upon consummation of the acquisition, it is anticipated that employment agreements between each of Messrs. Gottesman, Roman and Lagrange and GLG Partners, Inc. will provide for a base salary of \$1 million per annum for the remainder of 2007 and for 2008 and no cash bonus or equity compensation with respect to 2007. To date, there has been no determination with respect to future awards under the LTIP for participants, including the Principals.

Set forth in the table below is information regarding cash distributions and cash compensation in 2006 and year-to-date through August 31, 2007 for each GLG Shareowner and executive officer and the key personnel who participate in the limited partner profit share arrangement:

	Cash Distributions		Cash Compensation	
	2006	YTD 2007	2006	YTD 2007
	(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)			
GLG Shareowners:				
Noam Gottesman and Gottesman GLG Trust	\$ 84,954	\$ 102,694	\$ 4,664	\$ 2,892
Pierre Lagrange and Lagrange GLG Trust	41,337	82,546	4,700	2,901
Emmanuel Roman and Roman GLG Trust	15,533	35,212	4,659	2,892
Jonathan Green and Green GLG Trust	18,031	5,777		
Chapter Investment Assets Limited(1)		10,123		

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Philippe Jabre and Jabre GLG Trust(2)	5,852	17,980	168	
Executive Officers:				
Simon White(3)	314(4)	2,262(4)(5)	2,053(6)	
Key Personnel(3)(7)	14,656	209,214(4)(5)	105,956(6)	76

(1) A corporate trust company to which Mr. Green transferred non-voting interests in GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners Asset Management Limited and GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited on June 15, 2007 in consideration of Chapter assuming Mr. Green's obligations under his loans

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from Lehman Bankhaus. The non-voting interests will be redeemed immediately prior to the completion of the acquisition.

- (2) Mr. Jabre and the Jabre GLG Trust ceased to own voting shares of GLG Partners Limited, GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited and GLG Partners Asset Management Limited in December 2006, and the non-voting shares of GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited and GLG Partners Asset Management Limited owned by the Jabre GLG Trust were redeemed in June 2007.
- (3) Mr. White and other key personnel ceased to be employees and became participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement beginning in mid-2006.
- (4) Reflects cash distributions paid through Laurel Heights LLP and Lavender Heights LLP to Mr. White and other key personnel.
- (5) Includes limited partner profit share distributions made in 2007 with respect to 2006 performance.
- (6) Includes bonuses paid in 2006 with respect to 2005 performance.
- (7) Includes amounts paid or distributed to Mr. White.

Prior to the completion of the acquisition, GLG is expected to make further cash distributions to the individuals and entities in the table above from the distributable profits (net income less reserves) generated by GLG entities as follows:

An amount equal to approximately \$18.0 million in the aggregate, representing the remaining undistributed amount of 2006 profits; and

An amount based on 2007 profits, which will depend on GLG's year-to-date performance for 2007 up to the closing of the acquisition, which will be subject to such factors as regulatory capital and working capital requirements and which cannot be readily estimated at this time.

In addition, there may be further distributions declared with respect to 2007 profits prior to the closing of the acquisition but not paid until 2008, which also will be subject to such factors as regulatory capital and working capital requirements and which cannot be readily estimated at this time.

GLG does not expect any other cash distributions to be made in connection with the acquisition or any other reorganization transactions, except for the cash and shares to be issued as consideration for the acquisition.

Freedom's Reasons for the Acquisition and Recommendation of the Freedom Board

Freedom has been in search of a business combination partner since its initial public offering occurred in December 2006. Freedom's board of directors believes that GLG presents a unique opportunity for Freedom. Freedom's board of directors is attracted to GLG because of its variety of investment products, its advisory services, growth prospects and investment management team, among other factors. As a result, Freedom believes that the acquisition of GLG will provide Freedom stockholders with an opportunity to acquire, and participate in, a company with significant growth potential, particularly as its business continues to grow and expand into the United States and other dynamic global markets.

Acquisition Financing

In order to finance the acquisition of GLG, Freedom will (1) use up to \$551.1 million of the proceeds from its initial public offering (after giving effect to the \$50.0 million co-investment by its sponsors) and (2) borrow up to \$570.0 million from a third-party lender to obtain the \$1.0 billion in cash (less the amount of Notes issued) necessary to pay the cash portion of the purchase price to the GLG Shareowners. The available cash will be reduced by amounts necessary to pay for any redemption rights exercised by Freedom stockholders.

FA Sub 3 Limited has obtained commitments from a syndicate of banks arranged and led by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. to provide, subject to customary conditions, a 5-year amortizing term loan facility and a 5-year non-amortizing revolving credit facility for up to an aggregate of \$570.0 million to finance the acquisition, including purchase price adjustments, paying transaction costs and repaying existing GLG

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indebtedness, and for working capital purposes, purchase price adjustments and other general corporate purposes. The term loans and revolving loans will be guaranteed by Freedom and certain of its subsidiaries (including certain Acquired Companies, but excluding certain regulated entities) and will be secured by a first priority pledge of all notes and capital stock owned by FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors and a first priority security interest in all or substantially all other assets owned by FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors. The term loans will amortize in equal installments due in 42, 48 and 54 months from the closing date in an aggregate amount equal to 75% of the original principal amount. The remaining balance of the term loans should be due on the fifth anniversary of the closing date. The term loans and revolving loans will bear interest at one of two floating interest rates, at the election of FA Sub 3 Limited, based on a fixed margin over the specified base floating rate for the first two fiscal quarters after the closing of the acquisition and, thereafter, based on a margin over the specified base floating rate determined by reference to certain financial ratios of Freedom and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Appraisal or Dissenters Rights

No appraisal or dissenters rights are available under the DGCL for the stockholders of Freedom in connection with the acquisition proposal.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Acquisition

As the stockholders of Freedom are not receiving any consideration or exchanging any of their outstanding securities in connection with the acquisition of GLG, and are simply being asked to vote on the matters, the stockholders will not have any U.S. tax related issues as a result of voting on these matters, except that U.S. persons who own 10% or more (actually and/or constructively) of the total combined voting power of all classes of Freedom voting stock may on the sale of the stock be subject to U.S. tax at ordinary income tax rates (rather than at capital gain tax rates) on the portion of their taxable gain attributed to undistributed offshore earnings. See Risk Factors Risks Related to Taxation . If you vote against the acquisition proposal, elect a redemption of your shares of Freedom for your pro rata portion of the trust account and the acquisition is consummated and as a result you receive cash in exchange for your Freedom common stock, there may be certain tax consequences, such as possibly realizing a loss on your investment in Freedom common stock. No tax opinion will be obtained in connection with the acquisition. **WE URGE YOU TO CONSULT YOUR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING YOUR PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES.**

Regulatory Matters

The acquisition and the transactions contemplated by the purchase agreement are not subject to any U.S. federal or state regulatory requirement or approval, except for filings necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the acquisition proposal, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, and filings for the proposed listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

In the United Kingdom, the FSMA requires that any person who proposes to take a step that would result in his acquiring control (as such term is defined in the FSMA) over a U.K. authorized person (such as GLG Partners LP) must notify the FSA and obtain the FSA's prior approval to the proposal. The FSA has three months in which to rule upon such an application. The notice and application for approval was filed with the FSA on August 31, 2007.

The prior approval of the IFSRA will be required for the change in ownership of GLG Partners Asset Management Limited which acts as manager of the GLG Funds authorized in Ireland and for the change in ownership of GLG Partners LP, which acts as promoter and investment manager of the GLG Funds authorized in Ireland. The application for approval was filed with IFSRA on August 31, 2007.

The prior approval of CIMA will be required for the change in ownership of GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited, which acts as manager of the GLG Funds incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Although no prior approval is required, notification of the change in ownership of GLG Partners Services LP and GLG Partners Services Limited will be required to be provided to the Cayman Islands Trade and Business Licencing Board following the acquisition and the transactions contemplated by the purchase agreement. The application for approval was filed with CMA on August 31, 2007.

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Necessity of Stockholder Approval

Because of provisions in Freedom's certificate of incorporation and the fact that the acquisition proposal involves the issuance by Freedom of shares of common stock that would represent more than 20% of our currently outstanding common stock, stockholder approval of the acquisition proposal is required to maintain our listing on the American Stock Exchange. The number of shares of Freedom common stock outstanding on September 30, 2007 was 64,800,003. The purchase agreement provides for the issuance of 230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for the acquisition of the Acquired Companies and such issuance is greater than the American Stock Exchange 20% limitation. Pursuant to the purchase agreement, a condition to issuance of additional shares is the approval of the authorized share proposal. Accordingly, if the authorized share proposal is not approved, then the acquisition will not be completed.

Consequences If Acquisition Proposal Is Not Approved

If the acquisition proposal is not approved by the stockholders, Freedom will not acquire GLG and Freedom will continue to seek other potential business combinations. The board of directors of Freedom may abandon each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, notwithstanding stockholder approval of such proposals, without further action by Freedom's stockholders, if the acquisition proposal is not approved. We anticipate that the Freedom board of directors will abandon each of the pre-closing and post-closing certificate amendments and not consummate the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal if the acquisition proposal is not approved. In such an event, there is no assurance, and management of Freedom believes, that it is unlikely that Freedom will have the time, resources or capital available to find a suitable business combination partner before (1) the proceeds in the trust account are liquidated to holders of shares purchased in its initial public offering and (2) Freedom is dissolved pursuant to the trust agreement and in accordance with Freedom's certificate of incorporation.

Required Vote

Approval of the acquisition proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock at the record date. In addition, each Freedom stockholder that holds shares of common stock issued in its initial public offering has the right to vote against the acquisition proposal and, at the same time, elect that Freedom redeem such stockholder's shares for cash equal to a pro rata portion of the trust account in which a substantial portion of the net proceeds of our initial public offering is deposited. These shares will be redeemed for cash only if the acquisition is completed and the stockholder requesting redemption holds such shares until the date the acquisition is consummated. However, if the holders of 10,560,000 or more shares of Freedom common stock issued in our initial public offering, an amount equal to 20% or more of the total number of shares issued in our initial public offering, vote against the acquisition and elect redemption of their shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account, then Freedom will not be able to consummate the acquisition, regardless of whether a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock vote in favor of the acquisition proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against the acquisition proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors has determined unanimously that the acquisition is fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders and that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the acquisition proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF

FREEDOM S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT CERTAIN OF GLG S PRINCIPALS, THEIR TRUSTEES AND GLG KEY PERSONNEL AND FREEDOM S DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS HAVE INTERESTS IN THE ACQUISITION THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM, OR IN ADDITION TO, YOUR INTERESTS AS A STOCKHOLDER, WHICH ARE DESCRIBED ELSEWHERE IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

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THE ACQUISITION

General

The Freedom Group is acquiring all the outstanding equity interests of the Acquired Companies, through a series of related transactions, in exchange for cash, stock and debt, as described below. In this proxy statement, we refer to the equity interest of the Acquired Companies that the Freedom Group will acquire as the Purchased Shares . In some cases, the Acquired Companies are holding companies, without independent operations, and in other cases they are operating businesses. We use the term GLG to refer to the business and operations of all the Acquired Companies and their subsidiaries and affiliates that will be directly or indirectly acquired by the Freedom Group. We use the term GLG Funds to refer to the investment funds that GLG manages, operates and advises. The GLG Funds are not Acquired Companies or otherwise treated as assets that the Freedom Group will acquire under the purchase agreement. Freedom will not acquire all the outstanding equity interests of certain subsidiaries and affiliates of the Acquired Companies, nor will it own GLG Inc. as a result of the acquisition.

Purchase Price

The purchase price for GLG is approximately \$3.4 billion, based on the closing sale price of Freedom common stock on June 22, 2007 of \$10.45 per share, subject to adjustment as described below. The initial purchase price will be paid as follows:

Cash: Up to \$1.0 billion of the purchase price will be paid in cash. The actual amount will depend on the extent to which Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP elect to have a portion of the purchase price paid in Notes (as described below). The amount of cash paid will be reduced, dollar-for-dollar, by the principal amount of any Notes issued to pay the purchase price. The cash portion of the purchase price will be funded by a combination of borrowing by FA Sub 3 Limited under the credit facilities (up to \$570.0 million) and existing cash proceeds from the initial public offering of Freedom (up to \$551.1 million). The available cash will be reduced by amounts necessary to pay for any redemption rights exercised by Freedom stockholders. See Agreements Related to Acquisition Credit Facilities .

Notes: A portion of the purchase price may be paid (at the option of Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP) by issuing Notes of FA Sub 1 Limited.

Capital Stock: The balance of the purchase price will be paid by issuing capital stock of Freedom and securities of Freedom subsidiaries that are exchangeable for, or subject to put or call rights payable in, shares of Freedom common stock. For a description of the principal terms of the securities that will be issued in connection with the acquisition of GLG, see The Authorized Share Proposal Description of Capital Stock . This combination of securities will give GLG Shareowners and employees and key personnel of GLG voting and economic rights approximately equal to 230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock, as described below. Of this number, the approximate equivalent of 220,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock will be issued to GLG Shareowners in consideration for the Purchased Shares and 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock (in the aggregate) will be issued at closing to one or more trusts or subsidiaries of Freedom that will hold the shares for the benefit of GLG s employees, service providers and certain key personnel or use the shares to acquire certain limited partnership interests issued to Lavender Heights LLP and Laurel Heights LLP under the Restricted Stock Plan. See The Purchase Agreement Structure of the Acquisition .

The purchase price will be subject to adjustment in certain events, both before and after the acquisition as described below. See The Purchase Agreement Purchase Price . The GLG Shareowners are subject to a number of varying tax

regimes and tax rules. The receipt of a particular type of security (*e.g.*, Freedom common stock, FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares, or FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares and Freedom Series A preferred stock) or form of consideration (*e.g.*, cash or Notes) may have different tax consequences to particular GLG Shareowners depending on their tax circumstances. The issuance of the Notes and the FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares (which are subject to put and call rights) will have the effect of accommodating the differing personal tax profiles of the GLG Shareowners and will not have a negative impact on Freedom.

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There is no single exchange ratio or uniform per share amount that GLG Shareowners will be paid for their equity interests in the Acquired Companies. The value of each equity interest is tied to the value ascribed to the related Acquired Company in the purchase agreement, as well as the number and type of equity interests issued by that Acquired Company. The chart below summarizes the aggregate consideration (cash and the value of Freedom securities based on an assumed trading price of Freedom common stock of \$9.50 per share (the minimum price under the purchase agreement)) that will be paid for each share of the various Acquired Companies.

Name of Acquired Company	Aggregate Consideration (Cash & Freedom Securities) Per Outstanding Share
GLG Partners Asset Management Limited	\$ 47.46
GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited	\$ 0.17
GLG Partners Services Limited	\$ 188,575.91
Mount Garnet Limited	\$ <0.01
Knox Pines, Ltd.	\$ 1,682,392.93
Betapoint Corporation	\$ 104,869.16
GLG Holdings Limited	\$ 282,863.87
GLG Partners Limited	\$ 43.66
Mount Granite Limited	\$ <0.01
Liberty Peak Ltd.	\$ 2,523,589.39
Albacrest Corporation	\$ 157,303.74

The consideration received by each GLG Shareowner for each Acquired Company will be in direct proportion to that GLG Shareowner's percentage interest in that Acquired Company, after reallocating to Lavender Heights Capital LP and Sage Summit LP 15% of the sale proceeds attributable to the following Acquired Companies:

GLG Partners Asset Management Limited;

GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited; and

GLG Partners Limited.

While neither Lavender Heights Capital LP nor Sage Summit LP has any direct or indirect equity interest in these three Acquired Companies, they have a contractual right to receive 15% of the aggregate consideration paid in connection with the acquisition under the terms of the equity participation plan. The reallocation of sale proceeds for these three Acquired Companies gives effect to the equity participation plan. It results in Lavender Heights Capital LP and Sage Summit LP receiving an additional 59,943 FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares and \$272,847 of cash, in the aggregate.

Apart from the fact that per share amounts vary based on the value of each Acquired Company and the number and type of equity interests issued by that Acquired Company, the consideration received by each GLG Shareowner will also vary because:

not every GLG Shareowner holds shares or other equity interests in each Acquired Company; and

GLG Shareowners who hold shares or other equity interests in many of the Acquired Companies, such as the Principals, have different percentage interests in the shares or other equity interests issued by different Acquired Companies.

However, in the aggregate, each GLG Shareowner will receive for his or its combined ownership interest stock and cash consideration proportionate to his or its combined ownership interest (after giving effect to the 15% interest for the equity participation plan and the 10,000,000 shares to be issued for the benefit of employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan).

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In addition to paying the purchase price and issuing shares to GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan, Freedom plans to establish an equity-based long-term incentive plan, the LTIP, for officers, directors, employees, service providers, certain key personnel and other contributors to GLG's business. Freedom plans to reserve 40,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for stock options or other equity-based awards under the LTIP.

After giving effect to the acquisition and related transactions, the GLG Shareowners, GLG employees and GLG key personnel who receive securities in connection with the acquisition will, collectively, own securities that would (if fully converted or exchanged) represent approximately 70% of Freedom's common stock on a fully diluted basis (exclusive of any stock-based awards that may be granted under the LTIP).

In addition, Freedom and GLG estimate that they will incur direct transaction costs of approximately \$36 million associated with the acquisition, which will be included as a part of the total purchase cost for accounting purposes if the acquisition is completed.

Acquisition Structure

Freedom will purchase GLG through newly organized, wholly owned subsidiaries, FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited, in a series of transactions as described below. See "The Purchase Agreement - Structure of the Acquisition". Following the acquisition of 100% of the equity interests in the Acquired Companies, all of GLG's operations will continue to be conducted by, and all of GLG's assets which constituted the GLG business prior to the acquisition will continue to be held by, the Acquired Companies. Following the acquisition, Freedom will change its name to GLG Partners, Inc. and will be a holding company with the following structure:

GLG Partners, Inc. will hold 100% of the ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited, assuming that all of the FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares issued at the closing to Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP subject to the put/call arrangement are exchanged following the closing of the acquisition for Freedom common stock. The purpose of FA Sub 1 Limited is to be the holding company for all the non-U.S. entities that conduct GLG's business;

FA Sub 1 Limited will hold 100% of the Class A ordinary shares of FA Sub 2 Limited, and the Trustee for the Gottesman GLG Trust will own 100% of the Exchangeable Shares of FA Sub 2 Limited, the company through which the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust will hold its continuing interest in the Acquired Companies. The purpose of FA Sub 2 Limited is to be the holding company for the GLG businesses that are subject to the regulatory authority of the Cayman Islands; and

FA Sub 2 Limited will hold 100% of the ordinary shares of FA Sub 3 Limited. The purpose of FA Sub 3 Limited is to be the holding company for the GLG businesses that are subject to the regulatory authority of the European Union, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Luxembourg and other European regulatory authorities.

As part of the acquisition transaction, Freedom will also acquire the capital interests in certain GLG entities held by Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP through Liberty Peak Ltd. and Knox Pines Ltd. Through these capital interests, certain of GLG's key personnel participate in GLG's equity participation plan entitling them, in the aggregate, to acquire 15% of the cash and stock consideration to be paid to the GLG Shareowners in the acquisition, subject to certain vesting requirements. The cash and shares of stock will be held by Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP for the benefit of these key personnel until they have vested.

There are certain interests in GLG that Freedom will not acquire in connection with the acquisition. First, Freedom will not be acquiring certain membership interests in Laurel Heights LLP and Lavender Heights LLP held by GLG's key personnel participating in the limited partner profit share arrangement. Freedom also will not acquire certain limited partnership interests in GLG Partners Services LP held by two of GLG's key personnel, Steven Roth and Greg Coffey (through Saffron Woods Corporation), who participate in the limited partner profit share arrangement, but who are not members of Lavender Heights LLP, one of the LLPs described above. The limited partner profit share arrangement is the primary means through which these non-

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employee key personnel are compensated for their services to GLG and these profit share interests will continue to remain outstanding after the acquisition. None of the Principals participates in the limited partner profit share arrangement. The limited partner profit shares for these key personnel are paid as distributions from GLG's net income in amounts determined at the discretion of GLG's management and will be determined before distributions to GLG Partners, Inc. In addition, the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust will hold FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares entitling the holder to receive certain special distributions by FA Sub 2 Limited that shareholders of GLG Partners, Inc. will not be entitled to participate in. Freedom will not acquire GLG Holdings Inc. and GLG Inc. in the acquisition, but expects to acquire these entities after consummation of the acquisition pursuant to a purchase agreement with GLG. Accordingly, after completion of the acquisition, amounts distributed in respect of these limited partner profit shares and FA Sub 2 Exchangeable Shares will not be available for distribution to shareholders of GLG Partners, Inc. As a result of these distributions, the management, administration and performance fees earned by GLG will not necessarily flow to the GLG Partners, Inc. shareholders in amounts proportionate to their beneficial ownership of shares of GLG Partners, Inc. Instead, the amounts available for distribution to GLG Partners, Inc. shareholders will be reduced by the amounts received by GLG's key personnel as limited partner profit share and by the holder of FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares as special distributions.

For more information about the organizational structure of GLG, see [Organizational Structure](#) .

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The following diagram shows the corporate structure of Freedom and its subsidiaries immediately after the acquisition and related transactions.

Key:

Albacrest:	Albacrest Corporation
Betapoint:	Betapoint Corporation
GHL:	GLG Holdings Limited
GLGPL:	GLG Partners Limited
GPAM:	GLG Partners Asset Management Limited
GPCL:	GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited
GPICL:	GLG Partners International (Cayman) Limited
GPC:	GLG Partners Corporation
GPLP:	GLG Partners LP
GPS:	GLG Partners Services Limited
GPS LP:	GLG Partners Services LP
Knox Pines:	Knox Pines Ltd.
Laurel Heights:	Laurel Heights LLP
Lavender Heights:	Lavender Heights LLP
Liberty Peak:	Liberty Peak Ltd.
Mount Garnet:	Mount Garnet Limited
Mount Granite:	Mount Granite Limited
Saffron Woods:	Saffron Woods Corporation
Steven Roth:	a GLG key personnel
Gottesman:	Noam Gottesman and the Gottesman GLG Trust, individually and collectively
Green:	Jonathan Green and the Green GLG Trust, individually and collectively
Istithmar:	IFS V Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Istithmar (PJSC) and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Dubai World
Lagrange:	Pierre Lagrange and the Lagrange GLG Trust, individually and collectively
Lehman:	Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd
Roman:	Emmanuel Roman, the Roman GLG Trust, Albacrest and Betapoint, individually and collectively
Sal. Oppenheim:	FARAMIR Beteiligungs und Verwaltungs GmbH, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A.

** The Gottesman ownership interests reflect the Exchangeable Shares of FA Sub 2 Limited and the Freedom Series A preferred stock.

* Represents profits interests of participants in GLG's limited partner profit share arrangement that are not being acquired by Freedom in the acquisition.

These entities hold capital interests and discretionary profits interests in GPS LP.

This entity holds capital interests and discretionary profits interests in GPLP.

Note: The historical financial statements of GLG include GLG Holdings Inc. and GLG Inc., an independently owned dedicated research and administrative services provider, which GLG has agreed to acquire, subject to certain conditions.

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Background of the Acquisition

Over the past several years, GLG has periodically reviewed its long-term strategic plans and evaluated a number of alternatives, including a potential sale of the business, a strategic alliance or business combination with a third party or an initial public offering. In January 2007, GLG engaged Perella Weinberg Partners LP as its financial adviser in connection with exploring various strategic alternatives available to GLG.

Working with its financial adviser, GLG prepared a confidential information memorandum containing a description of its business and historical financial information, and identified a select list of leading, primarily U.S. based, financial services institutions to approach with regard to a possible business combination or strategic partnership. Beginning in mid-January 2007, GLG's financial adviser, on behalf of GLG, approached this group of institutions. Subsequently, GLG entered into confidentiality agreements with some of these institutions and provided them with the confidential information memorandum.

From mid-February until early April, 2007, GLG, with the assistance of GLG's financial adviser, met with representatives from the institutions which had expressed interest to discuss possible transactions. GLG received preliminary indications of interest from several of these institutions.

Nicolas Berggruen, President and Chief Executive Officer of Freedom, was aware of GLG's reputation by virtue of being an investor in one of the GLG Funds, as well as having known Noam Gottesman, Co-Chief Executive Officer of GLG, for approximately five years. Mr. Gottesman was familiar with Mr. Berggruen's past investment success and, as a result of this track record, certain GLG Funds purchased Freedom units totalling 407,615 shares of common stock and 407,615 warrants.

Mr. Berggruen recognized the potential merits to GLG that would arise if GLG were a public company and, on several occasions beginning in late February, 2007, suggested to Mr. Gottesman the idea of a possible business combination.

On March 8, 2007, Messrs. Gottesman and Berggruen met in London, England to discuss the possibility of a business combination between GLG and Freedom.

On March 9, 2007, GLG and Freedom entered into a non-disclosure agreement, following which GLG's financial adviser delivered the confidential information memorandum to Freedom.

On March 30, 2007, Freedom's counsel, GLG's counsel, representatives of GLG's financial adviser and Jared Bluestein, a representative of Berggruen Holdings, participated in a conference call during which the preliminary structure and terms of a transaction were initially discussed.

On April 5, 2007, Mr. Berggruen and Martin Franklin, Chairman of the Board of Freedom, met with GLG's Principals in New York City to discuss high level deal terms and process and timing issues in connection with a possible transaction. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Principals were joined by their respective legal counsels and GLG's financial adviser to discuss more specific structure and timing issues.

On April 9, 2007, Freedom delivered a term sheet to GLG's counsel and GLG's financial adviser.

On April 10, 2007, GLG's counsel, GLG's financial adviser and Freedom's counsel met in New York City to discuss the term sheet and other items relating to a possible business combination.

On April 11, 2007, Freedom's counsel delivered a revised term sheet to GLG's counsel and GLG's financial adviser reflecting certain changes discussed at the previous day's meeting.

On April 16, 2007, Messrs. Gottesman and Berggruen met again to discuss certain high level deal issues, including the proposed consideration for a possible transaction.

On April 20, 2007, Freedom's board of directors held a telephonic meeting during which, among other things, Messrs. Berggruen and Franklin updated the board on the status of a possible transaction.

On May 16, 2007, GLG's counsel, Freedom's counsel and GLG's financial adviser met in New York City to discuss the structure of a proposed business combination, with a particular focus on the need to restructure GLG's business to fit under the ownership of a U.S. public company.

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On May 18, 2007, GLG's counsel distributed a preliminary draft of a step plan of the transaction (including a reorganization of the various GLG entities) to the working group for its review and comment.

On May 23, 2007, Freedom's board of directors held a telephonic meeting during which Mr. Franklin updated the board on the status of a possible transaction.

On May 30, 2007, the Principals and management of GLG made a presentation to Freedom's board of directors and Freedom's counsel.

On June 4, 2007, GLG's counsel provided to Freedom's counsel a draft purchase agreement providing, among other things, for the acquisition by Freedom of the equity interests in the Acquired Companies.

During the week of June 4, 2007, representatives of Freedom and GLG, in addition to Freedom's counsel and GLG's counsel, met in London, England to negotiate and draft the purchase agreement, related transaction documents and the proxy statement. GLG's financial adviser was also present to assist in the negotiations.

During the week of June 11, 2007, counsel for Freedom and counsel for GLG continued to exchange drafts of the purchase agreement and related transaction documents, as well as engage in negotiations relating to such drafts. In addition, counsel for Freedom and counsel for GLG exchanged initial drafts of the shareholders' agreement, founders agreement and support agreement.

On June 15, 2007, Freedom's counsel distributed to Freedom's board of directors materials that included, among other things, a description of the terms of the proposed transaction and drafts of the transaction documents.

On June 19, 2007, the board of directors of Freedom held a board meeting during which Mr. Franklin updated the board on the status of the proposed transaction. In addition, counsel for Freedom gave a detailed presentation of the terms of the proposed transaction, transaction documents and a summary of the due diligence of GLG undertaken by such counsel.

From June 20 through June 22, 2007, representatives of Freedom and GLG, including Freedom's counsel, GLG's counsel and GLG's financial adviser, met in London, England to continue negotiations and the drafting of the purchase agreement and related transaction documents, including the shareholders' agreement, founders agreement and support agreement. Counsel for Freedom and counsel for GLG exchanged initial drafts of the voting agreement, agreement among principals and trustees, exchangeable security holders' agreement and shares exchange agreement.

On June 22, 2007, the board of directors of Freedom held a board meeting during which Mr. Franklin updated the board on the status of the proposed transaction and stated that negotiations were substantially complete. Counsel for Freedom then reviewed the latest changes to the terms of the proposed transaction. The board of directors of Freedom, by a unanimous vote, determined that the fair market value of GLG is in excess of 80% of Freedom's net assets plus the proceeds of the co-investment by our sponsors (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$18.0 million) and approved and declared advisable the acquisition, the pre-closing and post-closing certificate amendments and the LTIP, subject to any changes approved by Freedom's officers, and resolved to recommend that Freedom's stockholders vote in favor of the proposals at a special meeting to be held to vote on the proposals.

Representatives of Freedom and GLG, along with Freedom's counsel and GLG's counsel, then continued to negotiate and finalize the remaining issues in the purchase agreement and related transaction documents. During the evening of June 22, 2007, after the financial markets closed in New York, the purchase agreement and related transaction documents were completed and executed by the parties thereto. Prior to the opening of the financial markets in

London and New York on June 25, 2007, Freedom agreed to engage Citigroup Global Markets Inc. to serve as its financial adviser, and GLG and Freedom issued a joint press release announcing the transaction.

During the negotiations between Freedom and GLG, the members of Freedom's audit committee were provided updates by Nicolas Berggruen, Martin Franklin and Freedom's counsel. At one meeting in which Messrs. Berggruen and Franklin did not participate, the management of GLG made a full business presentation

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to the members of the audit committee and counsel to Freedom. In connection with its approval of the transaction, the audit committee confirmed its view that the transaction complied with the original terms and conditions contained in the prospectus relating to Freedom's initial public offering.

Freedom retained Citigroup to provide financial advisory services in connection with the acquisition after all principal terms of the acquisition had been negotiated between the principals of Freedom and the GLG Shareowners.

GLG engaged Perella Weinberg Partners LP, or PWP, as its financial advisor in connection with exploring various strategic alternatives available to GLG, which at the time of engagement did not contemplate the acquisition. While PWP provided financial advisory services in connection with the acquisition, they were not engaged by GLG to provide a fairness opinion, nor was GLG required to obtain a fairness opinion with respect to the consideration to be paid to the GLG Shareowners in the acquisition. In addition, the GLG Shareowners include individuals and entities, such as the Principals and Lehman Brothers, with substantial financial and business skill and experience to evaluate independently the acquisition, the terms of the purchase agreement and the consideration to be paid to the GLG Shareowners in the acquisition.

Recommendation of the Freedom Board

Freedom's board of directors, having concluded that the acquisition of GLG is fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders, unanimously approved the acquisition and all transactions and documents necessary to its consummation.

In negotiating and structuring the business combination, Freedom's board of directors considered certain traditional metrics in valuating businesses, including multiples of historic cash flow, multiples of historic revenue and, in particular to asset management businesses, multiples of historic assets under management. Under each such metric, the contemplated acquisition, which reflects an enterprise value (assuming a trading price of Freedom's common stock of \$10.00 per share) of approximately \$3.3 billion, exceeded the 80% asset test required under Freedom's certificate of incorporation.

Freedom has been in search of a business combination partner since its initial public offering occurred in December 2006 and Freedom's board of directors considered a wide variety of factors in connection with its evaluation and recommendation to approve the acquisition. In arriving at its determination to approve the acquisition and its terms, Freedom's board of directors relied on an analysis and/or review of a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

GLG's variety of investment products, its advisory services, growth prospects and investment management team, which Freedom's board of directors believes will provide Freedom's stockholders with a unique opportunity to acquire, and participate in, a company with significant growth potential, particularly as its business continues to grow and expand into the United States and other dynamic global markets;

the quality and strength of GLG's management team;

information with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and businesses of GLG, on both a historical and prospective basis. Freedom's board of directors believes that GLG has in place a strong brand, a proven ability to grow its operations and the infrastructure for additional growth. GLG experienced significant growth in its gross assets under management (including assets invested from other GLG Funds) to in excess of \$20 billion as of June 1, 2007, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001, representing a compound annual growth rate of approximately 36%. In addition, as of June 1, 2007, GLG's net assets under management (net of assets invested from other GLG Funds) were in excess of \$17 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001, representing an annual compound growth rate of

approximately 32%;

the ability of GLG to expand its business both in existing and new markets. GLG's management believes that there are significant opportunities to expand GLG's business into the United States and

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other dynamic global markets, as well as opportunities to expand GLG's business in its existing markets; and the belief that the acquisition of GLG is preferable to any other available transaction to enhance stockholder value.

Freedom's board of directors believes that each of the above factors supported its determination and recommendation to approve the acquisition. In addition, Freedom's board of directors reviewed a number of additional factors in evaluating the acquisition of GLG, including, but not limited to, the following:

the financial regulatory environment for GLG and its business in the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States including compliance and internal auditing requirements, business codes of conduct, restrictions on changes of control, consumer complaints and compensation, regulatory capital and anti-money laundering regulations and procedures;

the terms and conditions of the acquisition and the purchase agreement and related transaction documents; and

the results of Freedom's legal, financial and accounting due diligence review of GLG, including comprehensive due diligence reports from Freedom's attorneys on such aspects of GLG's operations as corporate structure, regulatory oversight of investment funds, banking and finance relationships, employment matters, intellectual property, information technology and data protection, litigation, real estate, pensions and tax issues.

Freedom's board of directors also considered the following potentially negative factors, among others, including the Risk Factors, in its deliberations concerning the acquisition:

the competitive nature of the alternative asset management industry in general, and GLG's markets in particular, including the likelihood of industry consolidation and increased competition;

the possibility that the benefits anticipated from the acquisition might not be achieved or might not occur as rapidly or to the extent currently anticipated;

the risk that GLG might not perform on a prospective basis as well as it has performed historically;

the risk that the current public stockholders of Freedom would vote against the acquisition and demand to redeem their shares for cash upon consummation of the acquisition, thereby depleting the amount of cash available to complete the acquisition. Because of the funds being borrowed under the credit facility, the fact that the majority of the consideration in the acquisition consists of shares of Freedom's common stock and other factors, Freedom's board of directors deemed this risk to be less with regard to GLG than it would be for other target companies and Freedom will be able to complete the acquisition even if the maximum number of Freedom stockholders exercise their redemption rights;

the fact that certain officers and directors of Freedom may have interests in the merger that are different from, or are in addition to, the interests of Freedom stockholders generally, including the matters described under "The Acquisition Proposal - Interests of Freedom Directors and Officers in the Acquisition" above;

the pro forma effect of the issuance of 230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock pursuant to the acquisition on Freedom's earnings per share, which would reduce Freedom's earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2006 and the three months ended March 31, 2007 from net income (loss) of \$0.78 and (\$0.06) per share-basic (\$0.75 and \$(0.06) per share-diluted), respectively, to a net loss of \$0.18 and \$0.27 per share (maximum approval) and \$0.21 and \$0.28 per share (minimum approval)-basic and diluted, respectively,

on a pro forma adjusted basis; and

the limitations on indemnification set forth in the purchase agreement. See The Purchase Agreement Indemnification.

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For a discussion of the existing risk factors and their possible effect on the success of the acquisition, see [Risk Factors](#) .

In the view of Freedom's board of directors, these potentially countervailing factors did not, individually or in the aggregate, outweigh the advantages of the acquisition.

Freedom's board of directors determined not to obtain a fairness opinion in connection with the approval of the purchase agreement because of (i) its internal ability to value the business as against public comparables and other market index measures, (ii) its general exercise of its business judgment and (iii) its knowledge that the valuation of the proposed acquisition would be tested by the market and factors that Freedom's stockholders deemed relevant and that 20% of the public stockholders could effectively veto the proposed acquisition if they did not deem such valuation to be fair. Therefore, Freedom's board of directors did not undertake the kind of in depth analysis that a financial advisor would have undertaken in the rendering of a fairness opinion. Except for a confidential information memorandum prepared by PWP on behalf of GLG in connection with a potential sale of GLG, Freedom did not otherwise receive any other report or appraisal materially related to the acquisition or the related transactions.

In determining that the acquisition of GLG is fair to, and in the best interests of, Freedom and its stockholders, Freedom's board of directors utilized objective standards generally accepted by the financial community, such as actual historical and potential future revenues, actual historical and projected future growth of assets under management, comparable industry multiples, earnings and cash flow, and book value. Freedom's board of directors and its representatives also had discussions with members of the management of GLG concerning the financial condition, current and historical operating results for GLG, projected growth in assets under management and the business outlook for GLG.

In arriving at its fairness determination, Freedom's board of directors considered the results of all of its analyses and did not attribute any particular weight to any factor or analysis considered by it. Rather, Freedom's board of directors made its determination as to fairness on the basis of its experience and judgment after considering the results of all of its analyses.

The foregoing discussion of the information and factors considered by Freedom's board of directors is not intended to be exhaustive, but includes the material factors considered by Freedom's board of directors. In view of the variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the acquisition, Freedom's board of directors did not find it practicable to, and did not, quantify or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors considered in reaching its determination and recommendation. In addition, individual directors may have given differing weights to different factors. After weighing all of the different factors, Freedom's board of directors unanimously approved the purchase agreement and the related transactions and recommends that Freedom's stockholders approve the acquisition proposal.

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THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

The following summary of the material provisions of the purchase agreement is qualified by reference to the complete text of the purchase agreement, a copy of which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement and incorporated herein by reference. All stockholders are encouraged to read the purchase agreement in its entirety for a more complete description of the terms and conditions of the acquisition.

The description of the purchase agreement has been included solely to provide investors and security holders with information regarding its terms. While we have publicly disclosed the purchase agreement and its terms by incorporating the purchase agreement into this proxy statement, the representations and warranties made in the purchase agreement may not accurately characterize the current actual state of facts with respect to Freedom or GLG because they were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of the specific dates set forth therein and may be subject to important exceptions, qualifications, limitations and supplemental information agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by disclosures made in confidential disclosure schedules delivered by the contracting parties in connection with negotiating the purchase agreement. Moreover, some of those representations and warranties may have been used for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the purchase agreement, instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to public filings made with the SEC. Current factual information about Freedom and GLG can be found elsewhere in this proxy statement and in the public filings that Freedom makes with the SEC, which are available without charge at www.sec.gov. Freedom and GLG acknowledge that if specific material facts exist that contradict the representations and warranties in the purchase agreement, corrective disclosure has been provided in this proxy statement.

Structure of the Acquisition

At the closing of the acquisition, FA Sub 1 Limited, FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited, each a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of Freedom, will acquire all outstanding equity interests of the Acquired Companies, in exchange for cash, stock and debt as described below. The acquisition has been structured to achieve a number of business, regulatory, tax and other objectives of the Freedom Group and the GLG Shareowners. It will involve a series of transactions that include the following steps:

FA Sub 1 Limited Acquires Designated Shares. FA Sub 1 Limited will acquire the Purchased Shares issued by Liberty Peak and Knox Pines (which are referred to as Designated Shares), in exchange for:

33,000,000 ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited; and

\$150,000,000 paid in cash and/or Notes.

The ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited will be issued subject to a shares exchange agreement that will be entered into between the holders of those ordinary shares and Freedom. Among other things, the shares exchange agreement will give:

holders of those ordinary shares the right to require Freedom to buy the ordinary shares at any time, solely in exchange for Freedom common stock, with one share of Freedom common stock paid to buy each ordinary share; and

Freedom the right at any time to buy any of those ordinary shares that remain outstanding after the closing date for the acquisition, solely in exchange for Freedom common stock, with one share of Freedom common stock

issued to buy each ordinary share.

It is contemplated that all ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited will be exchanged for Freedom common stock promptly after the acquisition, either at the request of the holders of the ordinary shares or Freedom and, therefore, FA Sub 1 Limited will be wholly owned by Freedom.

After FA Sub 1 Limited acquires the Designated Shares, they will be transferred, directly or indirectly, to FA Sub 3 Limited as a capital contribution.

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FA Sub 3 Limited Acquires UK Shares. FA Sub 3 Limited will acquire the Purchased Shares issued by eight of the Acquired Companies associated with GLG's business in the United Kingdom and Ireland (which are referred to as UK Shares), in exchange for:

80,460,285 shares of Freedom common stock;

35,383,948 shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock;

35,383,948 Exchangeable Shares issued by FA Sub 2 Limited; and

\$526,564,696 in cash.

FA Sub 3 Limited will use proceeds of a loan made to it under the credit facility to fund the cash portion of the purchase price for the UK Shares.

FA Sub 2 Limited Acquires All Other Purchased Shares. FA Sub 2 Limited will acquire all of the Purchased Shares, other than Designated Shares and UK Shares, in exchange for:

47,634,722 shares of Freedom common stock;

23,521,045 shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock;

23,521,045 Exchangeable Shares issued by FA Sub 2 Limited; and

\$323,435,304 in cash.

All of the share and dollar amounts referred to above are subject to change under purchase price adjustment provisions in the purchase agreement, including those described below.

All of the Freedom common stock referred to above will be issued to GLG Shareowners, other than Mr. Gottesman and the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust, for the Purchased Shares they sell to FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited. The cash amount referred to above will be allocated among all GLG Shareowners who sell Purchased Shares to FA Sub 2 Limited and FA Sub 3 Limited, including Mr. Gottesman and the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust.

All of the Series A preferred stock and all of the Exchangeable Shares will be issued to the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust. These securities, combined, will approximate the voting, economic and other rights Mr. Gottesman and the Trustee of the Gottesman GLG Trust would have if they had exchanged their equity interests in the Acquired Companies for 58,904,993 shares of Freedom common stock, representing 19.65% of the outstanding shares of common stock of Freedom following consummation of the acquisition after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors and assuming that no shares are elected to be redeemed by Freedom stockholders and no outstanding Freedom warrants are exercised.

As described below, each share of Series A preferred stock has substantially the same voting rights as a share of Freedom common stock and only nominal economic rights. Each Exchangeable Share may be exchanged at any time on a share-for-share basis, for Freedom common stock, and has certain economic and voting rights described below prior to exchange. The Exchangeable Shares and Series A preferred stock are not separately transferable or tradeable. The Exchangeable Shares must be surrendered for cancellation, and the corresponding shares of Series A preferred stock will be concurrently redeemed, at such time as the holder elects to exchange Exchangeable Shares for Freedom common stock.

Employee and Key Personnel Shares. In connection with the closing of the acquisition and related transactions, Freedom will issue 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock under the Restricted Stock Plan to one or more trusts or subsidiaries of Freedom that will hold the shares for the benefit of GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel or use the shares to acquire certain limited partnership interests issued by two Acquired Companies, Lavender Heights and Laurel Heights, to certain GLG key personnel who are participants in the equity participation plan.

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Purchase Price

At the closing and subject to certain adjustments as described below, the Freedom Group will pay to the GLG Shareowners:

\$1.0 billion, to be allocated between cash and Notes (if Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP elect to receive Notes); and

230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock and common stock equivalents, as described above. See Structure of the Acquisition.

Before the acquisition, the number of securities issued as part of the purchase price will:

increase if the average closing price of Freedom common stock during the ten day trading period prior to the closing of the acquisition is less than \$9.50 per share.

increase or decrease proportionately to give effect to any stock split, reverse stock split, stock combination, reclassification of stock, recapitalization, stock dividend or similar events, none of which is currently expected to occur.

After the acquisition, the cash Freedom delivers as part of the purchase price may be increased or decreased based, generally, on the net cash (as defined in the purchase agreement) of GLG at the time of the acquisition. Specifically, the purchase price will be adjusted, up or down, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to the extent the net cash amount as of the closing date is higher or lower than \$0, as calculated by the Freedom Group's representative, on each of the following adjustment dates: (1) 10 business days after the closing, (2) January 31, 2008, (3) 10 business days after receipt by the Freedom Group of the audited financial statements of GLG for fiscal year 2007. It is expected that Freedom will be required to pay additional cash after the acquisition to the extent that earnings from pre-closing operations have not been distributed as cash dividends to the GLG Shareowners.

As noted above, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP may elect to receive Notes for some or all of the cash amount that otherwise would be paid to them under the purchase agreement. If requested, the Notes will:

be issued by FA Sub 1 Limited;

bear interest at a fixed rate equal to LIBOR on the date of issue;

rank pari passu among themselves;

be non-recourse obligations of FA Sub 1 Limited (and its affiliates, including Freedom);

be secured by funds deposited in a collateral account (equal to the aggregate original principal amount of the Notes issued) maintained with a financial institution to hold and invest the deposit and pay principal of and interest on the Notes as and when due (at the stated maturity date, prior repayment date, on acceleration or otherwise); and

have a stated maturity that is two years from the date of issue, but (1) holders of Notes may demand that FA Sub 1 Limited repay the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time after the date six months from the date of issue, (2) FA Sub 1 Limited may repurchase the Notes at any time after the date six months

from the date of issue, and (3) the Notes may be declared immediately due and payable by the holders if any of the following events of default occurs and is continuing:

FA Sub 1 Limited fails to pay any principal payable on any of the Notes within 10 business days of the due date for payment;

FA Sub 1 Limited begins a winding-up, dissolution or re-organization (other than for reorganization or amalgamation) or appoints a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee or similar officer of it or of all or any material part of its assets;

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FA Sub 1 Limited is insolvent or unable to pay its debts or commences negotiations with its creditors for readjustment of its debts or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

FA Sub 1 Limited does anything analogous to the previously mentioned items; or

FA Sub 1 Limited is or will be unable to comply with any of its obligations under the Notes because such obligations become unlawful.

It is currently expected that less than \$15.0 million principal amount of Notes will be issued in connection with the acquisition.

Closing

The closing of the acquisition will take place on the third business day following the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions described below under Conditions to the Completion of the Acquisition, or such other date as the GLG Shareowners representative and Freedom may agree. One exception is that if the consent of CIMA for the transfer of GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited (GPCL) has not been obtained by the time all other conditions to the closing have been satisfied, then the GLG Shareowners representative has the right to elect to close the purchase of all the Acquired Companies other than GPCL and to defer the closing with respect to GPCL until the consent of CIMA has been obtained.

Representations and Warranties

The purchase agreement contains a number of representations and warranties made by GLG Shareowners, on the one hand, and the Freedom Group, on the other hand, to each other.

The representations and warranties made by each of the GLG Shareowners as to themselves relate to:

organization and qualification;

capacity or authority to execute, deliver, and perform their obligations under the agreements related to the acquisition and the enforceability of these transaction documents;

absence of any conflicts or violations under organizational documents, material agreements and applicable laws, licenses or permits as a result of the consummation of the acquisition or the execution, delivery or performance of the transaction documents;

required consents and approvals;

ownership of their respective Purchased Shares;

accredited investor matters and investment intention with respect to the Freedom capital stock issued in connection with the acquisition; and

payment of fees to investment banks, brokers, finders or other intermediary in connection with the transaction documents.

The substantially reciprocal representations and warranties made by certain GLG Shareowners as to GLG and by the Freedom Group as to themselves relate to:

organization, qualification and subsidiaries;

authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the transaction documents and the enforceability of those transaction documents;

absence of any conflicts or violations under organizational documents, material agreements and applicable laws, licenses or permits as a result of the consummation of the acquisition or the execution, delivery or performance of the transaction documents;

payment of fees to investment banks, brokers, finders or other intermediary in connection with the transaction documents;

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required governmental approvals;
capital structure;
financial statements and liabilities;
absence of certain changes or events since March 31, 2007;
tax matters;
title to assets and properties and absence of material liens;
material contracts and change of control agreements;
litigation matters;
environmental matters;
compliance with applicable laws;
permits and licenses;
employment and employee benefits matters; and
insurance.

In addition, certain GLG Shareowners made additional representations and warranties as to GLG relating to:

information supplied for use in this proxy statement;
transactions with affiliates;
material clients;
the GLG Funds;
business intellectual property; and
competition laws.

The Freedom Group also made additional representations and warranties relating to:

Freedom's filings with the SEC;
Freedom's investment intention with respect to the equity interests in the GLG; and
the financial commitment letter.

Some of the GLG Shareowners, referred to in the purchase agreement as Designated Sellers, did not make representations and warranties as to GLG. However, they agreed to assume certain indemnification obligations described below for breach of some of those representations and warranties as if they had made them.

Materiality and Material Adverse Effect

Certain representations and warranties are qualified by materiality or material adverse effect. For the purpose of the purchase agreement, a material adverse effect as to GLG and Freedom means any fact, circumstance, change or effect that, individually or when taken together with all other such facts, circumstances, changes or effects that exist at the date of determination of the occurrence of the material adverse effect, has or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on (1) the ability of such entities to perform any material obligations under any of the transaction documents or (2) the ability of such entities to consummate the acquisition in accordance with the transaction documents or (3) the business, operations, financial condition or results of operations of such entities, taken as a whole. None of the following will be deemed to be or constitute a material adverse effect:

economic, financial or political conditions or changes therein;

conditions in the financial markets, and any changes therein;

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the announcement or pendency of the purchase agreement and the acquisition;

changes in the applicable laws; or

compliance with the express terms or failure to take action prohibited by the purchase agreement.

Covenants

The parties to the purchase agreement, other than Designated Sellers, have agreed to perform certain covenants in the purchase agreement. The principal covenants are as follows:

Conduct of Business. For the period prior to completion of the acquisition or termination of the purchase agreement and except as expressly permitted by the purchase agreement, the parties agreed that the Freedom Group and GLG would:

conduct, their respective businesses in the ordinary course consistent with past practices;

pay their respective debts and taxes when due;

perform all material contracts;

use reasonable effort to preserve intact their respective present businesses; and

keep available services of their respective present officers and employees and preserve their respective relationships with customers, suppliers and others with which they have significant business dealings.

They also agreed that, except for any transaction required pursuant to the contemplated reorganization of GLG prior to the closing, and except for various exceptions contained in the purchase agreement or the related disclosure statement and schedules, GLG and the Freedom Group would not do any of the following:

amend or propose to amend any of its organizational documents;

authorize for issuance, issue, sell or deliver any of its securities or any securities of any of its subsidiaries;

acquire, redeem or amend any of its securities or any securities of any of its subsidiaries;

split, combine or reclassify any shares of capital stock or other equity securities;

propose or adopt a plan of complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, merger, consolidation, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization of it or any of its subsidiaries;

incur or assume any indebtedness or issue any debt securities, guarantee any material obligations, make any material loans or mortgage or pledge any of its or its subsidiaries' assets;

make any changes to any employee benefits plan, increase compensation or pay any bonuses or benefit to any consultant, director, officer or employee not required by any employee benefits plan;

forgive any loans to any of its or its subsidiaries' or affiliates' employees, officers or directors;

make any deposits or contributions or take any action to fund or secure the payment of compensation or benefits under any employee benefits plan, except as required by the terms of such employee benefits plan or any contract subject to such plan in effect on the date of the purchase agreement or as required by law;

enter into, amend, or extend any collective bargaining agreement;

acquire, sell, lease, license or dispose of any material property or assets, except for transactions (1) pursuant to the existing contracts, (2) in the ordinary course of business, or (3) not in excess of \$1.0 million individually, or \$10.0 million in the aggregate;

except as may be required to remain in compliance with the applicable laws or GAAP, (1) make any change in any of the accounting principles or practices used by it, or (2) revalue in any material respect

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any of its properties or assets, including writing-off notes or accounts receivable other than in the ordinary course of business;

change any material tax election or accounting method, settle or compromise any material tax liability, or consent to the extension or waiver of the limitations period applicable to a material tax claim or assessment;

enter into or amend any material contract or grant any release or relinquishment of any material rights under any material contract, except as permitted in the purchase agreement;

acquire (by merger, consolidation or acquisition of stock or assets) any other person or any equity or ownership interest therein;

settle or compromise any pending or threatened action or pay, discharge or satisfy or agree to pay, discharge or satisfy any liability, except as permitted in the purchase agreement;

enter into a contract to do any of the foregoing;

knowingly take any action which is reasonably expected to result in any of the conditions to the consummation of the acquisition or related transactions not being satisfied; or

knowingly take any action which would materially impair its ability to consummate the acquisition or related transactions in accordance with the terms of the purchase agreement or materially delay such consummation.

The purchase agreement generally does not restrict the declaration or payment of any dividend or distribution by GLG in respect of earnings or surplus or retained capital for any period ending on or prior to the closing date, other than liquidating distributions (following dissolution and winding up).

The purchase agreement contemplates that GLG may enter into an agreement to buy GLG Inc. prior to the closing of the acquisition, but the consummation of the purchase of GLG Inc. must be deferred until after the closing.

Freedom Proxy Statement and Stockholders Meeting. Freedom has agreed to prepare and file a proxy statement with the SEC and any other filing required under the securities laws or any other federal, foreign or blue sky laws, and to call and hold a meeting of its stockholders for the purpose of seeking the adoption of the acquisition proposal by its stockholders. Freedom has also agreed that it will, through its board of directors and subject to their fiduciary duties or as otherwise required by law, recommend to its stockholders that they approve and adopt the acquisition proposal. GLG will provide the required information with respect to its business in this proxy statement.

Directors and Officers of Freedom After Closing. Freedom and GLG Shareowners have agreed to take all necessary actions to appoint and elect certain officers and directors of Freedom and its subsidiaries to serve in such positions immediately after the closing. The director nominees under the purchase agreement are:

Noam Gottesman

Emmanuel Roman

Nicolas Berggruen

Martin Franklin

Ian Ashken

James Hauslein

William Lauder

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Paul Myners

Peter Weinberg

HSR Act. If required by the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, Freedom and GLG Shareowners' representative will each take all necessary actions, file all required documents, respond in good faith to all information requested by the governmental entities and otherwise cooperate in good faith with each other.

Public Disclosure. Each party has agreed to cooperate in good faith to jointly prepare all press releases and public announcements pertaining to the purchase agreement and the acquisition. Each party has agreed it will not issue or otherwise make any public announcement or communication pertaining to the purchase agreement or the acquisition without the prior consent of the other, subject to certain exceptions set forth in the purchase agreement. Each party has agreed not to unreasonably withhold approval from the others with respect to any press release or public announcement.

Reasonable Efforts. Each party has agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all necessary and proper actions to consummate the acquisition, including the following: (1) cause the conditions precedent to the closing of the acquisition to be satisfied; (2) obtain all necessary consents, approvals or waivers from the governmental entities or third parties required as result of the acquisition; (3) defend any action challenging the purchase agreement or the consummation of the acquisition; and (4) execute and deliver any additional instruments necessary to consummate the acquisition.

Notices of Certain Events. Each party has agreed to notify the other of (1) any notice from any person alleging that person's consent is required, (2) any notice from any governmental entity relating to the acquisition, and (3) any action affecting the parties, the assets, liabilities or employees of the parties or the consummation of the acquisition.

Directors and Officers Insurance. For six years after the date of closing, Freedom is obligated to maintain for the benefit of directors and officers of Freedom as of the closing of the acquisition, the same directors' and officers' liability insurance for persons covered under its directors' and officers' insurance policy in effect from time to time. However, Freedom will not be required to expend in the aggregate amounts in any year in excess of \$150,000 over the amount it would otherwise have expended for such insurance to cover its then existing directors and officers (in which event, Freedom is obligated to purchase the greatest coverage available for such amount).

Advice of Changes. Each party has agreed to notify the other of the occurrence of any event that would likely cause any representation or warranty of such party to be untrue or inaccurate in any material respect and any failure on its part to comply with or satisfy in any material respect any covenant, condition or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it on or prior to the closing date.

Consents. Each party has agreed that it will promptly make all filings required by law, cooperate with each other with respect to those filings and obtain all consents and orders required to be obtained in connection with the transaction documents and the consummation of the acquisition.

Financing at Closing. Freedom and the GLG Shareowners' representative will use their reasonable efforts to arrange for financing of the acquisition by a reputable financial institution, including using reasonable efforts to satisfy all terms and enforce all rights under the commitment letters, enter into a definitive agreement with such financial institution, and consummate financing of the acquisition at or prior to the closing. If any portion of the original financing becomes unavailable, (1) they will use their reasonable efforts to arrange for alternative equity or debt financing from alternative sources in an amount sufficient to consummate the acquisition, and (2) the termination date

of the purchase agreement will be extended for a period of 12 months.

Exchangeable Shares. FA Sub 1 Limited and FA Sub 2 Limited will amend their respective organizational documents prior to the closing to include certain terms and conditions for FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares and Exchangeable Shares, respectively, as described below under The Authorized Share Proposal Description of Capital Stock.

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Freedom's Organizational Documents. Promptly following the meeting of Freedom's stockholders and before the closing, Freedom will (1) amend its certificate of incorporation as described in this proxy statement, and (2) adopt the certificate of designation for the Series A preferred stock.

Non-Voting Shares. GLG Holdings Limited, GLG Partners Services Limited, GLG Partners (Cayman) Limited and GLG Partners Asset Management Limited will, prior to the closing, redeem or repurchase all of the shares of each class of non-voting stock in each such entity at a purchase price equal to the par value thereof.

As noted above, the Designated Sellers have not agreed to any of the covenants summarized above.

Conditions to the Completion of the Acquisition

The obligations of each of the Freedom Group and GLG Shareowners to complete the acquisition are subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the other party at or prior to the closing date of various conditions, including:

the representations and warranties of the other party that are qualified by materiality must be true and correct in all respects and the representations and warranties of the other party that are not so qualified must be true in all material respects on the date of the purchase agreement and as of the closing date as if they were made on that date;

the other party's performance or compliance with its covenants and agreements contained in the purchase agreement or the transaction documents;

No litigation or action being threatened in writing, instituted or pending which is reasonably likely to make illegal, delay, restrain, prohibit or otherwise adversely affect consummation of the acquisition or which would otherwise have a material adverse effect on GLG or the Freedom Group, as applicable;

the absence of any law or action by any court or other government entity which may inhibit or have a material adverse effect on the acquisition;

the receipt of all required approvals and consents and their submission to the other party;

the termination or expiration of all antitrust-related waiting periods, the receipt of all antitrust approvals and consents and the filing of all antitrust notices or filings required to have been made;

the approval by Freedom's stockholders of the acquisition and the other proposals contained in this proxy statement;

the execution and delivery by each of the other parties of each of the transaction documents; and

the availability for funding on the closing date of the entire amount that may be borrowed under the credit agreement by FA Sub 3 Limited and the satisfaction of all conditions precedent to the borrowing of \$550.0 million.

The Freedom Group's obligation to complete the acquisition is also subject to (1) consummation by the GLG Shareowners of the contemplated reorganization of the Acquired Companies and (2) delivery by the GLG Shareowners' representative to Freedom of executed copies of the organizational documents of the Acquired Companies. The GLG Shareowners' obligation to complete the acquisition is also subject to receipt of the copies of the resolutions of the Freedom's board of directors authorizing the LTIP and the reservation for issuance of Freedom

common stock issuable pursuant to the LTIP and pursuant to the terms of the Exchangeable Shares, the put and call rights with respect to ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited pursuant to the shares exchange agreement among Freedom and the holders of the ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited and the support agreement between Freedom and FA Sub 2 Limited.

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Termination

The purchase agreement may be terminated and the acquisition abandoned at any time prior to the closing:

by mutual written agreement of Freedom and GLG Shareowners' representative;

by either party, if the closing has not occurred before the termination date of December 31, 2007, or December 31, 2008 if any portion of the financing described above under Covenants Financing at Closing becomes unavailable;

by either party, if there is any law or court or governmental order, which is not subject to appeal or has become final, that makes consummation of the acquisition illegal or otherwise prohibited;

by either party, if there has been a breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement by the other party such that the condition set forth above with respect to representations and warranties under Conditions to the Completion of the Acquisition would not be satisfied as of such time, unless such breach is curable and the breaching party continues to exercise reasonable best efforts to cure it; or

by either party, if the required approvals of Freedom's stockholders related to the acquisition are not obtained.

In the event of termination of the purchase agreement, the purchase agreement will become void and have no effect, without any liability on the part of either party or its affiliates or representatives, except that each party will still be liable for any breach of the purchase agreement.

Survival

All representations, warranties, covenants and obligations in the purchase agreement or the transaction documents will survive the closing. However, no claim for indemnification based on a breach of any representation and warranty of any party or in relation to the income tax claims described below may be made after the date that is:

in the case of certain designated representations of Freedom and GLG Shareowners, 30 days after the expiration of the longest applicable statute of limitations;

in the case of any breach of the representations and warranties relating to the U.S. federal tax status of GLG or the GLG indemnity for certain income tax claims defined below, the period of the applicable statute of limitations for tax claims made by tax authorities in the relevant jurisdiction; and

in any other case, one year after the closing date.

Indemnification

After the closing, the GLG Shareowners will indemnify the Freedom Group and their representatives and affiliates from and against all damages arising from, among other things:

1. any breach of any representation and warranty made by the GLG Shareowners in the purchase agreement, except for representations and warranties relating to income taxes;
2. any breach of any covenant, agreement or other obligation of the GLG Shareowners contained in the purchase agreement or the transaction documents, except for any covenant, agreement or other obligation relating to income

taxes;

3. the investigation by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), the French securities regulator, of GLG with respect to transactions in shares of Vivendi Universal S.A. (Vivendi) as described in Information About GLG Legal and Regulatory Proceedings below;

4. all income taxes of GLG for all taxable periods ending prior to the closing date in excess of the amount of income taxes included in the closing net cash settlement, which we refer to as the income tax

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claims, provided that there will be no income tax liability unless and until the aggregate amount of such income tax claims exceeds \$15.0 million, in which case GLG Shareowners will be liable for the entire amount of such claims, including all of the first \$15.0 million;

5. the existence after the closing of certain agreements among certain GLG Shareowners and their affiliated entities or the termination of those agreements after the closing of the acquisition, subject to a claim limit described below; and

6. the existence on or after the closing of the acquisition of non-voting shares of certain Acquired Companies which were required to be repurchased prior to the closing of the acquisition.

The purchase agreement provides that no claims may be made for indemnification under paragraph (5) above unless and until the aggregate amount of the claims under paragraph (5) exceeds \$15.0 million, in which case the GLG Shareowners will be liable for the entire amount of such claims, including all of the first \$15.0 million.

After the closing, the Freedom Group will indemnify the GLG Shareowners and their representatives and affiliates from and against all damages arising from:

- (i) any breach of any representation and warranty made by the Freedom Group in the purchase agreement; and
- (ii) any breach of any covenant, agreement or other obligation of the Freedom Group contained in the purchase agreement or the transaction documents.

The Purchase Agreement contains a number of limitations, qualifications and exceptions to the indemnification obligations described above. Some of these apply to all GLG Shareowners, some apply only to Designated Sellers, some do not apply to Freedom or the GLG Shareowners and some depend on the type of claim involved.

Claim Thresholds. In addition to the \$15.0 million claim thresholds described above for certain indemnity obligations, there are two types of minimum dollar claim thresholds that must be exceeded before indemnification claims can be made for breach of most, but not all, representations and warranties:

- (i) No claim for breach of representations and warranties may be made for damages of less than \$1.0 million.
- (ii) No claim for breach of representations and warranties may be made for damages until the aggregate amount of all claims exceeds the greater of:
 - (x) \$60.0 million; and
 - (y) two percent of the fair market value of Freedom immediately after the closing based on its market capitalization using the closing price of Freedom common stock on the closing date, but not to exceed \$100.0 million.

Claims for breach of certain representations and warranties are not subject to the claim threshold described in clause (ii) above. These are referred to in the purchase agreement as *No Threshold Claims* and, in general terms, relate to breaches of certain representations and warranties as to the legality and binding effect of the purchase agreement with respect to the person making that representation, that person's title to its Purchased Shares and certain other matters, which are referred to in the purchase agreement as *Designated Representations* of the GLG Shareowners or the Freedom Group, as the case may be.

Indemnity Claim Caps. The purchase agreement also includes limits on the maximum amount that may be recovered for indemnification claims based on breach of representations and warranties or based on the specific indemnities set

forth above. These limits vary based, among other things, on the nature of the representations and warranties breached, the identity of the person that caused the breach, or the specific indemnity involved. These caps are summarized, in general terms, in the table below.

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Type of Indemnity Claim	Type of Indemnitor	Maximum Liability
Breach of Designated Representations	GLG Shareowners Designated Sellers Freedom Group	Aggregate purchase price paid to such person Aggregate purchase price paid to such person Aggregate purchase price
Breach by GLG Shareowners of individual representations and warranties in Article III of the purchase agreement (other than Designated Representations)	GLG Shareowners Designated Seller Freedom Group	One tenth of the aggregate purchase price paid to such person One tenth of the aggregate purchase price paid to such person Not applicable
Breach of representations and warranties concerning GLG in Article IV of the purchase agreement (other than Designated Representations)	GLG Shareowners Designated Sellers Freedom Group	\$300.0 million, in the aggregate for all GLG Shareowners The lesser of (x) the product of (i) \$300.0 million and (ii) the amount specified in the purchase agreement for each Designated Seller as its Indemnity Sharing Percentage and (y) the product of (i) the aggregate indemnity amount paid by all GLG Shareowners and (ii) the Indemnity Sharing Percentage of the Designated Seller. Not applicable
Breach of representations and warranties concerning the Freedom Group in Article V of the purchase agreement (other than Designated Representations)	GLG Shareowners Designated Sellers Freedom Group	Not applicable Not applicable \$300.0 million
Indemnity claims under Section 8.2(c) of the purchase agreement relating to the AMF investigation of GLG with respect to transactions in Vivendi shares summarized in item (3) above	GLG Shareowners Designated Sellers Freedom Group	The aggregate purchase price paid to such person. The lesser of (i) the aggregate purchase price paid to that Designated Seller and (ii) the product of (x) the aggregate indemnity amounts payable by all GLG Shareowners and (y) the Indemnity Sharing Percentage of that Designated Seller. Not applicable
Indemnity claims under Section 8.2(d) of the purchase agreement relating to certain income tax matters summarized in item (4) above	GLG Shareowners Designated Sellers Freedom Group	The aggregate purchase price paid to such person. The lesser of (i) the aggregate purchase price paid to that Designated Seller and (ii) the product of (x) the aggregate indemnity amounts payable by all GLG Shareowners and (y) the Indemnity Sharing Percentage of that Designated Seller. Not applicable

Indemnity claims under Section 8.2(f) of the purchase agreement summarized in item (5) and (6) above	GLG Shareowners	Aggregate purchase price to such person
	Designated Sellers	Aggregate purchase price to such person
	Freedom Group	Not applicable

The Designated Sellers will not be required to pay any indemnity with respect to:

any breach of representations and warranties made with respect to the information supplied by GLG for use in this proxy statement;

any amount in excess of the product of the indemnity amounts payable by all GLG Shareowners for any claim or claims multiplied by the Indemnity Sharing Percentage of any Designated Seller; and

any claim, other than for breach of any representation and warranty made by such Designated Seller, unless such claim is asserted against other GLG Shareowners that may be liable for the claim.

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None of the GLG Shareowners are liable for indemnity claims to the extent the loss or damage claimed by the Freedom Group is reflected or reserved for in the GLG financial statements.

None of the GLG Shareowners will be liable under the purchase agreement for any matter that would not have occurred but for (1) any new law, including changes in taxation or (2) any change of any generally accepted interpretation or application of any law after the closing.

The amount of damages to which an indemnified person is entitled will be decreased by insurance proceeds actually received and increased (but in no event above the maximum liability described above) or reduced to take account of any tax costs incurred and tax savings currently realizable by such indemnified person. Neither party will have any obligation to indemnify any person against such person's own consequential or incidental damages arising out of a breach by either party of its representations and warranties.

The sole remedy of the parties for any breach of representations and warranties made by the other party will be the rights to indemnification from the breaching party, except that the purchase agreement does not limit any right or remedy of any party (1) for claims of fraud, or (2) for claims that cannot be limited or waived as a matter of applicable law or public policy.

Amendments

Prior to the closing, the purchase agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented except by a written agreement of Freedom (on behalf of all members of the Freedom Group) and the GLG Shareowners' representative (on behalf of all members of GLG Shareowners), except that no agreement of Freedom will be required in connection with the amendment of certain agreements by GLG Shareowners with respect to reinvestment of the purchase price in GLG Funds and certain other agreements to which GLG Shareowners are parties. After the closing, any amendment, modification or supplement will require the consent of the representative of the Freedom Group.

Fees and Expenses

If the closing does not occur, each party will pay all of its respective transaction expenses. If the closing does occur, Freedom will pay transaction expenses of all the parties.

Representatives

The GLG Shareowners have appointed Noam Gottesman and the Freedom Group has appointed Jared Bluestein as their respective representative, agent and true and lawful attorney in fact in connection with the transaction documents and the acquisition.

Governing Law

The purchase agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New York.

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AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION

Credit Facilities

FA Sub 3 Limited has obtained commitments from a syndicate of banks arranged and led by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. to provide FA Sub 3 Limited, subject to customary conditions, with:

a 5-year non-amortizing revolving credit facility in a principal amount of up to \$40.0 million; and

a 5-year amortizing term loan facility in a principal amount of up to \$530.0 million.

Proceeds of loans under the term loan facility may be used to finance the purchase price for the acquisition, including purchase price adjustments, to pay transaction costs and to repay existing GLG indebtedness. Proceeds of loans under the revolving credit facility may be used for working capital purposes, to pay any purchase price adjustment and for other general corporate purposes. Up to \$70 million of the aggregate proceeds from the term loans and the revolving loans may be used to make cash tender offers for outstanding Freedom warrants.

The term loans and revolving loans will be guaranteed by Freedom and certain of its subsidiaries (including certain Acquired Companies, but excluding certain regulated entities) and will be secured by a first priority pledge of all notes and capital stock owned by FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors and a first priority security interest in all or substantially all other assets owned by FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors. The revolving loans will be non-amortizing. The term loans will be non-amortizing for the first three years of the term and will amortize in equal installments due 42, 48 and 54 months from the closing date in an aggregate amount equal to 75% of the original principal amount. The remaining balance of the term loan will be due on the fifth anniversary of the closing date.

The term loans and the revolving loans will bear interest at one of the following rates, at the election of FA Sub 3 Limited:

the Applicable Margin (as described below) plus the highest of:

Citibank, N.A.'s base rate;

the adjusted average three-month certificate of deposit rate plus 0.5%; and

the federal funds effective rate plus 0.5%; or

the Applicable Margin plus the current LIBOR.

Applicable Margin means for the first two fiscal quarters after the closing of the acquisition 0% per annum for loans based on the base rate and 1.25% per annum for loans based on LIBOR (1.125% per annum if the original principal amount of the term loans is less than \$500.0 million). Thereafter, the interest rate will be based on the total leverage ratio (the ratio of Consolidated Funded Indebtedness to Adjusted EBITDA (as each such term is defined in the loan documentation)) of Freedom and its consolidated subsidiaries and the pricing grid as set forth below.

A non-refundable unused commitment fee will accrue as a percentage of the daily average unused portion of the revolving credit facility, payable quarterly in arrears and on the termination of the revolving credit facility. The applicable unused commitment fee percentage (1) for the first two full fiscal quarters after the closing date, will be 0.30% per annum (or, if the aggregate principal amount of the term loans made on the closing date is less than

\$500.0 million, 0.25% per annum) and (2) thereafter, will be such rates per annum determined by reference to the pricing grid set forth below.

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Total Leverage Ratio	Applicable Margin		Unused Commitment Fee%
	LIBOR	Base Rate	
≤1.0:1	0.65%	0.00%	0.150%
≤1.5:1 and > 1.0:1	1.00%	0.00%	0.200%
≤2.0:1 and > 1.5:1	1.125%	0.00%	0.250%
≤2.5:1 and > 2.0:1	1.25%	0.00%	0.300%
≤3.0:1 and > 2.5:1	1.50%	0.05%	0.375%
> 3.0:1	1.75%	0.20%	0.375%

Except as described below, the loan documentation for the credit facilities will contain, among other terms, representations and warranties, conditions precedent, covenants, prepayment provisions and events of default customary for loan agreements for similar leveraged acquisition financings and other representations and warranties and covenants deemed by the administrative agent as appropriate to the specific transaction.

During the term of the loans, FA Sub 3 Limited, the guarantors and their subsidiaries on a consolidated basis may not have a maximum total leverage ratio of more than 4.5:1 and must maintain a minimum amount of assets under management (as defined in the loan documentation) of \$14.5 billion initially, increasing by \$500 million each year.

If, at the end of any fiscal year, the total leverage ratio exceeds 3.5:1, then FA Sub 3 Limited will be required to prepay the credit facilities in an amount equal to the lesser of (a) 50% of excess cash flow (as defined in the loan documentation) for such fiscal year and (b) the amount required for the total leverage ratio to equal 3.5:1 after giving effect to such prepayment.

Restrictive covenants applicable to FA Sub 3 Limited and the guarantors, subject to customary terms and conditions and other negotiated exceptions in addition to those described below, will include limitations on:

debt and guarantees;

liens;

loans and investments;

asset dispositions, including the issuance and sale of capital stock of subsidiaries;

dividends, redemptions and repurchases with respect to capital stock; *provided* that such limitations shall not apply to Freedom and FA Sub 2 Limited the extent that before and after giving effect to any such dividend, redemption or repurchase, (1) there is no breach of the total leverage ratio described above and (2) no default or event of default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such dividend, redemption or repurchase;

cancellation of debt and prepayments, redemptions and repurchases of debt (other than the term loan and the revolving loan);

mergers, consolidations, acquisitions, joint ventures or creation of subsidiaries;

changes in business;

transactions with affiliates;

restrictions on distributions from subsidiaries and granting of negative pledges;

amendment of constituent documents and material agreements (including the purchase agreement);

changes in accounting treatment and reporting practices or the fiscal year;

sale/leasebacks; and

speculative transactions except for the sole purpose of hedging in the normal course of business and consistent with past practices.

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In addition, each of Freedom, FA Sub 1 Limited and FA Sub 2 Limited will be prohibited from engaging in any activities other than owning all of the capital stock of its subsidiaries and activities reasonably incidental thereto.

Among the events of default under the credit facilities will be the removal or resignation of any two of Noam Gottesman, Pierre Lagrange and Emmanuel Roman as managing director of GLG at a time when neither Noam Gottesman nor Emmanuel Roman is chief executive officer or co-chief executive officer of Freedom.

Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. is acting as the sole arranger and book manager for the term loan and revolving credit facilities and Citicorp USA, Inc., or one of its affiliates, will be the administrative agent for the credit facilities.

Support Agreement

The purchase agreement provides that Freedom and FA Sub 2 Limited will enter into a support agreement at or prior to the closing of the acquisition. A copy of the form of support agreement is attached as Annex B.

Irrevocable Agreement to Issue Shares

Freedom has agreed to instruct Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Co., its transfer agent, to do the following, promptly upon receiving a notice that the holder of the Exchangeable Shares desires to exchange such securities in accordance with their terms and conditions:

to issue that number of shares of Freedom common stock as may be required to comply with any such exchange notice;

to deliver those shares upon receipt by Freedom of (1) certificates representing the Exchangeable Shares tendered for exchange and (2) such other documents or instruments as may be reasonably requested by Freedom; and

to record successive transfers of any shares of Freedom common stock issued pursuant to any exchange notice first as a transfer by Freedom to FA Sub 1 Limited (which will be treated as between Freedom and FA Sub 1 Limited as a contribution to the capital of FA Sub 1 Limited) and second as a transfer by FA Sub 1 Limited to FA Sub 2 Limited (which will be treated as between FA Sub 1 Limited and FA Sub 2 Limited as a contribution to the capital of FA Sub 2 Limited) and third as a transfer by FA Sub 2 Limited to the person(s) named in the exchange notice.

If there is a recapitalization, reorganization, reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale of all or substantially all of Freedom's assets, spin-off, distribution or other transaction in which holders of Freedom common stock are entitled to receive stock, securities or assets with respect to or in exchange for Freedom common stock, then Freedom will deliver, in addition to or in lieu of Freedom common stock, such stock, securities or assets as would have been issued or payable in exchange for the number of shares of Freedom common stock issuable immediately prior thereto.

Taxes

Any and all share issuances or contributions by or to Freedom or FA Sub 2 Limited will be made free and clear of any and all present or future transfer taxes and all liabilities with respect thereto. If Freedom or FA Sub 2 Limited will be required by any applicable law to pay any transfer taxes in respect of any shares to be exchanged, Freedom or FA Sub 2 Limited will pay the full amount of such transfer taxes to the relevant tax authority or other authority in accordance with applicable law.

Purchase and Sale of Additional FA Sub 2 Ordinary Shares

Upon any change in the number of outstanding shares of Freedom common stock as a result of exercises of Freedom warrants, Freedom shall have the right to purchase (directly or through a subsidiary) from FA Sub 2 Limited a number of FA Sub 2 Limited Class A ordinary shares equal to the net number of shares of Freedom common stock issued upon exercise of the warrant. The purchase price per share will equal the cash price per share received by Freedom for the shares of Freedom common stock (or \$0.0001 per share, the par value of the FA Sub 2 Limited Class A ordinary shares, in the event of a cashless exercise of warrants).

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Reservation of Shares

Freedom will at all times while Exchangeable Shares are outstanding, keep reserved from its authorized capital stock sufficient shares of Freedom common stock to issue shares of Freedom common stock, as and when required under the support agreement.

FA Sub 2 Limited will at all times keep reserved from its authorized capital stock sufficient shares of FA Sub 2 Limited Class A ordinary shares to issue FA Sub 2 Limited Class A ordinary shares, as and when required under the support agreement.

Shares Exchange Agreement

The purchase agreement provides that Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP (together, the FA Sub 1 holders) and Freedom will enter into a shares exchange agreement at or prior to the closing of the acquisition. Pursuant to this agreement, each FA Sub 1 holder has the right to put its ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited to Freedom at any time in exchange for shares of Freedom common stock. If an FA Sub 1 holder does not exercise its put right prior to the first business day after the consummation of the acquisition, then Freedom may at any time from such date call all FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary shares held by the FA Sub 1 holder in exchange for shares of Freedom common stock. In each case, the purchase price will be one share of Freedom common stock for each FA Sub 1 Limited ordinary share. Any exercise by any FA Sub 1 holder or Freedom of its put or call rights, respectively, will be subject to deductions in respect of (1) any withholding tax or other withholding liabilities that may be applicable; and (2) any amounts that may be owed by each FA Sub 1 holder to Freedom. A copy of the form of shares exchange agreement is attached as Annex C.

GLG Shareholders Agreement

Concurrent with the execution of the purchase agreement, Freedom entered into a shareholders agreement with its sponsors, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, and the GLG Shareowners. The agreement restricts the GLG Shareowners, certain additional entities (the Green Transferees), which may be made a party to the agreement following a sale of equity interests in the Acquired Companies by Jonathan Green and the Green GLG Trust, and their permitted transferees (as described below) from the direct or indirect sale or transfer of their equity interests in Freedom or its subsidiaries for periods of up to four years after completion of the acquisition, in each case, on terms and conditions described below. In addition, the agreement provides registration rights for the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees and the sponsors. On August 16, 2007, Istithmar (PJSC) and Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie. S.C.A., in connection with the purchase of certain shares from Mr. Green and the Green GLG Trust, entered into an agreement to be bound by the shareholders agreement as Green Transferees. A copy of the shareholders agreement is attached as Annex D.

Transfer Restrictions

All the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees and their permitted transferees will be prohibited from selling or transferring any of their equity interests in Freedom or its subsidiaries for one year after the closing of the acquisition, except to family members, family trusts, family-owned entities and charitable institutions, which are referred to as permitted transferees . Thereafter, the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees and their permitted transferees will be subject to the following restrictions on sale or transfer:

Principals, Trustees and Key Personnel. Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP (on behalf of the key personnel participating in the equity participation plan), the Principals, the Trustees and each of their permitted transferees may each sell or transfer up to 10% of his or its original allocation of Freedom common stock (plus the

unused amounts of the 10% cap from prior years, if any) each year during the three years beginning on the first anniversary of the closing. After the fourth anniversary of the closing, sales or transfers of Freedom common stock by these shareholders will be unrestricted. Any Freedom common stock received by a Principal or Trustee pursuant to the forfeiture provisions of the agreement among principals and trustees will be subject to the same transfer restrictions, except that a portion of forfeited Freedom common stock received by a Principal or Trustee may be sold to pay for any tax costs associated with the receipt of the forfeited Freedom common stock. Each Principal and Trustee will be entitled to registration of shares sold to pay for such tax costs, and such registrations will not

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count against the number of demands for registration such Principal or Trustee is allowed to make under the shareholders agreement (as described below).

Green, Green Trust and Green Transferees. Each of the trustee of the Green GLG Trust, Mr. Green and the Green Transferees may sell or transfer up to 50% of his or its original allocation of Freedom common stock during the year beginning on the first anniversary of the closing of the acquisition. Thereafter, sales or transfers of Freedom common stock by these GLG Shareowners will be unrestricted.

Lehman. Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd may sell or transfer up to 25% of its original allocation of Freedom common stock during the year beginning on the first anniversary of the closing of the acquisition and up to 50% of its original allocation of Freedom common stock (plus the unused amount of the 25% cap from the prior year, if any) during the year beginning on the second anniversary of the closing of the acquisition. Thereafter, sales or transfers of Freedom common stock by this GLG Shareowner will be unrestricted.

All of the foregoing transfer restrictions may be waived by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the board of directors of Freedom.

Registration Rights

Each of the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees and Freedom's sponsors, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, will have certain registration rights with respect to their Freedom common stock (or securities convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for shares of Freedom common stock (other than the Exchangeable Shares)) (registrable securities) under the shareholders agreement as described below. These registration rights terminate as to each GLG Shareowner as soon as all registrable securities held by that shareholder become freely tradeable by the GLG Shareowner pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933.

Demand Registration Rights. Any of the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees or the sponsors who, together with permitted transferees, holds 5% or more of Freedom's total voting securities may demand registration of its registrable securities under the Securities Act at any time after the first anniversary of the closing of the acquisition.

For purposes of the shareholders agreement, the total voting securities of Freedom will be the number of our issued and outstanding voting securities immediately following the closing of the acquisition, and the number of voting securities held by a GLG Shareowner, a Green Transferee or the sponsors will include only those securities owned by such shareholder immediately following the closing of the acquisition that are voting securities of Freedom (or convertible into, exchangeable for or exercisable for voting securities of Freedom), but will exclude securities sold by such shareholder prior to the date of the demand for registration.

Each of the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees and the sponsors that is eligible to demand registration may demand a total of two demand registrations. Freedom must use commercially reasonable efforts to effect such registration as soon as practicable. However, it may postpone such registration to prevent the disclosure of material, non-public information that it needs to keep confidential and to give effect to timing issues related to prior registrations. Freedom may also cut back the number of shares covered by a demand registration statement if an underwriter or investment bank advises Freedom that inclusion of all securities in the registration statement would adversely affect marketability of the securities sought to be sold.

Piggyback Registration Rights. Any of the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees or the sponsors who, together with permitted transferees, holds 1% or more of Freedom's total voting securities will have piggyback registration rights that allow the shareholder to include its registrable securities in any public offering of Freedom's equity securities initiated by Freedom whenever Freedom proposes to register any of its equity securities under the Securities

Act (except for registrations on Form S-8 or Form S-4), either for its own account or for the account of others, and when a demand registration is made (as described above). The calculation of the percentage ownership of equity securities of Freedom held by an eligible shareholder and the cut-back provisions in connection with a piggyback registration are the same as for a demand registration described above.

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Shelf Registration Rights. Any of the GLG Shareowners, the Green Transferees or the sponsors who, together with permitted transferees, holds 10% or more of Freedom's total voting securities may demand a shelf registration of its registrable securities on Form S-3 under the Securities Act at any time after Freedom is eligible to file a shelf registration statement on Form S-3. The calculation of the percentage ownership of equity securities of Freedom held by an eligible shareholder in connection with a shelf registration is the same as for a demand registration described above.

Lehman (Cayman Islands) Ltd (if it is an affiliate of Freedom) and each Principal and Trustee may demand such number of shelf registrations as is necessary to sell all of its or his registrable securities. Freedom must use commercially reasonable efforts to keep the shelf registration effective for two years or until all the shareholders securities registered thereunder have been sold, whichever is earlier. Freedom has the right to suspend the shelf registration to prevent the disclosure of material, non-public information which it needs to keep confidential.

Founders Agreement

Concurrent with the execution of the purchase agreement, the Principals, the Trustees and Freedom's sponsors, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities, entered into a founders agreement, pursuant to which Freedom's sponsors have agreed to voting, transfer and other matters described below. A copy of the founders agreement is attached as Annex E.

Voting of Securities

At any meeting of the stockholders of Freedom or in connection with any written consent of the stockholders of Freedom to vote upon or deliver a written consent with respect to the acquisition, or in any other circumstances upon which a vote or other approval with respect to the acquisition and the other matters covered by this proxy statement is sought, each sponsor has agreed to vote all such sponsor's securities in accordance with the terms of a letter agreement previously entered by it with Freedom and the sole bookrunning manager of Freedom's initial public offering. The letter agreement provides that if Freedom solicits approval of its stockholders of a business combination, each sponsor is required to vote (1) all sponsor's securities acquired by it prior to the initial public offering in accordance with the majority of votes cast by the holders of shares issued in Freedom's initial public offering and (2) all shares that may be acquired by the sponsor in any private placement, the initial public offering or the aftermarket for such business combination. The acquisition of the Acquired Companies is a business combination for purposes of these voting requirements.

To the extent a sponsor is not bound by the foregoing terms of the letter agreement, the sponsor has agreed to vote or provide written consent in favor of any actions presented to stockholders of Freedom in this proxy statement and against (1) any action or agreement that would reasonably be expected to result in a breach in any material respect of any covenant, representation or warranty or any other obligation or agreement of Freedom under the purchase agreement and (2) except with the prior written consent of Freedom, any action or agreement that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect or delay the acquisition in any respect, including, but not limited to:

any amendment of Freedom's certificate of incorporation or by-laws other than as specifically contemplated by the purchase agreement, and any other proposal, action or transaction involving Freedom or any of its subsidiaries, which amendment or other proposal, action or transaction would reasonably be expected to in any manner impede, frustrate, prevent or nullify the acquisition or change in any manner the voting rights of any class of Freedom's capital stock other than as specifically contemplated by the purchase agreement;

any change in the persons who constitute the board of directors of Freedom that is not approved in advance by at least a majority of the persons who were directors of Freedom as of the date of the founders agreement (or

their successors who were so approved);

any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of Freedom; or

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any other material change in Freedom's corporate structure or business that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect or delay the acquisition in any respect.

The sponsors have further agreed not to commit or agree to take any action inconsistent with the foregoing.

The sponsors have agreed not to (1) transfer any of the sponsors' securities to any person or entity, (2) deposit the sponsors' securities into a voting trust, enter into any voting arrangement or understanding, or otherwise transfer, whether by proxy, voting agreement or otherwise, the right to vote the sponsors' securities or (3) take any action that would make any of its representations or warranties contained in the founders agreement untrue or incorrect or have the effect of preventing, disabling or impeding such sponsor from performing its obligations under the founders agreement.

The voting and transfer provisions in the founders agreement described above terminate upon the first to occur of (1) the closing date of the acquisition and (2) the termination of the purchase agreement pursuant to the terms of the purchase agreement.

Lock-up Provision

Each sponsor has agreed that it may not directly or indirectly transfer, or publicly announce an intention to effect any transfer, during the period commencing on June 22, 2007 and ending on the first anniversary of the closing of the acquisition, except to a permitted transferee (as defined in the founders agreement) who is a sponsor or who (except with respect to any charitable institution) agrees to be bound by the terms of the founders agreement as if such permitted transferee were a sponsor.

Warrant Exercise

Each sponsor and permitted transferee has agreed that at the written demand of Mr. Gottesman, as the GLG Shareowners' representative, each such sponsor and any permitted transferees will exercise such warrants owned by such sponsor or permitted transferee as requested to be exercised by the GLG Shareowners' representative. This demand may not be made until the redemption of Freedom's public warrants and amendment of the warrant agreement governing the sponsors' warrants to permit cashless exercise of the warrants beneficially owned by the sponsors and their permitted transferees has been effected. Each sponsor has agreed that if the GLG Shareowners' representative delivers notice of such written demand to a sponsor, the sponsor will, and will cause any permitted transferee to, exercise the warrants requested to be exercised in such notice as soon as practicable but no more than five business days after notice is given.

Voting Agreement

Concurrent with the execution of the purchase agreement, the Principals, the Trustees, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP, whom we refer to collectively as the controlling stockholders, and Freedom entered into a voting agreement in connection with the controlling stockholders' control of Freedom. A copy of the voting agreement is attached as Annex F. Following consummation of the acquisition, the controlling stockholders will control approximately 54% of the voting power of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Freedom (after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors and assuming no redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders and no exercise of outstanding warrants).

Voting Arrangement

The controlling stockholders have agreed to vote all of the shares of Freedom common stock and Series A preferred stock and any other security of Freedom beneficially owned by the controlling stockholders that entitles them to vote in the election of directors of Freedom, which we refer to collectively as the voting stock, in accordance with the agreement and direction of the parties holding the majority of the voting stock collectively held by all controlling stockholders, which we refer to as the voting block, with respect to each of the following events:

the nomination, designation or election of the members of the board of directors of Freedom (or the board of any subsidiary) or their respective successors (or their replacements);

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the removal, with or without cause, from the board of directors (or the board of any subsidiary) of any director; and

any change in control of Freedom.

The controlling stockholders and Freedom have agreed that so long as the controlling stockholders and their respective permitted transferees collectively beneficially own (1) more than 25% of the voting stock and at least one Principal is an employee, partner or member of Freedom or any subsidiary of Freedom or (2) more than 40% of the voting stock, Freedom will not authorize, approve or ratify any of the following actions or any plan with respect thereto without the prior approval of the Principals who are then employed by Freedom or any of its subsidiaries and who beneficially own more than 50% of the aggregate amount of voting stock held by all continuing Principals:

any incurrence of indebtedness, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, by Freedom or any of its subsidiaries in excess of \$570.0 million or, if a greater amount has been previously approved by the controlling stockholders and their respective permitted transferees, such greater amount;

any issuance by Freedom of equity or equity-related securities that would represent, after such issuance, or upon conversion, exchange or exercise, as the case may be, at least 20% of the total voting power of Freedom, other than (1) pursuant to transactions solely among Freedom and its wholly owned subsidiaries, and (2) upon conversion of convertible securities or upon exercise of warrants or options;

any commitment to invest or investment or series of related commitments to invest or investments in a person or group of related persons in an amount greater than \$250.0 million;

the adoption of a shareholder rights plan;

any appointment of a Chief Executive Officer or Co-Chief Executive Officer of Freedom; or

the termination of the employment of a Principal with Freedom or any of its material subsidiaries without cause.

The controlling stockholders and Freedom have agreed, subject to the fiduciary duties of the directors of Freedom, that so long as the controlling stockholders and their respective permitted transferee(s) beneficially own voting stock representing:

more than 50% of the total voting power of Freedom, Freedom will nominate individuals designated by the voting block such that the controlling stockholders will have six designees on the board of directors if the number of directors is ten or eleven, or five designees on the board if the number of directors is nine or less and, in each case, assuming such nominees are elected;

between 40% and 50% of the total voting power of Freedom, Freedom will nominate individuals designated by the voting block such that the controlling stockholders will have five designees on the board of directors if the number of directors is ten or eleven, or four designees on the board if the number of directors is nine or less and, in each case, assuming such nominees are elected;

between 25% and 40% of the total voting power of Freedom, Freedom will nominate individuals designated by the voting block such that the controlling stockholders will have four designees on the board of directors if the number of directors is ten or eleven, or three designees on the board if the number of directors is nine or less

and, in each case, assuming such nominees are elected;

between 10% and 25% of the total voting power of Freedom, Freedom will nominate individuals designated by the voting block such that the controlling stockholders will have two designees on the board of directors, assuming such nominees are elected; and

less than 10% of the total voting power of Freedom, Freedom will have no obligation to nominate any individual that is designated by the controlling stockholders.

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In the event that any designee for any reason ceases to serve as a member of the board of directors during his or her term of office, the resulting vacancy on the board will be filled by an individual designated by the controlling stockholders.

Transfer Restrictions

No controlling stockholder may transfer voting stock except that transfers may be made to permitted transferees (as defined in the voting agreement) and in public markets as permitted by the GLG shareholders agreement among the GLG Shareowners, Berggruen Holdings and Marlin Equities described above.

Drag-Along Rights

The controlling stockholders have agreed that if (1) the voting block proposes to transfer all of the voting stock held by it to any person other than a Principal or a Trustee, (2) such transfer would result in a change in control of Freedom, and (3) if such a transfer requires any approval under the voting agreement or under the GLG shareholders agreement, such transfer has been approved in accordance with the voting agreement and the GLG shareholders agreement, then if requested by the voting block, each other controlling stockholder will be required to sell all of his or its voting stock.

Restrictions on Other Agreements

The controlling stockholders have agreed not to enter into or agree to be bound by any other stockholder agreements or arrangements of any kind with any person with respect to any voting stock, including, without limitation, the deposit of any voting stock in a voting trust or forming, joining or in any way participating in or assisting in the formation of a group with respect to any voting stock, except to the extent contemplated by the shareholders agreement.

Transferees

Any permitted transferee (other than a limited partner of Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP) of a controlling stockholder will be subject to the terms and conditions of the voting agreement as if such permitted transferee were a controlling stockholder. Each controlling stockholder has agreed (1) to cause its respective permitted transferees to agree in writing to be bound by the terms and conditions of the voting agreement and (2) that such controlling stockholder will remain directly liable for the performance by its respective permitted transferees of all obligations of such permitted transferees under the voting rights agreement.

Agreement among Principals and Trustees

Concurrent with the execution of the purchase agreement, the Principals and the Trustees entered into an agreement among principals and trustees. A copy of the agreement among principals and trustees is attached as Annex G.

The agreement among principals and trustees provides that in the event a Principal voluntarily terminates his employment with Freedom for any reason prior to the fifth anniversary of the consummation of the acquisition, the following percentages of the Freedom common stock, Freedom Series A preferred stock or Exchangeable Shares held by that Principal and his Trustee as of the consummation of the acquisition, which we refer to as Forfeitable Interests, will be forfeited, together with the same percentage of all distributions received with respect to such Forfeitable Interests after the date the Principal voluntarily terminates his employment with Freedom, to the Principals who continue to be employed by Freedom or a subsidiary as of the applicable forfeiture date and their Trustees, as follows:

in the event the termination occurs prior to the first anniversary of the consummation of the acquisition, 82.5%;

in the event the termination occurs on or after the first but prior to the second anniversary of the consummation of the acquisition, 66%;

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in the event the termination occurs on or after the second but prior to the third anniversary of the consummation of the acquisition, 49.5%;

in the event the termination occurs on or after the third but prior to the fourth anniversary of the consummation of the acquisition, 33%; and

in the event the termination occurs on or after the fourth but prior to the fifth anniversary of the consummation of the acquisition, 16.5%.

For purposes of the agreement, *forfeiture date* means the date which is the earlier of (1) the date that is six months after the applicable date of termination of employment by the Principal and (2) the date on or after such termination date that is six months after the date of the latest publicly-reported disposition of Freedom's equity securities by any continuing Principal, which disposition is not exempt from the application of the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

Shares of Freedom capital stock acquired by the Principals or their Trustees after the consummation of the acquisition (other than by operation of the agreement among principals and trustees), including shares acquired as a result of equity awards from Freedom, will not be subject to the forfeiture provisions described above.

None of the forfeited Forfeitable Interests will return to or benefit Freedom. Forfeited Forfeitable Interests will be allocated among the continuing Principals and their Trustees based on their and their permitted transferees' collective pro rata ownership of all Forfeitable Interests held by the continuing Principals and their Trustees and their respective permitted transferees as of the Forfeiture Date. For purposes of this allocation, each Principal and his Trustee will be deemed to hold all Forfeitable Interests that he or his permitted transferee transfers to a charitable institution, even if such charitable institution subsequently transfers such Forfeitable Interests to any other person or entity.

To the extent that a continuing Principal or his Trustee receives Forfeitable Interests of another Principal or his Trustee or permitted transferee pursuant to the provisions described above, such Forfeitable Interests will be deemed to be Forfeitable Interests of the continuing Principal or his Trustee receiving such Forfeitable Interests for all purposes of the agreement among principals and trustees.

The transfer by a Principal or his Trustee of any Forfeitable Interests to a permitted transferee or any other person will in no way affect any of his obligations under the agreement. A Principal or his Trustee may, in his or its sole discretion, satisfy all or a portion of his or its obligations under the agreement among principals and trustees by substituting, for any shares of Freedom common stock or shares of Freedom Series A preferred stock and Exchangeable Shares otherwise forfeitable, an amount of cash equal to the closing trading price, on the business day immediately preceding the Forfeiture Date, of such shares on the securities exchange, if any, where such shares then primarily trade.

The forfeiture requirements contained in the agreement among principals and trustees will lapse with respect to a Principal and his Trustee and permitted transferees upon the death or disability of a Principal, unless he voluntarily terminated his employment with Freedom prior to such event.

The agreement among principals and trustees may be amended and the terms and conditions of the agreement may be changed or modified upon the approval of a majority of the Principals who remain employed by Freedom. Freedom and its stockholders have no ability to enforce any provision thereof or to prevent the Principals from amending the agreement among principals and trustees or waiving any forfeiture obligation.

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THE NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL

Proposal

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, Freedom is proposing to amend the certificate of incorporation to change its corporate name from Freedom Acquisition Holdings, Inc. to GLG Partners, Inc. immediately prior to consummation of the acquisition. In the judgment of our board of directors, the change of our corporate name is desirable to reflect our acquisition of GLG. Our current name will not adequately reflect our business operations in the event the acquisition with GLG is consummated. Accordingly, we believe that changing our name to GLG Partners, Inc. in connection with the acquisition will better reflect our operating business in connection with the acquisition. Stockholders will not be required to exchange outstanding stock certificates for new stock certificates if the amendments to the certificate of incorporation are adopted. If the acquisition proposal and the incentive plan proposal are not adopted, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, including this proposal, and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal will not be presented at the special meeting.

Required Vote

The adoption of the name change proposal will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock on the record date. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect of a vote against the name change proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to amend our certificate of incorporation to change our name.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL.

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THE AUTHORIZED SHARE PROPOSAL

Background

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, we are seeking your approval to amend our certificate of incorporation to increase the total number of authorized shares of:

Freedom capital stock (of all classes) from 201,000,000 to 1,150,000,000;

Freedom common stock from 200,000,000 to 1,000,000,000; and

Freedom preferred stock from 1,000,000 to 150,000,000, of which it is expected that 58,904,993 shares (subject to adjustment) will be designated by the board of directors as a new series of Freedom preferred stock titled Series A voting preferred stock, which will be entitled to one vote per share and to vote as a single class with the common stock on all matters, but which will not be entitled to dividends or certain other distributions.

The increase in the number of authorized shares of stock is being undertaken as a result of and in conjunction with the acquisition of GLG. As a result of the issuance of shares of common stock and Series A preferred stock in the acquisition and the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP, as described in the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal, respectively, we will require additional shares of common stock and preferred stock to be reserved in our certificate of incorporation. Accordingly, this proposal to amend our certificate of incorporation is conditioned upon and subject to the approval of the acquisition proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal.

As of September 30, 2007, there were 64,800,003 shares of Freedom common stock issued and outstanding. As a result of the dilutive effect of the issuance of our stock in the acquisition, for purposes of illustration, a stockholder who owned 5.0% of Freedom's outstanding shares of our common stock on September 30, 2007, would own approximately 1.1% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock immediately following the closing of the acquisition and after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors and assuming no redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders and no exercise of outstanding Freedom warrants.

In connection with our initial public offering, our sponsors agreed to purchase in equal amounts an aggregate of 5,000,000 units (consisting of one share of Freedom common stock and one warrant to purchase Freedom common stock) at \$10.00 per unit (\$50.0 million in the aggregate) in a private placement that will occur immediately prior to the consummation of any business combination, including the acquisition.

Of the 200,000,000 shares of common stock currently authorized, as of September 30, 2007, 64,800,003 shares were issued and outstanding and 69,300,003 shares were reserved for issuance upon exercise of our currently outstanding warrants. After giving effect to the co-investment, 69,800,003 shares will be issued and outstanding and 74,300,003 shares will be reserved for issuance upon exercise of then outstanding warrants. As a result, only 65,899,994 shares of common stock will remain available for future issuance. Of the 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock currently authorized, none are issued and outstanding.

Pursuant to the purchase agreement and subject to adjustment, we will issue or reserve for issuance:

230,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock, including:

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138,095,007 shares of common stock, including 10,000,000 shares of common stock to be issued for the benefit of GLG's employees, service providers and certain key personnel under the Restricted Stock Plan;

33,000,000 shares of common stock issuable by Freedom upon exercise of certain put or call rights with respect to 33,000,000 ordinary shares of FA Sub 1 Limited; and

58,904,993 shares of common stock to be issued upon the exchange of 58,904,993 Exchangeable Shares, on a one-for-one basis; and

58,904,993 shares of Series A preferred stock.

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Each of the ordinary shares to be issued by FA Sub 1 Limited may be put by the holder to, or called by, Freedom immediately following consummation of the acquisition in exchange for one share of Freedom common stock. In addition, it is anticipated that pursuant to the incentive plan proposal, we will authorize 40,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock for issuance under the LTIP. Accordingly, (1) an increase in the number of authorized shares of all capital stock, as well as common stock and preferred stock, is necessary in order to insure a sufficient number of shares are available for issuance upon the consummation of the acquisition transaction and the adoption of each of the Restricted Stock Plan and the LTIP and (2) this proposal to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock is conditioned upon the approval of the acquisition proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal and the incentive plan proposal, and the board of directors, even if approved, will not undertake to amend our certificate of incorporation if those other proposals are not approved.

The issuance of the shares of common stock in connection with the acquisition will be substantially dilutive to our current stockholders.

The issuance of common stock and Series A preferred stock in connection with the acquisition will be made in reliance upon an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act, by reason of Section 4(2) thereof, Regulation S or other appropriate exemptions, to persons who are accredited investors, as defined in Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act and who meet other suitability requirements established for the private placement. Freedom did not independently conclude that each GLG Shareowner met the definition of an accredited investor within the meaning of the federal securities laws; however, each investor has represented, in the purchase agreement, that he or it is an accredited investor, which representations have been relied upon by Freedom to support the reliance upon such claimed exemption.

IF OUR STOCKHOLDERS DO NOT APPROVE THIS PROPOSAL, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSACTIONS DISCUSSED IN THE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL, THE RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN PROPOSAL AND THE INCENTIVE PLAN PROPOSAL.

Proposal

Under the proposal, the first paragraph of Article Fourth of the certificate of incorporation of Freedom will be amended in its entirety to read as provided in the form of restated certificate of incorporation attached as Annex H.

Our board of directors has recommended that our stockholders approve the amendment to the certificate of incorporation to increase the number of our authorized shares. The proposed amendment would provide a sufficient number of available shares to enable us to close the transactions discussed in the acquisition proposal and would provide the board of directors with the ability to issue additional shares of common stock without requiring stockholder approval of such issuances, except as otherwise may be required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or trading system on which the securities may be listed or traded, including the American Stock Exchange and/or the New York Stock Exchange. Other than as previously disclosed, our board of directors does not intend to issue any shares of common stock except on terms that the board of directors deems to be in the best interest of Freedom and our stockholders.

Effect of the Authorized Share Proposal on Existing Stockholders

Advantages. Prior to voting, each stockholder should consider the fact that the authorized share proposal is a prerequisite to the issuance of shares of capital stock which will be used to complete the acquisition of the Acquired Companies described in the acquisition proposal. Each stockholder should consider the fact that if we do not complete the acquisition and related share issuances, Freedom will continue as a blank check company until we find another

suitable company to acquire or the trust is liquidated and Freedom ceases to operate as a public blank check company.

Disadvantages. The authorized share proposal, in conjunction with the acquisition proposal, will result in a substantial dilutive effect on our current stockholders. Our current stockholders' aggregate percentage ownership will decline significantly as a result of the issuance of our common stock in the acquisition. The

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number of shares issued in connection with the acquisition will increase substantially the number of shares of common stock currently outstanding. This means that our current stockholders will own a smaller interest in us as a result of the additional share issuances. On a primary basis, current stockholders will be reduced from owning 100% of the outstanding common stock to owning approximately 23% of the outstanding capital stock.

All shares of common stock issued in connection with the acquisition will be entitled to registration rights. Consequently, if these shares are registered, the shares may be freely transferable without restriction under the Securities Act, absent other securities law restrictions. Such free transferability could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock if a sufficient number of such shares are sold in the market.

As a result of the dilutive effect of the issuance, for purposes of illustration, a stockholder who owned 5.0% of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock on September 30, 2007, would own approximately 1.1% of the outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock immediately following the closing of the acquisition after giving effect to the co-investment by Freedom's sponsors and assuming no redemption of shares by Freedom stockholders and no exercise of outstanding Freedom warrants.

Shares Eligible for Future Sale

Upon consummation of the acquisition, Freedom will have the economic equivalent of 294,800,003 shares of common stock issued and outstanding (299,800,003 shares upon issuance of the co-investment common stock), of which 52,800,000 shares were issued in our initial public offering and are freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except for any shares purchased by one or more of our affiliates within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. All of the remaining shares are restricted securities under Rule 144 because they were or will be issued in private transactions not involving a public offering. Of these shares, the 230,000,000 shares issued in connection with the acquisition of GLG will not be eligible for sale under Rule 144 prior to one year from the date of the closing of the acquisition.

Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, a person who has beneficially owned restricted shares of Freedom common stock for at least one year would be entitled to sell within any three-month period a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of either of the following:

one percent of the total number of shares of common stock then outstanding, which will equal 2,408,950 shares immediately after the consummation of the acquisition; or

the average weekly trading volume of common stock during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to the sale.

Sales under Rule 144 are also limited by manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current information about us.

Rule 144(k)

Under Rule 144(k), a person who is not deemed to have been one of our affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding a sale, and who has beneficially owned the restricted shares proposed to be sold for at least two years, including the holding period of any prior owner other than an affiliate, is entitled to sell its shares without complying with the manner of sale, public information, volume limitation or notice provisions of Rule 144.

SEC Position on Rule 144 Sales

The SEC has taken the position that promoters or affiliates of a blank check company and their transferees, both before and after a business combination, would act as underwriters under the Securities Act when reselling the securities of a blank check company. Based on that position, Rule 144 would not be

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available for resale transactions despite technical compliance with the requirements of Rule 144, and such securities can be resold only through a registered offering.

Description of Capital Stock

Freedom's authorized capital stock currently consists of 200,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 1,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. As of September 30, 2007, there were 64,800,003 shares of common stock issued and outstanding held by six holders of record and no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding. Assuming the authorized share proposal and the acquisition proposal are approved, Freedom's certificate of incorporation will be amended to increase the total number of authorized shares of:

Freedom capital stock (of all classes) from 201,000,000 to 1,150,000,000;

Freedom common stock from 200,000,000 to 1,000,000,000; and

Freedom preferred stock from 1,000,000 to 150,000,000, of which it is expected that 58,904,993 shares (subject to adjustment) will be designated by the board of directors as a new series of Freedom preferred stock titled Series A voting preferred stock, which will be entitled to one vote per share and to vote as a single class with the common stock on all matters, but which will not be entitled to dividends or certain other distributions.

The purpose of the remaining authorized but unissued securities described in the authorized share proposal is to provide Freedom with a sufficient number of available shares for possible acquisitions, financings, equity compensation and other corporate purpose. These additional shares will provide Freedom with the ability to issue additional shares of common stock without requiring stockholder approval of such issuances, except as otherwise may be required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or trading system on which the securities may be listed or traded, including the American Stock Exchange and/or the New York Stock Exchange.

Please refer to **Risk Factors - Risks Related to Our Organization and Structure Following the Acquisition** - Certain provisions in our proposed organizational documents and Delaware law will make it difficult for someone to acquire control of us. For a description of certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation that would have an effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of our company and that would operate only with respect to an extraordinary corporate transaction involving us (or any of our subsidiaries), such as a merger, reorganization, tender offer, sale or transfer of substantially all of our assets, or liquidation.

The following table sets forth information regarding shares of Freedom common stock and preferred stock:

Shares	Common Stock	Preferred Stock
Currently authorized	200,000,000	1,000,000
Issued and outstanding	64,800,003*	
Reserved for issuance under warrants	74,300,003*	
Authorized after approval of the authorized share proposal	1,000,000,000	150,000,000
To be issued or reserved for issuance in the acquisition (including under the Restricted Stock Plan)	230,000,000	58,904,993
Issued and outstanding after the acquisition	235,895,010*	58,904,993
Reserved for issuance upon exchange of Exchangeable Shares	58,904,993	
Reserved for issuance under the LTIP	40,000,000	

* Amounts do not reflect the sponsors' co-investment for 5,000,000 units immediately prior to the closing of the acquisition. After giving to the co-investment, the number of currently issued and outstanding shares, shares reserved for issuance under warrants and issued and outstanding immediately after the acquisition will be 69,800,003, 79,300,003 and 240,895,010, respectively

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Common Stock

It is expected that 230,000,000 shares of common stock will be issued or reserved for issuance in connection with the acquisition. Upon consummation of the acquisition, there will be the equivalent of 294,800,003 shares of our common stock outstanding (299,800,003 shares upon issuance of the co-investment common stock). Except for such voting rights that may be given to one or more series of preferred stock issued by the board of directors pursuant to the blank check power granted by our certificate of incorporation or required by law, holders of common stock will have one vote per share and the right to vote on the election of our directors and all other matters requiring stockholder action. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors in its discretion out of funds legally available therefor. The payment of dividends, if ever, on the common stock may be subject to the prior payment of dividends on any outstanding preferred stock with dividend rights, of which we expect that following the acquisition there will be only the Series A preferred stock, which will not be entitled to dividends. Upon our dissolution, our common stockholders will be entitled to receive pro rata all assets remaining available for distribution to stockholders after payment of all liabilities and provision for the liquidation of any shares of preferred stock with preferential liquidation rights, if any, at the time outstanding. There is no cumulative voting with respect to the election of directors, with the result that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voted for the election of directors can elect all of the directors. Our common stockholders have no conversion, preemptive or other subscription rights and there are no sinking fund or redemption provisions applicable to the common stock.

Preferred Stock

Our certificate of incorporation provides that one or more series of preferred stock may be created from time to time by our board of directors. Our board of directors will be authorized to fix the voting rights, if any, designations, powers, preferences, the relative, participating, optional or other special rights and any qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, applicable to the shares of each series. Our board of directors will be able to, without stockholder approval, create and issue preferred stock with voting and other rights that could adversely affect the voting power and other rights of the holders of the common stock and could have anti-takeover effects. The ability of our board of directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of us or the removal of existing management. We have no preferred stock outstanding at the date hereof.

The purchase agreement provides that our board will create the Series A preferred stock as a new series of preferred stock and it is expected that 58,904,993 shares of such Series A preferred stock will be issued in connection with the acquisition, subject to adjustment as provided therein. The holders of Series A preferred stock will have one vote per share and the right, together with the holders of common stock voting as a single class, to vote on the election of our directors and all other matters requiring stockholder action. In addition, the holders of Series A preferred stock will have a separate right to vote as a single class on (1) amendments to the certificate of incorporation that effect a division or combination of our common stock unless such amendment proportionately divides or combines the Series A preferred stock, (2) the declaration of any dividend or distribution on our common stock (other than in connection with a dissolution and liquidation) in shares of common stock unless a proportionate dividend or distribution is declared on the Series A preferred stock, and (3) a division or subdivision of the Series A preferred stock into a greater number of shares of Series A preferred stock or a combination or consolidation of the Series A preferred stock.

The Series A preferred stock will not be entitled to receive dividends. In the event of our liquidation, the holders of the Series A preferred stock are only entitled to receive, in preference to the common stock, \$0.0001 per share, and nothing more. The shares of Series A preferred stock will be subject to transfer restrictions intended to cause such

shares to be transferred only together with the Exchangeable Shares. Each share of Series A preferred stock will be issued with an Exchangeable Share of FA Sub 2 Limited. Each Exchangeable Share is exchangeable at any time at the election of the holder for one share of Freedom common stock. For each Exchangeable Share that is exchanged for common stock, a corresponding share of Series A preferred stock will automatically be redeemed for its par value of \$0.0001 per share and become authorized but unissued preferred stock of Freedom. Except in connection with the exchange of the

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Exchangeable Shares, the holders of Series A preferred stock will have no conversion, preemptive or other subscription rights and there are no sinking fund provisions applicable to the Series A preferred stock.

FA Sub 2 Limited Exchangeable Shares

The purchase agreement provides that 58,904,993 Exchangeable Shares will be issued in connection with the acquisition, subject to adjustment as provided therein. The holders of Exchangeable Shares will have the right to vote on certain major corporate action of FA Sub 2 Limited, including the following:

- a voluntary liquidation or acts or failure to act that are designed to result in a liquidation;
- any amendment of the support agreement;
- any amendment of the memorandum or articles of association adverse to the holders of Exchangeable Shares; and
- a reincorporation, merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all the assets of FA Sub 2 Limited or similar action (other than where the successor remains an affiliate of Freedom, the holder of Exchangeable Shares are not adversely affected and receive shares in the successor substantially identical in their rights as the Exchangeable Shares).

The Exchangeable Shares are entitled, subject to compliance with applicable companies laws in the British Virgin Islands, to distributions in an amount equal to the distributions paid by Freedom to its shareholders on an equivalent number of shares of common stock into which the Exchangeable Shares are exchangeable. The holder of Exchangeable Shares will also be entitled to cumulative quarterly cash distributions, which will be determined by reference to the greater of (1) the highest combined U.S. federal, state and local rate of income tax (as in effect from time to time) payable by an individual who is a citizen of the United States who is resident in New York City (currently 43.87%) and the holder's share of taxable income of FA Sub 2 Limited as determined for U.S. federal, state and local tax purposes and (2) the highest rate of income tax in the United Kingdom (as in effect from time to time) payable by an individual who is resident of and domiciled in the United Kingdom (currently 40.00%) and the holder's share of taxable income of FA Sub 2 Limited as determined for U.K. tax purposes. In addition, the holder of Exchangeable Shares will share in liquidation proceeds of FA Sub 2 Limited on a pro-rata basis based on the number of shares of Freedom common stock the holder of the Exchangeable Shares would hold upon exchange of the Exchangeable Shares relative to the total number of shares of Freedom common stock immediately after the consummation of the acquisition, after giving effect to the exchange of the Exchangeable Shares (taking into account all prior distributions). The holder of Exchangeable Shares may require FA Sub 2 Limited to exchange (in the manner prescribed by the memorandum and articles of association of FA Sub 2 Limited) any or all of the Exchangeable Shares for Freedom common stock. The exchange ratio is initially one share of Freedom common stock for each Exchangeable Share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions, including that FA Sub 2 Limited must adjust the exchange ratio in the event of a subdivision or combination of the shares of either FA Sub 2 Limited or Freedom. The Exchangeable Shares are transferable only together with the corresponding Series A preferred stock. The Exchangeable Shares may be transferred only after the holder has held the Exchangeable Shares for five years, subject to the consent and right of first refusal of FA Sub 1 Limited (except for transfers to certain permitted transferees, as described in the organizational documents of FA Sub 2 Limited, which may, subject to compliance with the memorandum and articles of association of FA Sub 2 Limited, be effected within the first five years of ownership). FA Sub 1 Limited may require the holder of Exchangeable Shares to sell its Exchangeable Shares if FA Sub 1 Limited decides to sell its own interest in FA Sub 2 Limited.

Warrants

Public Stockholders Warrants

In connection with its initial public offering, Freedom issued 52,800,000 warrants to purchase Freedom common stock to the public as part of units, all of which were outstanding as of September 30, 2007. Each public stockholders warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at a price of \$7.50 per

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share, subject to adjustment as discussed below, at any time commencing on the later of (1) the consummation of the acquisition or (2) December 28, 2007, provided in each case that there is an effective registration statement covering the shares of common stock underlying the warrants in effect.

The warrants will expire on December 28, 2011. Once the warrants become exercisable, we may call the warrants for redemption:

in whole but not in part;

at a price of \$0.01 per warrant;

upon not less than 30 days prior written notice of redemption to each warrant holder; and

if, and only if, the reported last sale price of our common stock equals or exceeds \$14.25 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending on the third business day prior to the notice of redemption to warrant holders.

The exercise price and number of shares of common stock issuable on exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances including in the event of a stock dividend, or our recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. However, there will be no such adjustments for issuances of common stock at a price below the warrant exercise price. Warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of common stock, including voting rights, until they exercise their warrants and receive shares of common stock.

No warrants will be exercisable unless at the time of exercise we have a registration statement under the Securities Act in effect covering the shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants and a current prospectus relating to these shares of common stock. Under the warrant agreement, we have agreed that prior to the commencement of the exercise period, we will file a registration statement with the SEC for the registration of the common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, use our best efforts to cause the registration statement to become effective on or prior to the commencement of the exercise period and to maintain a current prospectus relating to the common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants until the warrants expire or are redeemed.

Founders Warrants

Prior to its initial public offering, Freedom issued 12,000,003 warrants to purchase Freedom common stock to its founders as part of units in a private placement, all of which are outstanding as of September 30, 2007. The founders warrants are substantially similar to the public stockholders warrants, except that the founders warrants:

will become exercisable after our consummation of the acquisition if and when the last sales price of our common stock exceeds \$14.25 per share for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period beginning 90 days after such acquisition; and

are non-redeemable so long as they are held by the founders or their permitted transferees.

The holders of these warrants are permitted to transfer such warrants (including the common stock to be issued upon exercise of such warrants) in certain limited circumstances, such as to our officers and our directors, and other persons or entities associated with such holder (permitted warrant transferees), but the permitted warrant transferees receiving such warrants will be subject to the same sale restrictions imposed on the holders. In connection with the acquisition, each of the founders has agreed, subject to certain exceptions, not to sell or otherwise transfer any of its founders warrants (including the common stock to be issued upon exercise of the founders warrants) for a period of one year

from the date of the consummation of the acquisition.

Pursuant to the registration rights contained in the GLG Shareholders Agreement, the founders warrants carry registration rights as specified in the agreement.

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Sponsors Warrants and Co-Investment Warrants

In connection with its initial public offering, Freedom issued 4,500,000 warrants to purchase common stock to its sponsors in a private placement, all of which are outstanding as of September 30, 2007. In addition, immediately prior to the consummation of the acquisition, Freedom's sponsors will directly or indirectly acquire an additional 5,000,000 warrants to purchase common stock as part of the co-investment by the sponsors of \$50.0 million for 5,000,000 units in a private placement. The sponsors' warrants and the co-investment warrants have terms and provisions that are substantially similar to the public stockholders' warrants, except that these warrants (including the common stock to be issued upon exercise of these warrants) are not transferable or salable by their holders or their permitted warrant transferees until one year after the closing of the acquisition, except to permitted warrant transferees. In addition, the sponsors' warrants are non-redeemable so long as the sponsors or their permitted warrant transferees hold such warrants, while the co-investment warrants are subject to the same redemption provisions as those to which the public stockholders' warrants are subject.

Pursuant to the registration rights contained in the GLG Shareholders Agreement, the sponsors' warrants and co-investment warrants carry registration rights as specified in the agreement.

Required Vote

The adoption of the authorized share proposal will require the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Abstentions and broker non-votes, will have the same effect as a vote against the authorized share proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to amend our certificate of incorporation to increase our authorized shares.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF THE AUTHORIZED SHARE PROPOSAL.

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THE SUPER-MAJORITY VOTE PROPOSAL

Proposal

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, Freedom is proposing to increase from the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present at the meeting or a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock, as the case may be, to the affirmative vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to (1) adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws as set forth in paragraph C of Article Seventh, (2) remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office, with or without cause, as set forth in new paragraph G of Article Seventh, and (3) amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote, including the amendment provision itself, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with those provisions as set forth in Article Ninth, each as more fully set forth in the form of Freedom's restated certificate of incorporation attached as Annex H. If the acquisition proposal is not adopted, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, including this proposal, and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal will not be presented at the special meeting.

In the judgment of our board of directors, the super-majority vote proposal is desirable because it may have the effect of delaying or deterring unsolicited takeover transactions. Our board of directors determined that it was appropriate to adopt these amendments to our certificate of incorporation, notwithstanding the fact that such provisions are absent from our current certificate of incorporation, in order to enhance stockholder value by helping us thwart hostile or coercive overtures that are not supported by our board of directors.

Required Vote

The adoption of the super-majority vote proposal will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock on the record date. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against the super-majority vote proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to amend our certificate of incorporation to increase to the affirmative vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the combined voting power of all outstanding shares of Freedom capital stock entitled to vote generally, voting together as a single class, the vote required for Freedom's stockholders to (1) adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws, (2) remove a director (other than directors elected by a series of preferred stock of Freedom, if any, entitled to elect a class of directors) from office, with or without cause, and (3) amend, alter or repeal certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation which require a stockholder vote higher than a majority vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE SUPER-MAJORITY VOTE PROPOSAL.

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THE OTHER PRE-CLOSING CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS PROPOSAL

Proposal

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, Freedom is proposing to amend certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent as set forth in Article Second, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders as set forth in paragraph H of Article Seventh, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors as set forth in paragraph B of Article Eighth and certain other ministerial amendments, each as more fully set forth in the form of Freedom's restated certificate of incorporation attached as Annex H. If the acquisition proposal is not adopted, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, including this proposal, and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal will not be presented at the special meeting.

In the judgment of our board of directors, the other pre-closing certificate amendments proposal is desirable in order to (1) ensure that stockholders meetings are called in an orderly manner, (2) ensure that officers, directors and others benefit from the full scope of the indemnification provisions and (3) make certain ministerial changes to the certificate of incorporation after giving effect to the various amendments contained in the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals. You are urged to read the restated certificate of incorporation in its entirety.

Required Vote

The adoption of the other pre-closing certificate amendments proposal will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock on the record date. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against the other pre-closing certificate amendments proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to amend certain other provisions of the certificate of incorporation relating to, among other things, Freedom's registered agent, the ability to call special meetings of stockholders, the scope of the indemnification of officers and directors and certain other ministerial amendments, as more fully set forth in the form of Freedom's restated certificate of incorporation attached as Annex H.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE OTHER PRE-CLOSING CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS PROPOSAL.

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THE POST-CLOSING CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Proposal

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, Freedom is proposing to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and the entirety of Article Fifth of Freedom's certificate of incorporation and to add provisions in Article Fourth, paragraph B regarding dividends and distributions. The form of restated certificate of incorporation as expected to be adopted and filed after giving effect to all of the proposed amendments described in the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and the post-closing certificate amendment proposal is attached as Annex H. If the acquisition proposal is not adopted, the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals and this post-closing certificate amendment proposal will not be presented at the special meeting.

In the judgment of our board of directors, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal is desirable because certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and the entirety of Article Fifth relate to the operation of Freedom as a blank check company prior to the consummation of a business combination. Article Third, Article Fourth, paragraph B and Article Fifth require, among other things, that proceeds from Freedom's initial public offering be held in a trust account until a business combination or liquidation of the Freedom has occurred and also requires that the terms of a proposed business combination be submitted for approval by Freedom's stockholders. These sections will not be applicable upon consummation of the acquisition.

Required Vote

The adoption of the post-closing certificate amendment proposal will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Freedom common stock on the record date. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against the post-closing certificate amendment proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to amend our certificate of incorporation to remove, effective after the consummation of the acquisition, certain provisions of Article Third and Article Fourth, paragraph B and the entirety of Article Fifth and to add provisions in Article Fourth, paragraph B regarding dividends and distributions.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE POST-CLOSING CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL.

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THE RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN PROPOSAL

Background

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, we are seeking your approval on the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Restricted Stock Plan (the Restricted Stock Plan) providing for the delivery of 10,000,000 shares of Freedom common stock to be issued as part of the consideration for the acquisition, in connection with the grant of awards of restricted stock (subject to adjustment and the other restrictions described below under Description of the Freedom 2007 Restricted Stock Plan).

On October 9, 2007, our board of directors unanimously approved the Restricted Stock Plan, and recommended that the Restricted Stock Plan be submitted to the stockholders for approval at the special meeting. If approved by the stockholders at the special meeting, the Restricted Stock Plan will become effective as of the closing of the acquisition. A form of the Restricted Stock Plan is attached as Annex I.

Description of the Freedom 2007 Restricted Stock Plan

The following is a brief description of certain important features of the Restricted Stock Plan, the full text of which is attached as Annex I. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Annex I. **If the acquisition proposal, each of the certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal and the incentive plan proposal are not approved, then Freedom will not adopt the Restricted Stock Plan.**

The Restricted Stock Plan permits our board of directors or the Compensation Committee of our board of directors or another committee designated by the board of directors and comprised of one or more members of the board (the Committee) to grant awards as restricted stock. Sub-Plan A provides for awards to employees and service providers (other than those covered by Sub-Plan B), while Sub-Plan B provides for awards to certain individuals who hold direct or indirect limited partnership interests in certain GLG entities and are participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement (Limited Partners).

Subject to adjustment in the event of any change in or affecting shares of our common stock, including but not limited to stock dividends, stock splits and reorganizations, the number of shares of our common stock which may be delivered upon grant or in payment of awards under the Restricted Stock Plan will not exceed 10,000,000 shares, which may be allocated in the Committee s discretion between Sub-Plan A and Sub-Plan B. Under the Restricted Stock Plan, all shares of our common stock with respect to the undistributed or unearned portion of any terminated or forfeited award will be returned to Freedom. See Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions.

Sub-Plan A:

Sub-Plan A provides for awards to employees and service providers (other than Limited Partners).

Purpose; Eligibility

The purpose of Sub-Plan A is to promote the interests of our company and our stockholders to assist in:

motivating and retaining employees and certain service providers; and

aligning the interests of our employees and certain service providers who participate in Sub-Plan A with the interests of our stockholders.

Sub-Plan A will remain in effect until all awards under Sub-Plan A have been vested or terminated under the terms of Sub-Plan A and applicable award agreements.

Awards under Sub-Plan A may be made to an individual who is (1) an employee of ours or any of our subsidiaries or (2) a service provider of ours or any of our subsidiaries (other than Limited Partners).

Terms of Awards

Restricted Stock. Shares of restricted stock are shares of our common stock that are issued to a participant subject to restrictions on transfer and such other restrictions on incidents of ownership as the Committee may determine, which restrictions will lapse at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events as the Committee may determine. Subject to the specified restrictions, the participant as owner

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of the shares of restricted stock will have the rights of the holder thereof, except that the Committee may provide at the time of the award that any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to the shares of restricted stock while subject to the restrictions (1) will or will not be paid, (2) will be accumulated, with or without interest, or (3) will be reinvested in our common stock and held subject to the same restrictions as the restricted stock and such other terms and conditions as the Committee will determine.

Deferrals. The Committee may require or permit Sub-Plan A participants to defer the issuance or vesting of shares of our common stock or the settlement of awards under rules and procedures it may establish under Sub-Plan A. The Committee may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment of, or crediting of interest on, the deferral amounts, or the payment or crediting of dividend equivalents on deferred settlements in shares of our common stock. No deferral will be permitted if it will result in Sub-Plan A becoming subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Administration

Sub-Plan A and all awards under Sub-Plan A are administered by the Committee, which has full and complete authority, in its sole and absolute discretion:

to exercise all of the powers granted to it under Sub-Plan A;

to construe, interpret and implement Sub-Plan A and any related document;

to prescribe, amend and rescind rules relating to Sub-Plan A;

to make all determinations necessary or advisable in administering Sub-Plan A; and

to correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency within and between Sub-Plan A and any award agreements thereunder.

It is our intent that Sub-Plan A and awards under Sub-Plan A satisfy, and be interpreted in a manner that satisfy, (1) in the case of participants who are or may be our executive officers or others subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, so that such persons will be entitled to the benefits of Rule 16b-3, or other exemptive rules under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and will not be subjected to avoidable liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and (2) either the requirements for exemption under Code Section 409A or the requirements for compliance with Code Section 409A and the Committee may add provisions or make certain modifications and amendments to awards to facilitate such compliance. However, there can be no assurance that Sub-Plan A awards will in fact satisfy these requirements.

Award Agreements

Each award under Sub-Plan A will be evidenced by an award agreement between us and the participant setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to the award, including but not limited to:

provisions for the time or times at which the award vests;

provisions for the treatment of the award in the event of the termination of a participant's status as an employee or service provider; and

any special provisions applicable in the event of an occurrence of a change of control of our company, as determined by the Committee consistent with the provisions of Sub-Plan A.

Rights as an Employee or Service Provider

Nothing contained in Sub-Plan A or in any award agreement confers upon any employee or service provider any right to continue in the employ or other service of our company or any of our subsidiaries or constitutes any contract or limits in any way our right or the rights of our subsidiaries to change such person's compensation or other benefits or to terminate the employment or other service of such person with or without cause. A transfer of an employee or service provider from our company to a subsidiary of ours, or vice versa,

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or from one subsidiary to another, a change in status from an employee to a Limited Partner, or vice versa, or a leave of absence, duly authorized by us, shall not be deemed a termination of employment or other service.

Rights as a Stockholder

A Sub-Plan A participant will have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of common stock covered by an award until the date the participant becomes a holder of record of such shares. Except as described below under **Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions**, no adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights, unless the award agreement specifically requires such adjustment.

Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions

In the event of any change in or affecting the outstanding shares of our common stock by reason of a stock dividend or split, merger or consolidation (whether or not we are the surviving corporation), recapitalization, reorganization, combination or exchange of shares or other similar corporate changes or an extraordinary dividend in cash, securities or other property, our board of directors will make such amendments to Sub-Plan A and outstanding awards and award agreements and make such equitable and other adjustments and take such actions thereunder as applicable, under the circumstances. The equitable adjustments to outstanding awards will be required to ensure that the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately after any of the events resulting in changes in or affecting the shares of our common stock described above is equal to the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately prior to any of these events. These amendments, adjustments and actions will include, as applicable, changes in the number of shares of our common stock then deliverable pursuant to Sub-Plan A, and the number of shares of our common stock then remaining subject to outstanding awards of restricted stock, including those that are then covered by outstanding awards, and accelerating the vesting of outstanding awards.

Amendment and Termination

Our board of directors may at any time amend, suspend or terminate Sub-Plan A, in whole or in part, except that, without the approval of our stockholders, no such action will materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under Sub-Plan A or otherwise make any material revision to Sub-Plan A, or otherwise be effective, except to the extent that such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to Sub-Plan A, including applicable requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and, except as described above under **Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions**, no such action may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

The Committee may at any time alter or amend any or all award agreements to the extent permitted by Sub-Plan A and applicable law, provided that except as described above under **Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions**, no such alteration or amendment may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

Withholding

Applicable taxes required by law will be withheld in respect of all awards. A participant may satisfy the withholding obligation by paying the amount of any taxes in cash or, with the approval of the Committee, by delivering to us or having deducted from the payment shares of our common stock to satisfy the obligation in full or in part. The amount of the withholding and the number of shares of our common stock to be delivered to us or deducted in satisfaction of the withholding requirement will be determined by the Committee with reference to the fair market value of our common stock when the withholding is required to be made. We will have no obligation to deliver any shares of our common stock pursuant to the grant or settlement of any award until we have been reimbursed for all required withholding taxes.

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Governing Law

Sub-Plan A, the award agreements and all actions taken under Sub-Plan A and under the award agreements will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the conflict of law principles of the State of Delaware.

Change of Control

The Committee or our board of directors may provide in any award agreement for provisions relating to a change of control, including, without limitation, the acceleration of the vesting of, or the lapse of restrictions with respect to, any outstanding restricted stock awards.

For purposes of the Sub-Plan A, a change of control is defined generally as:

the acquisition or ownership by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of Freedom entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (Voting Securities) in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding Voting Securities and (2) the number of Voting Securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals), as the case may be;

a change in the composition of a majority of the Freedom board of directors which is not supported by the current board of directors;

a major corporate transaction, such as a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of Freedom's assets, which results (1) in a change in the majority of the board of directors or of more than 50% of Freedom's stockholders or (2) in the acquisition by any person of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding voting securities and (2) the number of voting securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals) with respect to the resulting corporation; or

approval by Freedom's stockholders of the complete liquidation or dissolution of Freedom.

Sub-Plan B:

Sub-Plan B provides for awards to Limited Partners.

Purpose; Eligibility

The purpose of Sub-Plan B is to promote the interests of our company and our stockholders to assist in:

motivating and retaining the Limited Partners; and

aligning the interests of the Limited Partners who participate in Sub-Plan B with the interests of our stockholders.

Sub-Plan B will remain in effect until all awards under Sub-Plan B have been exercised or terminated under the terms of Sub-Plan B and applicable award agreements.

Awards under Sub-Plan B may be made to an individual who is a Limited Partner.

Terms of Awards

Restricted Stock. Shares of restricted stock are shares of our common stock that are issued to a participant subject to restrictions on transfer and such other restrictions on incidents of ownership as the Committee may determine, which restrictions will lapse at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events as the Committee may determine. Subject to the specified restrictions, the participant as owner of the shares of restricted stock will have the rights of the holder thereof, except that the Committee may provide at the time of the award that any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to the shares of restricted stock while subject to the restrictions (1) will or will not be paid, (2) will be accumulated, with or without interest, or (3) will be reinvested in our common stock and held subject to the same restrictions as the restricted stock and such other terms and conditions as the Committee will determine.

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Deferrals. The Committee may require or permit Sub-Plan B participants to defer the issuance or vesting of shares of our common stock or the settlement of awards under rules and procedures it may establish under Sub-Plan B. The Committee may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment of, or crediting of interest on, the deferral amounts, or the payment or crediting of dividend equivalents on deferred settlements in shares of our common stock. No deferral will be permitted if it will result in Sub-Plan B becoming subject to ERISA.

Administration

The Sub-Plan B and all awards under Sub-Plan B are administered by the Committee, which has full and complete authority, in its sole and absolute discretion:

- to exercise all of the powers granted to it under Sub-Plan B;
- to construe, interpret and implement Sub-Plan B and any related document;
- to prescribe, amend and rescind rules relating to Sub-Plan B;
- to make all determinations necessary or advisable in administering Sub-Plan B; and
- to correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency within and between Sub-Plan B and any award agreements thereunder.

It is our intent that Sub-Plan B and awards under Sub-Plan B satisfy, and be interpreted in a manner that satisfy, in the case of participants who are or may be our executive officers, the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, so that such persons will be entitled to the benefits of Rule 16b-3, or other exemptive rules under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and will not be subjected to avoidable liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act. However, there can be no assurance that the Sub-Plan B awards will in fact satisfy these requirements.

Award Agreements

Each award under Sub-Plan B will be evidenced by an award agreement between us and the participant setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to the award, including but not limited to:

- provisions for the time at which the award vests;
- provisions for the treatment of the award in the event of the termination of a participant's status as a Limited Partner; and
- any special provisions applicable in the event of an occurrence of a change of control of our company, as determined by the Committee consistent with the provisions of Sub-Plan B.

Rights as Limited Partner

Nothing contained in Sub-Plan B or in any award agreement confers upon any Limited Partner any right to continue to provide services to our company or any of our subsidiaries or constitutes any contract or limits in any way our right or the rights of our subsidiaries to change such person's status as a Limited Partner. A change in a participant's status from a Limited Partner to an employee of ours or a subsidiary of ours, or vice versa, shall not be deemed to be a termination of the participant's status as a Limited Partner for purposes of outstanding awards under Sub-Plan B.

Rights as a Stockholder

A Sub-Plan B participant will have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of common stock covered by an award until the date the participant becomes a holder of record of such shares. Except as described below under **Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions** , no adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights, unless the award agreement specifically requires such adjustment.

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Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions

In the event of any change in or affecting the outstanding shares of our common stock by reason of a stock dividend or split, merger or consolidation (whether or not we are the surviving corporation), recapitalization, reorganization, combination or exchange of shares or other similar corporate changes or an extraordinary dividend in cash, securities or other property, our board of directors will make such amendments to Sub-Plan B and outstanding awards and award agreements and make such equitable and other adjustments and take such actions thereunder as applicable, under the circumstances. The equitable adjustments to outstanding awards will be required to ensure that the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately after any of the events resulting in changes in or affecting the shares of our common stock described above is equal to the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately prior to any of these events. These amendments, adjustments and actions will include, as applicable, changes in the number of shares of our common stock then deliverable pursuant to Sub-Plan B, the number of shares of our common stock then remaining subject to outstanding awards of restricted stock, and the maximum number of shares that may be granted or delivered to any single participant pursuant to Sub-Plan B, including those that are then covered by outstanding awards, and accelerating the vesting of outstanding awards.

Amendment and Termination

Our board of directors may at any time amend, suspend or terminate Sub-Plan B, in whole or in part, except that, without the approval of our stockholders, no such action will materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under Sub-Plan B or otherwise make any material revision to Sub-Plan B, or otherwise be effective, except to the extent that such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to Sub-Plan B, including applicable requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and, except as described above under

Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no such action may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

The Committee may at any time alter or amend any or all award agreements to the extent permitted by Sub-Plan B and applicable law, provided that except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no such alteration or amendment may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

Withholding

Applicable taxes required by law will be withheld in respect of all awards. A participant may satisfy the withholding obligation by paying the amount of any taxes in cash or, with the approval of the Committee, by delivering to us or having deducted from the payment shares of our common stock to satisfy the obligation in full or in part. The amount of the withholding and the number of shares of our common stock to be delivered to us or deducted in satisfaction of the withholding requirement will be determined by the Committee with reference to the fair market value of our common stock when the withholding is required to be made. We will have no obligation to deliver any of our common stock pursuant to the grant or settlement of any award until we have been reimbursed for all required withholding taxes.

Governing Law

Sub-Plan B, the award agreements and all actions taken under Sub-Plan B and under the award agreements will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the conflict of law principles of the State of Delaware.

Change of Control

The Committee or our board of directors may provide in any award agreement for provisions relating to a change of control, including, without limitation, the acceleration of the vesting of, or the lapse of restrictions with respect to, any outstanding restricted stock awards.

For purposes of Sub-Plan B a change of control is defined generally as:

the acquisition or ownership by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of Freedom entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (Voting Securities) in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding Voting

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Securities and (2) the number of Voting Securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals), as the case may be;

a change in the composition of a majority of the Freedom board of directors which is not supported by the current board of directors;

a major corporate transaction, such as a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of Freedom's assets, which results (1) in a change in the majority of the board of directors or of more than 50% of Freedom's stockholders or (2) in the acquisition by any person of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding voting securities and (2) the number of voting securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals) with respect to the resulting corporation; or

approval by Freedom's stockholders of the complete liquidation or dissolution of Freedom.

Plan Benefits

Awards under the Restricted Stock Plan are generally to be made at the discretion of the Committee and to date there has been no determination by the Committee with respect to future awards under the Restricted Stock Plan for participants. The Principals and executive officers are not expected to receive any awards under the Restricted Stock Plan.

Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a brief summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of transactions under the Restricted Stock Plan, based on current U.S. federal income tax laws applicable to U.S.-based participants providing services to a U.S.-based entity and other persons who are U.S. persons. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive, does not constitute tax advice and, among other things, does not describe state, local or foreign tax consequences, which may be substantially different.

A recipient of shares of restricted stock normally will not recognize taxable income upon an award of restricted stock, and we will not be entitled to a deduction, until the termination of the restrictions. Upon such termination, the holder will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the restricted stock at that time, plus the amount of any dividends and interest thereon which are paid to the holder at that time. However, a holder may elect to recognize ordinary taxable income in the year the restricted shares are awarded in an amount equal to their fair market value at the time received, determined without regard to the restrictions. In this event, we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the holder realizes income.

Required Vote

To be approved by the stockholders, the proposal to approve the adoption of the Restricted Stock Plan must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the restricted stock plan proposal, and broker non-votes will have no impact upon the approval of the incentive plan proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to adopt the Restricted Stock Plan.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN PROPOSAL.

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THE INCENTIVE PLAN PROPOSAL

Background

Assuming the acquisition proposal is approved by Freedom stockholders, we are seeking your approval on the adoption of the Freedom 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the LTIP) providing for the issuance of a maximum of 40,000,000 shares of common stock in connection with the grant of options and/or other stock-based or stock-denominated awards (subject to adjustment and the other restrictions described below under Description of the Freedom 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan).

On October 9, 2007, our board of directors unanimously approved the LTIP, and recommended that the LTIP be submitted to the stockholders for approval at the special meeting. If approved by the stockholders at the special meeting, the LTIP will become effective as of the closing of the acquisition. A form of the LTIP is attached as Annex J.

The LTIP being submitted under this proposal does not currently have any securities issued pursuant to it and no future issuances which may be awarded have been determined, approved or granted at this time.

Description of the Freedom 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan

The following is a brief description of certain important features of the LTIP, the full text of which is attached as Annex J. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Annex J. **If the acquisition proposal, each of the certificate amendment proposals, post-closing certificate amendment proposal and the restricted stock plan proposal are not approved, then Freedom will not adopt the LTIP.**

The LTIP permits our board of directors or the Committee (including such officer or officers to whom the Committee may be permitted to delegate authority to act under the LTIP) to grant awards from time to time as stock options (which may be incentive stock options eligible for special tax treatment or non-qualified stock options), stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units (RSUs), stock appreciation rights (SARs) (which may be in conjunction with or separate and apart from a grant of stock options), performance units and performance shares. Any of these types of awards (except stock options or stock appreciation rights, which are deemed to be performance based) may be granted as performance compensation awards intended to qualify as performance based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

Sub-Plan A provides for awards to employees, service providers (other than Limited Partners) and non-employee directors, while Sub-Plan B provides for awards to Limited Partners.

Subject to adjustment in the event of any change in or affecting shares of our common stock, including but not limited to stock dividends, stock splits and reorganizations, the number of shares of our common stock which may be delivered upon exercise of options or upon grant or in payment of other awards under the LTIP will not exceed 40,000,000 shares, which may be allocated in the Committee's discretion between Sub-Plan A and Sub-Plan B and to or among any of the types of awards authorized under the Sub-Plans and all of which may be issued as incentive stock options. Under the LTIP, all shares of our common stock with respect to the unexercised, undistributed or unearned portion of any terminated or forfeited award will be available for further awards. See Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions .

Subject to the adjustment provisions discussed below under Sub-Plan A Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions and Sub-Plan B Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no single LTIP participant will receive

annual awards of more than (1) 8,000,000 stock options (measured by the number of shares of common stock underlying such stock options), SARs (measured by the number of shares of common stock underlying such SARs) or any combination thereof or (2) 8,000,000 shares of performance based restricted stock, performance based RSUs (measured by the number of shares underlying such RSUs) or any combination thereof, under the LTIP and any other stock-based compensation plan of our Company.

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Sub-Plan A:

Sub-Plan A provides for awards to employees, service providers (other than Limited Partners) and non-employee directors.

Purpose; Eligibility

The purpose of the Sub-Plan A is to promote the interests of our company and our stockholders to assist in:

attracting, motivating and retaining employees, service providers and non-employee directors; and

aligning the interests of our employees, service providers and non-employee directors who participate in Sub-Plan A with the interests of our stockholders.

Sub-Plan A will remain in effect until all awards under Sub-Plan A have been exercised or terminated under the terms of Sub-Plan A and applicable award agreements, provided that awards under Sub-Plan A may be granted only within ten years from LTIP effective date.

Awards under Sub-Plan A may be made to an individual who is (1) an employee of ours or any of our subsidiaries, (2) a service provider of ours or any of our subsidiaries (other than Limited Partners) or (3) a non-employee director of ours.

Terms of Awards

Stock Options. A stock option is an option to purchase a specific number of shares of our common stock exercisable at such time or times, and subject to such terms and conditions, as the Committee may determine consistent with the terms of Sub-Plan A, including the following:

the exercise price of an option will not be less than the fair market value of our common stock on the date the option is granted;

no option may be exercisable more than ten years after the date the option is granted;

the exercise price of an option will be paid in cash or, at the discretion of the Committee, in shares of our common stock or by withholding shares of our common stock for which the option is exercisable, valued at the fair market value on the date of exercise or through any combination of the foregoing; and

no fractional shares of our common stock will be issued or accepted.

Incentive stock options, which are options that comply with the requirements of Section 422 of the Code, are subject to the following additional provisions:

the aggregate fair market value (determined at the time of grant) of the shares of our common stock subject to incentive stock options that are exercisable by one person for the first time during a particular calendar year may not exceed the maximum amount permitted under the Code (currently \$100,000); provided, however, that if the limitation is exceeded, the incentive stock options in excess of such limitation will be treated as non-qualified stock options;

no incentive stock option may be granted under Sub-Plan A more than ten years after the effective date of Sub-Plan A; and

no incentive stock option may be granted to any participant who on the date of grant is not our employee or an employee of one of our subsidiaries within the meaning of Code Section 424(f).

For purposes of Sub-Plan A, fair market value means the closing sale price of our common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (or if our common stock is not then traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the closing sale price of our common stock on the stock exchange or over-the-counter market on which our common stock is principally trading) on the date of a determination (or on the immediately preceding day our common stock was traded if it was not traded on the date of a determination).

Stock. Shares of common stock may be issued to participants without any restrictions on transfer or other vesting requirements.

Restricted Stock. Shares of restricted stock are shares of our common stock that are issued to a participant subject to restrictions on transfer and such other restrictions on incidents of ownership as the

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Committee may determine, which restrictions will lapse at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events as the Committee may determine, including but not limited to the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals with respect to our performance, the performance of a business unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) or the performance of the participant. Subject to the specified restrictions, the participant as owner of the shares of restricted stock will have the rights of the holder thereof, except that the Committee may provide at the time of the award that any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to the shares of restricted stock while subject to the restrictions (1) will or will not be paid, (2) will be accumulated, with or without interest, or (3) will be reinvested in our common stock and held subject to the same restrictions as the restricted stock and such other terms and conditions as the Committee will determine.

Restricted Stock Units. A restricted stock unit, or RSU, is an award of a right to receive at a specified future date an amount based on the fair market value of a specified number of shares of our common stock on the payout date, subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may establish. RSUs that become payable in accordance with their terms and conditions will be paid out in our common stock, in cash based on the fair market value of the common stock underlying the RSUs on the payout date (or at the sole discretion of the Committee, the day immediately preceding that date) or partly in cash (as so based) and partly in our common stock, as the Committee may determine. No participant who holds RSUs will have any ownership interest in the shares of common stock to which such RSUs relate until and unless payment with respect to such restricted stock units is actually made in shares of common stock. The Committee may provide at the time of the award for (1) no deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents, (2) the deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents in cash, with or without interest, or (3) the deemed reinvestment of dividend equivalents in our common stock held subject to the same conditions as the RSU and such other terms and conditions as the Committee may determine.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A stock appreciation right, or SAR, is the right to receive a payment measured by the excess of the fair market value of a specified number of shares of our common stock on the date on which the participant exercises the SAR over the grant price of the SAR determined by the Committee, which shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine consistent with the provisions of the LTIP. The grant price of a SAR shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares of stock covered by the SAR on the date the SAR is granted, and no SAR may be exercisable more than ten years after the date the SAR is granted. Under Sub-Plan A, SARs may be (1) freestanding SARs or (2) tandem SARs granted in conjunction with an option, either at the time of grant of the option or at a later date, and exercisable at the participant's election instead of all or any part of the related option. The payment to which a participant is entitled on exercise of a SAR may be in cash, in our common stock valued at fair market value on the date of exercise or partly in cash and partly in our common stock, as the Committee may determine.

Performance Units. A performance unit is an award denominated in cash, the amount of which may be based on the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals with respect to our performance, the performance of a business unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) or the performance of a participant to whom the performance units are granted. The amount that may be paid to any one participant with respect to performance units will not exceed \$50 million earned per fiscal year (or part thereof) during the performance period. Performance units that become payable in accordance with their terms and conditions will be paid out in cash, shares of our common stock valued at fair market value on the payout date (or at the sole discretion of the Committee, the day immediately preceding that date), or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, as the Committee may determine.

Performance Shares. A performance share is an award of a right to receive at a specified future date an amount based on the fair market value of a specified number of shares of our common stock on the payout date, subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may establish, including but not limited to on the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals with respect to our performance, the performance of a business

unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) or the performance of a participant to whom the performance shares are granted. Performance shares that become payable in accordance with their terms and conditions will be paid out in cash based on the fair market value of our

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common stock on the payout date (or at the sole discretion of the Committee, the day immediately preceding that date), shares of our common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, as the Committee may determine. Any person who holds performance shares shall have no ownership interest in any shares of our common stock to which such performance shares relate until and unless payment with respect to such performance shares is actually made in shares of our common stock. The Committee may provide for (1) no deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents, (2) the deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents in cash, with or without interest, or (3) the deemed reinvestment of dividend equivalents in our common stock held subject to the same conditions as the performance shares and such other terms and conditions as the Committee may determine.

Performance Compensation Awards. The Committee may designate any award (other than an option or SAR) at the time of its grant as a performance compensation award so that the award may constitute qualified performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), to the extent applicable. With respect to each performance compensation award, the Committee will establish, in writing, a performance period, performance measure(s), performance goal(s) and performance formula(s) within 90 days after the beginning of the performance period. Once established for a performance period or such other period as may be required by Code Section 162(m), such items may not be amended or otherwise modified if and to the extent such amendment or modification would cause the compensation payable pursuant to the award to fail to constitute qualified performance based compensation under Code Section 162(m).

The performance measure established by the Committee will measure our performance, that of one or more of our subsidiaries, divisions or units (which could include any fund product, managed account or individual portfolio within a fund, managed by us or a subsidiary), or any combination of the foregoing, for a performance period and will be based on assets under management; return on client assets; basic or diluted earnings per share; revenue; operating income; adjusted net income; earnings before or after interest, taxes, depreciation or amortization; return on capital; return on invested capital; return on equity; return on assets; return on net assets; profitability of an identifiable subsidiary, division or unit (which could include any fund product, managed account or individual portfolio within a fund, managed by us or a subsidiary); budget comparisons; cash flow; operating cash flow; free cash flow (operating cash flow plus proceeds from property dispositions less capital expenditures); working capital; improvements in capitalization; stock price; economic value added or total shareholder return. The foregoing measures may be applied on an absolute basis and/or relative to one or more peer group companies or indices, or any combination thereof, as the Committee shall determine. Each such measure, to the extent applicable, will be, if so determined by the Committee at the time the award is granted and to the extent permitted under Code Section 162(m), adjusted to omit the effects of extraordinary items, gain or loss on the disposal of a business segment, unusual or infrequently occurring events and transactions, cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles and other objectively determined measures. Performance measures may vary from performance period to performance period and from participant to participant and may be established on a stand-alone basis, in tandem or in the alternative.

Awards to Non-Employee Directors. Any of our non-employee directors may be granted an award with terms and conditions including restrictions as determined from time to time by our board of directors or by the Committee. At such times as it may determine, with respect to awards not yet granted, our board of directors may change (1) the form of any award to our non-employee directors provided for in Sub-Plan A to any other type of award set forth in Sub-Plan A and (2) the size and the vesting period of any such award.

Deferrals. The Committee may require or permit Sub-Plan A participants to defer the issuance or vesting of shares of our common stock or the settlement of awards under rules and procedures it may establish under Sub-Plan A. The Committee may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment of, or crediting of interest on, the deferral amounts, or the payment or crediting of dividend equivalents on deferred settlements in shares of our common stock. No deferral will be permitted if it will result in Sub-Plan A becoming subject to ERISA.

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Administration

The LTIP and all awards under Sub-Plan A are administered by the Committee, which has full and complete authority, in its sole and absolute discretion:

to exercise all of the powers granted to it under Sub-Plan A;

to construe, interpret and implement Sub-Plan A and any related document;

to prescribe, amend and rescind rules relating to Sub-Plan A;

to make all determinations necessary or advisable in administering Sub-Plan A; and

to correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency within and between Sub-Plan A and any award agreements thereunder.

Any member of the Committee who, at the time of any proposed grant of one or more awards, is not both an outside director as defined for purposes of Code Section 162(m) and a non-employee director as defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(3)(i) under the Exchange Act (or any successor provision) will abstain from and take no part in the Committee's action on the proposed grant of awards to executive officers, non-employee directors and covered employees.

It is our intent that Sub-Plan A and awards under Sub-Plan A satisfy, and be interpreted in a manner that satisfy, (1) in the case of participants who are or may be our executive officers or non-employee directors or others subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, so that such persons will be entitled to the benefits of Rule 16b-3, or other exemptive rules under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and will not be subjected to avoidable liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, (2) in the case of performance compensation awards to covered employees, as defined in the Code, the applicable requirements of Code Section 162(m), if applicable, and (3) either the requirements for exemption under Code Section 409A or the requirements for compliance with Code Section 409A and the Committee may add provisions or make certain modifications and amendments to awards to facilitate such compliance; however, there can be no assurance that Sub-Plan A awards will in fact satisfy these requirements

The Committee may delegate to an officer of ours the right to designate employees or service providers (other than the delegated officer or any executive officer or Principal) to be granted options and SARs and the number of shares of common stock subject to options and SARs granted to each such employee and service provider; *provided* that the aggregate number of shares of common stock to be subject to such options and SARs so to be awarded and their terms and conditions shall be determined by the Committee.

Award Agreements

Each award under Sub-Plan A will be evidenced by an award agreement between us and the participant setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to the award, including but not limited to:

provisions for the time at which the award becomes exercisable or otherwise vests;

provisions for the treatment of the award in the event of the termination of a participant's status as an employee, service provider or non-employee director; and

any special provisions applicable in the event of an occurrence of a change of control of our company, as determined by the Committee consistent with the provisions of Sub-Plan A.

Rights as an Employee, Service Provider or Non-Employee Director

Nothing contained in Sub-Plan A or in any award agreement confers upon any employee, service provider, non-employee director or participant any right to continue in the employ or other service of our company or any of our subsidiaries or constitutes any contract or limits in any way our right or the rights of our subsidiaries to change such person's compensation or other benefits or to terminate the employment or other service of such person with or without cause. A transfer of an employee or service provider from our company to a subsidiary of ours, or vice versa, or from one subsidiary to another, a change in a participant's status from an employee to a Limited Partner, or vice versa, or a leave of absence, duly authorized by us,

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shall not be deemed a termination of employment or other service for purposes of any outstanding awards under Sub-Plan A.

Rights as a Stockholder

A Sub-Plan A participant will have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of common stock covered by an award until the date the participant becomes a holder of record of such shares. Except as described below under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights, unless the award agreement specifically requires such adjustment.

Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions

In the event of any change in or affecting the outstanding shares of our common stock by reason of a stock dividend or split, merger or consolidation (whether or not we are the surviving corporation), recapitalization, reorganization, combination or exchange of shares or other similar corporate changes or an extraordinary dividend in cash, securities or other property, our board of directors will make such amendments to Sub-Plan A and outstanding awards and award agreements and make such equitable and other adjustments and take such actions thereunder as applicable, under the circumstances. The equitable adjustments to outstanding awards will be required to ensure that the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately after any of the events resulting in changes in or affecting the shares of our common stock described above is equal to the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately prior to any of these events. These amendments, adjustments and actions will include, as applicable, changes in the number of shares of our common stock then deliverable pursuant to Sub-Plan A, the number of shares of our common stock then remaining subject to awards of common stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance shares or subject to outstanding awards, and the maximum number of shares that may be granted or delivered to any single participant pursuant to Sub-Plan A, including those that are then covered by outstanding awards, the option exercise price under outstanding options and the SAR grant price under outstanding SARs, and accelerating the vesting of outstanding awards.

Amendment and Termination

Our board of directors may at any time amend, suspend or terminate Sub-Plan A, in whole or in part, except that, without the approval of our stockholders, no such action will materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under Sub-Plan A or otherwise make any material revision to Sub-Plan A, or otherwise be effective, except to the extent that such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to Sub-Plan A, including applicable requirements of the New York Stock Exchange and, except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no such action may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

The Committee may at any time alter or amend any or all award agreements to the extent permitted by Sub-Plan A and applicable law, provided that except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no such alteration or amendment may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

Neither our board of directors nor the Committee may, except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , amend Sub-Plan A or any award agreement to reprice any option or SAR whose exercise price is above the then fair market value of our common stock subject to the award, whether by decreasing the exercise price, canceling the award and granting a substitute award, or otherwise.

Withholding

Applicable taxes required by law will be withheld in respect of all awards. A participant may satisfy the withholding obligation by paying the amount of any taxes in cash or, with the approval of the Committee, by delivering to us or having deducted from the payment shares of our common stock to satisfy the obligation in full or in part. The amount of the withholding and the number of shares of our common stock to be delivered to us or deducted in satisfaction of the withholding requirement will be determined by the Committee with

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reference to the fair market value of our common stock when the withholding is required to be made; provided, however, that the amount of withholding to be paid in respect of stock options exercised through the cashless method in which shares of our common stock for which the stock options are exercised are immediately sold may be determined by reference to the price at which said shares are sold. We will have no obligation to deliver any of our common stock pursuant to the grant or settlement of any award until we have been reimbursed for all required withholding taxes.

Governing Law

Sub-Plan A, the award agreements and all actions taken under Sub-Plan A and under the award agreements will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the conflict of law principles of the State of Delaware.

Change of Control

The Committee or our board of directors may provide in any award agreement for provisions relating to a change of control, including, without limitation, the acceleration of the exercisability of, or the lapse of restrictions or deemed satisfaction of goals with respect to, any outstanding awards.

For purposes of Sub-Plan A, a change of control is defined generally as:

the acquisition or ownership by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of Freedom entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (Voting Securities) in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding Voting Securities and (2) the number of Voting Securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals), as the case may be;

a change in the composition of a majority of the Freedom board of directors which is not supported by the current board of directors;

a major corporate transaction, such as a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of Freedom's assets, which results (1) in a change in the majority of the board of directors or of more than 50% of Freedom's stockholders or (2) in the acquisition by any person of beneficial ownership of more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding voting securities and (2) the number of voting securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals) with respect to the resulting corporation; or

approval by Freedom's stockholders of the complete liquidation or dissolution of Freedom.

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Sub-Plan B:

Sub-Plan B provides for awards to Limited Partners.

Purpose; Eligibility

The purpose of Sub-Plan B is to promote the interests of our company and our stockholders to assist in:

attracting, motivating and retaining the Limited Partners; and

aligning the interests of the Limited Partners who participate in Sub-Plan B with the interests of our stockholders.

Sub-Plan B will remain in effect until all awards under Sub-Plan B have been exercised or terminated under the terms of Sub-Plan B and applicable award agreements, provided that awards under Sub-Plan B may be granted only within ten years from LTIP effective date.

Awards under Sub-Plan B may be made to an individual who is a Limited Partner.

Terms of Awards

Stock Options. A stock option is an option to purchase a specific number of shares of our common stock exercisable at such time or times, and subject to such terms and conditions, as the Committee may determine consistent with the terms of Sub-Plan B, including the following:

the exercise price of an option will not be less than the fair market value of our common stock on the date the option is granted;

no option may be exercisable more than ten years after the date the option is granted;

the exercise price of an option will be paid in cash or, at the discretion of the Committee, in shares of our common stock, by withholding shares of our common stock for which the option is exercisable valued at the fair market value on the date of exercise or through any combination of the foregoing; and

no fractional shares of our common stock will be issued or accepted.

For purposes of Sub-Plan B, fair market value means the closing sale price of our common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (or if our common stock is not then traded on the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the closing sale price of our common stock on the stock exchange or over-the-counter market on which our common stock is principally trading on the relevant date) on the date of a determination (or on the immediately preceding day our common stock was traded if it was not traded on the date of a determination).

Stock. Shares of common stock may be issued to participants without any restrictions on transfer or other vesting requirements.

Restricted Stock. Shares of restricted stock are shares of our common stock that are issued to a participant subject to restrictions on transfer and such other restrictions on incidents of ownership as the Committee may determine, which restrictions will lapse at such time or times, or upon the occurrence of such event or events as the Committee may determine, including but not limited to the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals

with respect to our performance, the performance of a business unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) or the performance of the participant. Subject to the specified restrictions, the participant as owner of the shares of restricted stock will have the rights of the holder thereof, except that the Committee may provide at the time of the award that any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to the shares of restricted stock while subject to the restrictions (1) will not be paid, (2) will be accumulated, with or without interest, or (3) will be reinvested in our common stock and held subject to the same restrictions as the restricted stock and such other terms and conditions as the Committee will determine.

Restricted Stock Units. A restricted stock unit, or RSU, is an award of a contractual right to receive at a specified future date an amount based on the fair market value of a specified number of shares of our common stock on the payout date, subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may establish, including but not limited to the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals with respect to

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performance of our company, a business unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) of our company or the participant to whom the RSUs are granted. RSUs that become payable in accordance with their terms and conditions will be paid out in our common stock, in cash based on the fair market value of the common stock underlying the RSUs on the payout date (or at the sole discretion of the Committee, the day immediately preceding that date) or partly in cash (as so based) and partly in our common stock, as the Committee may determine. No participant who holds RSUs will have any ownership interest in the shares of common stock to which such RSUs relate until and unless payment with respect to such restricted stock units is actually made in shares of common stock. The Committee may provide for (1) no deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents, (2) the deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents in cash, with or without interest, or (3) the deemed reinvestment of dividend equivalents in our common stock held subject to the same conditions as the RSU and such other terms and conditions as the Committee may determine.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A stock appreciation right, or SAR, is the right to receive a payment measured by the excess of the fair market value of a specified number of shares of our common stock on the date on which the participant exercises the SAR over the grant price of the SAR determined by the Committee, which shall be exercisable at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may determine consistent with the provisions of the LTIP. The grant price of a SAR shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the shares of stock covered by the SAR or the date the SAR is granted, and no SAR may be exercisable more than ten years after the date the SAR is granted. Under Sub-Plan B, SARs may be (1) freestanding SARs or (2) tandem SARs granted in conjunction with an option, either at the time of grant of the option or at a later date, and exercisable at the participant's election instead of all or any part of the related option. The payment to which a participant is entitled on exercise of a SAR may be in cash, in our common stock valued at fair market value on the date of exercise or partly in cash and partly in our common stock, as the Committee may determine.

Performance Units. A performance unit is an award denominated in cash, the amount of which may be based on the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals with respect to our performance, the performance of a business unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) or the performance of a participant to whom the performance units are granted. The amount that may be paid to any one participant with respect to performance units will not exceed \$50 million earned per fiscal year (or part thereof) during the performance period. Performance units that become payable in accordance with their terms and conditions will be paid out in cash, shares of our common stock valued at fair market value on the payout date (or at the sole discretion of the Committee, the day immediately preceding that date), or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, as the Committee may determine.

Performance Shares. A performance share is an award of a right to receive at a specified future date an amount based on the fair market value of a specified number of shares of our common stock on the payout date, subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may establish, including but not limited to on the achievement, over a specified period of time, of one or more specific goals with respect to our performance, the performance of a business unit (which may but need not be a subsidiary) or the performance of a participant to whom the performance shares are granted. Performance shares that become payable in accordance with their terms and conditions will be paid out in cash based on the fair market value of our common stock on the payout date (or at the sole discretion of the Committee, the day immediately preceding that date), shares of our common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, as the Committee may determine. Any person who holds performance shares shall have no ownership interest in any shares of our common stock to which such performance shares relate until and unless payment with respect to such performance shares is actually made in shares of our common stock. The Committee may provide for (1) no deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents, (2) the deemed accumulation of dividend equivalents in cash, with or without interest, or (3) the deemed reinvestment of dividend equivalents in our common stock held subject to the same conditions as the performance shares and such other terms and conditions as the Committee may determine.

Performance Compensation Awards. The Committee may designate any award (other than an option or SAR) at the time of its grant as a performance compensation award so that the award constitutes qualified performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m), to the extent applicable. With respect to each

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performance compensation award, the Committee will establish, in writing, a performance period, performance measure(s), performance goal(s) and performance formula(s) within 90 days after the beginning of the performance period. Once established for a performance period or such other period as may be required by Code Section 162(m), such items may not be amended or otherwise modified if and to the extent such amendment or modification would cause the compensation payable pursuant to the award to fail to constitute qualified performance based compensation under Code Section 162(m).

The performance measure established by the Committee will measure our performance, that of one or more of our subsidiaries, divisions or units (which could include any fund product, managed account or individual portfolio within a fund, managed by us or a subsidiary), or any combination of the foregoing, for a performance period and will be based on assets under management; return on client assets; basic or diluted earnings per share; revenue; operating income; adjusted net income; earnings before or after interest, taxes, depreciation or amortization; return on capital; return on invested capital; return on equity; return on assets; return on net assets; profitability of an identifiable subsidiary, division or unit (which could include any fund product, managed account or individual portfolio within a fund, managed by us or a subsidiary); budget comparisons; cash flow; operating cash flow; free cash flow (operating cash flow plus proceeds from property dispositions less capital expenditures); working capital; improvements in capitalization; stock price; economic value added or total shareholder return. The foregoing measures may be applied on an absolute basis and/or relative to one or more peer group companies or indices, or any combination thereof, as the Committee shall determine. Each such measure, to the extent applicable, will be, if so determined by the Committee at the time the award is granted and to the extent permitted under Code Section 162(m), adjusted to omit the effects of extraordinary items, gain or loss on the disposal of a business segment, unusual or infrequently occurring events and transactions, cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles and other objectively determined measures. Performance measures may vary from performance period to performance period and from participant to participant and may be established on a stand-alone basis, in tandem or in the alternative.

Deferrals. The Committee may require or permit Sub-Plan B participants to defer the issuance or vesting of shares of our common stock or the settlement of awards under rules and procedures it may establish under Sub-Plan B. The Committee may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment of, or crediting of interest on, the deferral amounts, or the payment or crediting of dividend equivalents on deferred settlements in shares of our common stock. No deferral will be permitted if it will result in Sub-Plan B becoming subject to ERISA.

Administration

Sub-Plan B and all awards under Sub-Plan B are administered by the Committee, which has full and complete authority, in its sole and absolute discretion:

to exercise all of the powers granted to it under Sub-Plan B;

to construe, interpret and implement Sub-Plan B and any related document;

to prescribe, amend and rescind rules relating to Sub-Plan B;

to make all determinations necessary or advisable in administering Sub-Plan B; and

to correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency within and between Sub-Plan B and any award agreements thereunder.

It is our intent that Sub-Plan B and awards under Sub-Plan B satisfy, and be interpreted in a manner that satisfy, either the requirements for exemption under Code Section 409A or the requirements for compliance with Code

Section 409A and the Committee may add provisions or make certain modifications and amendments to awards to facilitate such compliance; however, there can be no assurance that Sub-Plan B awards will in fact satisfy these requirements.

The Committee may delegate to an officer of ours the right to designate employees or service providers (other than the delegated officer or any executive officer or Principal) to be granted options and SARs and the number of shares of common stock subject to options and SARs granted to each such employee and

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service provider; *provided* that the aggregate number of shares of common stock to be subject to such options and SARs so to be awarded and their terms and conditions shall be determined by the Committee.

Award Agreements

Each award under Sub-Plan B will be evidenced by an award agreement between us and the participant setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to the award, including but not limited to:

provisions for the time at which the award becomes exercisable or otherwise vests;

provisions for the treatment of the award in the event of the termination of a participant's status as a Limited Partner, service provider or non-employee director; and

any special provisions applicable in the event of an occurrence of a change of control of our company, as determined by the Committee consistent with the provisions of Sub-Plan B.

Rights as Limited Partner

Nothing contained in Sub-Plan B or in any award agreement confers upon any Limited Partner any right to continue to provide services to our company or any of our subsidiaries or constitutes any contract or limits in any way our right or the rights of our subsidiaries to change such person's status as a Limited Partner. A change in a participant's status from a Limited Partner to an employee of ours or a subsidiary of ours, or vice versa, shall not be deemed to be a termination of the participant's status as a Limited Partner for purposes of outstanding awards under Sub-Plan B.

Rights as a Stockholder

A Sub-Plan B participant will have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of common stock covered by an award until the date the participant becomes a holder of record of such shares. Except as described below under

Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions, no adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights, unless the award agreement specifically requires such adjustment.

Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions

In the event of any change in or affecting the outstanding shares of our common stock by reason of a stock dividend or split, merger or consolidation (whether or not we are the surviving corporation), recapitalization, reorganization, combination or exchange of shares or other similar corporate changes or an extraordinary dividend in cash, securities or other property, our board of directors will make such amendments to Sub-Plan B and outstanding awards and award agreements and make such equitable and other adjustments and take such actions thereunder as applicable, under the circumstances. The equitable adjustments to outstanding awards will be required to ensure that the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately after any of the events resulting in changes in or affecting the shares of our common stock described above is equal to the intrinsic value of each outstanding award immediately prior to any of these events. These amendments, adjustments and actions will include, as applicable, changes in the number of shares of our common stock then deliverable pursuant to Sub-Plan B, the number of shares of our common stock then remaining subject to outstanding awards, and the maximum number of shares that may be granted or delivered to any single participant pursuant to Sub-Plan B, including those that are then covered by outstanding awards, the option exercise price under outstanding options and the SAR grant price under outstanding SARs, and accelerating the vesting of outstanding awards.

Amendment and Termination

Our board of directors may at any time amend, suspend or terminate Sub-Plan B, in whole or in part, except that, without the approval of our stockholders, no such action will materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under Sub-Plan B or otherwise make any material revision to Sub-Plan B, or otherwise be effective, except to the extent that such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement applicable to Sub-Plan B, including applicable requirements of the New York Stock

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Exchange and, except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no such action may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

The Committee may at any time alter or amend any or all award agreements to the extent permitted by Sub-Plan B and applicable law, provided that except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , no such alteration or amendment may impair the rights of any holder of an award without the holder's consent.

Neither our board of directors nor the Committee may, except as described above under Anti-Dilution and Other Adjustment Provisions , amend Sub-Plan B or any award agreement to reprice any option whose exercise price is above the then fair market value of our common stock subject to the award, whether by decreasing the exercise price, canceling the award and granting a substitute award, or otherwise.

Withholding

Applicable taxes required by law will be withheld in respect of all awards. A participant may satisfy the withholding obligation by paying the amount of any taxes in cash or, with the approval of the Committee, by delivering to us or having deducted from the payment shares of our common stock to satisfy the obligation in full or in part. The amount of the withholding and the number of shares of our common stock to be delivered to us or deducted in satisfaction of the withholding requirement will be determined by the Committee with reference to the fair market value of our common stock when the withholding is required to be made; provided, however, that the amount of withholding to be paid in respect of stock options exercised through the cashless method in which shares of our common stock for which the stock options are exercised are immediately sold may be determined by reference to the price at which said shares are sold. We will have no obligation to deliver any of our common stock pursuant to the grant or settlement of any award until we have been reimbursed for all required withholding taxes.

Governing Law

Sub-Plan B, the award agreements and all actions taken under Sub-Plan B and under the award agreements will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the conflict of law principles of the State of Delaware.

Change of Control

The Committee or our board of directors may provide in any award agreement for provisions relating to a change of control, including, without limitation, the acceleration of the exercisability of, or the lapse of restrictions or deemed satisfaction of goals with respect to, any outstanding awards.

For purposes of Sub-Plan B, a change of control is defined generally as:

the acquisition or ownership by any individual, entity or group of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of Freedom entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (Voting Securities) in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding Voting Securities and (2) the number of Voting Securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals), as the case may be;

a change in the composition of a majority of the Freedom board of directors which is not supported by the current board of directors;

a major corporate transaction, such as a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of Freedom's assets, which results (1) in a change in the majority of the board of directors or of more than 50% of Freedom's stockholders or (2) in the acquisition by any person of beneficial ownership of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors in excess of the greater of (1) 25% of the outstanding voting securities and (2) the number of voting securities beneficially owned by the Principals and their Trusts (including by their respective families, partnerships and charitable foundations controlled by any of the Principals) with respect to the resulting corporation; or

approval by Freedom's stockholders of the complete liquidation or dissolution of Freedom.

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Plan Benefits

Awards under the LTIP are generally to be made at the discretion of the Committee and to date there has been no determination by the Committee with respect to future awards under the LTIP for participants, including the Principals and executive officers. Therefore, the benefits and amounts that will be received or allocated by each Principal and executive officer and all executive officers as a group under the LTIP are not otherwise determinable at this time and we have not included a table reflecting such benefits or awards.

Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a brief summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of transactions under the LTIP, based on current U.S. federal income tax laws applicable to U.S.-based participants providing services to a U.S.-based entity. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive, does not constitute tax advice and, among other things, does not describe state, local or foreign tax consequences, which may be substantially different.

Stock Options

Options granted under the LTIP are, at the time of grant, intended to qualify as either incentive stock options under the Code or non-qualified stock options.

Incentive Stock Options. The grant of an incentive stock option does not result in any immediate tax consequences to us or the optionee. An optionee will not recognize taxable income, and we will not be entitled to any deduction, upon the timely exercise of an incentive stock option, but the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise of the option over the option price will be an item of tax preference for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. If such optionee does not dispose of the shares of stock transferred upon such exercise within one year after their receipt (and two years after the date the option was granted), gain or loss recognized upon disposition thereafter of such shares will be treated as long term taxable capital gain or loss. Capital losses of individuals are deductible only against capital gains and a limited amount of ordinary income. In the event of any earlier disposition, the optionee will recognize ordinary taxable income in the year of such disposition in an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise of the option over the option price or (2) if the disposition is a taxable sale or exchange, the amount of gain recognized if such amount is less than the amount determined in clause (1) above. Any taxable gain recognized upon such a disposition will generally be entitled to a deduction in an amount equal to the ordinary taxable income recognized by the optionee.

Non-qualified Stock Options. The grant of a non-qualified stock option has no immediate tax consequences to us or the optionee. If an optionee exercises a non-qualified stock option, the optionee will recognize ordinary taxable income measured by the difference between the option price and the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise, and we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount.

Stock

Upon the award and receipt of shares of common stock without restrictions, the recipient will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares of our common stock received, and, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code, we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at that time.

Restricted Stock

A recipient of shares of restricted stock normally will not recognize taxable income upon an award of restricted stock, and we will not be entitled to a deduction, until the termination of the restrictions. Upon such termination, the holder will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the restricted stock at that time, plus the amount of any dividends and interest thereon which are paid to the holder at that time. However, a holder may elect to recognize ordinary taxable income in the year the restricted shares are awarded in an amount equal to their fair market value at the time received, determined

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without regard to the restrictions. In this event, we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time as the holder realizes income, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Restricted Stock Units

The award of restricted stock units has no immediate tax consequences to us or the participant. Upon payment of a restricted stock unit, the participant will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares of common stock or cash received at that time, and, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code, we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at that time.

Stock Appreciation Rights

The grant of a stock appreciation right will have no immediate tax consequences to us or the participant. Upon exercise of stock appreciation rights, the participant will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the cash and the fair market value of stock received by the participant and we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at the same time.

Performance Units

A recipient of a performance unit will recognize ordinary taxable income at the time of receipt of cash or of shares of our common stock with respect thereto equal to the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any shares of our common stock received, and, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code, we will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at that time.

Performance Shares

The grant of a performance share under the LTIP has no immediate tax consequences to either the participant or us. Upon payment of a performance share, the participant will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares or cash received at that time. We will, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code, be entitled to a deduction in the same amount and at that time.

Performance Compensation Awards

The designation of an award as a performance compensation award will have no tax consequences to the employee. Such a designation will, however, enable such an award to qualify as performance based compensation not subject to the \$1 million limitation on deductible compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.

Dividend Equivalents

Dividend equivalents generally will be taxed at ordinary income rates when paid. In most instances, they will be treated as additional compensation that we will be able to deduct at that time, subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Required Vote

To be approved by the stockholders, the proposal to approve the adoption of the LTIP must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the incentive plan proposal, and broker non-votes will have no impact upon the approval of the incentive plan proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the proposal to adopt the LTIP.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE INCENTIVE PLAN PROPOSAL.

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THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL

Proposal

In the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the acquisition proposal, each of the pre-closing certificate amendment proposals, the post-closing certificate amendment proposal, the restricted stock plan proposal or the incentive plan proposal, the board of directors may submit a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date, or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies.

Required Vote

The adoption of the adjournment proposal will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Freedom common stock represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting.

Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the adjournment proposal, and broker non-votes will have no impact upon the approval of the adjournment proposal.

Recommendation

The board of directors of Freedom believes that it is in the best interests of Freedom that the stockholders approve the adjournment proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL.

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The selected combined historical financial information of GLG as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and for the six months ended June 30, 2006 was derived from unaudited condensed combined financial statements of GLG included in this proxy statement. The selected combined historical financial information of GLG as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 was derived from combined financial statements of GLG audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, included in this proxy statement. The selected combined historical financial information of GLG as of June 30, 2006 and as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was derived from unaudited combined financial statements of GLG not included in this proxy statement. This information should be read in conjunction with GLG Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the financial statements and the notes thereto included in this proxy statement.

	Years Ended December 31,					Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	2007
	(unaudited)					(unaudited)	
	(US dollars in thousands)						
Combined Statement of Operations Data:							
Net revenues and other income:							
Management fees, net	\$ 30,108	\$ 65,259	\$ 138,988	\$ 137,958	\$ 186,273	\$ 82,971	\$ 120,334
Performance fees, net	31,288	206,685	178,024	279,405	394,740	175,946	343,032
Administration fees, net				311	34,814	15,921	26,680
Transaction charges	80,613	115,945	191,585	184,252			
Other	626	6,497	6,110	1,476	5,039	2,023	970
Total net revenues and other income	142,635	394,386	514,707	603,402	620,866	276,861	491,016
Expenses:							
Employee compensation and benefits	(88,994)	(158,789)	(196,784)	(345,918)	(168,386)	(114,459)	(81,566)
General, administrative and other	(22,052)	(23,005)	(42,002)	(64,032)	(68,404)	(27,285)	(53,743)
Total expenses	(111,046)	(181,794)	(238,786)	(409,950)	(236,790)	(141,744)	(135,309)
	31,589	212,592	275,921	193,452	384,076	135,117	355,707

Income from operations							
Interest income, net	882	709	519	2,795	4,657	2,574	1,647
Income before income taxes	32,471	213,301	276,440	196,247	388,733	137,691	357,354
Income taxes	(8,456)	(49,966)	(48,372)	(25,345)	(29,225)	(13,000)	(28,286)
Net income	\$ 24,015	\$ 163,335	\$ 228,068	\$ 170,902	\$ 359,508	\$ 124,691	\$ 329,068
Distributions to Principals and Trustees	\$ (33,895)	\$ (70,825)	\$ (222,074)	\$ (106,531)	\$ (165,705)	\$ (148,533)	\$ (145,069)
Distributions to non-controlling interest holders					(14,656)		(208,043)

	As of December 31,					As of June 30,	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006	2007
	(unaudited)					(unaudited)	
	(US dollars in thousands)						

Combined Balance Sheet Data:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,450	\$ 65,655	\$ 136,378	\$ 236,261	\$ 273,148	\$ 97,672	\$ 130,268
Fees receivable	34,826	139,103	163,235	246,179	251,963	198,211	380,157
Working capital	15,579	25,940	20,395	42,387	370,094	169,251	344,129
Property and equipment, net	4,102	3,801	4,342	3,290	6,121	3,253	8,980
Total assets	75,359	220,829	310,592	495,340	557,377	311,661	546,977
Accrued compensation and benefits	21,654	25,038	125,850	247,745	102,507	81,954	47,702
Other liabilities					5,100	5,000	3,653
Loans payable	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Total members equity	19,400	112,722	117,980	180,229	361,952	158,123	338,305

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**GLG MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with GLG's combined historical financial statements and the related notes (referred to as the combined financial statements) included in this proxy statement. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results and the timing of events may differ significantly from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including those included in the section entitled Risk Factors and elsewhere in this proxy statement. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in this section the terms we, us and our refer to the combined company, which will be renamed GLG Partners, Inc. following the consummation of the acquisition.

General

GLG's Business

GLG is a leading alternative asset manager offering its clients a diverse range of investment products. GLG currently derives its revenues from management fees and administration fees based on the value of the assets in the funds and accounts it manages, and performance fees based on the performance of those investment funds and accounts. Substantially all of GLG's assets under management, or AUM, are attributable to third-party investors, and the GLG Funds and accounts managed by GLG are not consolidated into its financial statements. As of June 30, 2007, GLG's gross AUM (including assets invested from other GLG Funds) were approximately \$21.5 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001, representing a compound annual growth rate, or CAGR, of 36%. As of June 30, 2007 GLG's net AUM (net of assets invested from other GLG Funds) were approximately \$18.6 billion, up from approximately \$3.9 billion as of December 31, 2001, representing a CAGR of 33%.

Factors Affecting GLG's Business

GLG's business and results of operations are impacted by the following factors:

Assets under management. GLG's revenues from management and administration fees are directly linked to AUM. As a result, GLG's future performance will depend on, among other things, its ability both to retain AUM and to grow AUM from existing and new products.

Fund performance. GLG's revenues from performance fees are linked to the performance of the funds and accounts it manages. Performance also affects AUM because it influences investors' decisions to invest assets in, or withdraw assets from, the GLG Funds and accounts managed by GLG.

Personnel, systems, controls and infrastructure. GLG depends on its ability to attract, retain and motivate leading investment and other professionals. GLG's business requires significant investment in its fund management platform, including infrastructure and back-office personnel. GLG has in the past paid and expects to continue in the future to pay these professionals significant compensation and a share of GLG's profits.

Fee rates. GLG's management and administration fee revenues are linked to the fee rates it charges the GLG Funds and accounts it manages as a percentage of their AUM. GLG's performance fees are linked to the rates it charges the GLG Funds and accounts it manages as a percentage of their performance-driven asset growth, subject to high water marks, whereby performance fees are earned by GLG only to the extent that the net asset value of a GLG Fund at the end of a measurement period exceeds the highest net asset value on a preceding

measurement period end for which GLG earned performance fees, and in some cases to performance hurdles.

In addition, GLG's business and results of operations may be affected by a number of external market factors. These include global asset allocation trends, regulatory developments and overall macroeconomic activity. Due to these and other factors, the operating results of GLG may reflect significant volatility from period to period.

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GLG operates in only one business segment, the management of global investment funds and accounts.

Critical Accounting Policies

GLG Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon GLG's combined financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions that could affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses and other income. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates. A summary of GLG's significant accounting policies is presented in Note 2 to GLG's audited and unaudited combined financial statements included in this proxy statement. The following is a summary of GLG's critical accounting policies that are most affected by judgments, estimates and assumptions.

Combination Criteria

GLG has prepared financial statements on a combined basis in connection with the reverse acquisition transaction with Freedom. The financial statements combine all GLG entities under common control or management of the Principals and the Trustees.

The analysis as to whether to combine an entity is subject to a significant amount of judgment. Some of the criteria considered are the determination as to the degree of control over an entity by its various equity holders, the design of the entity, how closely related the entity is to each of its equity holders and the relationship of the equity holders to each other.

GLG has determined that it does not own a substantive, controlling interest in any of the investment funds it manages and that they are not variable interest entities. As a result, none of the GLG Funds is required to be consolidated with GLG. For all GLG Funds, GLG has granted rights to the investors that provide a simple majority of the unrelated investors with the ability to remove GLG from its position as fund manager.

Revenue Recognition

Performance Fees

Performance fee rates are calculated as a percentage of investment gains less management and administration fees, subject to high water marks and, in the case of most long-only funds, four external funds of funds, or FoHF, and two single-manager alternative strategy funds, to performance hurdles, over a measurement period, generally six months. GLG has elected to adopt the preferred method of recording performance fee income, Method 1 of Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Topic D-96, Accounting for Management Fees Based on a Formula (Method 1). Under Method 1, GLG does not recognize performance fee revenues until the end of the measurement period when the amounts are contractually payable, or crystallized.

The majority of the GLG Funds and accounts managed by GLG have contractual measurement periods that end on each of June 30 and December 31. As a result, the performance fee revenues for GLG's first fiscal quarter and third fiscal quarter results do not reflect revenues from uncrystallized performance fees during these three-month periods. These revenues will be reflected instead at the end of the fiscal quarter in which such fees crystallize.

Compensation and Limited Partner Profit Share

Compensation expense related to performance fees is accrued during the period for which the related performance fee revenue is recognized.

GLG also has a limited partner profit share arrangement which remunerates certain individuals through distributions of profits from two GLG entities paid either to two limited liability partnerships in which those

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individuals are members or directly to those individuals who are members of the two GLG entities. These partnership draws are priority distributions, which are recognized in the period in which they are payable. There is an additional limited partner profit share distribution, which is recognized in the period in which it is declared. These partnership draws and profit share distributions are referred to as limited partner profit shares and are discussed further under Expenses Employee Compensation and Benefits and Limited Partner Profit Share below.

Equity-Based Compensation

Prior to December 31, 2006, GLG had not granted any equity-based awards. In March 2007, GLG established the equity participation plan to provide certain key individuals, through their direct or indirect limited partnership interests in two limited partnerships, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP, with the right to receive a percentage of the proceeds derived from an initial public offering relating to GLG or a third-party sale of GLG. Upon consummation of the acquisition, Sage Summit LP and Lavender Heights Capital LP will receive collectively approximately 15% of the total consideration of cash and Freedom capital stock payable to the GLG Shareowners in the acquisition. These limited partnerships will distribute to the limited partners an aggregate of 25% of such amounts upon consummation of the acquisition, and the remaining 75% will be distributed to the limited partners in three equal installments upon vesting over a three-year period on the first, second and third anniversaries of the consummation of the acquisition, subject to the ability of the general partners of the limited partnerships, whose respective boards of directors consist of the Trustees, to accelerate vesting. The unvested portion of such amounts will be subject to forfeiture in the event of termination of the individual as a limited partner prior to each vesting date, unless such termination is without cause after there has been a change in control of Freedom after completion of the acquisition or due to death or disability. The equity portion of this plan will be accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment (SFAS 123(R)) and the EITF Issue No. 96-18, Accounting for Equity Instruments That Are Issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring, or In Conjunction with Selling, Goods or Services , which require that such equity instruments are recorded at their fair value on the measurement date, which date is typically upon the inception of the services that will be performed, remeasured at subsequent dates to the extent the awards are unvested, and amortized into expense over the vesting period on a straight-line basis.

Ten million shares of Freedom common stock issued as part of the purchase price for the acquisition will be allocated to GLG employees, service providers and certain key personnel, subject to vesting, which may be accelerated under the Restricted Stock Plan. Any unvested stock awards will be returned to Freedom.

In connection with the acquisition, Freedom intends to adopt, subject to the approval of Freedom s stockholders, the 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan, or LTIP, which will provide for the grants of incentive and non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, common stock, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units and performance shares to employees, service providers, non-employee directors and certain key personnel who hold direct or indirect limited partnership interests in certain GLG entities.

In addition, the Principals and the Trustees have entered into an agreement among principals and trustees which will provide that, in the event a Principal voluntarily terminates his employment with us for any reason prior to the fifth anniversary of the closing of the acquisition, a portion of the equity interests held by that Principal and his related Trustee as of the closing of the acquisition will be forfeited to the Principals who are still employed by us and their related Trustees.

All of these arrangements will be accounted for in accordance with SFAS 123(R) and will be amortized into expense over the applicable vesting period using the accelerated method. As a result, following the completion of the acquisition, compensation and benefits will reflect the amortization of a significant non-cash equity-based compensation expense associated with the vesting of these equity-based awards, which under GAAP will reduce our

net income and may result in net losses.

SFAS 123(R) requires a company to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards based on estimated fair values. The value of the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as expense over the requisite service period. For awards with performance conditions, we will make an evaluation

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at the grant date and future periods as to the likelihood of the performance targets being met. Compensation expense is adjusted in future periods for subsequent changes in the expected outcome of the performance conditions until the vesting date. SFAS 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

Because the share-based compensation expense will be recorded only upon consummation of the acquisition, GLG is not currently able to determine the expenses for the remainder of 2007 or future fiscal periods; however, set forth below is a summary of total share-based compensation expenses GLG will incur over the vesting terms of the stock-based awards or interests in connection with the acquisition beginning on the closing date of the acquisition (dollars in thousands):

**12-Month
Periods
Following
Acquisition**

Year 1	\$ 1,232,244
Year 2	461,216
Year 3	268,055
Year 4	133,296
Year 5	53,923
	\$ 2,148,734

Share-based compensation expenses have been calculated assuming a fair value of Freedom common stock of \$11.97 per share (the closing price on October 5, 2007), no change in the fair value of the Freedom common stock over the applicable vesting period and a zero forfeiture rate.

Net Revenues

All fee revenues are presented in this proxy statement net of any applicable rebates or sub-administration fees.

Where a single-manager alternative strategy fund or internal FoHF managed by GLG invests in an underlying single-manager alternative strategy fund managed by GLG, the investing fund is the top-level GLG Fund into which a client invests and the investee fund is the underlying GLG Fund into which the investing fund invests. For example, the GLG European Long-Short Fund invests in the GLG Utilities Fund. In that case, the GLG European Long-Short Fund is the investing fund and the GLG Utilities Fund is the investee fund.

Management Fees

GLG's gross management fee rates are set as a percentage of fund AUM. Management fee rates vary depending on the product, as set forth in the table below (subject to fee treatment of fund-in-fund reinvestments as described below):

Product	Typical Range of Gross Fee Rates (% of AUM)
	1.50% - 2.50%*

Single-manager alternative strategy
funds

Long-only funds	0.75%	2.25%
Internal FoHF	0.25%	1.50% (at the investing fund level)*
External FoHF	1.50%	1.95%

* When one of the single-manager alternative strategy funds or internal FoHFs managed by GLG invests in an underlying single-manager alternative strategy fund managed by GLG, management fees are charged at the investee fund level. In addition, management fees are charged on the following GLG Funds at the investing fund level: (1) GLG Multi Strategy Fund; and (2) Prime GLG Diversified Fund.

Management fees are generally paid monthly, one month in arrears.

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Most GLG Funds have share classes with distribution fees that are paid to third-party institutional distributors with no net economic impact to GLG. In certain cases, GLG may rebate a portion of its gross management fees in order to compensate third-party institutional distributors for marketing GLG products and, in a limited number of cases, in order to incentivize clients to invest in GLG Funds.

Performance Fees

GLG's gross performance fee rates are set as a percentage of fund performance, calculated as investment gains (both realized and unrealized), less management and administration fees, subject to high water marks and, in the case of most long-only funds, four external FoHF and two single-manager alternative strategy funds, to performance hurdles. As a result, even when a GLG Fund has positive fund performance, GLG may not earn a performance fee due to negative fund performance in prior measurement periods and in some cases due to a failure to reach a hurdle rate. Performance fee rates vary depending on the product, as set forth in the table below (subject to fee treatment of fund-in-fund investments as described below):

Product	Typical Range of Gross Fee Rates (% of Investment Gains)	
Single-manager alternative strategy funds	20%	30%*
Long-only funds	20%	25%
Internal FoHF	0%	20% (at the investing fund level)*
External FoHF	5%	10%

* When one of the single-manager alternative strategy funds or internal FoHFs managed by GLG invests in an underlying single-manager alternative strategy fund managed by GLG, performance fees are charged at the investee fund level. In addition, performance fees are charged on the following GLG Funds at the investing fund level: (1) Prime GLG Diversified Fund; and (2) GLG Global Aggressive Fund, to the extent, if any, that the performance fee at the investing fund level is greater than the performance fee at the investee fund level.

GLG has adopted Method 1 for recognizing performance fee revenues and under Method 1 does not recognize performance fee revenues until the end of the measurement period when the amounts are crystallized, which for the majority of the investment funds and accounts managed by GLG is on June 30 and December 31.

Administration Fees

GLG's gross administration fee rates are set as a percentage of fund AUM. Administration fee rates vary depending on the product. From its gross administration fees, GLG pays sub-administration fees to third-party administrators and custodians, with the residual fees recognized as GLG's net administration fee. Administration fees are generally paid monthly, one month in arrears.

When one of the single-manager alternative strategy funds or internal FoHFs managed by GLG invests in an underlying single-manager alternative strategy fund managed by GLG, administration fees are charged at both the investing and investee fund levels.

Change in Business Practice

Prior to 2005, GLG levied transaction charges on certain of the funds it managed, with respect to certain investment types, on a per-trade basis, and only charged administration fees to cover sub-administration fees paid to third parties. However, beginning in 2005, GLG ceased levying transaction charges and increased administration fee rates for these

funds, which going forward include a portion retained by GLG. This transition was effected on a fund-by-fund basis, with GLG ceasing to levy transaction charges on all GLG Funds by the end of 2005, and administration fees being rolled out to all of the single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds by early 2006, and to all of the long-only GLG Funds by the end of 2006. The elimination of transaction charges was only partially offset by the increase in administration fee rates. This resulted in lower fund expenses which contributed to higher performance fees. The combined impact of this

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change in business practice was a net reduction in the fees and charges earned by GLG from the GLG Funds in 2005 compared to 2004. However, GLG's management believes that, given competitive factors, the increasing importance of institutional accounts and the need to better position GLG to enter new markets, this change was necessary to execute on its long-term growth strategy. Substantially all of the impact of these changes was reflected in 2006.

Fees on Managed Accounts

Managed account fee structures are negotiated on an account-by-account basis and may be more complex than for the GLG Funds. Across the managed account portfolio, fee rates vary according to the underlying mandate and in the aggregate are generally within the performance and management fee ranges charged with respect to comparable fund products.

Expenses

Employee Compensation and Benefits and Limited Partner Profit Share

To attract, retain and motivate the highest quality investment and other professionals, GLG provides significant remuneration through salary, discretionary bonuses, profit sharing and other benefits.

The largest component of expenses is compensation and other benefits payable to GLG's investment and other professionals. This includes significant fixed annual salary or limited partner profit share and other compensation based on individual, team and company performance and profitability.

Beginning in mid-2006, GLG entered into partnership with a number of its key personnel in recognition of their importance in creating and maintaining the long-term value of GLG. These individuals ceased to be employees and either became holders of direct or indirect limited partnership interests in GLG or formed two limited liability partnerships through which they provide services to GLG. Through these partnership interests, these key individuals are entitled to partnership draws as priority distributions, which are recognized in the period in which they are payable. There is an additional limited partner profit share distribution, which is recognized in the period in which it is declared. Key personnel that are participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement do not receive salaries or discretionary bonuses from GLG. Limited partner profit share does not affect net income, whereas comparable amounts paid to these key personnel as employees had been recorded as employee compensation and benefits prior to mid-2006 and accordingly reduced net income. Under GAAP, limited partner profit share cannot be presented as employee compensation expense. However, management believes that it is more appropriate to treat limited partner profit share as expense when considering business performance because it reflects the cost of the services provided to GLG by these participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement. As a result, GLG presents the measure non-GAAP comprehensive limited partner profit share, compensation and benefits, or non-GAAP PSCB, which is a non-GAAP financial measure used to calculate adjusted net income, as described below under Assessing Business Performance, and which adds limited partner profit share to employee compensation expense to show the total cost of the services provided to GLG by both participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement and employees.

The components of total non-GAAP PSCB are:

Base compensation fixed contractual base payments made to personnel. This compensation is paid to employees in the form of base salary. Base compensation is generally paid monthly and the expense is recognized as the amounts are paid.

Variable compensation payments that arise from the contractual entitlements of personnel to a fixed percentage of certain variable fee revenues attributable to such personnel with respect to GLG Funds and

managed accounts. These amounts are paid to employees in the form of variable salary. Variable compensation expense is recognized at the same time as the underlying fee revenue is crystallized, which may be monthly or semi-annually (on June 30 and December 31), depending on the fee revenue source.

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Discretionary compensation payments that are determined by GLG's management in its sole discretion and are generally linked to performance during the year. In determining such payments, GLG's management considers, among other factors, the ratio of total discretionary compensation to total revenues; however, this ratio may vary between periods and, in particular, significant discretionary bonuses may still be paid in a period of low performance for personnel retention and incentivization purposes. This discretionary compensation is paid to employees in the form of a discretionary cash bonus. Discretionary compensation is generally declared and paid following the end of each calendar year. However, the notional discretionary compensation charge accrual is adjusted monthly based on the year-to-date profitability and revenues recognized on a year-to-date basis. As the majority of funds crystallize their performance fees at June 30 and December 31, the majority of discretionary compensation expense is generally crystallized at year end and is typically paid in January following the year end.

Limited partner profit share distributions of limited partner profit shares under the limited partner profit share arrangement described below.

Limited Partnership Profit Share

The key personnel who are participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement provide services to GLG through two limited liability partnerships, Laurel Heights LLP and Lavender Heights LLP (the *LLPs*), which are limited partners in GLG Partners LP and GLG Partners Services LP, respectively. The amount of profits attributable to each of the *LLPs* is determined at the discretion of GLG's management based upon the profitability of GLG's business and their view of the contribution to revenues and profitability from the services provided by each limited partnership during that period. The amount of such distribution will be accrued monthly although it is generally crystallized at year end. However, the notional distribution accrual is adjusted monthly based on the year-to-date profitability and revenues recognized on a year-to-date basis. A portion of the partnership distribution is advanced monthly as a draw against final determination of profit share. Once the final profit allocation is determined, typically in January following each year end, it will be paid to the *LLPs* as limited partners, less any amounts paid as advance drawings during the year. Other limited partners of GLG Partners Services LP who receive profit allocations include two investment professionals, Steven Roth and Greg Coffey (through Saffron Woods Corporation) who are not members of Lavender Heights LLP, but whose profit distributions from GLG Partners Services LP are determined in the same manner as the allocation of profit shares to individual members of the *LLP* described below and included in the limited partner profit measure, as described below.

Under GAAP, such distributions are recognized when declared and paid. Because the amounts relate to revenues recognized in the previous accounting period, GLG uses a non-GAAP adjustment to deduct any *LLP* distributions and any distributions to Steven Roth and Saffron Woods Corporation made after the end of each accounting period relating to revenues recognized in the previous accounting period, as it believes this more accurately reflects the net income for the relevant period. This non-GAAP adjustment is also included in the measure *limited partner profit share* used in determining non-GAAP *PSCB*.

Allocation of Profit Shares to Individual Members of LLPs

Profit allocations made to the *LLPs* by GLG Partners LP and GLG Partners Services LP make up substantially all of the *LLPs*' net profits for each period. Members are entitled to a base limited partner profit share priority drawing, which is a fixed amount and paid as a partnership draw. Certain members are also entitled to a variable limited partner profit share priority drawing based on a fixed percentage of certain variable fee revenues attributable to such personnel with respect to GLG Funds and managed accounts, which are paid as a partnership draw. After year end, the managing members of the *LLPs* will make discretionary allocations to the key personnel who participate in the limited

partner profit share arrangement and who are LLP members from the remaining balance of the LLPs' net profits, after taking into account the base and variable limited partnership profit share priority drawings, based on their view of those individuals' contribution to the generation of these profits. This process will typically take into account the nature of the services provided to GLG by each key personnel, his or her seniority and the performance of the individual

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during the period. The notional limited partner profit share expense accrual is adjusted monthly based on year-to-date profitability and revenues recognized on a year-to-date basis.

Profit allocations, net of any amounts paid during the year as priority partnership drawings, will typically be paid to the members in January following each year end.

GLG's management believes that the adjustments made to include limited partner profit share in non-GAAP PSCB do not give rise to an income tax effect.

See **Non-GAAP Expense Measures** under each period to period comparison discussed under **Results of Operations Expenses** for a reconciliation of non-GAAP PSCB to GAAP employee compensation and benefits for the periods presented.

As GLG's investment performance improves, its compensation costs and performance-related limited partner profit share distributions are expected generally to rise correspondingly. In addition, equity-based compensation costs may vary significantly from period to period depending on the market price of our common stock, among other things. In order to retain our investment professionals during periods of poor performance, we may have to pay our investment professionals significant amounts, even if we earn low or no performance fees. In these circumstances these payments may represent a larger proportion of our revenues than historically.

In addition to share-based compensation expense discussed above, GLG will record deferred compensation expense with respect to the cash portion of the awards under the equity participation plan in the aggregate amount of \$150 million. For the three 12-month periods beginning with the consummation of the acquisition, deferred compensation expense will include \$106.25 million, \$31.25 million and \$12.5 million related to the cash portion of the equity participation plan.

General and Administrative

GLG's non-personnel cost base represents the expenditure required to provide an effective investment infrastructure and marketing operation. Key elements of the cost base are, among other things, professional services fees, temporary and contract employees, travel, information technology and communications, business development and marketing, occupancy, facilities and insurance.

Income Tax

Historically, the only GLG entity earning significant profits subject to company-level income taxes was GLG Holdings Limited, which was subject to U.K. corporate income tax. Most of the balance of the profit was earned by pass-through or other entities that did not incur significant company-level income taxes. Although only a relatively small portion of the profits earned by GLG was subject to U.S. corporate income tax, Freedom is a U.S. corporation that is subject to U.S. corporate income tax.

After the acquisition, our effective tax rate will be a function of our overall earnings, the income tax rates in the jurisdictions in which we and our subsidiaries do business, the type and relative amount of income earned by us and our subsidiaries in these jurisdictions and the timing of repatriation of profits back to the United States (*e.g.*, in the form of dividends). As our business expands into countries with higher tax rates such as the United States, we expect that our effective tax rate may increase.

Allocation of income among business activities and entities is subject to detailed and complex rules applied to facts and circumstances that generally are not readily determinable at the date financial statements are prepared.

Accordingly, estimates are made of income allocations in computing financial statement effective tax rates that may differ from actual allocations determined when tax returns are prepared or after examination by tax authorities.

We will amortize over a 15-year period and deduct for U.S. income tax purposes the carrying value of certain assets, such as intangibles, arising in connection with the acquisition of GLG, effectively reducing U.S. tax expense on repatriated profits. The amount of tax deductible goodwill will be based on the fair market value of Freedom common stock on the closing date.

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GLG accounts for taxes using the asset and liability method in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. A valuation allowance is established when management believes it is more likely than not that a deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Assessing Business Performance

As discussed above under Expenses Employee Compensation and Benefits and Limited Partner Profit Share, GLG's management assesses its personnel-related expenses based on the measure non-GAAP PSCB. Non-GAAP PSCB reflects GAAP employee compensation and benefits, adjusted to include the limited partner profit shares described above under Expenses Employee Compensation and Benefits and Limited Partner Profit Share.

In addition, GLG's management assesses the underlying performance of its business based on the measure adjusted net income, which adjusts for the difference between GAAP employee compensation and benefits and non-GAAP PSCB as discussed above. See Results of Operations Adjusted Net Income for a reconciliation of adjusted net income to net income for the periods presented.

Non-GAAP PSCB is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP employee compensation and benefits. Further, adjusted net income is not a measure of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to GAAP net income as an indicator of GLG's operating performance or any other measures of performance derived in accordance with GAAP. The non-GAAP financial measures presented by GLG may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

GLG is providing these non-GAAP financial measures to enable investors, securities analysts and other interested parties to perform additional financial analysis of GLG's personnel-related costs and its earnings from operations and because it believes that they will be helpful to investors in understanding all components of the personnel-related costs of GLG's business. GLG's management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures also enhance comparisons of GLG's core results of operations with historical periods. In particular, GLG believes that the non-GAAP adjusted net income measure better represents profits available for distribution to stockholders than does GAAP net income. In addition, GLG's management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in its evaluation of GLG's core results of operations and trends between fiscal periods and believes these measures are an important component of its internal performance measurement process. GLG's management also prepares forecasts for future periods on a basis consistent with these non-GAAP financial measures. Under the revolving credit and term loan facilities to be entered into in connection with the acquisition, Freedom and its subsidiaries will be required to maintain compliance with certain financial covenants based on adjusted earnings before interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, or adjusted EBITDA, which is calculated based on the non-GAAP adjusted net income measure, further adjusted to add back interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Non-GAAP adjusted net income has certain limitations in that it may overcompensate for certain costs and expenditures related to GLG's business and may not be indicative of the cash flows from operations as determined in accordance with GAAP.

Assets Under Management

The following is a discussion of GLG's gross and net AUM as of June 30, 2007 and 2006 and as of December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, and GLG's average gross and net AUM for the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004.

In order to accurately represent fund-in-fund investments whereby one GLG Fund may hold exposure to another GLG Fund, management tracks AUM on both a gross and a net basis. In a gross presentation, sub-invested funds will be counted at both the investing and investee fund level. Net presentation removes the assets at the investing fund level, indicating the total external investment from clients.

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GLG has achieved strong historical AUM growth. The following table sets out GLG's gross and net AUM on a historical basis, categorized by product types:

AUM

	As of June 30,		As of December 31,		
	2007	2006	2006	2005	2004
	(US dollars in millions)				
Alternative strategy	\$ 12,826	\$ 9,059	\$ 10,410	\$ 7,030	\$ 9,171
Long-only	4,432	3,730	3,815	3,253	2,666
Internal FoHF	1,627	1,086	1,261	790	870
External FoHF	599	477	568	410	338
Gross fund-based AUM	19,485	14,351	16,053	11,484	13,045
Managed accounts	1,843	937	1,233	335	5
Cash and other holdings	194	339	310	229	215
Total gross AUM	21,522	15,627	17,596	12,047	13,265
Less: internal FoHF investments in GLG Funds	(1,642)	(1,020)	(1,268)	(805)	(867)
Less: external FoHF investments in GLG Funds	(56)	(13)	(49)		
Less: alternatives fund-in-fund investments	(1,239)	(1,127)	(1,125)	(942)	(726)
Net AUM	\$ 18,585	\$ 13,467	\$ 15,154	\$ 10,300	\$ 11,671

Six Months Ended

	June 30,		Years Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	2006	2005	2004
	(US dollars in millions)				

Quarterly average gross AUM	\$ 19,258	\$ 13,836	\$ 15,007	\$ 12,166	\$ 11,890
Quarterly average net AUM	16,608	11,860	12,890	10,549	10,427

Note: Quarterly average gross and net AUM for a given period are calculated by averaging the AUM figures at the start of the period, and at the end of each quarter during the period concerned. Average AUM for a given fiscal year is calculated by averaging the AUM balances at December 31 of the prior year and each quarter-end during the fiscal year. In a similar manner, average AUM for a given six-month period is calculated by averaging the AUM balances at December 31 of the prior year and each quarter end during the six-month period. Quarterly average gross and net AUM are GLG management's preferred measures of assets under GLG's management in each period for the purposes of calculating key ratios such as fee yield.

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The following table sets out the components of growth of GLG's gross fund-based AUM, consisting of the alternative strategy, long-only, internal FoHF and external FoHF funds, and GLG's managed accounts:

Components of Growth of Fund-Based and Managed Account AUM

	Six Months Ended		Years Ended December 31,		
	June 30,	June 30,	2006	2005	2004
	2007	2006	2006	2005	2004
	(US dollars in millions)				
Opening gross fund-based AUM	\$ 16,053	\$ 11,484	\$ 11,484	\$ 13,045	\$ 9,425
Gross fund-based inflows (net of redemptions)	1,552	1,613	1,986	(1,704)	2,353
Gross fund-based net performance (net of losses)	1,880	1,254	2,584	143	1,267
Closing gross fund-based AUM	\$ 19,485	\$ 14,351	\$ 16,053	\$ 11,484	\$ 13,045
Opening managed account AUM	\$ 1,233	\$ 335	\$ 335	\$ 5	\$ 12
Managed account inflows (net of redemptions)	419	670	865	309	(10)
Managed account net performance (net of losses)	191	(68)	34	20	4
Closing managed account AUM	\$ 1,843	\$ 937	\$ 1,233	\$ 335	\$ 5

June 30, 2007 Compared to December 31, 2006**Change in AUM between June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006**

	As of	As of	Change
	June 30,	December 31,	
	2007	2006	
	(US dollars in millions)		
Alternative strategy	\$ 12,826	\$ 10,410	\$ 2,417
Long-only	4,432	3,815	617
Internal FoHF	1,627	1,261	367
External FoHF	599	568	31
Gross fund-based AUM	19,485	16,053	3,432
Managed accounts	1,843	1,233	610
Cash and other holdings	194	310	(116)
Gross AUM	21,522	17,596	3,926
Less: internal FoHF investments in GLG Funds	(1,642)	(1,268)	(374)

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Less: external FoHF investments in GLG Funds	(56)	(49)	(7)
Less: alternatives fund-in-fund investments	(1,239)	(1,125)	(114)
Net AUM	\$ 18,585	\$ 15,154	\$ 3,431

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	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	
	(US dollars in millions)	
Opening gross fund-based AUM	\$	16,053
Gross fund-based inflows (net of redemptions)		1,552
Gross fund-based net performance (net of losses)		1,880
Closing gross fund-based AUM	\$	19,485
Opening managed account AUM	\$	1,233
Managed account inflows (net of redemptions)		419
Managed account net performance (net of losses)		191
Closing managed account AUM	\$	1,843

During the six months ended June 30, 2007, gross AUM increased by \$3.9 billion to \$21.5 billion and net AUM increased by \$3.4 billion to \$18.6 billion.

Overall AUM growth was attributable primarily to growth in GLG's gross fund-based AUM, which increased by \$3.4 billion to \$19.5 billion as of June 30, 2007, principally as a result of the following factors:

positive fund performance during the six months ended June 30, 2007, resulting in performance gains (net of losses) of \$1.9 billion, which was responsible for 54.8% of gross fund-based AUM growth in the six months ended June 30, 2007; and

strong demand for GLG's fund products, which resulted in inflows (net of redemptions) of \$1.6 billion, which were responsible for 45.2% of gross fund-based AUM growth in the six months ended June 30, 2007.

Managed account AUM increased by \$0.6 billion to \$1.8 billion as of June 30, 2007. This growth was primarily attributable to the following factors:

strong demand for GLG's managed account products from certain institutional investors whose investment mandates made individual managed account solutions preferable to fund-based investments, which resulted in inflows (net of redemptions) of \$419 million, representing 68.7% of managed account AUM growth in the six months ended June 30, 2007; and

positive managed account performance during the six months ended June 30, 2007, resulting in performance gains (net of losses) of \$191 million, representing 31.3% of managed account AUM growth in the six months ended June 30, 2007.

The ratio between net and gross AUM remained generally unchanged between the two dates, due to generally stable and consistent relative levels of fund-in-fund investments, with respect to both investments by GLG's FoHF products in certain GLG Funds and investments by certain single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds in other single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds.

Table of Contents**December 31, 2006 Compared to December 31, 2005****Change in AUM between December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

	As of December 31,		
	2006	2005	Change
	(US dollars in millions)		
Alternative strategy	\$ 10,410	\$ 7,030	\$ 3,380
Long-only	3,815	3,253	561
Internal FoHF	1,261	790	470
External FoHF	568	410	158
Gross fund-based AUM	16,053	11,484	4,569
Managed accounts	1,233	335	898
Cash and other holdings	310	229	81
Gross AUM	17,596	12,047	5,548
Less: internal FoHF investments in GLG Funds	(1,268)	(805)	(462)
Less: external FoHF investments in GLG Funds	(49)		(49)
Less: alternatives fund-in-fund investments	(1,125)	(942)	(183)
Net AUM	\$ 15,154	\$ 10,300	\$ 4,854

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2006	
	(US dollars in millions)	
Opening gross fund-based AUM	\$	11,484
Gross fund-based inflows (net of redemptions)		1,986
Gross fund-based net performance (net of losses)		2,584
Closing gross fund-based AUM	\$	16,053
Opening managed account AUM	\$	335
Managed account inflows (net of redemptions)		865
Managed account net performance (net of losses)		34
Closing managed account AUM	\$	1,233

During 2006, gross AUM increased by \$5.5 billion to \$17.6 billion and net AUM increased by \$4.9 billion to \$15.2 billion.

Overall AUM growth was attributable primarily to growth in GLG's gross fund-based AUM, which increased by \$4.6 billion to \$16.1 billion as of December 31, 2006, principally as a result of the following factors:

positive fund performance during 2006, resulting in performance gains (net of losses) of \$2.6 billion, which was responsible for 56.5% of gross fund-based AUM growth in 2006; and

a general increase in demand for GLG's fund products, which resulted in inflows (net of redemptions) of \$2.0 billion, which were responsible for 43.5% of gross fund-based AUM growth in 2006. This growth was primarily attributable to:

continued interest in GLG's established investment fund products; and

investor demand for GLG's new investment funds launched during 2006.

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This demand was, in part, attributable to returning investors who had withdrawn AUM due to underperformance in certain GLG Funds during 2005, but who were attracted to reinvest in GLG Funds in 2006.

Managed account AUM increased significantly by \$0.9 billion to \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2006. This growth was primarily attributable to the following factors:

strong demand for GLG's managed account products from certain institutional investors whose investment mandates made individual managed account solutions preferable to fund-based investments, which resulted in inflows (net of redemptions) of \$865 million, representing 96.3% of managed account AUM growth in the year ended December 31, 2006; and

positive managed account performance during the year ended December 31, 2006, resulting in performance gains (net of losses) of \$34 million, representing 3.7% of managed account AUM growth in the year ended December 31, 2006.

The ratio between net and gross AUM remained generally unchanged between the two dates, due to generally stable and consistent relative levels of fund-in-fund investments, with respect to both investments by GLG's FoHF products in certain GLG Funds and investments by certain single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds in other single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds.

December 31, 2005 Compared to December 31, 2004**Change in AUM between December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004**

	As of December 31,		
	2005	2004	Change
	(US dollars in millions)		
Alternative strategy	\$ 7,030	\$ 9,171	\$ (2,141)
Long-only	3,253	2,666	587
Internal FoHF	790	870	(79)
External FoHF	410	338	72
Gross fund-based AUM	11,484	13,045	(1,561)
Managed accounts	335	5	329
Cash and other holdings	229	215	14
Gross AUM	12,047	13,265	(1,217)
Less: internal FoHF investments in GLG funds	(805)	(867)	62
Less: external FoHF investments in GLG funds			
Less: alternatives fund-in-fund investments	(942)	(726)	(216)
Net AUM	\$ 10,300	\$ 11,671	\$ (1,371)

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	Year Ended December 31, 2005 (US dollars in millions)	
Opening gross fund-based AUM	\$	13,045
Gross fund-based inflows (net of redemptions)		(1,704)
Gross fund-based net performance (net of losses)		143
Closing gross fund-based AUM	\$	11,484
Opening managed account AUM	\$	5
Managed account inflows (net of redemptions)		309
Managed account net performance (net of losses)		20
Closing managed account AUM	\$	335

During 2005, gross AUM decreased by \$1.2 billion to \$12.0 billion and net AUM decreased by \$1.4 billion to \$10.3 billion. The overall decrease in AUM was attributable primarily to a reduction in GLG's gross fund-based AUM by \$1.6 billion to \$11.5 billion as of December 31, 2005, driven by the following factors:

while still delivering performance gains (net of losses) of \$0.1 billion, fund performance in 2005 was depressed by particularly significant underperformance in two of the GLG Funds, the GLG Credit Fund and the GLG Market Neutral Fund; and

fund underperformance gave rise to significant redemptions of AUM, primarily from the two underperforming funds. Redemptions for this period (net of inflows) from fund-based products were \$1.7 billion.

During 2005, managed account AUM grew from \$5 million to \$335 million. This growth was primarily attributable to the following factors:

strong demand for GLG's managed account products from certain institutional investors whose investment mandates made individual managed account solutions preferable to fund-based investments, which resulted in inflows (net of redemptions) of \$309 million, representing 93.8% of managed account AUM growth in the year ended December 31, 2005. Fiscal 2005 was the first period in which managed accounts represented a significant source of assets for GLG; and

positive managed account performance during the year ended December 31, 2005, resulting in performance gains (net of losses) of \$20 million, representing 6.2% of managed account AUM growth in the year ended December 31, 2005.

The ratio between net and gross AUM remained generally unchanged between the two dates, due to generally stable and consistent relative levels of fund-in-fund investments, with respect to both investments by GLG's FoHF products in certain GLG Funds and investments by certain single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds in other single-manager alternative strategy GLG Funds.

Table of Contents**Results of Operations****Combined GAAP Statement of Operations Information**

	Six Months Ended		Years Ended December 31,		
	2007	June 30, 2006	2006	2005	2004
	(US dollars in thousands)				
Net revenues and other income					
Management fees, net	\$ 120,334	\$ 82,971	\$ 186,273	\$ 137,958	\$ 138,988
Performance fees, net	343,032	175,946	394,740	279,405	178,024
Administration fees, net	26,680	15,921	34,814	311	
Transaction charges				184,252	191,585
Other	970	2,023	5,039	1,476	6,110
Total net revenues and other income	491,016	276,861	620,866	603,402	514,707
Expenses					
Employee compensation and benefits	(81,566)	(114,459)	(168,386)	(345,918)	(196,784)
General, administrative and other	(53,743)	(27,285)	(68,404)	(64,032)	(42,002)
Total expenses	(135,309)	(141,744)	(236,790)	(409,950)	(238,786)
Income from operations	355,707	135,117	384,076	193,452	275,921
Interest income, net	1,647	2,574	4,657	2,795	519
Income before income taxes	357,354	137,691	388,733	196,247	276,440
Income taxes	(28,286)	(13,000)	(29,225)	(25,345)	(48,372)
Net income	\$ 329,068	\$ 124,691	\$ 359,508	\$ 170,902	\$ 228,068

Net Revenues

Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

**Change in GAAP Net Revenues and Other Income between Six Months Ended
June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006**

	Six Months Ended		Change
	2007	June 30, 2006	
	(US dollars in thousands)		

Net revenues and other income

Management fees, net	\$ 120,334	\$ 82,971	\$ 37,363
Performance fees, net	343,032	175,946	167,086
Administration fees, net	26,680	15,921	10,759
Transaction charges			
Other	970	2,023	(1,053)
Total net revenues and other income	\$ 491,016	\$ 276,861	\$ 214,155

Key ratios

Total annualized net revenues and other income / quarterly average net AUM	5.91%	4.67%	1.24%
Annualized management fees / quarterly average net AUM	1.45%	1.40%	0.05%

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Total net revenues and other income increased by \$214.2 million, or 77.4%, to \$491.0 million. This increase was driven by growth in all categories of fee revenue, especially in relation to performance fees.

For each type of fee revenue, GLG's management uses net fee yield as a measure of GLG's fees generated for every dollar of GLG's net AUM. The net management, performance and administration fee yield is equal to the management fees, performance fees or administration fees, respectively, divided by quarterly average net AUM for the applicable period.

Management fees increased by \$37.4 million, or 45.0%, to \$120.3 million. This growth was driven by two main factors:

a 40.0% higher quarterly average net AUM balance between the periods which, at constant net management fee yield, resulted in an increase in management fees of \$33.2 million, or 88.9% of the total increase in management fees; and

an increase in the net management fee yield from 1.40% to 1.45%, reflecting higher management fees per unit of AUM, which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in an increase in management fees of \$4.1 million, or 11.1% of the total increase in management fees. The higher net management fee yield was attributable primarily to investors participating in GLG Funds and managed accounts with higher management fee rates.

Performance fees increased by \$167.1 million, or 95.0%, to \$343.0 million. This growth was driven by two main factors:

a 40.0% higher quarterly average net AUM balance between the periods which, at constant net performance fee yield, resulted in an increase in performance fees of \$70.5 million, or 42.2% of the total increase in performance fees;

an increase in the annualized net performance fee yield from 2.97% to 4.13% which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in an increase in performance fees of \$96.6 million, or 57.8% of the total increase in performance fees. The higher net performance fee yield was attributable to stronger performance delivering higher performance fees per unit of AUM.

Net administration fees increased by \$10.8 million, or 67.6%, to \$26.7 million. This growth was driven by two main factors:

a 40.0% higher quarterly average net AUM balance between the periods which, at constant administration fee yield, resulted in an increase in administration fees of \$6.4 million, or 59.3% of the total increase in administration fees; and

an increase in the net administration fee yield from 0.27% to 0.32% which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in an increase in administration fees of \$4.4 million, or 40.7% of the total increase in administration fees. The higher net administration fee yield was attributable primarily to investors participating in GLG Funds and managed accounts with higher net administration fee rates.

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Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005

**Change in GAAP Net Revenues and Other Income between Years Ended
December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2006	2005	Change
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Net revenues and other income			
Management fees, net	\$ 186,273	\$ 137,958	\$ 48,315
Performance fees, net	394,740	279,405	115,335
Administration fees, net	34,814	311	34,503
Transaction charges		184,252	(184,252)
Other	5,039	1,476	3,563
Total net revenues and other income	\$ 620,866	\$ 603,402	\$ 17,464
Key ratios			
Total net revenues and other income / quarterly average net AUM	4.82%	5.72%	(0.90)%
Management fees / quarterly average net AUM	1.45%	1.31%	0.14%

Total net revenues and other income increased by \$17.5 million, or 2.9%, to \$620.9 million. This increase was driven by growth in both management and performance fees, offset by net revenue loss resulting from the transition from a transaction charge to an administration fee model in 2005.

Management fees increased by \$48.3 million, or 35.0%, to \$186.3 million. This growth was driven by two main factors:

a 22.2% higher quarterly average net AUM balance between the periods which, at constant net management fee yield, resulted in an increase in management fees of \$30.6 million, or 63.4% of the total increase in management fees; and

an increase in the net management fee yield from 1.31% to 1.45%, reflecting higher management fees per unit of AUM, which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in an increase in management fees of \$17.7 million, or 36.6% of the total increase in management fees. The higher net management fee yield was attributable primarily to investors participating in GLG Funds and managed accounts with higher management fee rates.

Performance fees increased by \$115.3 million, or 41.3%, to \$394.7 million. This growth was driven by two main factors:

a 22.2% increase in quarterly average net AUM balances between the periods which, at constant net performance fee yield, resulted in an increase in performance fees of \$62.0 million, or 53.8% of the total increase in performance fees; and

an increase in the net performance fee yield from 2.65% to 3.06% which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in an increase in performance fees of \$53.3 million, or 46.2% of the total increase in performance fees. The higher net performance fee yield was attributable to stronger performance delivering higher performance fees per unit of AUM. The increase in performance was partly attributable to the transition to an administration fee model from a transaction charge model in 2005, which reduced fund expenses and resulted in higher fund performance. Substantially all of the impact of these changes was reflected in 2006.

Combined revenues from transaction charges and net administration fees fell by \$149.7 million, or 81.1%, to \$34.8 million. This reduction was attributable primarily to the transition from a transaction charge to an administration fee model in 2005.

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Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004

**Change in GAAP Net Revenues and Other Income between Years Ended
December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004**

	Years Ended December 31,		Change
	2005	2004	
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Net revenues and other income			
Management fees, net	\$ 137,958	\$ 138,988	\$ (1,030)
Performance fees, net	279,405	178,024	101,381
Administration fees, net	311		311
Transaction charges	184,252	191,585	(7,333)
Other	1,476	6,110	(4,634)
Total net revenues and other income	\$ 603,402	\$ 514,707	\$ 88,695
Key ratios			
Total net revenues and other income / quarterly average net AUM	5.72%	4.94%	0.78%
Management fees / quarterly average net AUM	1.31%	1.33%	(0.03)%

Total net revenues and other income increased by \$88.7 million, or 17.2%, to \$603.4 million. This increase was driven primarily by growth in performance fees.

Management fees decreased by \$1.0 million, or 0.7%, to \$138.0 million. This reduction was primarily driven by a reduction in the net management fee yield from 1.33% to 1.31%, reflecting lower management fees per unit of AUM, which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in a decrease in management fees of \$2.7 million. The lower net management fee yield was attributable to increased management fee rebates, partly offset by higher management fee yields on new AUM inflows during 2005. These decreases were partially offset by a 1.2% increase in quarterly average net AUM balances between the periods which, at constant net performance fee yield, resulted in an increase in management fees of \$1.6 million.

Performance fees increased by \$101.4 million, or 56.9%, to \$279.4 million. This growth was driven by two main factors:

an increase in the net performance fee yield from 1.71% to 2.65% which, when applied to the increased net AUM base, resulted in an increase in performance fees of \$99.3 million, or 97.9% of the total increase in performance fees. The higher net performance fee yield was attributable to stronger performance delivering higher performance fees per unit of AUM. The increase in net performance fee yield was attributable to strong GLG Fund and managed account performance, with the principal exception of two GLG Funds which recorded significant underperformance during the 2005 period; and

a 1.2% increase in quarterly average net AUM balances between the periods which, at constant net performance fee yield, resulted in an increase in performance fees of \$2.1 million, or 2.1% of the total increase in performance fees.

The transition from a transaction charge to an administration fee model, which began in 2005, also resulted in a slight increase in net administration fees and a slight decrease in transaction charges. However, due to the phased-in implementation, the effect on 2005 revenues was limited.

Table of Contents***Expenses***

Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

Change in GAAP Expenses between Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2007	2006	Change
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Expenses			
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ (81,566)	\$ (114,459)	\$ 32,893
General, administrative and other	(53,743)	(27,285)	(26,458)
Total expenses	\$ (135,309)	\$ (141,744)	\$ 6,435
Key ratios			
Employee compensation and benefits / total GAAP net revenues and other income	16.61%	41.34%	(24.73)%
General, administrative and other / total GAAP net revenues and other income	10.95%	9.86%	1.09%
Total expenses / total GAAP net revenues and other income	27.56%	51.20%	(23.64)%

Employee compensation and benefits decreased by \$32.9 million, or 28.7%, to \$81.6 million. The decreases included a \$16.2 million decrease in variable salary, a \$12.1 million decrease in discretionary bonuses and a \$4.6 million decrease in base compensation and benefits, which were mainly attributable to certain GLG key personnel ceasing to be employees at or after the end of the second quarter of 2006. Under the limited partner profit share arrangement, these key personnel became holders of direct or indirect limited partnership interests in the entities which had previously employed them, resulting in comparable amounts which had been paid as compensation thereafter being paid as limited partner profit share.

General, administrative and other expenses increased by \$26.5 million, or 97.0%, to \$53.7 million. This was attributable to the following factors in approximately equal proportions:

the growing scale of GLG's operations, principally in relation to increases in personnel and market data expenses; and

one-time regulatory and legal costs.

Non-GAAP Expense Measures

As discussed above under *Assessing Business Performance*, GLG presents a non-GAAP comprehensive limited partner profit share, compensation and benefits measure. The table below reconciles GAAP employee compensation and benefits to non-GAAP PSCB for the periods presented.

Table of Contents**Change in Non-GAAP Expenses between Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006**

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2007	2006	Change
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Non-GAAP expenses			
GAAP employee compensation and benefits	\$ (81,566)	\$ (114,459)	\$ 32,893
Limited partner profit share	(190,500)	(51,530)	(138,970)
Non-GAAP PSCB	(272,066)	(165,989)	(106,077)
GAAP general, administrative and other	(53,743)	(27,285)	(26,458)
Non-GAAP total expenses	\$ (325,809)	\$ (193,274)	\$ (132,535)
Key ratios (based on non-GAAP measures)			
Non-GAAP PSCB / total GAAP net revenues and other income	55.41%	59.95%	(4.55)%
General, administrative and other / total GAAP net revenues and other income	10.95%	9.86%	1.09%
Non-GAAP total expenses / total GAAP net revenues and other income	66.35%	69.81%	3.45%

Non-GAAP PSCB, including payments of limited partner profit shares, increased by \$106.1 million, or 63.9%, to \$272.1 million. This increase was mainly attributable to the growing scale of GLG's operations, as GLG's AUM grew during the period, driving additional headcount. In particular, the 95.0% increase in performance fees between the periods contributed to a \$108.5 million increase in non-GAAP discretionary compensation and bonus, which, together with a \$3.7 million increase in non-GAAP base compensation and benefits, substantially outweighed the decreases in non-GAAP variable compensation of \$6.2 million attributable to management's decision to reduce the number of personnel with contractual entitlements to variable compensation. The \$139.0 million increase in limited partner profit share was composed of a \$120.6 million increase in discretionary limited partner profit share and an \$8.3 million increase in base limited partner profit share and a \$10.0 million increase in variable limited partner profit share. The non-GAAP PSCB / total GAAP net revenues and other income ratio fell from 60.0% to 55.4%, demonstrating the increasing scalability of GLG's personnel-related cost base.

Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005**Change in GAAP Expenses between Years Ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2006	2005	Change
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Expenses			
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ (168,386)	\$ (345,918)	\$ 177,532
General, administrative and other	(68,404)	(64,032)	(4,372)

Total expenses	\$ (236,790)	\$ (409,950)	\$ 173,160
Key ratios			
Employee compensation and benefits / total GAAP net revenues and other income	27.12%	57.33%	(30.21)%
General, administrative and other / total GAAP net revenues and other income	11.02%	10.61%	0.41%
Total expenses / total GAAP net revenues and other income	38.14%	67.94%	(29.80)%

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Employee compensation and benefits fell by \$177.5 million, or 51.3%, to \$168.4 million. The decreases included a \$121.7 million decrease in discretionary bonuses and a \$14.3 million decrease in variable salary, which were driven primarily by the following factors:

certain GLG key personnel ceasing to be employees at or after the end of the second quarter of 2006. These key personnel became holders of direct or indirect limited partnership interests in the entities which had previously employed them, resulting in comparable amounts which had been paid as compensation being paid as limited partner profit share; and

the non-recurrence in 2006 of certain one-time costs incurred in 2005, primarily the approximately \$41.6 million expense recorded in 2005 related to an employment tax settlement covering the period from GLG's separation from Lehman Brothers International (Europe), or Lehman International, in 2000 to April 5, 2006.

The decrease was partially offset by the following factors which increased employee compensation and benefits through the period:

an increase in compensation attributable to the growth in GLG's headcount as its operations grew; and

an increase in the proportion of performance-based discretionary compensation. GLG Funds are managed either by principals or by non-principals. Non-principals receive performance-based discretionary compensation related to their performance, either as bonus (for employees who do not participate in the limited partner profit share arrangement) or as discretionary limited partner profit share (for key personnel who participate in the limited partner profit share arrangement). In 2005 a number of funds managed by a former principal of GLG started to be managed by employee non-principal managers. This increased the performance-based discretionary bonuses included in employee compensation and benefits.

General, administrative and other expenses increased by \$4.4 million, or 6.8%, to \$68.4 million. This was mainly attributable to the growing scale of GLG's operations, principally increases in personnel and market data expenses.

Non-GAAP Expense Measures

As discussed above under *Assessing Business Performance*, GLG presents a non-GAAP PSCB measure. The table below reconciles GAAP employee compensation and benefits to non-GAAP PSCB for periods presented.

Table of Contents**Change in Non-GAAP Expenses between Years Ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

	Years Ended December 31,		Change
	2006	2005	
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Non-GAAP expenses			
GAAP employee compensation and benefits	\$ (168,386)	\$ (345,918)	\$ 177,532
Limited partner profit share	(201,450)		(201,450)
Non-GAAP PSCB	(369,836)	(345,918)	(23,918)
GAAP general, administrative and other	(68,404)	(64,032)	(4,372)
Non-GAAP total expenses	\$ (438,240)	\$ (409,950)	\$ (28,290)
Key ratios (based on non-GAAP measures)			
Non-GAAP PSCB / total GAAP net revenues and other income	59.57%	57.33%	2.24%
General, administrative and other / total GAAP net revenues and other income	11.02%	10.61%	0.41%
Non-GAAP total expenses / total GAAP net revenues and other income	70.59%	67.94%	2.65%

Non-GAAP PSCB, including payments of limited partner profit shares, increased by \$23.9 million, or 6.9%, to \$369.8 million. The increase was attributable primarily to an increase in non-GAAP discretionary compensation and bonus of \$65.0 million, offset by a decrease of \$7.1 million in non-GAAP variable compensation attributable to management's decision to reduce the number of personnel with contractual entitlements to variable compensation and a reduction in variable compensation pay out rates for those who continue to have such entitlements. The \$201.5 million increase in limited partner profit share was composed of a \$186.7 million increase in discretionary limited partner profit share, a \$7.6 million increase in base limited partner profit share priority drawings, and a \$7.2 million increase in variable limited partner profit share. The factors contributing to the increases include:

- an increase in net revenues, primarily a 41.3% increase in performance fees, which impacted performance-based variable compensation and limited partner profit share;

- an increase in compensation attributable to the growth in GLG's headcount as its operations grew;

- GLG's transition from a transaction charge to an administration fee model, which resulted in an increase in the performance fee revenues as a proportion of total net revenues and therefore an increase in the proportion of total net revenues giving rise to performance-based non-GAAP PSCB expense; and

- an increase in the proportion of performance-based discretionary compensation attributable to funds managed by non-principals as described above in the discussion of GAAP expenses. In 2005, this increased the performance-based discretionary bonuses included in employee compensation and benefits. In addition, beginning in mid-2006, as a result of certain of the non-principal investment managers ceasing to be employees and becoming participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement, this increased performance-based discretionary limited partner profit share.

The increase caused by these factors was partially offset by the non-recurrence in 2006 of certain one-time costs incurred in 2005, primarily the approximately \$41.6 million expense recorded in 2005 related to the employment tax settlement covering the period from GLG's separation from Lehman International in 2000 to April 5, 2006 discussed above. The net impact of all such factors was a slight increase in the non-GAAP PSCB / total GAAP net revenues and other income ratio by 2.2% to 59.6%.

Table of Contents*Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004***Change in GAAP Expenses between Years Ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	Change
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Expenses			
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ (345,918)	\$ (196,784)	\$ (149,134)
General, administrative and other	(64,032)	(42,002)	(22,030)
Total expenses	\$ (409,950)	\$ (238,786)	\$ (171,164)
Key ratios			
Employee compensation and benefits / total GAAP net revenues and other income	57.33%	38.23%	19.10%
General, administrative and other / total GAAP net revenues and other income	10.61%	8.16%	2.45%
Total expenses / total GAAP net revenues and other income	67.94%	46.39%	21.55%

Employee compensation and benefits increased by \$149.1 million, or 75.8%, to \$345.9 million, which included a \$115.0 million increase in discretionary bonuses, driven primarily by a 56.9% increase in performance fees and an increase in the proportion of discretionary performance-based compensation attributable to funds managed by non-principals, offset by a \$4.6 million decrease in variable salary and a \$2.8 million decrease in base compensation and benefits. For 2005 and 2004, non-principals received as bonus performance-based discretionary compensation related to their performance. As such, an increase in the contribution of performance attributable to non-principals increased the performance-based discretionary bonus included in employee compensation and benefits.

The major driver of the increase in the proportion of performance-based discretionary compensation attributable to non-principals was the transition in the management of funds managed by a former principal of GLG during the periods presented to employee non-principal investment professionals. The shift in 2005 to employee non-principal managers of the funds primarily managed by the former principal resulted in higher performance based discretionary bonuses being included in employee compensation and benefits in 2005 compared to 2004. The increase in employee compensation and benefits was also partially attributable to certain one-time costs incurred in 2005, primarily the approximately \$41.6 million expense recorded in 2005 related to the employment tax settlement covering the period from GLG's separation from Lehman International in 2000 to April 5, 2006. No comparable expense was recorded in 2004.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$22.0 million, or 52.4%, to \$64.0 million. This increase was mainly attributable to legal, professional and regulatory costs, in addition to costs associated with the development of the GLG platform to support the growing scale of GLG's operations.

For these periods, there were no limited partner profit shares, as the limited partner profit share arrangement was not implemented until 2006. As a result, non-GAAP PSCB for these periods would have been the same as GAAP employee compensation and benefits.

Income Tax

GLG's effective income tax rate is generally low since the portion of GLG's profits comprising the limited partner profit share is included in income before income taxes but is subject to tax at the level of the limited partners and is not subject to corporation tax. In addition, some of GLG's business is conducted in the Cayman Islands which does not levy corporate income tax on GLG's earnings. Shown in the tables below are reconciliations of income taxes computed at the standard U.K. corporation tax rate to the actual income tax expense which reflect GLG's effective income tax rate.

Table of Contents*Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2006***Change in Income Taxes between Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006**

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2007	2006	Change
	(US dollars in thousands)		
Income taxes	\$ (28,286)	\$ (13,000)	\$ (15,286)
Reconciliation of income taxes computed at standard U.K. corporation tax rate to income tax charge			
Income before income taxes	\$ 357,354	\$ 137,691	\$ 219,663
Tax charge at U.K. corporation tax rate (30%)	(107,206)	(41,308)	(65,898)
Factors affecting charge:			
Overseas tax rate differences	22,402	13,037	9,365
Disallowed and non-taxable items	(632)	(188)	(444)
Pass through to non-controlling interest holders	57,150	15,459	41,691
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	\$ (28,286)	\$ (13,000)	\$ (15,286)
Effective income tax rate	7.92%	9.44%	(1.52)%

Income tax expense increased by \$15.3 million to \$28.3 million, driven mainly by a 159.5% increase in income before income taxes, partially offset by a reduction in the effective income tax rate from 9.44% to 7.92%. The decrease in the effective income tax rate was due to an increase in amounts distributed as limited partner profit shares included in income before income taxes that did not impact income tax expense. The increase in these distributions was a result of certain key personnel ceasing to be employees and becoming participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement at or after the end of the second quarter of 2006.

*Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005***Change in Income Taxes between Years Ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2006	2005	Change
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Income taxes	\$ (29,225)	\$ (25,345)	\$ (3,880)
Reconciliation of income taxes computed at standard U.K. corporation tax rate to income tax charge			

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Income before income taxes	\$ 388,733	\$ 196,247	\$ 192,486
Tax charge at U.K. corporation tax rate (30%)	(116,620)	(58,874)	(57,746)
Factors affecting charge:			
Overseas tax rate differences	27,557	35,185	(7,628)
Disallowed and non-taxable items	(841)	(1,656)	815
Pass through to non-controlling interest holders	60,679		60,679
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	\$ (29,225)	\$ (25,345)	\$ (3,880)
Effective income tax rate	7.52%	12.91%	(5.40)%

Income tax increased by \$3.9 million to \$29.2 million, driven by a 98.1% increase in income before income taxes, partially offset by a reduction in the effective income tax rate from 12.91% to 7.52%. The decrease in the effective income tax rate was due to an increase in amounts distributed as limited partner profit shares included in income before income taxes that did not impact income tax expense and a reduction

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in disallowed expenses, partially offset by an increase in the proportion of income before income taxes recognized in the United Kingdom, which applies a higher tax rate than the Cayman Islands and other jurisdictions in which GLG conducts business. The increase in these distributions was a result of certain key personnel ceasing to be employees and becoming participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement at the end of the second quarter of 2006.

Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004

Change in Income Taxes between Years Ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	Change
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Income taxes	\$ (25,345)	\$ (48,372)	\$ 23,027
Reconciliation of income taxes computed at standard U.K. corporation tax rate to income tax charge			
Income before income taxes	\$ 196,247	\$ 276,440	\$ (80,193)
Tax charge at U.K. corporation tax rate (30%)	(58,874)	(82,932)	24,058
Factors affecting charge:			
Overseas tax rate differences	35,185	36,118	(933)
Disallowed and non-taxable items	(1,656)	(1,558)	(98)
Pass through to non-controlling interest holders			
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	\$ (25,345)	\$ (48,372)	\$ 23,027
Effective income tax rate	12.91%	17.49%	(4.58)%

Income tax decreased by \$23.0 million to \$25.3 million, driven by both a 29.0% decrease in income before income taxes and by a reduction in the effective income tax rate from 17.49% to 12.91%. The decrease in the effective income tax rate was due to a decrease in the proportion of income before income taxes recognized in the United Kingdom, which applies a higher tax rate than the Cayman Islands and other jurisdictions in which GLG conducts business, partially offset by an increase in disallowed expenses.

Adjusted Net Income

As discussed above under *Assessing Business Performance*, GLG presents a non-GAAP adjusted net income measure. The tables below reconcile net income to adjusted net income for the periods presented.

Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2006

**Change in Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income between Six Months Ended
June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006**

	Six Months Ended		Change
	June 30,		
	2007	2006	
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Derivation of non-GAAP adjusted net income			
GAAP net income	\$ 329,068	\$ 124,691	\$ 204,377
Deduct: limited partner profit share	(190,500)	(51,530)	(138,970)
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$ 138,568	\$ 73,161	\$ 65,407

Adjusted net income increased by \$65.4 million, or 89.4%, to \$138.6 million. This increase was driven by increased performance, management and administration fees, resulting from GLG's larger pool of AUM,

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stronger performance and increased fee yields during the 2007 period. The adjusted net income measure for these periods includes limited partner profit share arising from fund performance crystallized during the six months ended June 30, 2007. There was no limited partner profit share in the first six months of 2006.

Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005

**Change in Non-GAAP Adjusted Net Income between Years Ended
December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2006	2005	Change
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Derivation of non-GAAP adjusted net income			
GAAP net income	359,508	170,902	188,606
Deduct: limited partner profit share	(201,450)		(201,450)
Non-GAAP adjusted net income	\$ 158,058	\$ 170,902	\$ (12,844)

Adjusted net income decreased by \$12.8 million, or 7.5%, to \$158.1 million. This reduction was driven by an increase in non-GAAP PSCB, resulting from the transition from a transaction charge to an administration fee model and an increase in the proportion of performance attributable to non-principals, as further described under Results of Operations Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005 Non-GAAP Expense Measures. Such increase was partially offset by the non-recurrence in 2006 of certain one-time costs incurred in 2005, primarily relating to the approximately \$41.6 million employment tax settlement with the Inland Revenue.

For fiscal 2004 and 2005, there were no limited partner profit shares, as the limited partner profit share arrangement was not implemented until 2006. As a result, non-GAAP PSCB for these periods would have been the same as GAAP employee compensation and benefits, and non-GAAP adjusted net income would have been the same as GAAP net income.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity is a measurement of GLG's ability to meet potential cash requirements, including ongoing commitments to repay borrowings, pay compensation, and satisfy other general business needs. GLG's primary sources of funds for liquidity consist of cash flows provided by operating activities, primarily the management fees and performance fees paid from the GLG Funds and accounts managed by GLG.

GLG expects that its cash on hand and its cash flows from operating activities, the issuance of debt and equity securities and existing and future bank loans will satisfy its liquidity needs over the next twelve months. GLG expects to meet its long-term liquidity requirements, including the repayment of its debt obligations, through the generation of operating income, the issuance of debt and equity securities and existing and future bank loans.

GLG's ability to execute its business strategy, particularly its ability to form new GLG Funds and increase its AUM, depends on its ability to raise additional investor capital within such funds. Decisions by investors to commit capital to

the GLG Funds and accounts managed by GLG will depend upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to the financial performance of the GLG Funds and managed accounts, industry and market trends and performance and the relative attractiveness of alternative investment opportunities.

Excess cash held by GLG on its balance sheet is either kept in deposit bearing accounts or invested in AAA-rated money market funds. Currency hedging is undertaken to maintain currency net assets at pre-determined ratios.

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Operating Activities

GLG's net cash provided by operating activities was \$151.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to \$8.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2006, reflecting significantly lower cash payments of compensation and benefits due to certain key personnel ceasing to be employees in mid-2006 and instead becoming participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement. The amounts paid as limited partner profit share are reflected beginning in 2006 as distributions to non-controlling interest holders in financing activities in the statements of cash flows.

GLG's net cash provided by operating activities was \$219.2 million, \$208.5 million and \$296.1 million during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. These amounts primarily reflect cash-based fee income, less cash compensation, benefits and non-personnel costs and tax payments. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities from 2005 to 2006 was attributable to an increase in net income, driven primarily by certain key personnel ceasing to be employees in mid-2006 and instead becoming participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement, offset by GLG's need during the period to pay greater accrued compensation which had arisen in 2005. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities from 2004 to 2005 was attributable primarily to a reduction in net income, coupled with higher year-end fees receivable.

Investing Activities

GLG's net cash used in investing activities was \$3.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to \$0.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2006, reflecting increased purchases of fixed assets to support GLG's expanding headcount and infrastructure.

GLG's net cash used in investing activities was \$4.7 million, \$0.6 million and \$2.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. These amounts primarily reflect the cash purchase of fixed assets to support GLG's expanding headcount and infrastructure. GLG does not undertake material investing activities, and hence net cash used in investing activities is generally not significant in the context of the business. Additionally, the amount of net cash used in investing activities on a year-to-year basis may be strongly affected by the purchase of a particular fixed asset, thereby giving rise to a potentially volatile year-to-year net cash usage.

Financing Activities

GLG's net cash used in financing activities was \$291.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to \$148.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2006. The increase primarily reflects \$146.7 million of distributions to non-controlling interest holders, the participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement.

GLG's net cash used in financing activities was \$179.4 million, \$106.5 million and \$222.1 million during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. These amounts primarily reflect distributions made to principals and other participating members. The increase in net cash used in financing activities from 2005 to 2006 was attributable primarily to a decision by the Principals and Trustees to change the timing of distributions from the business from 2005 to 2006, coupled with distributions to non-controlling interest holders during 2006, resulting from certain key personnel becoming participants in the limited partner profit share arrangement beginning in mid-2006. GLG did not make quarterly distributions of profit in 2006 and there were no distributions to non-controlling interest holders in 2005 because the limited partner profit share arrangement was not yet in effect. The decrease in net cash used in financing activities from 2004 to 2005 was attributable to a decision by the Principals and Trustees to draw less cash distributions from the business during 2005.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

GLG does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

Table of Contents**Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies**

GLG has annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases for office space located in London, the Cayman Islands and New York City (GLG Inc.) which expire on various dates through 2018. The minimum future rental expense under these leases is as follows:

Future Rental Expenses

2007	Years Ended December 31,					Total
	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter	
	(Dollars in thousands)					
\$ 4,287	\$ 4,287	\$ 4,339	\$ 4,339	\$ 4,339	\$ 27,877	\$ 49,468

Rental expenses are recognized on a straight-line basis and during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$7.5 million, \$6.2 million and \$5.1 million, respectively.

GLG Holdings Limited entered into a credit facility in the principal amount of \$13.0 million on October 29, 2002 with the Bank of New York. Interest on the loan is payable quarterly at the annual rate of LIBOR plus 75 basis points. The loan is repayable in four equal quarterly installments of \$3.25 million. The first installment was originally due on January 29, 2007; however, the facility was extended on February 28, 2007 for another five years under the same terms and conditions and the repayment will commence effective January 29, 2012. The loan is secured by a pledge of substantially all of the assets of GLG Holdings Limited and there are liens on the future revenue streams of certain GLG entities. Scheduled principal payments for long-term borrowings at December 31, 2006 are as follows:

Future Loan Principal Payments

2007	Years Ended December 31,					Total
	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter	
	(Dollars in thousands)					
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000

In connection with the consummation of the acquisition, this loan is expected to be repaid in full.

In the normal course of business, GLG and its subsidiaries enter into operating contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and that provide general indemnifications. GLG's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against GLG that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, GLG expects the risk of material loss to be remote.

Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures About Market Risk

GLG's predominant exposure to market risk is related to its role as investment manager for the GLG Funds and accounts it manages for clients and the impact of movements in the fair value of their underlying investments. Changes in value of assets managed will impact the level of management and performance fee revenues.

The broad range of investment strategies that are employed across the approximately 40 GLG Funds and the managed accounts mean that they are subject to varying degrees and types of market risk. In addition, as the GLG Funds and managed accounts are managed independently of each other and risk is managed at a strategy and fund level, it is unlikely that any market event would impact all GLG Funds and managed accounts in the same manner or to the same extent. Moreover, there is no netting of performance fees across funds as these fees are calculated at the fund level.

The management of market risk on behalf of clients, and through the impact on fees to GLG, is a significant focus for GLG and it uses a variety of risk measurement techniques to identify and manage market risk. Such techniques include Monte Carlo Value at Risk, stress testing, exposure management and sensitivities, and limits are set on these measures to ensure the market risk taken is commensurate with the publicized risk profile of each GLG Fund and in compliance with risk limits.

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In order to provide a quantitative indication of the possible impact of market risk factors on GLG's future performance, the following sets forth the potential financial impact of scenarios involving a 10% increase or decrease in the fair value of all investments in the GLG Funds and managed accounts. While these scenarios are for illustrative purposes only and do not reflect GLG management's expectations regarding future performance of the GLG Funds and managed accounts, they represent hypothetical changes that illustrate the potential impact of such events.