

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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2023

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-41715

Beneficient

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

72-1573705

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

325 North St. Paul Street, Suite 4850
Dallas, TX 75201

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(214) 445-4700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	BENF	Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and one share of Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share	BENFW	Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to section 12(g) of the Act: None.

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

As of February 9, 2024, Beneficient had 257,209,584 shares of Class A common stock outstanding and 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock outstanding.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The number of outstanding units, weighted average number of outstanding units, loss per common unit, equity-based compensation and other financial amounts previously expressed on the basis of common units have been retroactively restated on the basis of Common Stock (as defined below) to reflect the conversion of the BCG (as defined below) common units to Common Stock. This “Explanatory Note” details the series of transactions necessitating the retroactive restatement. For further information, see Note 4, De-SPAC Merger Transaction, to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of the conversion of certain BCG equity instruments to Common Stock.

On June 6, 2023, the registrant converted from a Delaware limited partnership called The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. (“BCG”) to a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient” (the “Conversion”) in connection with the closing of its merger with Avalon Acquisition Inc. (such transaction, the “Business Combination”), a special purpose acquisition vehicle and a Delaware corporation. References to “BCG,” “Ben,” “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Company” and similar terms, prior to the effective time of the Conversion, refer to the registrant when it was a Delaware limited partnership and such references following the effective time of the Conversion, refer to the registrant in its current corporate form as a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient.”

On June 6, 2023, immediately prior to the Conversion, BCG was recapitalized (the “BCG Recapitalization”) as follows: (i) the limited partnership agreement of BCG was amended to create one new subclass of BCG common units, the Class B Common Units (the “BCG Class B Common Units”), and the existing common units were renamed the Class A Common Units (the “BCG Class A Common Units”); and (ii) certain holders of the Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (“BCH” and such units, the “BCH Preferred A.1”) entered into conversion and exchange agreements (the “BCG Conversion and Exchange Agreements”) with BCG and BCH, pursuant to which they converted certain BCH Preferred A.1 to Class S Ordinary Units of BCH (“BCH Class S Ordinary Units”), which were then contributed to BCG in exchange for BCG Class A Common Units.

Prior to the Conversion, the Company’s equity interests consisted of common units, one series of preferred units, and noncontrolling interests. Pursuant to the Conversion, each BCG Class A Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Class A common stock”), each BCG Class B Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Class B common stock” and together with the Class A common stock, the “Common Stock”), and the capital account balance of the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCG (“BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts”) converted into shares of Class A common stock at a rate based on a 20% discount to the \$10.00 valuation of the Class A common stock (or \$8.00). As a result, in the Conversion, we issued 86,116,884 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Class A Common Units, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock with respect to the BCG Class B Common Units and 94,050,534 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements as defined under U.S. federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical statements of fact and statements regarding, but not limited to, 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 “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “might,” “plan,” “possible,” “potential,” “predict,” “will,” “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. Forward-looking statements are predictions, projections and other statements about future events that are based on current expectations and assumptions and, as a result, are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and we assume no obligation and do not intend to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Summary of Risk Factors

The following is a summary of the principal risks that could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations:

- we do not have a significant operating history or an established customer base;
- our fair value estimates of illiquid assets may not accurately estimate prices obtained at the time we enter into any liquidity transaction, and we cannot provide assurance that the values of the alternative assets underlying the liquidity transactions that we report from time to time will be realized;
- the inability to maintain the listing of the Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC (“Nasdaq”);
- the transfer of GWG Holdings Inc.’s (“GWG Holdings” or “GWG”), assets to the GWG Wind Down Trust and the Litigation Trust (each as defined herein) pursuant to the Second Amended Plan (as defined herein) could create significant uncertainties and risks for our continued operations and materially and adversely impact our financial operating results;
- future resales of Class A common stock may cause the market price of Class A common stock to drop significantly;
- the market price for Class A common stock may be subject to substantial fluctuations, which may make it difficult for stockholders to sell shares at the volumes, prices, and times desired;
- the GWG Wind Down Trust currently owns a substantial percentage of the Company and continues to have voting power with respect to those matters on which our stockholders have the right to vote;
- we may be adversely affected by negative publicity;
- a determination that we are an unregistered investment company would have serious adverse consequences;
- the Company is currently involved in legal proceedings and government investigations and may be a party to additional claims and litigation in the future;
- our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by concentrations of assets, which are collateralized by a portion of the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets (the “Collateral”);
- we engage in related party transactions, which may result in conflicts of interest involving our senior management;
- Brad K. Heppner, our founder and CEO, may have financial interests that conflict with the interests of Beneficient and its stockholders;
- usage of our Class A common stock or securities convertible into Class A common stock as consideration for the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ (as defined herein) investments in alternative assets may create significant volatility in our investment income and the price of our Class A common stock;
- substantial future sales of shares of Class A common stock could cause the market price of our shares of Class A common stock to decline;
- our Forward Purchase Agreement (as defined herein) could result in an artificial ceiling price for the shares of our Class A common stock given the economic interests of our counterparty;
- our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by an inability to access, or ability to access only on unfavorable terms, the capital markets, and we may never obtain the maximum anticipated proceeds contemplated under the current capital raising agreements such as the SEPA (as defined herein);
- the due diligence process that we undertake in connection with any liquidity transaction may or may not reveal all facts that may be relevant in connection with such liquidity transaction;
- poor performance of our Collateral would cause a decline in our revenue, income and cash flow and could adversely affect our ability to raise capital for future liquidity transactions;
- we have a substantial amount of goodwill and intangible assets, which we have been, and may in the future be, required to write down the value of our intangible assets and goodwill due to impairment;
- we are subject to repayment risk in connection with our liquidity transactions;
- transfer restrictions applicable to alternative assets may prevent us from being able to attract a sufficient number of Customers (as defined herein) to achieve our business goals;

- our operations, products and services may be negatively impacted by changes in economic and market conditions;
- shares of Class A common stock and Series A convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 (the “Series A preferred stock”) are structurally subordinated to interests in BCH, a subsidiary of Beneficient;
- allocations of write downs in the value of our intangible assets and goodwill due to impairment will result in a decrease in the capital account balance of the BCH Class A Units (as defined herein) indirectly held by the Company;
- we are or will become subject to comprehensive governmental regulation and supervision;
- we may incur fines, penalties and other negative consequences from regulatory violations;
- we may be impacted adversely by claims or litigation, including claims or litigation relating to our fiduciary responsibilities;
- if we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business could be negatively affected;
- Beneficient’s board of directors (the “Board”) and management have significant control over Beneficient’s business;
- we may issue additional shares of authorized Common Stock or preferred stock without stockholder approval subject to the applicable rules of Nasdaq and Nevada law, which would dilute existing stockholder interests;
- the holders of Class B common stock have the right to elect a majority of the Board and the ability to vote with Class A common stock in director elections for the remaining directors, with each share of Class B common stock having 10 votes per share;
- the Company may engage in transactions that represent a conflict of interest, with the review of such transactions subject to the Nevada statutory business judgment rule; and
- other risks, uncertainties and factors set forth in the “Risk Factors” section in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on July 13, 2023 (“Annual Report”) and in the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis” and “Risk Factors” sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as those described from time to time in our future reports filed with the SEC.

The foregoing factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read together with the other cautionary statements included in the Annual Report or in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. If one or more events related to these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may differ materially from what we anticipate. Many of the important factors that will determine these results are beyond our ability to control or predict. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and, except as otherwise required by law, we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

BENEFICIENT
Form 10-Q
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023
Table of Contents

	Page No.
<u>PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	
<u>Item 1.</u> <u>Financial Statements</u>	
<u>Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Item 2.</u> <u>Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	<u>61</u>
<u>Item 3.</u> <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	<u>104</u>
<u>Item 4.</u> <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	<u>104</u>
<u>PART II. OTHER INFORMATION</u>	
<u>Item 1.</u> <u>Legal Proceedings</u>	<u>105</u>
<u>Item 1A.</u> <u>Risk Factors</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>Item 2.</u> <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>121</u>
<u>Item 3.</u> <u>Defaults Upon Senior Securities</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>Item 4.</u> <u>Mine Safety Disclosures</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>Item 5.</u> <u>Other Information</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>Item 6.</u> <u>Exhibits</u>	<u>123</u>
<u>Signatures</u>	<u>125</u>

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1 — Financial Statements

BENEFICIENT CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023 ⁽¹⁾
	<i>(unaudited)</i>	
<i>(Dollars and shares in thousands)</i>		
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,248	\$ 8,726
Restricted cash	20	819
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments held by Customer ExAlt Trusts (related party of \$3,759 and \$76,154)	378,382	491,859
Investments held by Ben (related party of \$38 and \$1,371)	38	5,362
Other assets, net (related party of nil and \$2,195)	26,061	32,903
Intangible assets	3,100	3,100
Goodwill	81,714	2,367,926
Total assets	<u>\$ 500,563</u>	<u>\$ 2,910,695</u>
LIABILITIES, TEMPORARY EQUITY, AND EQUITY		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (related party of \$14,032 and \$10,485)	\$ 96,194	\$ 65,724
Other liabilities (related party of nil and \$100)	20,986	14,622
Warrant liability	161	—
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	—	52,129
Debt due to related party, net	128,197	99,314
Total liabilities	<u>245,538</u>	<u>231,789</u>
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		
Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts, nonunitized	251,052	251,052
Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts, nonunitized	—	699,441
Total temporary equity	<u>251,052</u>	<u>950,493</u>
Shareholder's equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 250,000 shares authorized		
Series A preferred stock, 0 and 0 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023	—	—
Series B-1 preferred stock, 0 and 0 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023	—	—
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 1,500,000 shares authorized, 257,210 and 180,178 shares issued as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively, and 256,666 and 179,634 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively	257	180
Class B convertible common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 20,000 shares authorized, 19,140 and 19,140 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023	19	19
Additional paid-in capital	1,843,493	1,579,545
Accumulated deficit	(1,992,992)	—
Stock receivable	(20,038)	—
Treasury stock, at cost (544 shares as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023)	(3,444)	(3,444)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	442	9,900
Noncontrolling interests	176,236	142,213
Total equity	<u>3,973</u>	<u>1,728,413</u>
Total liabilities, temporary equity, and equity	<u>\$ 500,563</u>	<u>\$ 2,910,695</u>

⁽¹⁾ Retroactively adjusted March 31, 2023 for the de-SPAC merger transaction as described in Note 4. Such adjustments are unaudited.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>				
Revenues				
Investment income (loss), net	\$ 7,448	\$ 11,478	\$ 7,935	\$ (30,738)
Loss on financial instruments, net (related party of \$(18,691), \$(20,480), \$(64,217), and \$(63,044), respectively)	(18,024)	(23,043)	(64,260)	(56,101)
Interest and dividend income	118	113	348	295
Trust services and administration revenues (related party of \$8, \$8, \$23, and \$23, respectively)	158	8	173	23
Other income	65	—	65	86
Total revenues	(10,235)	(11,444)	(55,739)	(86,435)
Operating expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	7,340	12,670	58,561	34,752
Interest expense (related party of \$3,018, \$746, \$5,843, and \$2,108, respectively)	4,671	4,147	13,569	11,356
Professional services	4,970	8,073	22,000	29,580
Provision for credit losses	—	1,799	—	20,580
Loss on impairment of goodwill	883,223	—	2,286,212	—
Other expenses (related party of \$2,096, \$2,246, \$6,317, and \$6,576, respectively)	5,512	7,073	17,604	21,454
Total operating expenses	905,716	33,762	2,397,946	117,722
Operating loss	(915,951)	(45,206)	(2,453,685)	(204,157)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	8,846	—	8,846	—
Loss before income taxes	(924,797)	(45,206)	(2,462,531)	(204,157)
Income tax expense (benefit)	75	(2,356)	75	(1,072)
Net loss	(924,872)	(42,850)	(2,462,606)	(203,085)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests - Customer ExAlt Trusts	26,240	4,058	43,698	105,612
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests - Ben	360,695	5,887	401,985	13,231
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(4,229)	(3,984)	(12,501)	(11,778)
Net loss attributable to Beneficient common shareholders	\$ (542,166)	\$ (36,889)	\$ (2,029,424)	\$ (96,020)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments in available-for-sale debt securities	51	(1,307)	4,236	6,400
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(542,115)	(38,196)	(2,025,188)	(89,620)
Less: comprehensive gain (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	51	(1,307)	4,236	6,400
Total comprehensive loss attributable to Beneficient	\$ (542,166)	\$ (36,889)	\$ (2,029,424)	\$ (96,020)
Net loss per common share - basic and diluted ⁽¹⁾				
Class A	\$ (1.98)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (8.35)	\$ (0.48)
Class B	\$ (1.96)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (7.34)	\$ (0.48)
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted ⁽¹⁾				
Class A	254,923,039	180,178,268	226,105,978	180,178,268
Class B	19,140,451	19,140,451	19,140,451	19,140,451

⁽¹⁾ Retroactively adjusted the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022 for the de-SPAC merger transaction as described in Note 4.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)

For the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

(Dollars and units in thousands)	Series A preferred stock		Series B-1 preferred stock		Class A common stock		Class B common stock		APIC	Accumulated Deficit	Stock Receivable	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling interests (Note 10)	Total equity	Redeemable noncontrolling interests
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount								
Balance, September 30, 2023	—	\$ —	3,769	\$ 4	242,884	\$ 243	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,842,274	\$ (1,450,826)	\$ (20,038)	\$ (3,444)	\$ 391	\$ 563,636	\$ 932,259	\$ 251,052
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(542,166)	—	—	—	(386,935)	(929,101)	4,229
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,026	—	—	—	—	—	2,026	—
Issuance of common and preferred shares upon closing of de-SPAC transaction, net of issuance costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,477)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,477)	—
Issuance of shares in connection with equity purchase agreement	—	—	—	—	520	—	—	—	680	—	—	—	—	—	680	—
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(196)	(196)	—
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	—	51	—
Preferred A.0 Unit Accounts guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,229)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(269)	(269)	—
Conversion of Series B-1 preferred stock to Class A common stock	—	—	(3,769)	(4)	13,806	14	—	—	(10)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	257,210	\$ 257	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,843,493	\$ (1,992,992)	\$ (20,038)	\$ (3,444)	\$ 442	\$ 176,236	\$ 3,973	\$ 251,052

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (cont'd) ⁽¹⁾
(UNAUDITED)

	Series A preferred stock		Series B-1 preferred stock		Class A common stock		Class B common stock						Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Noncontrolling interests	Total equity	Redeemable noncontrolling interests
(Dollars and units in thousands)	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	APIC	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock					
Balance, September 30, 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	180,178	\$ 180	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,630,478	\$ —	\$ (3,444)	\$ 6,381	\$ 171,880	\$ 1,805,494	\$ 970,452	
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(36,889)	—	—	—	(9,139)	(46,028)	3,178	
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,918	—	—	—	—	1,918	—	
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(61)	—	—	—	—	(61)	—	
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(779)	(779)	—	
Non-cash dividend to related party	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(37)	—	—	—	—	(37)	—	
Share-based awards to related party employees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	—	—	—	—	37	—	
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,307)	—	(1,307)	—	
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,134	—	—	—	—	9,134	(9,134)	
Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,985)	
Redemption of BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,806)	—	—	—	—	(1,806)	—	
Annual reallocation of FLP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,057	—	—	—	(2,057)	—	—	
Balance, December 31, 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	180,178	\$ 180	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,604,831	\$ —	\$ (3,444)	\$ 5,074	\$ 159,905	\$ 1,766,565	\$ 960,511	

⁽¹⁾ Retroactively adjusted September 30, 2022 and three months ended December 31, 2022 for de-SPAC merger transaction as described in Note 4.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (cont'd) ⁽¹⁾
(UNAUDITED)

For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>(Dollars and units in thousands)</i>	Series A preferred stock		Series B-1 preferred stock		Class A common stock		Class B common stock		APIC	Accumulated Deficit	Stock Receivable	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling interests (Note 10)	Total equity	Redeemable noncontrolling interests
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount								
Balance, March 31, 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	180,178	\$ 180	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,579,545	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (3,444)	\$ 9,900	\$ 142,213	\$ 1,728,413	\$ 950,493
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(36,432)	(1,992,992)	—	—	—	(445,683)	(2,475,107)	12,501
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,530	—	—	—	—	—	37,530	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(116)	—	—	—	—	—	(116)	—
Issuance of common and preferred shares upon closing of de-SPAC transaction, net of issuance costs	2,749	3	—	—	7,972	8	—	—	(5,778)	—	—	—	—	—	(5,767)	—
Conversion of Series A preferred stock to Class A common stock	(2,749)	(3)	—	—	688	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of shares in connection with recent financings	—	—	—	—	3,968	4	—	—	12,432	—	—	—	—	(3,060)	9,376	—
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(763)	(763)	—
Conversion of BCH Class S Ordinary to Class A common stock	—	—	—	—	404	—	—	—	3,884	—	—	—	—	(3,884)	—	—
Conversion of Preferred Series C to Class A common stock	—	—	—	—	44,041	44	—	—	205,715	—	—	—	—	(205,759)	—	—
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,236	—	4,236	—
Reclassification of realized gain upon transfer from available-for-sale debt security to equity interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(13,694)	—	(13,694)	—
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,942	—	—	—	—	(6,942)	—	—
Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(12,501)
Redemption of BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,413)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,413)	—
Settlement of restricted stock units	—	—	—	—	5,422	5	—	—	(5)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of common shares to settle liability	—	—	—	—	731	1	—	—	4,494	—	—	—	—	—	4,495	—
Issuance of Series B-1 preferred stock in connection with recent financings	—	—	3,769	4	—	—	—	—	36,703	—	—	—	—	942	37,649	—
Stock receivable on prepaid forward purchase	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20,038)	—	—	—	(20,038)	—
Reclass of BCH Preferred A.1 from temporary to permanent equity	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	699,441	699,441	(699,441)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(269)	(269)	—
Conversion of Series B-1 preferred stock to Class A common stock	—	—	(3,769)	(4)	13,806	14	—	—	(10)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2023	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	257,210	\$ 257	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,843,493	\$ (1,992,992)	\$ (20,038)	\$ (3,444)	\$ 442	\$ 176,236	\$ 3,973	\$ 251,052

⁽¹⁾ Retroactively adjusted March 31, 2023 for de-SPAC merger transaction as described in Note 4.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (cont'd) ⁽¹⁾
(UNAUDITED)

<i>(Dollars and units in thousands)</i>	Series A preferred stock		Series B-1 preferred stock		Class A common stock		Class B common stock		APIC	Accumulated Deficit	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Noncontrolling interests	Total equity	Redeemable noncontrolling interests
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount							
Balance, March 31, 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	180,178	\$ 180	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,634,019	\$ —	\$ (3,444)	\$ (1,326)	\$ 277,888	\$ 1,907,336	\$ 992,238
Net income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(96,020)	—	—	—	(115,336)	(211,356)	8,271
Recognition of share-based compensation cost	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,162	—	—	—	—	8,162	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(166)	—	—	—	(919)	(1,085)	—
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,674	—	—	—	299	11,973	—
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(131)	(131)	—
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,336)	(1,336)	—
Issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,430	2,430	—
Deemed dividend upon issuance for GAAP to tax basis true-up	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	314	—	—	—	—	314	(314)
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,400	—	6,400	—
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,905	—	—	—	—	27,905	(27,905)
Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment accrual	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(11,779)
Reclass of allocated income for FLP Subclass 3 to payable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(933)	(933)	—
Equity issuance costs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(15)	—	—	—	—	(15)	—
Redemption of BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,199)	—	—	—	—	(3,199)	—
Issuance of BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,100	—	—	—	—	20,100	—
Annual reallocation of FLP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,057	—	—	—	(2,057)	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	180,178	\$ 180	19,140	\$ 19	\$ 1,604,831	\$ —	\$ (3,444)	\$ 5,074	\$ 159,905	\$ 1,766,565	\$ 960,511

⁽¹⁾ Retroactively adjusted March 31, 2022 and the nine months ended December 31, 2022 for de-SPAC merger transaction as described in Note 4.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**BENEFICIENT
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)**

	Nine Months Ended December 31,	
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (2,462,606)	\$ (203,085)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,033	2,572
Net amortization of debt premium and discount (related party of \$(1,860) and \$(4,605))	(1,261)	(3,569)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	8,846	—
Loss on impairment of goodwill	2,286,212	—
Loss on financial instruments, net (related party of \$64,217 and \$63,044)	64,260	56,101
Return on investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	—	8,131
Investment (income) loss, net	(7,935)	30,738
Non cash interest expense (related party of \$7,427 and \$297)	14,474	8,460
Non cash interest income	(338)	(258)
Non cash share-based compensation	37,530	8,162
Provision for credit losses	—	20,580
Provision for deferred taxes	—	(1,072)
Write-off of deferred financing costs for equity	—	1,653
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Changes in other assets	978	(8,554)
Changes in accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,440	6,722
Changes in other liabilities and deferred revenue	2,797	(332)
Net cash used in operating activities	(49,570)	(73,751)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Return of investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	38,371	45,350
Purchase of investments in alternative assets held by Customer ExAlt Trusts	(1,272)	(511)
Purchase of premises and equipment	(1,330)	(1,629)
Proceeds from sale of put options by Ben	968	—
Purchase of put options by Ben	—	(7,451)
Net cash provided by investing activities	36,737	35,759
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from debt financings	25,000	—
Payments on Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable	(6,780)	(11,302)
Redemption of Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts	(1,413)	(3,199)
Proceeds received from issuance of Class A common under equity purchase agreement	681	—
Redemption of Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts	—	(3,793)
Payment of deferred financing costs for debt	(1,585)	—
Payment of deferred financing costs for equity	(5,685)	(2,500)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	(269)	(131)
Payment of employee income taxes on restricted equity units	(116)	(1,085)
Proceeds from de-SPAC merger	24,761	—
Payment for prepaid forward purchase agreement	(20,038)	—
Payments on debt due to related parties	—	(750)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	14,556	(22,760)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	1,723	(60,752)
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period	9,545	76,105
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 11,268	\$ 15,353

Refer to Note 18 for supplemental cash flow disclosures, including reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash used in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

BENEFICIENT
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

1. Overview of the Business

Legal Structure

Beneficient, a Nevada corporation, is a technology-enabled financial services holding company (including its subsidiaries, but excluding its noncontrolling interest holders, collectively, “Ben,” “our,” “the Company,” or “we”) that provides simple, rapid, cost-effective liquidity solutions and trust products and services to participants in the alternative assets industry through its end-to-end online platform, Ben AltAccess (as defined below). Prior to the conversion described below, Beneficient Management, L.L.C. (“Ben Management”), a Delaware limited liability company, was Ben’s general partner and Ben was controlled by, and the exclusive and complete authority to manage the operations and affairs of Ben was granted to, Ben Management’s Board of Directors.

On June 6, 2023, the Company converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation and changed its corporate name from “The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.” (“BCG”) to “Beneficient” (the “Conversion”). On June 6, 2023, following the BCG Recapitalization (as defined in Note 2) and the Conversion, the Company, as the sole member of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. (“Ben LLC”), adopted the First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Ben LLC (the “Ben LLC A&R LLCA”). The Ben LLC A&R LLCA establishes managing member interests and non-managing members interests, referred to as the Class A Units of Ben LLC. Beneficient is designated as the sole managing member. In addition, certain additional amendments were made that principally focused on the management of Ben LLC by the managing member. After the adoption of the Ben LLC A&R LLCA, Beneficient contributed to Ben LLC all of the limited partnership interests and general partnership interests of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (“BCH”) held by Beneficient (the “Contribution”), and Ben LLC became the general partner of BCH and the holder of 100% of the outstanding Class A Units of BCH.

On June 7, 2023, in accordance with the Business Combination Agreement, dated September 21, 2022 and amended April 18, 2023, with Avalon Acquisition, Inc. (“Avalon”), (the “Business Combination Agreement,” and the transactions contemplated thereby, collectively, the “Business Combination”), the Company completed its previously announced de-SPAC merger transaction (the “Transaction”) with Avalon. On June 8, 2023, Beneficient began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market. See Note 4 for additional disclosures related to the Conversion and Transaction.

BCH is a Delaware limited partnership formed on July 1, 2010. BCH is primarily a holding company that directly or indirectly receives all active and passive income of the Company and allocates that income among the partnership interests issued by BCH. As of December 31, 2023, BCH has issued and outstanding general partnership Subclass 1 Class A Units (“BCH Class A Units”), Class S Ordinary Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Ordinary Units”), Class S Preferred Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Preferred Units”), FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1, Subclass 2, and Subclass 3), Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A.0”), and Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts (“BCH Preferred A.1”).

Business Overview

Ben markets an array of liquidity, trustee, and trust administration products and services to alternative asset investors primarily comprised of mid-to-high net worth (“MHNW”) individual investors (generally those with a net worth of \$5.0 million to \$30.0 million), small-to-midsize institutional (“STMI”) investors, family offices (“FAMOs”) and fund general partners and sponsors (“GPs” and together with MHNW individuals, STMI investors and FAMOs, “Customers”). Ben provides Customers seeking an early exit from their alternative asset investments a suite of bespoke liquidity solutions for their otherwise illiquid alternative asset investments through a proprietary financing and trust structure, which we implement for our customers (we refer to such trusts collectively as the “Customer ExAlt Trusts”). We plan to offer comprehensive alternative asset trust and custody services, and novel insurance products covering risks attendant to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets, and additional broker-dealer services in connection with our liquidity products and services.

Ben’s primary operations, which commenced on September 1, 2017, relate to its liquidity and trust administration products and services. Ben offers or plans to offer its products and services through its operating subsidiaries, which include: (i) Ben AltAccess, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“Ben AltAccess”), which offers an online platform designed to provide a digital experience for Customers seeking liquidity, custody, trust and data services for their alternative assets; (ii) Ben Liquidity, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Liquidity”), which offers liquidity products; (iii) Ben Custody, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Custody”), which provides services for private fund, trustee, and trust administration; (iv) Ben Data, L.L.C., a Delaware

limited liability company (“Ben Data”), which provides data analytics and evaluation services; (v) Ben Markets L.L.C., including its subsidiaries (“Ben Markets”), was recently launched and intends to provide broker-dealer services and transfer agency services in connection with offering Ben’s products and services; and (vi) Ben Insurance, L.L.C., including its subsidiaries (“Ben Insurance Services”), which intends to offer insurance products and services covering risks attendant to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets. Ben serves as trustee of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which operate for the benefit of the Charities (defined below) and Economic Growth Zones (defined below).

Ben Liquidity offers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity products to its Customers through the use of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which facilitate the exchange of a Customer’s alternative assets for consideration using a proprietary financing and trust structure (such structure and related process, the “ExAlt PlanTM”). In ExAlt PlanTM financings, a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity, Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. (“BFF”), a Kansas based trust company that provides fiduciary financing to fidfin trusts, makes fiduciary loans (each, an “ExAlt Loan”) to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which in turn employ a portion of the loan proceeds to acquire and deliver agreed upon consideration to the Customer, in exchange for their alternative assets. BFF is registered as a chartered Kansas Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution (“TEFFI”) under the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution Act (the “TEFFI Act”) and regulated by the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner (“OSBC”). Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Ben. Ben Liquidity generates interest and fee income earned in connection with the ExAlt Loans, which are collateralized by a portion of the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets, then owned by Customer ExAlt Trusts (the “Collateral”). The ExAlt Loans are eliminated upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts solely for financial reporting purposes.

Under the applicable trust and other agreements, certain Texas and Kansas charities are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (which we refer to as “Charities” or “Economic Growth Zones” respectively, and collectively, the “Charitable Beneficiaries”), and their interests are reported as noncontrolling interests in our consolidated financial statements. The TEFFI Act requires that two and a half percent (2.5%) of the cash distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas Economic Growth Zone. Accordingly, for ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, Economic Growth Zones are paid \$0.025 for every \$1.00 earned on ownership of exchanged alternative assets. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements, the Charitable Beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to such date, are paid \$0.05 for every \$0.95 paid to the applicable ExAlt Loan lender.

Ben Custody currently provides full-service trust and custody administration services to the trustees (including BFF) of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which own the exchanged alternative assets following liquidity transactions in exchange for fees payable quarterly.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts’ earnings on its alternative assets supports the repayment of the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. Since Ben consolidates the Customer ExAlt Trusts, Ben Liquidity’s ExAlt Loans and related interest and fee income and provision for credit losses and Ben Custody’s fee income are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements solely for financial reporting purposes; however, such amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to Ben’s or BCH’s equity holders. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben’s operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of income (loss) to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Refer to Note 3 for additional information.

As discussed further in Note 3, certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated subsidiaries of Ben solely for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

Liquidity and Going Concern

As of December 31, 2023, we had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$11.2 million. We generated net losses totaling \$924.9 million and \$42.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we generated net losses totaling \$2.5 billion and \$203.1 million, respectively. As of January 31, 2024, we had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$13.0 million. All of these conditions raised substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern; however, based on management’s plan, as described below, such substantial doubt has been alleviated.

We expect to satisfy our obligations and fund our operations through anticipated operating cash flows, proceeds on ExAlt Loan payments and fee income derived from distributions on investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts or other

investments held by Ben, potentially refinancing some or all of the existing borrowings due prior to their maturity, with either our current lender or other lenders, and through the implementation of measures designed to reduce corporate overhead, including through the use of workforce reductions and other expense reductions. We also intend to raise capital through equity or debt investments by third parties. On June 27, 2023, we entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the “SEPA”) with YA II PN, Ltd. (“Yorkville”), whereby we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of shares of the Company’s common stock. As more fully described in Note 8, on October 19, 2023, we entered into a three-year \$25.0 million term loan with HH-BDH LLC, which was fully drawn upon closing and, the proceeds of which were used or are intended to be used to repay certain outstanding obligations, fund development of our products, and provide additional working capital. The HH-BDH Credit Agreement contains certain financial maintenance covenants, including a debt service coverage ratio. If any of these limitations were to materially impede the flow of cash to us, our ability to service and repay our debt and pay dividends would be materially and adversely affected.

Ben may not be able to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing on terms favorable to the Company, or at all. To the extent that Ben or its subsidiaries raise additional capital through the future sale of equity or debt, the ownership interest of our existing equity holders may be diluted. The terms of these future equity or debt securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect the rights of our existing equity unitholders or involve negative covenants that restrict Ben’s ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt or making additional investments in growing the operations of the Company. If Ben defaults on these borrowings, then the Company will be required to either (i) sell participation or other interests in our loans or other of our assets, or (ii) to raise additional capital through the sale of equity and the ownership interest of our equity holders may be diluted.

Based on projections of growth in revenue and net income in the coming quarters, the expected additional investments into Ben by third parties, potentially refinancing certain existing borrowings with either our current lender or other lenders, the additional financing source from the SEPA, and expected proceeds from our debt and equity offerings, we believe that we will have sufficient cash resources to finance our operations, satisfy other obligations, and to fund expected lending transactions within one year after the date that the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements are issued. These consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Operating Cost Reduction Plan

On July 11, 2023, Beneficient’s board of directors (the “Board”) approved certain measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company with a view toward focusing resources on areas of current business needs. As part of this plan, we commenced the furlough of approximately 30 employees, representing approximately 20% of our workforce as of July 11, 2023. We also implemented a reduction in spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of the plan to reduce operating expenses.

Effective November 3, 2023, the Board approved additional measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company, including the termination of the previously furloughed employees and the layoff of an additional 15 employees, representing approximately an additional 10% of our workforce as of November 3, 2023. We intend to continue to reduce spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of the plan to further reduce operating expenses.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of Ben are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and include the accounts of Ben, its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries and, certain variable interest entities (“VIEs”), in which the Company is the primary beneficiary. An enterprise is determined to be the primary beneficiary of a VIE if it holds a controlling financial interest consistent with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 810, *Consolidation* (“ASC 810”), as amended.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts are considered VIEs for which Ben has a variable interest and is considered the primary beneficiary. Thus, Ben is required to consolidate all of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The entities in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold an ownership interest are investment companies (i.e., funds) under ASC 946, *Financial Services — Investment Companies* (“ASC 946”). Thus, the investments in non-investment companies made by these funds are accounted for in accordance with ASC 946 and are not subject to consolidation or the disclosure requirements of ASC 810. Moreover, further consolidation provisions of ASC 946 are not applicable to Ben since these investment companies do not have an investment in an operating entity that provides services to the investment company or to Ben.

All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation, and the portion of income allocated to owners other than the Company is included in “net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests” in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). With the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, interest and fees income and any related receivable charged by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody to the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. While these amounts are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes, such amounts are earned by Ben Liquidity and/or Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts and directly impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben’s and BCH’s equity holders, as further discussed in Note 3.

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company do not contain the detail or footnote disclosure concerning accounting policies and other matters that would be included in full fiscal year consolidated financial statements; therefore, they should be read in conjunction with the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on July 13, 2023 (“Annual Report”). The consolidated statement of financial condition as of March 31, 2023 is from the Company’s audited financial statements. In the opinion of management, all material adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring adjustments, have been made that were considered necessary to present fairly the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows at the interim date and for the interim periods presented. Operating results for the interim periods disclosed herein are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for a full year.

Initial Recapitalization and Common Unit Conversion

On June 6, 2023, immediately prior to the Conversion, BCG was recapitalized, as further described in Note 4. For the periods prior to the closing, the number of outstanding units, weighted average number of outstanding units, loss per common unit, equity-based compensation and other financial amounts previously expressed on the basis of common units have been retroactively adjusted on the basis of Common Stock reflecting the common unit conversion ratio, as described above.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the Company’s consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates and assumptions are based on information available as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and could differ from actual results. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to change in the near term relate to the fair value determination of investments in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the fair value determination of the investment in debt securities, determination of the allowance for credit losses as an input to the allocation of income (loss) to Ben’s or BCH’s equity holders, evaluation of potential impairment of goodwill and other intangibles, and determining the grant date fair value for certain share-based compensation awards.

Significant accounting policies are detailed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company’s Annual Report. Other than new policies related to the adoption of ASU 2016-13 (as defined below and described in Note 3) and those below, there are no new or revised significant accounting policies as of December 31, 2023.

Warrant Liability

The Company accounts for the warrants assumed in the Transaction (as described in Note 4), in accordance with the guidance contained in ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, whereby under that provision these warrants do not meet the criteria for equity treatment and must be recorded as a liability. Accordingly, the Company classifies these warrant instruments as a liability at fair value and adjusts the instruments to fair value at each reporting period using quoted market prices. This liability is re-measured at each balance sheet date until the warrants are exercised or expire, and any change in fair value will be recognized in the Company’s consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Such warrant classification is also subject to re-evaluation at each reporting period.

Income Taxes

On June 6, 2023, The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. changed both its regulatory and tax status from a Delaware Limited Partnership to a Nevada Corporation and changed its name from The Beneficient Company Group, L.P. to Beneficient. Beneficient made a tax election to be treated as a corporation for US tax purposes effective as of this date.

As a result of this tax election, Beneficient records current tax liabilities or assets through charges or credits to the current tax provision for the estimated taxes payable or refundable for the current year. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. A deferred tax valuation allowance is established if it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. A tax position that fails to meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold will result in either reduction of current

or deferred tax assets, and/or recording of current or deferred tax liabilities. Interest and penalties related to income taxes are recorded in the other expense line item of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Prior to the restructuring that resulted in Beneficient becoming a corporation, Beneficient was taxed as a Delaware Limited Partnership. In the event the subsequent entity, Beneficient a corporation, is audited by the taxing authority and assessed additional amounts due to the underpayment of tax in previous tax years, management intends to make the push-out election allowed by the U.S. Treasury Department. That election allows Beneficient to notify its partners of their share of imputed underpayment amounts for inclusion in their current tax returns.

Reclassification

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. Specifically, \$0.6 million of other expenses was reclassified to professional services for the nine months ended December 31, 2022. This reclassification had no effect on total operating expenses.

Accounting Standards Recently Adopted

On April 1, 2023, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* (Topic 326) (“CECL”), along with the subsequently issued guidance amending and clarifying various aspects of ASU 2016-13, using the modified retrospective method as required. In accordance with that method, the comparative period’s information continues to be reported under the relevant accounting guidance in effect for that period. Upon adoption of ASU 2016-13, the incurred loss impairment method was replaced with a new impairment model that reflects current expected lifetime losses for our ExAlt Loans receivables. The adoption of ASU 2016-13 resulted in a cumulative-effect adjustment to decrease opening common units (in the absence of retained earnings or accumulated deficit) prior to the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts by \$61.1 million, resulting from an increase to our allowance for credit losses on ExAlt Loans. There is no impact to the consolidated financial statements as loans receivable and its related allowance for credit losses is eliminated in the presentation of the consolidated financial statements. The adoption of this new guidance did not result in a material impact to our available-for-sale debt securities portfolio or asset classes other than loans receivable.

Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes*, (Topic 740) was issued in December 2023, which expands income tax disclosure requirements to include additional information related to the rate reconciliation of our effective tax rates to statutory rates as well as additional disaggregation of taxes paid. The amendments in ASU 2023-09 also remove disclosures related to certain unrecognized tax benefits and deferred taxes. ASU 2023-09 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024, or our fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025. The amendments may be applied prospectively or retrospectively, and early adoption is permitted. We are currently assessing the impact of the requirements on our consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

ASU 2023-07, *Segment Reporting*, (Topic 280) was issued in November 2023 and expands public entities’ segment disclosures by requiring disclosure of significant segment expenses that are regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker (“CODM”) and included within each reported measure of segment profit or loss, an amount and description of its composition for other segment items, and interim disclosures of a reportable segment’s profit or loss and assets. All disclosure requirements under ASU 2023-07 are also required for public entities with a single reportable segment. Additionally, the amendments require disclosure of the title and position of the CODM and an explanation of how the CODM uses the reported measure(s) of segment profit or loss in assessing segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources. ASU 2023-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023 and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption is permitted. ASU 2023-07 will have no impact on the Company’s financial condition or results of operations. The Company is evaluating the impact to the related segment reporting disclosures.

ASU 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform*, (Topic 848) was issued in March 2020. The amendments in Topic 848 provide optional expedients and exceptions for applying U.S. GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. Topic 848 can be applied by all entities as of the beginning of the interim period that includes March 12, 2020, or any date thereafter, and entities may elect to apply the amendments prospectively through December 31, 2022. On December 31, 2022, ASU 2022-06, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Deferral of the Sunset Date of Topic 848* was issued, which extends the period of time entities can utilize the reference rate reform relief guidance under ASU 2020-04 from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024. We have not utilized the optional expedients and exceptions provided by this standard, and are currently evaluating the impact of this standard on our consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

3. Understanding our Financial Statements and the Impact to the Common Shareholder

Ben's current products and services, which are offered by the Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody business segments, involve or are principally offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated VIEs solely for financial reporting purposes, and are not owned directly or indirectly by Ben or BCH equity holders. Transactions involving products and services between Ben's operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. Thus, the consolidated financial statements reflect the (i) assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, investment income and cash flows of Ben, including the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which hold the collateral for the ExAlt Loans, on a gross basis, and (ii) a portion of the economic interests of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts held by the residual beneficiaries that are attributed to noncontrolling interests in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

As a result, Ben's primary tangible assets reflected on its consolidated statements of financial condition are investments, mainly comprised of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and the primary sources of revenue reflected on our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) are investment income (loss), net, which represents changes in the net asset value ("NAV") of these investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and gain (loss) on financial instruments, net, which represents changes in fair value of equity securities, debt securities, a derivative liability, and put options, primarily held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such investment income (loss), net, and gain (loss) on financial instruments that are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts is included in the net income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interests – Customer ExAlt Trusts in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). The revenues and expenses recognized in these line items for the activities of the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not directly impact net income (loss) attributable to Ben's or BCH's equity holders.

Instead, the interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, directly impact the net income (loss) attributable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. Our Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody business segments, which relate to our current operating subsidiaries, are owned by the Company's equity holders (including those of BCH), and recognize revenue through (i) interest income on ExAlt Loans made to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with our liquidity transactions for Customers with interest rates between 5.0% and 14.0% per annum charged against the outstanding principal balance of the ExAlt Loan, (ii) fee income billed at closing, but recognized as revenue ratably over the expected life of the alternative asset, for each liquidity transaction with Customers for services including access to and use of the AltAccess platform, transfer of the alternative assets, and delivery of the consideration to the client, with fee rates of 7.0% of the sum of the NAV and remaining unfunded commitment of the transacted alternative asset, and (iii) recurring fee income recognized each period for providing services including trustee, custody, and trust administration of the Customer ExAlt Trusts while they hold investments, with fee rates of 2.8% per annum of the sum of the NAV and remaining unfunded commitment of the alternative assets held. Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody revenue recognized for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

- a. Ben Liquidity recognized \$11.3 million and \$12.7 million in interest income during the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben Liquidity recognized interest income of \$36.3 million and \$37.9 million, respectively.
- b. Ben Custody recognized \$5.7 million and \$7.2 million in trust services and administration revenues during the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, comprised of both the fee income billed at the closing of the transactions that is being amortized into revenue and the recurring fee income billed during the periods. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben Custody recognized trust services and administration revenues of \$18.8 million and \$22.3 million, respectively.

In addition, the Corporate/Other segment, which also relates to Ben or subsidiaries owned by the holders of equity in the Company (including BCH), may include fee revenue recognized through services provided to Customers or the Customer ExAlt Trusts through business lines not included within Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody.

Additionally, Ben Liquidity's provision for credit losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the net income (loss) attributable to the various equity securities of Ben and BCH. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben's operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of net income (loss) attributable to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

The following table presents a reconciliation of operating income (loss) of our reportable segments, excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts, to net income (loss) attributable to Beneficial's common shareholders. This reconciliation serves to provide users of our financial statements an understanding and visual aide of the reportable segments that impact net income (loss)

attributable to the common shareholder and reiterates that the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts has no impact on the net income (loss) attributable to Beneficient's common shareholders.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Operating income (loss)				
Ben Liquidity	\$ (606,405)	\$ (18,997)	\$ (1,781,521)	\$ (27,651)
Ben Custody	(267,995)	5,879	(538,840)	18,320
Corporate & Other	(20,217)	(30,718)	(94,532)	(89,213)
Less: Loss on extinguishment of debt, net (intersegment elimination)	3,940	—	3,940	—
Less: Income tax expense (benefit)	75	(2,356)	75	(1,072)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests - Ben	360,695	5,887	401,985	13,231
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests - CT	—	2,688	—	(1)
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(4,229)	(3,984)	(12,501)	(11,778)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (542,166)	\$ (36,889)	\$ (2,029,424)	\$ (96,020)

Significant Accounting Policies - Impacting Allocation of Net Income (Loss) to Beneficient's Equity Holders

As described above, certain income and expenses involving transactions between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in consolidation for financial reporting purposes; however, the income or expenses are important to determine the net income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. Significant accounting policies related to the significant income and expense items eliminated in our consolidated financial statements, but impacting the allocation of net income (loss) to Beneficient's equity holders, are detailed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report. Other than new policies related to the adoption of ASU 2016-13 as described below, there are no new or revised significant accounting policies as of December 31, 2023.

Allowances for Credit Losses and related Provision

The ExAlt Loans' allowance for credit losses is an input to the allocation of income (loss) to Ben's or BCH's equity holders.

Ben adopted CECL on April 1, 2023. The CECL approach requires an estimate of the credit losses expected over the life of a loan (or pool of loans). It replaced the incurred loss approach's threshold that required the recognition of a credit loss when it was probable that a loss event was incurred. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from, or added to, the loans' amortized cost basis to present the net, lifetime amount expected to be collected on the loans. Credit losses are charged off against the allowance when management believes a loan balance is confirmed to be uncollectible. Expected recoveries do not exceed the aggregate of amounts previously charged off and expected to be charged off. Portfolio segment is defined as the level at which an entity develops and documents a systematic methodology to determine its allowance for credit losses. Management analyzes the loans individually as the loans do not have similar risk characteristics.

Management estimates the allowance using relevant available information from internal and external sources related to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable economic forecasts. Historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses. Ben currently does not have adequate historical loss data to provide a basis for the long-term loss information associated with its loans. As such, Ben uses alternative, long-term historical average credit loss data from Prequin, a widely accepted commercial private equity database, in establishing the loss history as a proxy.

Adjustments to historical loss information are made for differences in current loan-specific risk characteristics such as differences in credit concentrations, collateral values and underwriting standards as well as changes in economic conditions or other relevant factors. Management judgment is required at each point in the measurement process.

Ben uses the discounted cash flow ("DCF") method to estimate expected credit losses for the loan portfolio. Ben generates cash flow projections at the loan level wherein payment expectations are adjusted for changes in market risk premiums, risk free rate, NAV growth rate, and discount rate. The inputs are based on historical data from Prequin and adjusted, if necessary, based on the reasonable and supportable forecast of economic conditions. To adjust, management utilizes externally developed forward-looking macroeconomic factors as indicators of future expected cash flows: S&P500 Index data and US 3-Month Treasury. The economic forecasts are applied over the cashflow projection period.

The combination of adjustments for credit expectations (default and loss) and timing expectations (prepayment, curtailment, and time to recovery) produces an expected cash flow stream at the instrument level. Instrument effective yield is calculated,

net of the impacts of prepayment assumptions, and the instrument expected cash flows are then discounted at that effective yield to produce an instrument-level net present value of expected cash flows (“NPV”). An allowance for credit loss is established for the difference between the instrument’s NPV and amortized cost basis.

The DCF model also considers the need to qualitatively adjust expected loss estimates for information not already captured in the quantitative loss estimation process. Qualitative considerations include limitations inherent in the quantitative model; trends experienced in nonperforming loans; changes in value of underlying collateral; changes in underwriting policies and procedures; nature and composition of loans; portfolio concentrations that may affect loss experience across one or more components of the portfolio; and the effect of external factors such as competition, legal and regulatory requirements. These qualitative factor adjustments may increase or decrease Ben’s estimate of expected credit losses so that the allowance for credit loss is reflective of the estimate of lifetime losses that exist in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date.

Prior to the adoption of ASU 2016-13, management’s determination of the allowance was based upon an evaluation of the loan portfolio, impaired loans, economic conditions, volume, growth and composition of the collateral to the loan portfolio, and other risks inherent in the portfolio. Currently, management individually reviews all ExAlt Loans due to the low volume and non-homogenous nature of the current portfolio. Management relies heavily on statistical analysis, current NAV and distribution performance of the underlying alternative asset and industry trends related to alternative asset investments to estimate losses. Management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance by reviewing relevant internal and external factors that affect credit quality. The cash flows generated from the alternative asset interests supporting the collateral are the sole source of repayment of the ExAlt Loans and related interest. Ben recognizes any charge-off in the period in which it is determined, at which time impaired ExAlt Loans are written down to their estimated net present value.

For purposes of determining income allocations to Ben’s and BCH’s equity holders, interest income is adjusted for the ExAlt Loans’ provision for credit losses, which was approximately \$8.1 million and \$27.2 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. ExAlt Loans’ provision for credit losses was approximately \$78.1 million and \$53.2 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

4. De-SPAC Merger Transaction

Forward Purchase Agreement

On June 5, 2023, BCG entered into a Prepaid Forward Purchase Agreement, by and between BCG and RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P. (the “Purchaser”), pursuant to which the Purchaser agreed to, among other things, effect certain purchases of shares of Avalon Class A common stock (“Avalon Class A Common Stock”) that would have been redeemed in connection with the special meeting of Avalon’s stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) to approve the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (as amended through June 25, 2023, the “Forward Purchase Agreement”).

Pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, Purchaser agreed to purchase shares of Avalon Class A Common Stock (the “AVAC FPA Shares”) at a purchase price per share of \$10.588 (for aggregate consideration of \$25.0 million from unaffiliated third-parties). The AVAC FPA Shares were redeemed in connection with the Special Meeting and converted into shares of Class A common stock and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Beneficient (“Series A preferred stock”) upon consummation of the Business Combination. The Series A preferred stock converted in accordance with its terms to shares of Class A common stock, and Purchaser held an aggregate of 2,956,480 shares of Class A common stock following such conversion in respect of the AVAC FPA Shares (such shares of Class A common stock, the “FPA Shares”).

The \$25.0 million in proceeds (the “Disbursed Amount”) in respect of the FPA Shares was disbursed from the Avalon trust account following the consummation of the Business Combination. Specifically, \$5.0 million of the Disbursed Amount was disbursed to Beneficient, with the remaining \$20.0 million (the “Reserve Amount”) disbursed to Purchaser to be held by Purchaser until the Maturity Date (as defined below) or until its earlier release per the terms of the Forward Purchase Agreement. Such Reserve Amount is reflected as a Stock Receivable classified in equity on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The Forward Purchase Agreement provides for two categories of FPA Shares: (i) 1,064,333 FPA Shares categorized as “Purchased Shares” (the “Purchased Shares”) and (ii) the remaining 1,892,147 FPA Shares categorized as “Prepaid Forward Shares” (the “Prepaid Forward Shares”).

If by the 10th anniversary of the close of the Business Combination, Purchaser has received less than \$5.0 million, in gross proceeds from, and Purchaser has used good faith efforts to sell, the Purchased Shares, Beneficient has agreed to cause BCH to issue Purchaser an amount of BCH Preferred A.0 (or such other senior most preferred security of Beneficient) as consideration for any shortfall amounts less than \$5.0 million from the sale of the Purchased Shares. Purchaser has agreed for

the first six months following the Business Combination not to sell any Purchased Shares below \$5.00 per share or to sell more than 10% of the daily trading volume of the Class A common stock if the volume weighted average price of the Class A common stock is between \$5.00 and \$8.00 for any such trading day.

Upon the sales of the Prepaid Forward Shares, the Purchaser will remit \$10.588 per share, or such lesser price per share designated by the Company (“Designated Price”) by written notice setting forth the Designated Price and the number Prepaid Forward Shares that may be sold at such price (“Designated Price Notice”) delivered to Purchaser prior to any such sales, to the Company. On June 8, 2025 (“Maturity Date”), any Prepaid Forward Shares not sold by the Purchaser will be returned to the Company and any remaining amounts in respect of the Prepaid Forward Shares will be retained by the Purchaser, less any amounts still owed to the Company from sales effected prior to the Maturity Date. The Forward Purchase Agreement permits the Company, in its sole discretion, to lower the Designated Price to a per share amount lower than \$10.588 in order to permit the Purchaser to effect additional sales of its Prepaid Forward Shares at a price lower than the prevailing trading price of the Company’s Class A common stock in exchange for the remitting of a portion of the proceeds of any such sales to the Company. The Prepaid Forward Shares include an embedded put option, which is accounted for separately and classified as a liability in the other liabilities line item of the consolidated statements of financial condition. The Prepaid Forward Shares are measured at fair value each reporting period with the change in fair value recognized in the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net line item of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Prior to June 30, 2023, the Purchaser received \$5.0 million in gross proceeds from the sale of a portion of the Purchased Shares. No sales of any of the Prepaid Forward Shares have occurred as of December 31, 2023. To the Company’s knowledge, all shares purchased by the Purchaser in connection with the Forward Purchase Agreement were from unaffiliated third-parties.

Recapitalization of BCG

On June 6, 2023, immediately prior to the Conversion, the BCG was recapitalized (the “BCG Recapitalization”) as follows: (i) the limited partnership agreement of BCG was amended to create one new subclass of BCG common units, the Class B Common Units (the “BCG Class B Common Units”), and the existing common units were renamed the Class A Common Units (the “BCG Class A Common Units”); and (ii) certain holders of the BCH Preferred A.1 entered into conversion and exchange agreements (the “BCG Conversion and Exchange Agreements”) with BCG and BCH, pursuant to which they converted certain BCH Preferred A.1 to BCH Class S Ordinary Units, which were then contributed to BCG in exchange for BCG Class A Common Units.

Prior to the Conversion on June 6, 2023, when the Company was a Delaware limited partnership, the Company’s equity interests consisted of common units, one series of preferred units, and noncontrolling interests. Pursuant to the Conversion, each BCG Class A Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock par value \$0.001 per share (“Class A common stock”), each BCG Class B Common Unit converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Class B common stock” and together with the Class A common stock, the “Common Stock”), and the capital account balance of the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCG (“BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts”) converted into shares of Class A common stock at a rate based on a 20% discount to the \$10.00 valuation of the Class A common stock (or \$8.00). As a result, in the Conversion, we issued 86,116,884 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Class A Common Units, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock with respect to the BCG Class B Units and 94,050,534 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts.

The following table provides additional information on the securities contributed and exchanged by each of BHI, Bruce W. Schnitzer and Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC (dollars and units in thousands):

Name	Converted Capital Account Balance of BCH Preferred A.1	BCH Class S Ordinary Units Received	BCG Class B Units Received
BHI	\$ 177,195	14,176	14,176
Bruce W. Schnitzer	988	79	79
Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC	13,222	1,058	1,058
Total	\$ 191,405	15,313	15,313

The following table provides additional information on the securities contributed and exchanged by each of Bruce W. Schnitzer and Richard W. Fisher (dollars and units in thousands):

Name	Converted Capital Account Balance of BCH Preferred A.1	BCH Class S Ordinary Units Received	BCG Class A Units Received
Bruce W. Schnitzer	\$ 734	659	659
Richard W. Fisher	1,722	738	738
Total	\$ 2,456	1,397	1,397

As part of the conversion to BCG Class A Common Units, additional value of approximately \$15.0 million was provided to certain holders who are members of our Board. The additional value was accounted for as compensation, which resulted in stock-based compensation expense of \$15.0 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2023.

Closing of the Transaction

On June 7, 2023, the Company completed its previously announced de-SPAC merger transaction with Avalon. Each share of Avalon common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to that date automatically converted into one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock of Beneficient. Additionally, each Avalon Warrant (defined below) automatically converted into a Warrant (defined below).

Accordingly, the Company issued (i) an aggregate of 7,971,864 shares of Class A common stock to the former holders of Avalon Class A Common Stock, and Class B Common Stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Avalon Class B Common Stock"), outstanding immediately prior to June 7, 2023, and (ii) an aggregate of 2,796,864 shares of Beneficient Series A preferred stock to non-redeeming Avalon Class A stockholders, and the Avalon Warrants converted into an aggregate of 23,625,000 redeemable Warrants. At closing, \$27.9 million of cash remained in the trust account of Avalon. There were \$26.1 million in transaction expenses, \$20.0 million of which represented the Reserve Amount under the Forward Purchase Agreement, that were either paid by Avalon prior to closing or offset against proceeds received by the Company at closing, resulting in \$1.8 million in net proceeds to the Company. Proceeds from the Transaction were used to pay expenses related to the Transaction.

Immediately after the Business Combination, 188,674,282 shares of Class A common stock were issued and outstanding, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock were issued and outstanding, 2,796,864 shares of Beneficient Series A preferred stock were issued and outstanding and 23,757,500 Warrants were issued and outstanding. Because the Series A preferred stock is not expected to be publicly listed, the Beneficient Series A preferred stock terms provide that upon its issuance, each share of Series A preferred stock will automatically convert into one-quarter of a share of Class A common stock of Beneficient, or an aggregate of 687,588 additional shares of Class A common stock. Following such conversion, there are 189,379,498 shares of Class A common stock of Beneficient outstanding following the Business Combination.

The Transaction is a capital transaction in substance and not a business combination under ASC 805, *Business Combinations* ("ASC 805"). As a result, Beneficient is treated as the accounting acquirer and Avalon is treated as the acquired company for financial reporting purposes per ASC 805. Accordingly, for accounting purposes, the Transaction is treated similar to an equity contribution in exchange for the issuance of shares of Common Stock. The financial statements of the combined entity represent a continuation of the financial statements of Beneficient, and the net assets of Avalon have been stated at historical cost, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded. The equity and net loss per unit attributable to common equity holders of the Company, prior to the closing, have been retroactively restated as shares reflecting the common unit conversion ratio discussed above.

The Company and Avalon incurred \$21.7 million and \$26.1 million, respectively, of expenses related to the Transaction. These expenses consist of underwriting fees, professional services (legal, accounting, advisory, etc.) and other direct expenses associated with the Transaction. Costs incurred by Ben were initially capitalized as incurred in the other assets on the consolidated statements of financial condition. As a result of the transaction, the transaction costs incurred by the Company related to the issuance of shares were recognized in additional paid-in capital as a reduction of proceeds. The expenses incurred by Avalon were either paid by Avalon prior to closing or netted against proceeds received by the Company at closing.

Common Stock Warrants

The Company assumed 15,525,000 publicly-traded Avalon Warrants ("Avalon Public Warrants") and 8,100,000 private placement Avalon Warrants ("Avalon Private Warrants" and together with the Avalon Public Warrants, the "Avalon Warrants"), which were originally issued by Avalon in connection with its initial public offering and, as a result of the

assumption by the Company, became Warrants. The Avalon Public Warrants assumed by Ben are referred to as the “Public Warrants” and the Avalon Private Warrants assumed by Ben are referred to as the “Private Warrants”, and collectively, the “Warrants”. The Warrants are included in derivative warrant liabilities on the Company’s consolidated statements of financial condition. The Warrants entitle the holder to exercise each whole warrant for one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 (each a “Warrant” and collectively, the “Warrants”).

The Public Warrants may only be exercised for a whole number of shares, and will expire on June 7, 2028 (i.e., five years following the closing), or earlier upon redemption or liquidations. Ben may redeem the outstanding Public Warrants (i) in whole and not in part; (ii) at a price of \$0.01 per warrant; (iii) upon not less than 30 days’ prior written notice of redemption to each warrant holder; and (iv) if, and only if, the reported last sale price of the Class A common stock for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period ending three business days before Ben sends the notice of redemption to the warrant holders (the “Reference Value”) equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share. In addition, we have the ability to redeem the outstanding Warrants at any time after they become exercisable and prior to their expiration, at a price of \$0.10 per Public Warrant if, among other things, the Reference Value equals or exceeds \$10.00 per share. If and when the Public Warrants become redeemable by Ben, Ben may exercise its redemption right even if Ben is unable to register or qualify the underlying securities for sale under all applicable state securities laws.

During any period when Ben fails to maintain an effective registration statement registering the Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants, Ben is required to permit holders of Warrants to exercise their Warrants on a “cashless basis” in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or another exemption.

The Private Warrants, which became transferable, assignable and salable on July 7, 2023 (i.e., 30 days after the closing), are currently held by Avalon Acquisition Holdings, L.L.C (“the Avalon Sponsor”), and are generally identical to the Public Warrants, except they cannot be redeemed by Ben so long as they are held by the Avalon Sponsor or its permitted transferees. An Avalon Sponsor, or its permitted transferees, has the option to exercise the Private Warrants on a cashless basis and have certain registration rights. If the Private Warrants are held by holders other than the Avalon Sponsor or its permitted transferees, the Private Warrants will become redeemable by Ben in all redemption scenarios and exercisable by the holders on the same basis as the Public Warrants.

As of December 31, 2023, there were 24,699,725 Warrants outstanding with a fair value of \$0.2 million, as reflected in the warrant liability line item on the consolidated statements of financial condition. During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, gains of \$0.8 million and \$2.5 million, respectively, were recognized in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein.

5. Investments, at Fair Value

Investments held by Ben or held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts are comprised of investments in alternative assets, public debt and equity securities, other equity securities (principally of a related party) and put options. The composition of investments recorded at fair value by holder is included in the table below (in thousands):

	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Ben	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Ben	Customer ExAlt Trusts
Alternative assets	\$ —	\$ 302,810	\$ —	\$ 385,851
Public equity securities and option	—	4,210	4,742	8,087
Debt securities available-for-sale	—	3,127	620	76,278
Other equity securities and interests	38	68,235	—	21,643
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 38	\$ 378,382	\$ 5,362	\$ 491,859

Investments in Alternative Assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts

The investments in alternative assets are held, either through direct ownership or through beneficial interests, by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts and consist primarily of limited partnership interests in various alternative investments, including private equity funds. These alternative investments are valued using NAV as a practical expedient. Changes in the NAV of these investments are recorded in investment income (loss), net in our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The investments in alternative assets provide the economic value that ultimately collateralizes the ExAlt Loans that Ben Liquidity originates with the Customer ExAlt Trusts in liquidity transactions and any associated fees due from the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The decrease in investments in alternative assets since March 31, 2023, was primarily driven by the

transfer of \$56.7 million in NAV to settle the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable, as further described in Note 7, combined with \$38.4 million in distributions.

The NAV calculation reflects the most current report of NAV and other data received from firm/fund sponsors. If no such report has been received, Ben estimates NAV based upon the last NAV calculation reported by the investment manager and adjusts it for capital calls and distributions made in the intervening time frame. Ben also considers whether adjustments to the NAV are necessary, in certain circumstances, in which management is aware of specific material events, changes in market conditions, and other relevant factors that have affected the value of an investment during the period between the date of the most recent NAV calculation reported by the investment manager or sponsor and the measurement date. Public equity securities known to be owned within an alternative investment fund, based on the most recent information reported by the general partners, are marked to market using quoted market prices on the reporting date.

The underlying interests in alternative assets are primarily limited partnership interests. The transfer of the investments in private equity funds generally requires the consent of the corresponding private equity fund manager, and the transfer of certain fund investments is subject to rights of first refusal or other preemptive rights, potentially further limiting the ExAlt Plan™ from transferring an investment in a private equity fund. The investments are not subject to redemption with the funds. Distributions from funds are received as the underlying investments are liquidated. Timing of liquidation is currently unknown.

Portfolio Information

Our portfolio of alternative asset investments, held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts by asset class of each fund as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, is summarized below (in thousands):

Asset Class	Alternative Investments Portfolio Summary			
	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Carrying Value	Unfunded Commitments	Carrying Value	Unfunded Commitments
Venture Capital	\$ 139,950	\$ 2,366	\$ 165,933	\$ 2,810
Private Equity	123,664	39,949	145,073	47,218
Natural Resources	20,505	3,351	27,756	5,240
Private Real Estate	9,119	3,134	10,391	4,800
Hedge Funds	6,135	246	24,935	337
Other ⁽¹⁾	3,437	383	11,763	730
Total	\$ 302,810	\$ 49,429	\$ 385,851	\$ 61,135

Certain prior year items have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

⁽¹⁾“Other” includes earnouts, escrow, net other assets, private debt strategies and infrastructure.

As of December 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts collectively had exposure to 247 professionally managed alternative asset investment funds, comprised of 900 underlying investments, 89 percent of which are investments in private companies.

Public Equity Securities

Investment in public equity securities primarily represents ownership by both Ben and certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts in public companies. These investments are carried at fair value, which is determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are recognized in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the fair value of investments in public equity securities was \$4.2 million and \$8.8 million, respectively. The balance as of March 31, 2023 included an investment in GWG Holdings’ common stock held by Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts of \$3.7 million. On August 1, 2023, GWG Holdings’ plan of reorganization was declared effective, and the Company’s investment was transferred to equity interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust (as defined herein). The interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust is reflected as an investment in other equity securities. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein.

Put Options

On April 1, 2022, Ben, through CT Risk Management, L.L.C., (“CT”) made aggregate payments of \$5.0 million to purchase additional put options in the S&P 500 Index with an aggregate notional amount of \$141.3 million. Half of the notional expires in April 2024, while the other half expires in April 2025. On April 27, 2022, CT sold an equity interest for \$2.4 million to the third-party involved in a participation loan transaction described in Note 7 and utilized the proceeds to purchase additional put options similar to the put options purchased on April 1, 2022. These put options were sold in September 2023 for \$1.0 million, resulting in a recognized loss of \$0.7 million.

The put options were designed to protect the NAV of the interests in alternative assets, which generate the collateral to certain of the ExAlt Loans in Ben Liquidity’s loan portfolio or the loans related to the participation loan transaction and provide for distributions to the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ ultimate beneficiary, against market risk. The options were carried at fair value, which was determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses were recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized and unrealized gains and losses were recognized in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

No options were held as of or during the three months ended December 31, 2023. As of March 31, 2023, the fair value of the options was \$4.0 million. For the three months ended December 31, 2022, Ben recognized losses of \$3.8 million on the put options, of which approximately \$2.8 million is attributable to Ben or Ben’s loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben recognized losses of \$3.0 million and losses of \$1.1 million, respectively, on the put options, of which approximately \$2.0 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, is attributable to Ben or Ben’s loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein.

Debt Securities Available-for-Sale

As of December 31, 2023, investments in debt securities represent ownership in privately held debt securities. Investments in debt securities are classified and accounted for as available-for-sale, with unrealized gains and losses presented as a separate component of equity under the accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) line item.

Prior to August 1, 2023, investments in debt securities also included ownership in corporate debt securities, specifically, L Bonds of GWG Holdings (“L Bonds”) held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The L Bonds had a maturity date of August 8, 2023. However, upon the effectiveness of GWG Holdings’ plan of reorganization on August 1, 2023, the investments in L Bonds converted to equity interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust, which are reflected in “other equity securities and interests”.

The amortized cost, estimated fair value, and unrealized gains and losses on investments in debt securities classified as available-for-sale as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023 are summarized as follows:

	December 31, 2023			
	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Other debt securities	\$ 2,685	\$ 1,502	\$ (1,060)	\$ 3,127
Total available-for-sale debt securities	<u>\$ 2,685</u>	<u>\$ 1,502</u>	<u>\$ (1,060)</u>	<u>\$ 3,127</u>
	March 31, 2023			
	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds)	\$ 64,313	\$ 17,433	\$ (7,924)	\$ 73,822
Other debt securities	2,685	1,347	(956)	3,076
Total available-for-sale debt securities	<u>\$ 66,998</u>	<u>\$ 18,780</u>	<u>\$ (8,880)</u>	<u>\$ 76,898</u>

The table below indicates the length of time individual debt securities have been in a continuous loss position as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023:

	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds):				
Twelve months or longer	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 73,822	\$ 7,924
Other debt securities:				
Less than twelve months	—	—	2,078	956
Twelve months or longer	2,129	1,060	—	—
Total available-for-sale debt securities with unrealized losses	<u>\$ 2,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,060</u>	<u>\$ 75,900</u>	<u>\$ 8,880</u>

The noncredit-related portion of the net unrealized gains of \$0.1 million and \$4.2 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively, was recognized as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The noncredit-related portion of the net unrealized losses of \$1.3 million and gains of \$6.4 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022, respectively, was recognized as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Unrealized net gains of \$13.7 million related to the Company's previously classified available-for-sale debt securities were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income and recognized within the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net line item of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively.

During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, the Company determined there was no credit-related loss on its investment in debt securities available-for-sale. During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022, the Company determined there was other than temporary impairment of nil and \$12.6 million, respectively, on its debt securities available-for-sale, which is recorded in the provision for credit losses on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The Company determined these losses were other-than-temporary as it does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security.

The following table is a rollforward of credit-related losses recognized in earnings for the periods presented below:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 31,290	\$ 31,290	\$ 31,290	\$ 18,669
Increase in amounts previously recognized	—	—	—	12,621
Balance, end of period	<u>\$ 31,290</u>	<u>\$ 31,290</u>	<u>\$ 31,290</u>	<u>\$ 31,290</u>

The contractual maturities of available-for-sale debt securities as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023 are as follows:

	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Due in one year or less	\$ 1,687	\$ 2,129	\$ 66,000	\$ 75,900
No fixed maturity	998	998	998	998
	<u>\$ 2,685</u>	<u>\$ 3,127</u>	<u>\$ 66,998</u>	<u>\$ 76,898</u>

Other Equity Securities and Interests

Ben and certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in equity securities of private companies with a readily determinable fair value, namely the GWG Wind Down Trust. On August 1, 2023, GWG Holdings' plan of reorganization was declared effective and our investments in its common stock and L Bonds (previously accounted for as public equity securities and available-for-sale debt securities, respectively) were then transferred to an investment in the GWG Holdings Wind Down Trust. The fair value of these equity interests was \$3.8 million and \$17.4 million as of December 31, 2023 and

August 1, 2023, respectively. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein.

Additionally, certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in equity securities that do not have a readily determinable fair value. These equity securities are measured at cost, less any impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for the identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. The value of these equity securities was \$64.5 million and \$21.6 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. The increase in value is primarily due to new investments held as of December 31, 2023 that were not held as of March 31, 2023. Refer to Note 6 for a reconciliation of the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein, which reflects any upward or downward adjustments to these equity securities for the periods presented herein. There were no impairments to these equity securities during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

6. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is estimated based on a hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques into three broad levels whereby the highest priority is given to Level 1 inputs and the lowest to Level 3 inputs.

- Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets that the reporting entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable market data.
- Level 3 - Valuations for instruments with inputs that are significant and unobservable, are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, and are not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such instruments.

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Investments that are valued using NAV as a practical expedient are excluded from this hierarchy.

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the fair value of these investments using the NAV per share practical expedient was \$302.8 million and \$385.9 million, respectively. During the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, gains of \$7.4 million and \$11.5 million, respectively, were recognized from changes in NAV, which are recorded within the investment income (loss), net, line item of our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). During the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, a \$7.9 million gain and \$30.7 million loss, respectively, was recognized from changes in NAV, which is recorded within the investment income (loss), net, line item of our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Financial instruments on a recurring basis

The Company's financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value on a recurring basis, including the level in the fair value hierarchy, on December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023 are presented below.

(Dollars in thousands)	As of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Public equity securities	\$ 4,210	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,210
Other equity interests	—	3,797	—	3,797
Debt securities available-for-sale, other	—	998	2,129	3,127
Liabilities:				
Warrant liability	161	—	—	161
Prepaid forward liability	12	—	—	12

(Dollars in thousands)	As of March 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Public equity securities	\$ 8,837	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 8,837
Put options	3,991	—	—	3,991
Debt securities available-for-sale				
Corporate debt securities (L Bonds)	—	73,822	—	73,822
Other debt securities	—	998	2,078	3,076
Liabilities:				
Derivative liability	—	—	3,513	3,513

A reconciliation of gain (loss) on financial instruments, net for each of the periods presented herein is included in the tables below (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Public equity securities:				
Related party equity securities	\$ —	\$ (20,480)	\$ (3,702)	\$ (63,044)
Other public equity securities	(189)	3	(925)	(6)
Put options	—	(3,825)	(3,023)	(1,081)
Warrant liability	795	—	2,494	—
Prepaid forward liability	61	—	(12)	—
Derivative liability	—	1,275	1,581	5,078
Other equity securities and interests				
Related party, with a readily determinable fair value ⁽¹⁾	(18,691)	—	(60,515)	—
Other, without a readily determinable fair value	—	(16)	(158)	2,952
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	<u>\$ (18,024)</u>	<u>\$ (23,043)</u>	<u>\$ (64,260)</u>	<u>\$ (56,101)</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes realized net gains of \$13.7 million related to the Company's previously classified available-for-sale debt securities upon reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income during the nine months ended December 31, 2023.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Investment in other equity securities and interests with a readily determinable fair value

As of December 31, 2023, the fair value of these equity interests is calculated using quoted prices for similar instruments observed in the fixed income market and is classified as a Level 2 investment in the fair value hierarchy.

Investment in debt securities available-for-sale

Corporate debt securities. As of March 31, 2023, the fair value of these debt securities is calculated using quoted spreads for similar instruments observed in the fixed income market and is classified as a Level 2 investment in the fair value hierarchy.

Other debt securities. The fair value of these debt securities is calculated using the market approach adjusted for the recoverability of the security. The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measure of the Level 3 other debt securities (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Range	Weighted Average
December 31, 2023	\$ 2,129	Market Approach	Enterprise value-to-revenue multiple	0.2x - 18.9x	1.80x
March 31, 2023	\$ 2,078	Market Approach	Enterprise value-to-revenue multiple	0.2x - 18.9x	1.74x

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending fair value of our Level 3 other debt securities:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Beginning balance	\$ 2,079	\$ 2,468	\$ 2,078	\$ 3,000
Gains (losses) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	50	34	51	(498)
Ending balance	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,502	\$ 2,129	\$ 2,502

(1) Recorded in unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale debt securities.

Derivative liability

The fair value of the contingent interest feature derivative liability, as discussed in Note 7, is estimated using industry standard valuation models. Level 3 inputs were utilized to value the expected future cash flows from the portfolio held by the Customer ExAlt Trust and included the use of present value techniques employing cash flow estimates and incorporated assumptions that marketplace participants would use in estimating fair values. Specifically, the model includes assumptions related to (i) equity market risk premiums, (ii) alternative asset beta to public equities, (iii) NAVs, (iv) volatilities, (v), distribution rates, and (vi) market discount rates. These expected future cash flows were bifurcated between base cash flows and enhanced return cash flows (i.e., the contingent interest) and then the enhanced cash flows were further discounted to arrive at the fair value for the contingent interest feature derivative liability. In instances where reliable market information was not available, management used historical market data proxies and assumptions to determine a reasonable fair value.

The derivative liability was extinguished along with its related debt on October 18, 2023, as discussed in Note 7. The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Level 3 derivative liability as of March 31, 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Valuation Methodology	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Targets
March 31, 2023	\$ 3,513	Discounted cash flow	Alternative asset beta to equity markets	0.42 - 1.67
			Alternative asset market discount rate	0.10
			Distribution rate	0.03 - 0.06
			Equity market risk premiums	0.07
			Net asset value volatilities	0.09 - 0.84
			Enhanced return discount rate	0.12

The following table reconciles the beginning and ending fair value of our Level 3 derivative liability:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Beginning balance	\$ 1,932	\$ 4,305	\$ 3,513	\$ 8,108
Gains recognized in earnings ⁽¹⁾	—	(1,275)	(1,581)	(5,078)
Gain recognized in loss on extinguishment of debt, net	(1,932)	—	(1,932)	—
Ending balance	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,030</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3,030</u>

(1) Recorded in (Gain) loss on financial instruments, net.

There have been no transfers between levels for any assets or liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis or any changes in the valuation techniques used for measuring the fair value as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively.

Financial instruments on a non-recurring basis

Equity securities without a readily determinable fair value

Certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in equity securities that do not have a readily determinable fair value. These equity securities are measured at cost, less impairment, plus or minus changes resulting from observable price changes in orderly transactions for an identical or a similar investment of the same issuer. The Company classifies these assets as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

The value of these equity securities was \$64.5 million and \$21.6 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. Additionally, as of December 31, 2023, one security has cumulative upward adjustments of \$10.8 million based upon observable price changes, including a recent equity offering and stock to stock transactions. During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022, the security received an upward adjustment of nil and \$3.3 million, respectively. No such adjustments were made during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023.

Goodwill

During the first, second and third fiscal quarters of 2024, primarily as a result of a significant, sustained decline in our Class A common stock price and the Company's related market capitalization, we concluded that it was more likely than not that the fair value of our reporting units was below their carrying amount and resulted in us performing an interim impairment assessment. As a result, we wrote the carrying value of the Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody reporting units down to their estimated fair value and recognized a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$1.1 billion, \$306.7 million and \$883.2 million during the three months ended June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, respectively, which is reflected in loss on impairment of goodwill in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Prior to the goodwill impairment recorded during the first quarter of 2024, the Company had not previously recorded any impairments of goodwill. As such, the cumulative impairment loss as of December 31, 2023, is \$2.3 billion.

The Company computed the fair value of each reporting unit by computing the overall enterprise value of the Company by valuing its various equity instruments, primarily based on the Class A common stock price per share. The overall enterprise value was allocated to each reporting units using the discounted cash flow method to estimate the relative value of each reporting unit based on their future cash flows using a multi-year forecast, and a terminal value calculated using a long-term growth rate that was informed based on our industry, analyst reports of a public company peer set, current and expected future economic conditions and management expectations. The discount rate used to discount these future cash flows was determined using a capital asset pricing model based on the market value of equity of a public company peer set, adjusted for risk characteristics and expectations specific to the reporting unit, combined with an assessment of the cost of debt.

The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the June 30, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 24.8% to 25.6%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody.

The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the September 30, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 25.3% to 26.2%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody as of September 30, 2023.

The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the December 31, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 26.3% to 27.2%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the

impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody as of December 31, 2023. One reporting unit (Ben Markets) had a negative carrying amount of net assets as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and goodwill of approximately \$9.9 million.

The change in goodwill at each reporting unit was as follows:

	March 31, 2023	Impairment	December 31, 2023
Ben Liquidity	\$ 1,725,880	\$ (1,725,880)	\$ —
Ben Custody	594,219	(554,607)	39,612
Ben Insurance	37,942	(5,725)	32,217
Ben Markets	9,885	—	9,885
Total Goodwill	<u>\$ 2,367,926</u>	<u>\$ (2,286,212)</u>	<u>\$ 81,714</u>

There were no other assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

Carrying amounts and estimated fair values

The estimated fair value of financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the consolidated statements of financial condition, for which it is practicable to estimate those values, are disclosed below. These fair value estimates are determined based on relevant market information and information about the financial instruments. Fair value estimates are intended to represent the price at which an asset could be sold or the price at which a liability could be transferred. However, our estimates of many of these fair values are subjective in nature, involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimated values. Nonfinancial instruments are excluded from disclosure requirements.

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments not recorded at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, were as noted in the table below:

As of December 31, 2023			
(Dollars in thousands)	Level in Fair Value Hierarchy	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Financial assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	\$ 11,248	\$ 11,248
Restricted cash	1	20	20
Financial liabilities:			
Debt due to related parties, net	2	128,197	132,313
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1	96,194	96,194

As of March 31, 2023			
(Dollars in thousands)	Level in Fair Value Hierarchy	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
Financial assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	\$ 8,726	\$ 8,726
Restricted cash	1	819	819
Financial liabilities:			
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	2	52,129	56,635
Debt due to related parties, net	2	99,314	96,465
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1	65,724	65,724

7. Customer ExAlt Trust Loan Payable

On March 24, 2022, Ben Liquidity transferred a \$72.5 million ExAlt Loan to a third-party in return for \$72.5 million of cash. The loan participation transaction resulted in a third party holding the transferred ExAlt Loan, which was previously eliminated in consolidation against the loan payable issued by a Customer ExAlt Trust for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the loan payable issued by the Customer ExAlt Trusts is no longer eliminated upon consolidation for financial reporting purposes and is reflected in the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable line item on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable does not have scheduled principal or interest payments due prior to its maturity date of December 7, 2033. Prepayment of the loans, in whole or in part, is permitted without premium or penalty. A pro-rata portion of the cash flows from \$352.6 million of alternative assets acquired by the Customer ExAlt Trusts on December 7, 2021 (the “Acquired Assets”) are the sole source of cash flows to be used by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to satisfy its obligations under the terms of the loan agreement. The percentage of the Acquired Assets allocated to supporting the repayment of the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable amounted to approximately 27.8% (the “Participation Allocation”). Ben and its subsidiaries have no obligation or other requirements to repay the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable should the pro-rata cash flows from the \$352.6 million of alternative assets associated with the loan be insufficient to pay all contractual obligations owed under the terms of the loan agreement. The Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable bears interest at 12% per annum.

Termination of Customer ExAlt Trust Loan Payable

On October 18, 2023, the applicable Customer ExAlt Trusts distributed, transferred and assigned the Participation Allocation (net of a qualified charitable distribution) to a subsidiary of the holder of the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable. As a result, all obligations owed under the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable have been repaid and the related participation interest no longer remains outstanding. As such, the Customer ExAlt Trusts repaid the entire outstanding principal balance of the ExAlt Trust Loan Payable of \$50.9 million including interest paid-in-kind, by transferring \$56.7 million of alternative assets. The payoff of the Customer ExAlt Trust Loan Payable was accounted for as a debt extinguishment in accordance with ASC 470, *Debt*. Accordingly, the Customer ExAlt Trusts recorded a \$8.8 million loss on extinguishment related to the payoff for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, which is reflected in the loss on extinguishment of debt line item on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The loss on extinguishment represents the difference between the carrying value of the ExAlt Trust Loan Payable at payoff of \$47.9 million, net of an unamortized discount of \$5.0 million and fair value of the contingent interest derivative liability of \$1.9 million, and the NAV of the assets of \$56.7 million, which was determined to have the most readily determinable fair value at the time of the nonmonetary transaction.

As of March 31, 2023, the outstanding principal, including interest paid-in-kind, was \$54.2 million. The balance reflected on the consolidated statements of financial condition as of March 31, 2023, was \$52.1 million, which includes the fair value of the contingent interest derivative liability of \$3.5 million and unamortized debt discount of \$5.6 million.

The loan agreement included a contingent interest feature whereby additional interest could be owed up to a maximum rate of 21% under certain circumstances, dependent principally on the cash flows generated by the pro rata portion of the underlying collateral. As the contingent interest feature was not based on creditworthiness, such feature was not clearly and closely related to the host instrument and was therefore bifurcated and recognized as a derivative liability with a resulting debt discount at inception. The fair value of the contingent interest derivative liability was \$3.5 million as of March 31, 2023, and was recognized as a component of the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable in the consolidated statements of financial condition. The related net gains of nil and \$1.6 million is reflected in gain (loss) on financial instruments, net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively, compared to net gains of \$1.3 million and \$5.1 million for the same period of 2022, respectively. The amortization of the debt discount, which is reflected as a component of interest expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), was \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively, compared to \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million for the same period of 2022, respectively.

8. Debt Due to Related Parties

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the Company's debt due to related parties consisted of the following:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
First Lien Credit Agreement	\$ 22,950	\$ 21,350
Second Lien Credit Agreement	78,782	73,291
Term Loan	25,257	—
Other borrowings	2,154	2,076
Unamortized debt (discount) premium, net	(946)	2,597
Total debt due to related parties	<u>\$ 128,197</u>	<u>\$ 99,314</u>

First and Second Lien Credit Agreements

On August 13, 2020, Ben, through its subsidiary Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (formerly known as Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.) ("BCC"), executed the Second Amended and Restated First Lien Credit Agreement ("First Lien Credit Agreement") and the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement ("Second Lien Credit Agreement") collectively, (the "Second A&R Agreements") with its lender, HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. ("HCLP"), to amend its First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement dated September 1, 2017 and December 28, 2018, respectively. The Second A&R Agreements have been further amended from time to time to extend the maturity date and defer principal and interest payments, among other things. In connection with the amendments to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben agreed to pay extension fees on a percentage of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements as of the date of the respective amendment. The interest rate on each loan under the Second A&R Agreements is 1-month LIBOR plus 8.0%, with a maximum interest rate of 9.5%.

As part of Ben's formative transactions in 2017, the First Lien Credit Agreement proceeds were loaned by HCLP to a subsidiary of Ben. Ben's subsidiary then loaned the amount on to the Customer ExAlt Trusts so that the Customer ExAlt Trusts could acquire investments in alternative assets purchased from certain other constituent trusts of the formative ExAlt Plan™ of which MHT Financial, L.L.C. ("MHT Financial" or "MHT") was named the beneficiary (such trusts, the "2017-18 Exchange Trusts"). As discussed in Note 13, the balance of this related party debt at the time of Ben's September 1, 2017 commencement of Ben's commercial operations reduced the balance of the preferred equity held by Ben's founders.

On March 24, 2022, Ben executed Consents and Amendments No. 4 to the Second A&R Agreements with HCLP, which, among other things, (i) deferred the payment of accrued and unpaid interest to March 24, 2022, (ii) evidenced the terms agreed to in the December 1, 2021 term sheet, (iii) extended the maturity date of the loans to August 31, 2023, and (iv) established revised installment payments for each loan of \$5.0 million due on May 10, 2022, August 10, 2022, December 10, 2022, and March 10, 2023, so long as each payment does not cause the Company to incur a going concern, and (v) amended the occurrence of an event of default to require notice from HCLP on almost all potential defaults listed under the Second A&R Agreements. In addition, Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately 6.5% of the outstanding principal before giving effect to the amendments.

On February 15, 2023, Ben executed those certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with HCLP, pursuant to which, as required by Amendments No. 4, certain Ben subsidiaries became subsidiary guarantors and entered into those certain Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (First Lien) and Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (Second Lien), that certain first lien Guaranty and that certain second lien Guaranty.

On June 5, 2023, BCH, entered into those certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, the "Sixth Amendments"), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Sixth Amendments (i) allowed for the consummation of the Transactions pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, and effective as June 7, 2023 (ii) amended the definition of "Change of Control" (as defined therein), and (iii) provided that Beneficient will be the "Parent" thereunder.

On July 12, 2023, BCH, entered into (a) that certain Amendment No. 7 to the First Lien Amendment, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (b) that certain Amendment No. 7 to Second Lien Amendment (together with the First Lien Amendment, the "Seventh Amendments"), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Seventh Amendments (i) modified the interest rate to a fixed rate of 9.5%,

(ii) extended the maturity dates of the First Lien Amendment and the Second Lien Amendment to September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2027, respectively, and (iii) agreed to installment payments on the First Lien Amendment of \$5.0 million on each of March 29th, June 28th, September 29th, and December 29th of each year for so long as the obligations remain outstanding, and so long as such payments do not cause a going concern. No payments will be made on the Second Lien Amendment until the obligations on the First Lien Amendment have been fully satisfied. Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately \$0.1 million. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no deferred financing costs were paid to HCLP. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the unamortized premium related to the Second A&R Agreements was \$0.6 million and \$2.6 million, respectively. Through December 31, 2023, all required principal and interest payments due under the Second A&R Agreements have been paid.

In connection with the Second A&R Agreements, Beneficient Holdings, Inc. (“BHI”), which owns a majority of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Preferred A.1, and FLP Subclass 1 Unit Accounts issued by BCH, will grant certain tax-related concessions to HCLP as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties. In exchange for the tax-related concessions, 5.0% of BHI’s BCH Preferred A.1, which will be held by HCLP, may convert to BCH Preferred A.0. In addition, recipients of a grant of BCH Preferred A.1 from BHI will have the right to put an amount of BCH Preferred A.1 to Ben equal to any associated tax liability stemming from any such grant; provided that the aggregated associated tax liability shall not relate to more than \$30.0 million of grants of BCH Preferred A.1 from BHI. No such liability existed as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

The Second A&R Agreements and ancillary documents contain covenants that (i) prevent Ben from issuing any securities senior to the BCH Preferred A.0 or BCH Preferred A.1; (ii) prevent Ben from incurring additional debt or borrowings greater than \$10.0 million, other than trade payables, while the loans are outstanding; and (iii) prevent, without the written consent of HCLP, GWG Holdings from selling, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any BCH Preferred A.1 held as of May 15, 2020, other than to its subsidiary GWG DLP Funding V, LLC. Ben obtained consents for the Second A&R Agreements from HCLP in connection with the HH-BDH Credit Agreement (as defined below). As of December 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Term Loan

On October 19, 2023, Beneficient Financing, L.L.C. (the “Borrower”), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and BCH, as guarantor (the “Guarantor” and together with the Borrower, the “Loan Parties”), entered into a Credit and Guaranty Agreement (the “HH-BDH Credit Agreement”) with HH-BDH L.L.C. (the “HH-BDH”), as administrative agent. All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the HH-BDH Credit Agreement.

HH-BDH’s sole member is Hicks Holdings. The managing member of Hicks Holdings is Mr. Thomas O. Hicks, a member of the Company’s Board. HH-BDH will receive customary fees and expenses in its capacity as a lender and as the administrative agent under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, as further described below. Hicks Holdings and Mr. Hicks may be deemed to have a direct or indirect material financial interest with respect to the transactions contemplated by the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, as described below. HH-BDH funded the amounts under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement with the proceeds of a third-party financing (the “Financing”).

The HH-BDH Credit Agreement provides for a three-year term loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million (the “Term Loan”), which was fully drawn on closing.

Borrowings under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement bear interest, at the Company’s option, calculated according to a base rate, adjusted term SOFR rate, or adjusted daily simple SOFR rate, plus an applicable margin, subject to a Maximum Rate determined by applicable law in the State of New York. The Company elected the adjusted daily simple SOFR rate with a margin of 6.5% for the first two years and 5.5% for the third year. Accrued and unpaid interest is payable monthly, upon prepayment, and at maturity. The Term Loan will mature on October 19, 2026, and all outstanding principal amounts and accrued and unpaid interest thereon shall be due and payable on such date. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, \$1.6 million deferred financing costs were paid related to the Term Loan. As of December 31, 2023, the unamortized discount related to the Term Loan was \$1.6 million.

The Term Loan is secured in part by pledges of: (a) substantially all of the assets of the Borrower, (b) the Guarantor’s equity interests in the Borrower, (c) 97.5% of the equity interests held by The EP-00117 Custody Trust, a Delaware statutory trust known as the “Custody Trust”, in certain entities that hold interests in private investment funds, which, as of December 31, 2023, represented approximately 38.6% of all assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and (d) certain deposit accounts.

The HH-BDH Credit Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, affirmative and negative covenants, including covenants which restrict the ability of the Loan Parties, the Custody Trust and certain affiliated entities to, among other things, create liens, incur additional indebtedness, make certain restricted payments and engage in certain other transactions, in each case subject to certain customary exceptions. In addition, the HH-BDH Credit Agreement contains

certain financial maintenance covenants, including a debt service coverage ratio of 1.25 to 1.00. As of December 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Additionally, the HH-BDH Credit Agreement contains customary events of default relating to, among other things, payment defaults, breach of covenants, cross default of material indebtedness, bankruptcy-related defaults, judgment defaults, and the occurrence of certain change of control events. The occurrence of an event of default may result in the acceleration of repayment obligations with respect to any outstanding principal amounts and foreclosure on the collateral.

Hicks Holdings will receive the following fees and payments in connection with the Term Loan:

- A non-refundable fee in an amount equal to 1.0% of the aggregate commitments under the Term Loan upon execution of the HH-BDH Credit Agreement (the “Closing Date”);
- On each Payment Date, from and including: (1) from the Closing Date until the second anniversary of the Closing Date, an interest payment at an interest rate equal to 3.0% per annum; and (2) from the second anniversary of the Closing Date until the loans are repaid in full, interest payments at an interest rate equal to 2.0% per annum (such interest is included in HH-BDH’s receipt of interest payments as described above);
- If any amounts under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement are prepaid prior to the scheduled Make Whole Date, including by reason of acceleration, a make-whole payment equal to the product of the principal amounts being repaid and the applicable interest rate plus 3.0% and the number of calendar days between the date of such prepayment and the scheduled Make Whole Date, divided by 360; and
- Certain fees, payments and expenses incurred by Hicks Holdings in connection with the Financing.

Aggregate maturities of principal on the debt due to related parties for the next five fiscal years ending March 31 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

	Debt Due to Related Parties
2024	\$ —
2025	25,104
2026	—
2027	25,257
2028	78,782

9. Share-based Compensation

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the Company has outstanding share-based awards under the Beneficient Management Partners, L.P. (“BMP”) Equity Incentive Plan (the “BMP Equity Incentive Plan”), the Beneficient 2023 Long Term Incentive Plan (the “2023 Incentive Plan”), and BCH Preferred A.1, as more fully described below.

BMP Equity Incentive Plan

The Board of Directors of Ben Management, Ben’s general partner prior to the Conversion, adopted the BMP Equity Incentive Plan in 2019. Under the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, certain directors and employees of Ben are eligible to receive equity units in BMP, an entity affiliated with the Board of Directors of Ben Management, in return for their services to Ben. The BMP equity units eligible to be awarded to employees is comprised of BMP’s Class A Units and/or BMP’s Class B Units (collectively, the “BMP Equity Units”).

The BMP Equity Units include awards that fully vest upon grant and awards that are subject to service-based vesting of a four-year period from the date of hire. Expense associated with the vesting of these awards is based on the fair value of the BMP Equity Units on the date of grant. Compensation cost is recognized for the granted awards on a straight-line basis using the graded vesting method, and forfeitures are accounted for at the time that such forfeitures occur. Expense recognized for these awards is specially allocated to certain holders of redeemable noncontrolling interests.

The fair value of the BMP Equity Units was determined on the grant-date using a probability-weighted discounted cash flow analysis. This fair value measurement is based on significant inputs not observable in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement within the fair value hierarchy. The resultant probability-weighted cash flows are then discounted using a rate that reflects the uncertainty surrounding the expected outcomes, which the Company believes is appropriate and representative of a market participant assumption, and for lack of marketability given the underlying units of the awards are not publicly traded.

There were no BMP Equity Units granted during the nine months ended December 31, 2023. The table below summarizes the key inputs used in the valuation of the BMP Equity Units granted during the nine months ended December 31, 2022:

Unobservable Inputs	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022
Expected term in years	4
Discount rate	32.1%
Discount for lack of marketability	23.1%
Long-term growth rate (after discrete projection period)	2.5%

The expected term represents the average estimated time that a recipient will be an employee of Ben and thus eligible to participate fully in the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. The discount rate is based on a modified capital asset pricing model, which includes certain observable market inputs and other data for an identified group of comparable public companies. The discount for lack of marketability is based on a Finnerty put-option model, which similarly includes certain observable market inputs and other data for an identified group of comparable public companies. The long-term growth rate is the estimated growth rate of the earnings related to BMP Equity Units that is applied to the years subsequent to Ben's discrete cash flow periods.

2018 Ben Equity Incentive Plan

The Ben Equity Incentive Plan was adopted in September 2018 (the "2018 Ben Equity Incentive Plan"). Under the 2018 Ben Equity Incentive Plan, Ben was permitted to grant equity awards in the form of restricted equity units ("REUs"), representing ownership interests in BCG Common Units. Effective as of the Conversion, the Company assumed obligations under the outstanding REUs under the 2018 Ben Equity Incentive Plan and agreed to issue shares of Class A common stock upon settlement of such outstanding REUs. Settled awards under the 2018 Ben Equity Incentive Plan dilute BCG's Common Unitholders. The total number of BCG Common Units that were issuable under the 2018 Ben Equity Incentive Plan was equivalent to 15% of the number of fully diluted BCG Common Units outstanding, subject to annual adjustment. All awards were classified in equity upon issuance. Following the Business Combination, no additional awards may be issued under the 2018 Equity Incentive Plan and all outstanding awards are settleable at a ratio of 1.25 shares of the Class A common stock for each restricted equity unit.

During the third quarter of 2020, 515,000 units were granted to a senior partner director subject to a performance condition. The performance condition was met upon public listing in June 2023 and expense for vested units was recognized during the three months ended June 30, 2023. The recognition of the remaining compensation cost will be recognized over the remaining vesting period. Total recognized compensation cost related to these awards for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 is approximately \$0.3 million and \$5.8 million, respectively. The originally granted units were increased at a rate of one-to-1.25 units, or by 128,750 units, upon public listing and effectiveness of the 2023 Incentive Plan. The remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to these awards is approximately \$0.6 million as of December 31, 2023.

Effective April 1, 2022, Ben granted 513,533 REUs to employees and certain directors, which increased at a rate of one to 1.25 units, or by 128,383 units upon public listing and effectiveness of the 2023 Incentive Plan, of which, 136,610 have been forfeited. Effective October 1, 2022, 40,180 REUs were granted to employees, which increased at a rate of one to 1.25 units, or by 10,045 units upon public listing and effectiveness of the 2023 Incentive Plan, of which, 6,550 have been forfeited. The performance condition for these awards was met upon public listing in June 2023 and expense for vested units was recognized during the three months ended June 30, 2023. The recognition of the remaining compensation cost will be recognized over the remaining vesting period. Total recognized compensation cost related to these awards for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 is approximately \$0.1 million and \$3.1 million, respectively. The remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to these awards is approximately \$1.9 million as of December 31, 2023.

2023 Incentive Plan

On June 6, 2023, the Company's Board adopted the 2023 Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Company's stockholders. Under the 2023 Incentive Plan, Ben is permitted to grant equity awards in the form of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Subject to certain adjustments, the aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock expected to be issuable under the 2023 Incentive Plan in respect of awards will be equal to 15% of the aggregate number of fully diluted shares issued and outstanding, subject to quarterly adjustment. Settled awards under the 2023 Incentive Plan dilute common stockholders. All awards are classified in equity upon issuance.

Awards are generally subject to service-based vesting over a multi-year period from the recipient's grant date, though some awards may fully vest upon grant date, or be subject to performance conditions. While providing services to Ben, if

applicable, certain of these awards are subject to minimum retained ownership rules requiring the award recipient to continuously hold RSUs equal to at least 15% of their cumulatively granted awards.

Preferred Equity

On April 1, 2022, a certain director was assigned BCH Preferred A.1 with a grant date of December 31, 2021 and having an account balance of \$5.7 million (the “Initial Grant”). Further, effective as of April 3, 2022, the director was assigned additional BCH Preferred A.1 (the “Additional Grant” and together with the Initial Grant, the “BHI Grants”) with a grant date of December 31, 2021 and having an account balance of \$3.8 million. The Initial Grant is subject to a service condition, which requires compensation cost to be recognized over the explicit, substantive service vesting period that extends after the grant date. The Additional Grant was fully vested upon issuance.

In order to provide that certain director with cash to cover any tax liability arising from the BHI Grants, BCH and the director entered into a Unit Account Redemption Agreement, effective as of April 3, 2022, whereby BCH was required to purchase and redeem from that certain director all of the BCH Preferred A.1 granted to the director pursuant to the BHI Tax Grant for a purchase price of \$3.8 million, in cash. Such redemption occurred in full on June 10, 2022.

Commissions

Certain of our employees’ commission compensation is in the form of common stock. Such shares granted to employees are subject to service-based vesting conditions over a multi-year period from the recipient’s grant date. Awards granted through June 8, 2023 were also subject to a performance condition, which was met on June 8, 2023 when Ben became publicly listed. The Company recorded \$0.3 million and \$2.9 million of share-based compensation expense related to these awards during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively.

The following table summarizes the award activity, in units, for the BMP and Ben Equity Incentive Plans during the nine months ended December 31, 2023:

	BMP		RSU	
	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit
<i>(units in thousands)</i>				
Balance, March 31, 2023	438	\$ 10.04	1,749	\$ 10.00
Granted during the period	—	—	4,060	2.73
Vested during the period	(181)	9.78	(3,059)	4.95
Forfeited during the period	(48)	10.47	(552)	4.32
Balance, December 31, 2023	209	\$ 9.95	2,198	\$ 4.97

The following table presents the components of share-based compensation expense, included in employee compensation and benefits, recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>				
BMP equity units	\$ 305	\$ 806	\$ 1,549	\$ 3,506
Restricted stock units	1,165	826	17,206	3,512
Preferred equity	286	286	858	1,144
Other ⁽¹⁾	270	—	17,917	—
Total share-based compensation	\$ 2,026	\$ 1,918	\$ 37,530	\$ 8,162

⁽¹⁾ The year-to-date period includes \$15.0 million of compensation recognized related to the BCG Recapitalization and \$2.9 million recognized for equity based compensation issued to employees for Ben Liquidity transactions.

Unrecognized share-based compensation expense totaled \$8.5 million as of December 31, 2023, which we expect to recognize based on scheduled vesting of awards outstanding at December 31, 2023. The following table presents the share-based compensation expense expected to be recognized over the next five fiscal years ending March 31 for awards outstanding as of December 31, 2023:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	BMP	RSU	Commissions	Total
Three months ending 2024	\$ 282	\$ 1,223	\$ 58	\$ 1,563
2025	492	2,897	191	3,580
2026	167	2,064	60	2,291
2027	—	1,027	—	1,027
2028	—	—	—	—
Total	\$ 941	\$ 7,211	\$ 309	\$ 8,461

10. Equity

Below is a description of the outstanding classes of the equity of the Company, including quasi-equity amounts that are required to be reported as temporary equity between the liabilities and equity sections on the consolidated statements of financial condition. The 8th Amended and Restated LPA of BCH (“BCH LPA”) and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Beneficient, govern the terms of these equity securities, as applicable. The Company’s governing documents authorize the issuance of additional classes of equity. All equity interests of BCH are limited partnership interests.

Common Stock:

Voting. Each holder of our Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per each share of Class A common stock held of record by such holder on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote, and each holder of our Class B common stock is entitled to 10 votes per share on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote. Holders of shares of common stock vote as a single class, except for certain matters for which only holders of Class B common stock are entitled to vote.

Dividends. Subject to preferences that may apply to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends that our Board may declare out of funds legally available for that purpose on a non-cumulative basis; provided, however, that in the case of any dividends in Common Stock, holders of Class A common stock are entitled only to receive Class A common stock and holders of Class B common stock are entitled only to receive Class B common stock. In no event will the shares of either Class A common stock or Class B common stock be split, divided, or combined unless the outstanding shares of the other class are proportionally split, divided or combined.

Conversion. Shares of Class A common stock are not convertible into any other shares of our capital stock. Shares of Class B common stock are convertible into shares of Class A common stock at any time at the option of the holder or upon any transfer, except for certain transfers described in our articles of incorporation.

Standby Equity Purchase Agreement

On June 27, 2023, the Company entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the “SEPA”) with YA II PN, Ltd. (“Yorkville”), whereby the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of its shares of the Company’s common stock at the Company’s request any time during the 36 months following the execution of the SEPA, subject to certain conditions. The Company expects to use the net proceeds received from this for working capital and general corporate purposes. The Company paid a structuring fee in cash and a commitment fee in an amount equal to \$1.3 million by issuing 456,204 shares of Class A common stock in July 2023.

On September 29, 2023, a resale registration statement on Form S-1 was declared effective by the SEC, thereby permitting sales of Class A common stock to Yorkville under the SEPA. On each of October 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023, Yorkville purchased 20,000 and 500,000 shares of Class A common stock for \$2.39 and \$1.27 per share, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the SEPA.

Preferred Stock:

Under the terms of our articles of incorporation, our Board is authorized to issue up to 250 million shares of preferred stock in one or more series, and 50 million shares of preferred stock are designated as shares of Series A preferred stock pursuant to a certificate of designation.

Series A Preferred Stock

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, there were no shares of Series A preferred stock issued and outstanding, respectively.

Maturity. Subject to the redemption and conversion rights described below, shares of Series A preferred stock are perpetual securities.

Priority. Shares of Series A preferred stock rank senior to shares of Common Stock with respect to dividend rights and/or distribution rights upon the liquidation, winding up or dissolution, as applicable, of Beneficient.

Voting. Holders of Series A preferred stock are not entitled to vote on any matter, except as required by law.

Dividends. Holders of Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends that our Board declares and pays on the Common Stock, on an as-converted basis, when paid to holders of Common Stock. Beneficient may, subject to customary restrictions, but is not required to, declare or pay any dividends solely on shares of Series A preferred stock.

Liquidation or Dissolution. The initial liquidation preference of Series A preferred stock is \$0.001 per share, plus any declared but unpaid dividends (the “Liquidation Preference”). In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive, per share of Series A preferred stock, the Liquidation Preference or, prior to the Series A Preferred Stock Conversion Date, if a greater amount, the amount such holder would have received had their shares of Series A preferred stock converted into Class A common stock immediately prior to such liquidation event.

Conversion, Transferability and Exchange. Per the terms of the articles of incorporation, because the Series A preferred stock is not expected to be publicly listed, each share of the Series A preferred stock will automatically convert into one-quarter of a share of Class A common stock upon issuance.

Redemption. Beneficient may redeem, ratably, in whole or, from time to time in part, the shares of Series A preferred stock of any holder then outstanding at the Liquidation Preference in cash. Holders of shares of Series A preferred stock do not have the right to require Beneficient to redeem their shares of Series A preferred stock under any circumstances.

Series B-1 Preferred Stock:

On October 3, 2023, 3,768,995 shares of Series B-1 resettable convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Series B-1 preferred stock”) converted into 13,805,841 shares of Class A common stock at a price per share of approximately \$2.73. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, there were no shares of Series B-1 preferred stock, issued and outstanding, respectively.

Maturity. Subject to the redemption and conversion rights described below, shares of Series B-1 preferred stock are perpetual securities.

Priority. Shares of Series B-1 preferred stock rank, with respect to dividend rights and/or distribution rights upon the liquidation, winding up or dissolution, as applicable, of Beneficient as: (i) senior to shares of Common Stock; (ii) pari passu with Series A Preferred Stock; (iii) senior, pari passu or junior with respect to any other series of preferred stock, as set forth in the terms with respect to such preferred stock; and (iv) junior to all existing and future indebtedness of the Beneficient.

Voting. Holders of Series B-1 preferred stock are not entitled to vote on any matter, except as required by law.

Dividends. Holders of Series B-1 preferred stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends that our Board declares and pays on the Common Stock, on an as-converted basis, when paid to holders of Common Stock. Beneficient may, subject to customary restrictions, but is not required to, declare or pay any dividends solely on shares of Series B-1 preferred stock.

Liquidation or Dissolution. The initial liquidation preference of Series B-1 preferred stock is \$10.00 per share, plus any declared but unpaid dividends (the “B-1 Liquidation Preference”). In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of Series B-1 preferred stock are entitled to receive, per share of Series B-1 preferred stock, the B-1 Liquidation Preference amount such holder would have received had their shares of Series B-1 preferred stock converted into Class A common stock immediately prior to such liquidation event.

Conversion, Transferability and Exchange. In the event of specified extraordinary transactions, as a result of which shares of Class A common stock would be converted into, or exchanged for, stock, other securities or other property or assets (including cash or any combination thereof), each share of Series B-1 preferred stock outstanding immediately prior to such event will, without the consent of the holders of Series B-1 preferred stock, become convertible into the kind of stock, other securities or other property or assets that such holder would have been entitled to receive if such holder had converted its shares of Series B-1 preferred stock into shares of Class A common stock immediately prior to such event.

Optional Conversion. The conversion price at issuance was \$5.46 (the “Conversion Price”). Each share of Series B-1 preferred stock is convertible at the option of the holder thereof into a number of shares of Class A common stock that is equal to \$10.00 divided by Conversion Price then in effect as of the date of such notice (the “Conversion Rate”). The Conversion Price shall be subject to reset on each date that is 30, 60, 90, 120 and 180 calendar days following the date of issuance of the Series B-1 preferred stock, subject to adjustment.

Mandatory Conversion. Each outstanding share of Series B-1 preferred stock will automatically convert into a number of shares of Class A common stock (the “Mandatory Conversion”) at the Conversion Rate then in effect on the date that is the earliest to occur of: (a) 210 calendar days after the Original Issue Date, subject to certain conditions, (b) if the conditions of clause (a) are not met on the date that is 210 calendar days following the Original Issue Date, the first date thereafter on which any shares of Series B-1 preferred stock may be resold pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or the Resale Registration Statement has become effective and (c) the one year anniversary of the Original Issue Date. The Series B-1 preferred stock shall not convert into Class A common stock to the extent such conversion would cause a holder to exceed 9.99% (the “Beneficial Ownership Limitation”) of the number of shares of the Class A common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to conversion.

Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests:

Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts

The BCH Preferred A.0 receives a quarterly guaranteed payment calculated as 6% of the BCH Preferred A.0’s initial capital account balance on an annual basis, or 1.50% per fiscal quarter. The BCH Preferred A.0 does not receive any allocations of profits, except to recoup losses previously allocated. The guaranteed payment to BCH Preferred A.0 is not subject to available cash and has priority over all other distributions made by BCH. BCH and the holders of the BCH Preferred A.0 entered into an agreement to defer the guaranteed payment to November 15, 2024; provided that such a guaranteed payment may be made prior to November 15, 2024 if the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors determines that making such payment, in part or in full, would not cause Ben to incur a going concern issue. The guaranteed payment accrual totaled \$33.4 million and \$20.9 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively, and is included in the accounts payable and accrued expenses line item of the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Additionally, the BCH Preferred A.0 has the ability under the BCH LPA to elect, by a majority of holders of BCH Preferred A.0, to receive a full return of capital senior to any other security if an event causing mandatory returns of capital occurs.

The BCH Preferred A.0 can be converted into Class S Units at the election of the holder, at a price equal to the average of (i) \$10.50, and (ii) the volume-weighted average closing price of Class A common stock for the twenty (20) days preceding the applicable exchange date; provided, that from the effectiveness of the BCH LPA through December 31, 2027, such conversion price shall not be less than \$10.50.

Finally, a holder of BCH Preferred A.0, subsequent to January 1, 2023, may elect to require a redemption by BCH of up to 12.5% of his or her respective BCH Preferred A.0 capital account for any rolling twelve-month period; provided that such holder shall not be permitted to redeem more than 50% of such holder’s BCH Preferred A.0 capital account in the aggregate. Subsequent to January 1, 2023, if a holder of BCH Preferred A.0 continues to hold BCH Preferred A.1, such holder may elect on a quarterly basis to convert additional BCH Preferred A.1 held by such holder to BCH Preferred A.0 up to an amount equal to 12.5% of such holder’s initial BCH Preferred A.0 capital account; provided that such holder’s post-conversion capital account balance in respect of all BCH Preferred A.0 held by such holder does not exceed such holder’s initial BCH Preferred A.0 capital account.

The BCH Preferred A.0 are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the redeemable noncontrolling interest line item.

Noncontrolling Interests:

Noncontrolling interests represent the portion of certain consolidated subsidiaries’ limited partnership interests or interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are held by third parties. Amounts are adjusted by the noncontrolling interest holder’s proportionate share of the subsidiaries’ earnings or losses each period and for any distributions that are paid. Equity securities issued by BCH maintain capital account balances determined pursuant to Section 704 of the Internal Revenue Code. Because federal income tax regulations differ in certain respects from U.S. GAAP, income or loss allocations to BCH equity securities determined in accordance with tax regulations may materially differ from that recognized for financial reporting purposes. For example, the losses recognized for financial reporting purposes arising from the impairment of goodwill are not recognized under tax regulation, and the associated capital account balances have not been impacted by those losses.

The following tables present a rollforward of the noncontrolling interests for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Noncontrolling Interests						Total Noncontrolling Interests
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Trusts	BCH Class S Ordinary	BCH Class S Preferred	BCH Preferred A.1	BCH Preferred Series C	Class A of CT	
Balance, September 30, 2023	\$ (138,441)	\$ 9,697	\$ 856	\$ 691,255	\$ —	\$ 269	\$ 563,636
Net loss	(26,241)	(9,697)	(856)	(350,141)	—	—	(386,935)
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(196)	—	—	—	—	—	(196)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(269)	(269)
Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ (164,878)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 341,114	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 176,236

	Noncontrolling Interests						Total Noncontrolling Interests
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Trusts	BCH Class S Ordinary	BCH Class S Preferred	BCH Preferred A.1	BCH Preferred Series C	Class A of CT	
Balance, March 31, 2023	\$ (118,299)	\$ 52,560	\$ 856	\$ —	\$ 205,759	\$ 1,337	\$ 142,213
Net income (loss)	(43,698)	(48,676)	(856)	(351,385)	—	(1,068)	(445,683)
Issuance of shares in connection with recent financings	133	—	—	—	—	—	133
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(763)	—	—	—	—	—	(763)
Reduction of noncontrolling interest in connection with recent financings	(3,272)	—	—	—	—	—	(3,272)
Issuance of noncontrolling interest in connection with recent financings	79	—	—	—	—	—	79
Conversion of BCH Class S Ordinary to Class A common stock	—	(3,884)	—	—	—	—	(3,884)
Conversion of Preferred Series C to Class A common stock	—	—	—	—	(205,759)	—	(205,759)
Deemed dividend for BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts preferred return	—	—	—	(6,942)	—	—	(6,942)
Reclass of BCH Preferred A.1 from temporary to permanent equity	—	—	—	699,441	—	—	699,441
Issuance of Series B-1 preferred stock and noncontrolling interest in connection with recent financings	942	—	—	—	—	—	942
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(269)	(269)
Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ (164,878)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 341,114	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 176,236

	Noncontrolling Interests						Total Noncontrolling Interests
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Trusts	BCH Class S Ordinary	BCH Class S Preferred	FLP	BCH Preferred Series C	Class A of CT	
Balance, September 30, 2022	\$ (100,830)	\$ 62,664	\$ 1,973	\$ —	\$ 205,759	\$ 2,314	\$ 171,880
Net income (loss)	(4,058)	(4,765)	—	—	—	(316)	(9,139)
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(779)	—	—	—	—	—	(779)
Annual reallocation of FLP	—	(941)	(1,116)	—	—	—	(2,057)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ (105,667)	\$ 56,958	\$ 857	\$ —	\$ 205,759	\$ 1,998	\$ 159,905

	Noncontrolling Interests						Total Noncontrolling Interests
	Trusts	BCH Class S Ordinary	BCH Class S Preferred	FLP	BCH Preferred Series C	Class A of CT	
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>							
Balance, March 31, 2022	\$ 982	\$ 69,831	\$ 1,316	\$ —	\$ 205,759	\$ —	\$ 277,888
Net income (loss)	(105,612)	(12,589)	—	3,166	—	(301)	(115,336)
Noncontrolling interest reclass	—	1,116	1,117	(2,233)	—	—	—
Payment of employee payroll taxes on restricted equity units	—	(459)	(460)	—	—	—	(919)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	(131)	(131)
Noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest	299	—	—	—	—	—	299
Reclass of distributions payable to noncontrolling interest holder	(1,336)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,336)
Reclass of allocated income for FLP Subclass 3 to payable	—	—	—	(933)	—	—	(933)
Issuance of noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	2,430	2,430
Annual reallocation of FLP	—	(941)	(1,116)	—	—	—	(2,057)
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ (105,667)	\$ 56,958	\$ 857	\$ —	\$ 205,759	\$ 1,998	\$ 159,905

Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts

The BCH Preferred A.1 unit accounts are issued by BCH and are non-participating and convertible on a dollar basis.

The weighted average preferred return rate for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was approximately nil and 1.00%, respectively. The weighted average preferred return rate for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was approximately 0.53% and 1.55%, respectively. No amounts have been paid to the BCH Preferred A.1 holders related to the preferred return from inception through December 31, 2023, and any amounts earned have been accrued and are included in the balance of redeemable noncontrolling interests presented on the consolidated statements of financial condition. As of December 31, 2023, approximately \$106.1 million of preferred return related to the BCH Preferred A.1 has not been allocated to its holders due to insufficient income during those periods to fully satisfy the preferred return and will be allocable to the BCH Preferred A.1 holders in future quarterly periods to the extent that sufficient income, if any, is available for such allocation. In accordance with the BCH LPA, the preferred rate was waived and will not accrue from June 7, 2023 until December 31, 2024, except to the extent of allocations of income to the holders of the BCH Preferred A.1, in which event distributions may be requested by the holders of the BCH Preferred A.1, and if not requested, such amounts shall be accrued. In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the holders of the BCH Preferred A.1 agreed to significantly reduce the BCH Preferred A.1 return rate and also agreed to waive and defer the accrual of the preferred return as described above. In addition, until January 1, 2025, the hypothetical BCH Preferred A.1 capital account will only be increased to the extent there are allocations of income during such period. The agreement to waive and not accrue the Quarterly Preferred Series A.1 Return from the effective date of the BCH LPA until December 31, 2024 does not affect or waive any Quarterly Preferred Series A.1 Returns or hypothetical BCH Preferred A.1 capital account already accrued as of the effective date. Additionally, certain BCH Preferred A.1 holders agreed to be specially allocated any income or losses associated with the BMP Equity Incentive Plan, and certain other costs.

Beginning January 1, 2025, BCH Preferred A.1 may be converted into BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the election of the holder, subject to a 20% annual conversion limit through December 31, 2029 as set forth in the BCH LPA; provided, that if the conversion price for the BCH Preferred A.1 equals or exceeds \$18.00 after January 1, 2025, the annual conversion limit shall no longer be applicable. Upon conversion, the holder shall be issued BCH Class S Ordinary Units in an amount equal to the capital account balance associated with the BCH Preferred A.1 being converted divided by a price equal to the average closing price of Class A common stock for the thirty (30) days preceding the applicable exchange date; provided, that from the effectiveness of the BCH LPA through December 31, 2027, such conversion price shall not be less than \$10.50. The holder of such newly issued BCH Class S Ordinary Units may immediately convert them into Class A common stock.

The BCH LPA also includes certain limitations of BCH, without the consent of a majority-in-interest of the Preferred Series A Unit Account holders, to (i) issue any new equity securities, and (ii) except as otherwise provided, incur indebtedness that is senior to or pari passu with any right of distribution, redemption, repayment, repurchase or other payments relating to the Preferred Series A Unit Accounts or the Preferred Series B Unit Accounts. Further, BCH cannot, prior to the conversion of all the Preferred Series A Unit Accounts and the Preferred Series B Unit Accounts, incur any additional long-term debt unless (i) after giving effect to the incurrence of the new long-term debt on a pro forma basis, the sum of certain preferred stock, existing debt and any new long-term indebtedness would not exceed 55% of the BCH's NAV plus cash on hand, and (ii) at the time of incurrence of any new long-term indebtedness, the aggregate balance of the BCH's (including controlled

subsidiaries) debt plus such new long-term debt does not exceed 40% of the sum of the NAV of the interests in alternative assets supporting the Collateral underlying the loan portfolio of BCH and its subsidiaries plus cash on hand at BCG, BCH and its subsidiaries. Upon the effectiveness of the BCH LPA, the redemption feature of the BCH Preferred A.1 was removed, which resulted in the BCH Preferred A.1 no longer being required to be presented in temporary equity in the consolidated statement of financial condition as of June 30, 2023.

On June 6, 2023, in connection with the BCG Recapitalization as described in Note 4, \$193.9 million of aggregate capital account balances in BCH Preferred A.1 converted to 16,708,817 units of BCH Class S Ordinary. Those BCH Class S Ordinary units then converted into 1,396,457 units of BCG Class A common units and 15,312,360 shares of BCG Class B common units on a one-for-one basis. As part of the conversion to BCG Class A Units, additional value of approximately \$15.0 million was provided to certain holders who are members of our Board. The additional value was accounted for as compensation, which resulted in stock-based compensation expense of \$15.0 million during the quarter ended June 30, 2023.

As of December 31, 2023, the BCH Preferred A.1 are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interest line item. As of March 31, 2023, the BCH Preferred A.1 are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the redeemable noncontrolling interest line item.

Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts

On July 15, 2020, the Company entered into a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement (“UPA”) with GWG Holdings. Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the Preferred Series C Subclass 1 Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH Preferred C.1”) automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination. The BCH Preferred C.1 were recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interest line item for periods presented prior to their conversion to Class A common stock.

Class S Ordinary Units

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, BCH, a subsidiary of Ben, had issued 5.4 million and 5.8 million BCH Class S Ordinary Units, respectively, which were all outstanding on each of the respective dates. The BCH Class S Ordinary Units participate on a pro-rata basis in the share of the profits or losses of BCH and subsidiaries following all other allocations made by BCH and its subsidiaries. As limited partner interests, these units have limited voting rights and do not entitle participation in the management of the Company’s business and affairs. At the election of the holder, the BCH Class S Ordinary Units are exchangeable quarterly for Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. Each conversion also results in the issuance to Ben LLC of a BCH Class A Unit for each share of Class A common stock issued.

On June 8, 2023, 404,542 BCH Class S Ordinary Units ultimately converted into shares of Class A common stock on a one-to-one basis pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement and the BCH LPA.

The BCH Class S Ordinary Units are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

Class S Preferred Units

The BCH Class S Preferred Units also participate on a pro-rata basis in the share of the profits or losses of BCH and subsidiaries following all other allocations made by BCH and its subsidiaries. As limited partner interests, these units are generally non-voting and do not entitle participation in the management of the Company’s business and affairs. The BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to a quarterly preferred return. In accordance with the BCH LPA, the preferred rate was waived and will not accrue from June 7, 2023 until December 31, 2024, except to the extent of allocations of income to the holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units. In connection with the consummation of the Business Combination, the holders of the BCH Preferred A.1 agreed to significantly reduce the BCH Class S Preferred Units preferred return rate and also agreed to waive and defer the accrual of the preferred return as described above. In addition, until January 1, 2025, the hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Units capital account will only be increased to the extent there are allocations of income during such period. The agreement to waive and not accrue the Quarterly Class S Preferred Return from June 7, 2023 until December 31, 2024 does not affect or waive any Quarterly Class S Preferred Return or hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred capital account already accrued as of the effective date.

Generally, on a quarterly basis and at the election of the holder, the BCH Class S Preferred Units are exchangeable for BCH Class S Ordinary Units on a 1.2-for-1 basis. The BCH Class S Ordinary Units may then be exchanged for Class A common stock as described above. Each conversion into Class A common stock also results in the issuance to Ben LLC of a BCH Class A Units for each share of Class A common stock issued. Holders of BCH Class S Preferred Units may elect to convert into BCH Class S Ordinary Units in connection with a sale or dissolution of BCH.

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, a nominal number of shares of BCH Class S Preferred Units have been issued, respectively. Preferred return earned by the BCH Class S Preferred Units from inception in 2019 through December 31, 2023 is \$0.2 million. No amounts have been paid to the BCH Class S Preferred Unit holders related to the preferred return from inception through December 31, 2023 and any amounts earned have been accrued and are included in the balance of BCH Class S Preferred Units presented on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The BCH Class S Preferred Units are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and Subclass 2)

FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and Subclass 2) are non-unitized capital accounts. The FLP Subclass 1 Units (the “FLP-1 Unit Accounts”) were issued to a Related Entity (as defined in Note 13) as part of the initial commercial operations of Ben. The FLP Subclass 2 Units (the “FLP-2 Unit Accounts”) are related to the BMP Equity Incentive Plan. Each subclass of the FLP Unit Accounts, with FLP-1 Unit Accounts (receiving 50.5%) and the FLP-2 Unit Accounts (receiving 49.5%), shall be allocated (i) fifteen percent (15%) of the profits and losses from financing activities of BCH and its subsidiaries and (ii) an amount equal to the lesser of (A) fifty percent (50%) of the revenues of BCH and its tax pass-through subsidiaries, excluding financing activities revenues, and (B) that amount of revenues that will cause the profit margin (as defined in the BCH LPA) to equal twenty percent (20%). Amounts allocated to the FLP Unit Accounts are reinvested equally in additional BCH Class S Ordinary Units and Class S Preferred Units on a quarterly basis at a price equal to the closing price of the units on such exchange on the date of allocation, thereby creating additional BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units.

During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, there was no income allocated to the FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and 2), respectively. During the three months ended December 31, 2022, there was no income allocated to the FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and 2). For the nine months ended December 31, 2022, there was income of \$2.2 million allocated to the FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 1 and 2). Annually, a true up of the quarterly allocations is required to match amounts allocated with annual earnings.

In addition to the above stated amounts, the FLP-1 Unit Accounts and FLP-2 Unit Accounts are entitled to a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b). In the event of an upward carrying value adjustment, the FLP-1 Unit Accounts and FLP-2 Unit Accounts are entitled to first be allocated gains associated with such carrying value adjustment equal to 15% of the value of the capital accounts of all BCH Class A Units and BCH Class S Units, calculated based on the post-adjusted capital accounts of the then outstanding BCH Class A and BCH Class S Units. Immediately following any such allocation, the amount allocated is converted in BCH Class S Ordinary Units at the then determined value. Furthermore, the amount allocated to the FLP-1 Unit Accounts is reduced by the value of any previously allocated amount pursuant to an upward carrying value adjustment, calculated as the number of BCH Class S Units previously received multiplied by the value of those units at the time of any subsequent carrying value adjustment.

As a result of the consummation of the Business Combination, an adjustment to the carrying value of BCH’s assets of \$321.9 million occurred. Pursuant to the BCH LPA, approximately 32,190,584 BCH Class S Ordinary Units would be issuable as a result of the carrying value adjustment. However, due to the Company’s Compensation Policy, the number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units that may be issued in 2023 or any subsequent year in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination will be limited and require approval of the Board; provided that any such BCH Class S Ordinary Units that may not be issued in 2023 may be issued in subsequent years in accordance with the Compensation Policy. As of December 31, 2023, there has been no allocation of the carrying value adjustment among the holders of the FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the FLP-2 Unit Accounts and no issuance of any BCH Class S Ordinary Units as a result of such adjustment.

FLP Unit Accounts (Subclass 3)

The FLP Subclass 3 Unit Accounts (the “FLP-3 Unit Accounts”) were issued to, and are currently held by, BHI. The FLP-3 Unit Accounts will be allocated profits from net financing revenues on a quarterly basis equal to the lesser of (i) 5% of the quarterly net financing revenues, or (ii) 10% of the average annualized stated interest (to the extent constituting net financing revenue) of the quarterly average of new loans issued by any subsidiaries of Ben during the previous twelve fiscal quarters.

The FLP-3 Unit Accounts are entitled to tax and other distributions equal to 100% of the amount of profits allocated to the FLP-3 Unit Accounts, and such distributions are not subject to available cash. The FLP-3 Unit Accounts do not have any conversion features or rights.

During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, there was no income allocated to the FLP-3 Unit Accounts, respectively. During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022, there was income of no and \$0.9 million, respectively, allocated to the FLP-3 Unit Accounts.

Beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts

The ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are the Charitable Beneficiaries, unrelated third-party charities, that are entitled to (i) either, depending on the applicable trust agreements, 2.5% of all distributions received by such Customer ExAlt Trusts or 5.0% of any amounts paid to Ben as payment on amounts due under each ExAlt Loan, (ii) for certain Customer ExAlt Trusts, approximately 10% of the amount of excess cash Collateral, if any, following the full repayment of an ExAlt Loan, and (iii) all amounts accrued and held at the Customer ExAlt Trusts once all amounts due to Ben under the ExAlt Loans and any fees related to Ben's services to the Customer ExAlt Trusts are paid. The Charitable Beneficiaries' account balances with respect to its interest in such Customer ExAlt Trusts cannot be reduced to below zero. Any losses allocable to the Charitable Beneficiaries in excess of their account balances are reclassified at each period end to the trusts' deficit account. Additional Customer ExAlt Trusts are created arising from new liquidity transactions with customers. These new Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated by Ben, result in the recognition of additional noncontrolling interest representing the interests in these new Customer ExAlt Trusts held by the Charitable Beneficiaries. For the three months ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, no additional noncontrolling interests were recognized. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$1.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, of additional noncontrolling interests were recognized.

The interests of the Charitable Beneficiaries in the Customer ExAlt Trusts are recorded on the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item.

Class A of CT Risk Management, L.L.C.

On April 1, 2022, a minority interest in the Class A membership of CT, a consolidated VIE of Ben (as further discussed in Note 14), was sold for \$2.4 million in cash to the third-party involved in the loan participation transaction described in Note 7. As a Class A member of CT, the holder is entitled to distributions first on a pro rata basis with other Class A members until the initial capital contributions are received and 2.0% of any amounts in excess of their capital contributions, to the extent such amounts are available. As such, this interest is recorded on the consolidated statements of financial condition in the noncontrolling interests line item. During the three months ended December 31, 2023, a distribution of \$0.3 million was made to a noncontrolling interest holder of CT.

11. Net Loss per Share

Basic and diluted net income (loss) attributable to Beneficient per common share for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>				
Net loss	\$ (924,872)	\$ (42,850)	\$ (2,462,606)	\$ (203,085)
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	386,935	9,945	445,683	118,843
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(4,229)	(3,984)	(12,501)	(11,778)
Net loss attributable to Beneficient common shareholders	\$ (542,166)	\$ (36,889)	\$ (2,029,424)	\$ (96,020)
Net loss attributable to Class A common shareholders	(504,615)	(33,347)	(1,888,863)	(86,799)
Net loss attributable to Class B common shareholders	(37,551)	(3,542)	(140,561)	(9,221)
Weighted average of common shares outstanding - basic and diluted				
Class A	254,923,039	180,178,268	226,105,978	180,178,268
Class B	19,140,451	19,140,451	19,140,451	19,140,451
Net loss attributable to Beneficient per common share - Basic and Diluted				
Class A	\$ (1.98)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (8.35)	\$ (0.48)
Class B	\$ (1.96)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (7.34)	\$ (0.48)

In computing diluted net loss per share, we considered potentially dilutive shares. Anti-dilutive shares not recognized in the diluted net loss per share calculation for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, were as follows:

	Shares		Shares	
	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Preferred Series B-1	225,095	—	460,215	—
Class S Ordinary	5,358,597	5,835,934	5,409,349	5,859,610
Class S Preferred	48,403	105,168	48,403	108,494
Preferred Series A Subclass 0	164,367,001	19,796,120	38,140,683	19,795,957
Preferred Series A Subclass 1	528,954,636	63,706,518	126,357,936	63,786,330
Preferred Series C Subclass 1	—	16,068,912	8,087,485	16,068,912
Restricted Stock Units	1,346,254	8,379,483	8,429,346	8,430,027
Warrants	30,874,686	—	26,771,105	—
Total anti-dilutive shares	731,174,672	113,892,135	213,704,522	114,049,330

Conversion of BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts

Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination.

Conversion of Series B-1 Preferred Stock

On October 3, 2023, 3,768,995 shares of Series B-1 preferred stock converted into 13,805,841 shares of Class A common stock at a price per share of approximately \$2.73.

12. Income Taxes

The components of income tax expense (benefit) for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Current expense				
Federal	\$ 75	\$ —	\$ 75	\$ —
Deferred expense				
Federal	—	(2,356)	—	(1,072)
Income tax expense (benefit)	<u>\$ 75</u>	<u>\$ (2,356)</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>	<u>\$ (1,072)</u>

13. Related Parties

The Company considers its employees and directors to be related parties. A “Related Entity” or “Related Entities” include certain trusts that are directly or indirectly controlled by, or operate for the benefit of, Mr. Heppner or his family, and those entities directly or indirectly held by, or that are under common control with, such trusts, and in which he and his family members are among classes of economic beneficiaries, whether or not Mr. Heppner is entitled to economic distributions from such trusts. Mr. Heppner is a beneficiary of the trust that is the sole shareholder of BHI (such trust, the “Related Entity Trust”).

Relationship with Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C.

For periods prior to the conversion of BCG to a Nevada corporation, Ben Management was the general partner of Ben and Ben Management was governed by a board of directors. The governing document of Ben Management provided that Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C. (“BMC”), wholly owned by one of several Related Entities, determined the directors of Ben Management who filled 49% of the Board seats. BMC was also entitled to select (a) 50% of the membership of the Ben Management’s Nominating Committee and Executive Committee and appoint the chair of each of these committees, and (b) 50% of the membership of the Community Reinvestment Committee (the “CRC”) and the CRC’s chairperson and lead committee member. Certain decisions with respect to Ben’s charitable giving program were delegated to the CRC, including certain decisions on behalf of BFF as a Kansas TEFFI. Decisions regarding appointment and removal of Ben Management’s directors, other than directors appointed by BMC, were delegated, with certain exceptions, to the Nominating Committee of Ben Management of which our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman was a member and Chairman. In the event of a tie vote of the Nominating Committee on a vote for the appointment or removal of a director, the majority of the then total number of directors serving on the board of directors would break the tie; provided that upon and following a “trigger event” (as defined in Ben Management’s governing document) the chair of the Nominating Committee may cast the tie-breaking vote. Subsequent to the conversion of BCG to a Nevada corporation, Beneficient is governed by a board of directors and Beneficient’s common equity holders are entitled to vote on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote as described in Note 10, Equity.

Services Agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C.

BCG and BCH entered into an agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C. (“Bradley Capital”) and BMC effective June 1, 2017 (the “Bradley Capital Agreement”), which was then amended and restated effective January 1, 2022 (the “A&R Bradley Capital Agreement”). Bradley Capital is a Related Entity. Under the Bradley Capital Agreement and the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement, Bradley Capital is entitled to a current base fee of \$0.4 million per quarter for executive level services provided by an executive of Bradley Capital, who, prior to BCG’s conversion to a Nevada corporation on June 7, 2023, was our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Ben Management’s Board of Directors and currently is our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of our Board, together with a current supplemental fee of \$0.2 million per quarter for administrative and financial analysis, with both the base fee and supplemental fee, subject to an annual inflation adjustment. The base fee may be increased by the provider up to two times the initial base fee per quarter to cover increases in the cost of providing the services, or in the event of an expansion of the scope of the services, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Ben Management prior to June 7, 2023 and the Executive Committee of our Board subsequent to June 7, 2023, of which our CEO & Chairman is a member and Chairman. Our CEO and Chairman receives an annual salary from the Company of \$0.2 million and both he and other employees of Bradley Capital can participate in equity incentive plans sponsored by the Company. The Bradley Capital Agreement and the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement also includes a

payment from Ben of \$0.2 million per year, paid in equal quarterly installments, to cover on-going employee costs for retired and/or departed employees of predecessor entities prior to September 1, 2017, which on-going costs were assumed by Bradley Capital, as well as a further payment to Bradley Capital in respect of the cost of health and retirement benefits for current employees of Bradley Capital all of which are reimbursed by Ben.

The Bradley Capital Agreement and the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement requires Ben to reimburse Bradley Capital or its affiliates for taxes, fees, and expenses, including legal fees and related costs, relating to the contributions by affiliates of Bradley Capital of equity or debt interests in Ben to public charitable trusts in connection with the 2017-18 Exchange Trusts, as well as the contribution of beneficial interests in customer trusts administered by Ben. The A&R Bradley Capital Agreement further requires that Ben indemnify and hold Bradley Capital harmless against any and all losses, damages, costs, fees and any other expenses incurred by Bradley Capital as air travel expenses owed in connection with the operation of the aircraft identified in the Aircraft Sublease (as defined below) for periods prior to January 1, 2022. Additionally, the Company provides office space and access to needed technology systems and telephone services. Payments by Ben to Bradley Capital and its affiliates are guaranteed and subject to enforcement by the state courts in Delaware in the event of default. The A&R Bradley Capital Agreement extended through December 31, 2022, with an automatic annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. Prior to June 7, 2023, the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement could have been terminated by the mutual agreement of the parties, by the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Ben Management of which an executive of a Related Entity is a member, or without such approval if the Related Entity no longer holds the lesser of \$10.0 million of Ben's securities or 1% of the aggregate fair market value of Ben on both December 31, 2022, or any applicable extension date, and the date of termination.

On June 7, 2023 BCG's existing Bradley Capital Agreement, was replaced by a Second Amended and Restated Services Agreement (the "Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement") with the Company as a party. The Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement is substantially similar to the existing Bradley Capital Agreement, subject to certain changes as follows. The Executive Committee (as defined in the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement) reference was revised to refer to the Executive Committee of the Board, and the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement expressly states that it shall in no way limit the authority of Board to appoint and remove officers of the Company, including its chief executive officer. The term of the Second A&R Bradley Capital Agreement extends through December 31, 2023, with an annual one-year renewal provision thereafter. The termination provision was revised so that the agreement may be terminated upon the approval of all members of the Executive Committee, excluding Brad K. Heppner if he is then serving on the Executive Committee. The base fee was increased to \$0.5 million per quarter and the supplemental fee was increased to \$0.2 million per quarter, with each fee remaining subject to an annual inflation adjustment. In addition, revisions were made to the limitation of liability and indemnification provisions to reflect the applicability of the corporation laws of Nevada to Beneficient.

During the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized expenses totaling \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million related to this services agreement, respectively. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recognized expenses totaling \$2.0 million and \$1.9 million related to this services agreement, respectively. During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, the Company paid \$2.5 million to Bradley Capital related to previously accrued amounts owed under this services agreement. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, \$3.1 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, was owed to Bradley Capital related to this services agreement, which is reflected in the accounts payable and accrued expenses line item on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Aircraft Sublease with Bradley Capital

Effective January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, The Beneficient Company Group (USA), L.L.C. ("Beneficient USA"), a subsidiary of BCH, as sublessee, Bradley Capital, as sublessor, and BCG, solely as it relates to the guarantee it makes to Bradley Capital as set forth therein, entered into an Aircraft Sublease Agreement (the "Aircraft Sublease"). Pursuant to the Aircraft Sublease, Bradley Capital subleases the aircraft described therein, without a crew, to Beneficient USA for discrete periods of use. Beneficient USA is required to pay a quarterly rental of \$1.4 million plus direct operating expenses incurred for Ben's use of the aircraft. Bradley Capital is required to pay any other fixed and variable costs of operating the aircraft. Beneficient USA is also required to provide its own pilot(s) and crew, and Beneficient USA has entered into a separate Flight Crew Services Agreement with an unrelated third-party to provide the qualified flight crew. The term of the Aircraft Sublease is one (1) year and may be terminated by either party upon three (3) days prior written notice and will automatically terminate upon the sale or similar disposition of the aircraft or the termination of the underlying lease agreement. Additionally, BCG agrees to unconditionally guarantee, for the benefit of Bradley Capital, all of the obligations of Beneficient USA to Bradley Capital under the Aircraft Sublease. During the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, BCH expensed \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in lease and direct operating expenses related to this agreement. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, BCH expensed \$4.3 million and \$4.6 million, respectively, in lease and direct operating expenses related to this agreement. No amounts have been paid to Bradley Capital related to the aircraft sublease. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, \$11.0 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, of accrued costs related to the

sublease is reflected in the accounts payable and accrued expenses line item on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

As discussed below, BHI, a Related Entity, entered into a Contribution Agreement with BCH and BCG pursuant to which BHI has agreed to reimburse BCG for a significant portion of the costs incurred by Beneficient USA under the Aircraft Sublease.

Relationship with Beneficient Holdings, Inc.

Beneficient USA, a subsidiary of BCH, entered into with BHI, a Related Entity, a Services Agreement effective July 1, 2017 (the “BHI Services Agreement”). BHI pays an annual fee of \$30,000 to Ben for the provision of trust administration services for Related Entities and all trusts affiliated with its family trustee as that term is defined in the governing documents for a Related Entity. Beneficient USA also is required to provide any other services requested by BHI, subject to any restrictions in the operating agreement of BHI, at cost. The term of the BHI Services Agreement extends for the longer of (i) five years past the expiration or termination of the Bradley Capital Agreement, or (ii) seven years after the family trustee of the Related Entity is no longer a primary beneficiary of any trust affiliated with the family trustee. The Company recognized income during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, in accordance with the BHI Services Agreement.

In conjunction with the execution of the Aircraft Sublease, BHI, a Related Entity, BCH, and BCG entered into a Contribution Agreement effective as of January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023 (the “Contribution Agreement”). Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, BHI agrees to pay to BCH, on the last business day of each calendar quarter, any amounts paid by BCH during the quarter for the use of an aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease, or any similar lease or sublease, which would include the quarterly rental under the Aircraft Sublease. In addition, BHI agrees to pay to BCH any amounts paid related to fixed monthly or quarterly costs incurred in connection with such aircraft lease or sublease in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per year. This additional payment is intended to partially cover flight crew costs and other related costs. Each contribution is conditioned upon (i) the effectiveness of the Aircraft Sublease, and (ii) BCH’s timely payment to BHI of the guaranteed payment to be made to holders of BCH Preferred A.0 for the respective quarter in which such contribution is to be paid (whether or not waived in accordance with the terms of the BCH LPA); provided, that if such guaranteed payment is not timely paid, or is only paid in part, for any given quarter, then any contributions contemplated under the Contribution Agreement for such quarter will not be owed. In the event such guaranteed payment is subsequently paid in full, then any previously unfunded contributions for the applicable quarter under the Contribution Agreement will become immediately due and payable on the last business day of the calendar quarter in which such guaranteed payment is paid in full. All payments made by BHI to BCH pursuant to the Contribution Agreement shall be treated as capital contributions, as defined in the BCH LPA, by BHI to BCH and shall be added to BHI’s sub-capital account related to its BCH Class S Ordinary Units. BCH further agrees to specially allocate to BHI’s sub-capital account related to its BCH Class S Ordinary Units any expenses or deductions derived from amounts paid or accrued by BCH for use of the aircraft to the extent such expenditures are offset by the contributions made by BHI pursuant to the Contribution Agreement. There have been no contributions from BHI related to this agreement, which is expected and will continue to occur until the guaranteed payments to BCH Preferred A.0 holders are no longer deferred.

BHI owns the majority of the Company’s Class B common stock, and the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Class S Preferred Units, BCH Preferred A.0, BCH Preferred A.1, and FLP Subclass 1 and Subclass 3 Unit Accounts issued by BCH.

Additionally, BHI expects to receive tax distributions from HCLP arising from the repayment of the Second Lien Credit Agreement to cover any tax liability associated with the 2019 contribution of the Second Lien Credit Agreement to HCLP. Additionally, if HCLP is liquidated while the Second Lien Credit Agreement is still outstanding, the Second Lien Credit Agreement will transfer back to BHI.

HCLP Nominees, L.L.C.

HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, L.L.C. (“Highland”). Ben’s Chairman and CEO is a beneficiary and trust investment advisor of the trusts that control, and are the partners of, Highland. Loans to and investments with or in the Related Entities have been and may be made by Highland, or its affiliates, as applicable, using proceeds from loan repayments made by Ben to HCLP in its capacity as lender to Ben. Ben is not a party to these transactions between Highland and the Related Entities.

A long-standing lending and investment relationship of 25 years exists between Highland (and its affiliates or related parties), on the one hand, and Related Entities, on the other. From time to time, Highland or its affiliates have advanced funds under various lending and investing arrangements to Related Entities, and such Related Entities have made repayments to Highland or its affiliates, as applicable, both in cash and in kind.

As of June 30, 2021, Highland and the applicable Related Entity mutually agreed to satisfy all obligations under all outstanding loans among Highland and the Related Entity via full payment and satisfaction of the existing loan balances (the “Loan Balances”) by in-kind real property transfers (the “In-Kind Property Payment”) from certain of the Related Entities to Highland. The terms of the In-Kind Property Payment grant Highland the right to transfer the real property that was transferred pursuant to the In-Kind Property Payment back to certain of the Related Entities, in exchange for a BCH Preferred A.1 capital account balance in BCH in an amount equal to the Loan Balances, with such exchange to be satisfied from existing BCH Preferred A.1 that are held by such Related Entities.

Since June 30, 2021, additional net advances have been made by Highland to a Related Entity. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, Highland Consolidated, L.P. had outstanding loans in the principal amount of \$11.9 million and \$14.0 million, respectively, with a Related Entity. Ben is not a party to these loans, nor has it secured or guaranteed the loans.

Relationship with The Heppner Endowment for Research Organizations, L.L.C. (“HERO”) and Research Ranch Operating Company, L.L.C. (“RROC”).

HERO and RROC are indirectly owned by The Highland Investment Holdings Trust, The Highland Great Plains Trust and The Highland Partner Holdings Trust. Mr. Heppner is a permissible beneficiary of The Highland Investment Holdings Trust and The Highland Partner Holdings Trust, but he is not a beneficiary of The Highland Golden Plains Trust. Mr. Heppner’s family members are potential beneficiaries of each of these three trusts. HERO was created to (i) to serve as an advisor to National Philanthropic Trust (“NPT”), an unrelated third-party charitable organization, regarding the disbursement of grants to qualifying organizations, and (ii) to serve as an advisor to NPT regarding the administration of charitable contributions made for the benefit of such qualifying organizations. Although HERO can advise on these matters, NPT possessed all final decision-making authority on charitable contributions and complete control over the proceeds received by the charitable organizations. The charitable accounts administered by NPT (“Charitable Accounts”), the beneficiaries of which have historically been multiple Texas universities, have historically received proceeds from certain trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben, in support of their charitable initiatives. HERO does not receive any proceeds from trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben.

RROC’s purpose is to provide funding and operational support for the research activities conducted by the qualified charities. The funding received by RROC, from proceeds of trusts settled and funded by customers of Ben, may be used, in RROC’s discretion, to (i) provide appropriate facilities and properties for the charitable organizations to utilize as part of their charitable initiatives (those properties and facilities being owned by a Related Entity), and (ii) provide fee revenue to RROC. RROC is granted such rights and authority pursuant to trust instruments entered into between a customer and subsidiaries of Ben as well as an agreement with NPT. Ben’s subsidiaries provide financing to the Customer ExAlt Trusts and Ben is paid as an agent of the trustees for administrative services it provides to the trusts. Ben has certain outstanding payables, including accrued interest, to RROC and the Charitable Accounts (for the benefit of the Texas universities as discussed above) of \$2.2 million and \$2.1 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. There were no payments made during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively, compared to nil and \$0.8 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022, respectively. The \$0.8 million payment during the nine months ended December 31, 2022 was made to the Funding Trusts in accordance with their respective trust agreements to pay down Funding Trust liabilities. Such payment was not made to any entity associated with Mr. Heppner. Due to changes in the Customer ExAlt Trust agreements, no incremental amounts are expected to be allocated to RROC or the Charitable Accounts other than those amounts already provided by certain prior trust agreements. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the trust advisor to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts reassigned the beneficial interest held at NPT to the Kansas TEFFI Economic Growth Trust.

Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc.; Initial Charitable Initiative

In connection with each of Ben’s liquidity transactions following the adoption of the TEFFI legislation and BFF’s receipt of a fully-operational trust company charter under the Kansas TEFFI Act, pursuant to Section 28 of the TEFFI Act, a “Qualified Distribution” is made for the benefit of certain economic growth zones and rural communities in the State of Kansas (each, a “Charitable Distribution”). In January 2022, Ben announced its initial \$15.9 million Charitable Distribution. The Charitable Distribution was allocated as follows: \$2.7 million of cash for the benefit of, and to be received by, the Kansas Department of Commerce to be used at the department’s discretion for development projects and the promotion and growth of the TEFFI industry in Kansas; \$6.3 million of cash and assets for the benefit of public charities dedicated to economic development within Mr. Heppner’s hometown of Hesston, Kansas, and surrounding Harvey County, Kansas, as outlined in the TEFFI Act; and \$6.9 million in cash and assets to the Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc. (“BHF”) as described below. Mr. Heppner’s hometown is Hesston, Kansas and certain of his family members continue to live and/or work in Hesston and other areas of Harvey County, Kansas and may be considered to be indirect beneficiaries of the portions of the initial Charitable Distribution provided to Hesston and Harvey County and to BHF.

On January 20, 2022, BHF was formed as a Kansas nonprofit corporation to receive economic growth contributions pursuant to the TEFPI legislation. BHF is governed by a 13-member board of directors, nine of whom are community leaders within the Hesston, Kansas community and four of whom are Ben employees or individuals otherwise affiliated with Ben. BHF is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its purpose is to provide grants and other support to benefit growth, development and expansion of opportunities in rural Kansas communities with populations of 5,000 residents or less, including job and income growth, main street revitalization, educational facility improvements, construction and development, healthcare facility enhancements, senior facility improvements, and support for post-secondary institutions. BHF has the exclusive decision-making authority over all of the economic growth contributions it receives.

BFF is the sole member of BHF and has the right to appoint eleven members of BHF's Board of Directors. The remaining two board members are appointed by BMC. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, BFF's governing documents prohibit any of BHF's assets or earnings from inuring to the benefit of BFF, BMC, or any director, officer or other private individual.

The Kansas TEFPI Economic Growth Trust

The Kansas Economic Growth Trust (the "EGT") is a common law trust formed on December 7, 2021 by and between an individual as independent trustee, Ben Custody as administrator, and BCH as advisor. The purpose of the EGT is to receive the proceeds of the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are allocable to the Charitable Beneficiaries and to allocate such proceeds between the Kansas Department of Commerce and qualified charitable organizations (including the Beneficient Heartland Foundation, Inc.) in accordance with the requirements of the TEFPI legislation. The proceeds received by the EGT are dedicated exclusively to charitable purposes and the trust agreement prohibits any of the EGT's assets or earnings from inuring to the benefit of Ben Custody, BCH, any director, officer or other private individual. As noted above, Ben Custody provides administrative and accounting services to the EGT, and BCH serves as advisor to the trustee with respect to the administration and distribution of the trust. Neither Ben Custody nor BCH charges a fee for these services. During the year ended March 31, 2023, the trust advisor to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts reassigned the beneficial interest held at NPT to the EGT.

Ben has an outstanding payable to EGT of nil and \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. Ben paid \$0.2 million and \$0.9 million during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$0.4 million and \$1.6 million for the same periods of 2022, respectively. Additionally, during the year ended March 31, 2023, Ben sold its Kansas properties to the EGT in exchange for a \$1.4 million promissory note receivable, which is reflected in the other assets line item on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

Hicks Holdings, L.L.C.

Hicks Holdings, L.L.C., an entity associated with one of Ben's current directors, is one of the owners and serves as the manager of a limited liability company ("SPV"). A Related Entity also has ownership in the SPV. The SPV holds BCH Preferred A.0 and BCH Preferred A.1 among its investment holdings.

Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC ("Hicks Holdings"), an entity associated with one of Ben's current directors, directly owns BCH Preferred A.0, BCH Preferred A.1, BCH Class S Ordinary Units, and Class B common stock of Beneficient. Hicks Holdings was granted its BCH Preferred A.1 and BCH Class S Ordinary Units as compensation for services provided in 2018. Hicks Holdings was granted its BCH Preferred A.0 when a portion of the existing BCH Preferred A.1 converted to BCH Preferred A.0 in 2021. Hicks Holdings converted a portion of its existing BCH Preferred A.1 to Class B common stock of Beneficient in June 2023 in connection with the recapitalization of BCG described in Note 4. The total preferred equity and BCH Class S Ordinary Units balance as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, was \$55.9 million and \$72.6 million, respectively. Hicks Holdings held 1,322,208 shares of Class B common stock as of December 31, 2023.

Letter Agreement with Hicks Holdings

In connection with the HH-BDH Credit Agreement and the Financing, on October 19, 2023, the Guarantor, Ben LLC, and Hicks Holdings entered into a letter agreement (the "Letter Agreement"). In connection with the Financing, Hicks Holdings agreed to assign to HH-BDH (which is wholly-owned by Hicks Holdings) all of its rights, title and interest in and to the following partnership interests of the Guarantor: BCH Preferred A.0 with a capital account balance of \$15.3 million as of June 30, 2023, BCH Preferred A.1 with a capital account balance of \$48.1 million as of June 30, 2023, 48 BCH Class S Preferred Units and 291,163 BCH Class S Ordinary Units held by HH-BDH (the "Pledged Guarantor Interests"). Hicks Holdings' membership interest in HH-BDH (collectively with the Pledged Guarantor Interests, the "Pledged Equity Interests") and the Pledged Guarantor Interests serve as collateral for the Financing (together, the "Lender Pledge").

Pursuant to the terms of the Letter Agreement, the parties thereto agreed that if the Borrower and/or Guarantor default under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement and such default results in a foreclosure on, or other forfeiture of, the Pledged Equity

Interests, the Guarantor will promptly issue to Hicks Holdings, BCH Preferred A.0 with a capital account balance of \$15.3 million, BCH Preferred A.1 with a capital account balance of \$48.1 million, 48 BCH Class S Preferred Units and 291,163 BCH Class S Ordinary Units (subject to a tax gross-up as provided in the Letter Agreement), or, in the discretion of Hicks Holdings, equivalent securities of equal fair market value to the value of the security interests at the time of the applicable foreclosure or other loss (such newly issued equity interests referred to as the “Replacement Equity Interests”); provided, however that, if less than all Pledged Equity Interests have been foreclosed on or forfeited, the foregoing capital account balances and numbers of units comprising the Replacement Equity Interests shall be reduced on a class-by-class and subclass-by-subclass basis, as applicable, to the extent necessary to ensure that Hicks Holdings and its affiliates do not receive additional value relative to the value held by Hicks Holdings and its affiliates immediately prior to the foreclosure or forfeiture. Furthermore, Ben LLC shall cause a Ben LLC Unit (as defined in the BCH LPA) to be issued for each BCH Class A Unit issued to the Hicks Holdings pursuant to the Letter Agreement. Additionally, the Guarantor agreed to indemnify Hicks Holdings and its affiliates and hold each of them harmless against any and all losses which may arise directly or indirectly in connection with, among other things, the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, the Term Loan, the Financing and the Lender Pledge.

Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings

On May 27, 2020, Ben and GWG Holdings (acting through a then constituted special committee of the Board of Directors of GWG Holdings) entered into a shared services agreement effective as of January 1, 2020 (the “Shared Services Agreement”). Pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, GWG Holdings pays a quarterly fee to Ben for the provision of accounting and finance, general and administrative, human resources, sales administration and marketing, underwriting and risk management, information technology and legal services for GWG Holdings and its direct or wholly-owned subsidiaries. The total service fee for each quarter is determined in good faith by Ben on the final day of such quarter in accordance with the cost allocation methodology maintained on Ben’s books and records, which provides that, to the extent the Services are eligible for the “services cost method,” as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.482-9(b), the Service Fee shall be equal to the total costs incurred by Ben during each quarter in connection with Ben’s provision of the Services to GWG Holdings or its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, and that the Service Fee for Services that are not eligible for the services cost method shall be determined by reference to the “cost of services plus method,” as defined in Treasury Regulation §1.482-9(e).

The term of the Shared Services Agreement had an initial term of one year from the effective date and renewed automatically for successive one-year terms. Due to the filing by GWG Holdings for reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, neither party was authorized to terminate the Shared Services Agreement. The Shared Services Agreement terminated upon the effective of GWG Holdings’ bankruptcy plan on August 1, 2023. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, GWG Holdings paid approximately \$1.4 million to Ben under the Shared Services Agreement. GWG Holdings paid \$0.4 million to Ben under the Shared Services Agreement during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2022. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, Ben has an outstanding gross receivable related to this Shared Services Agreement of approximately nil and \$17.8 million, respectively. Due to the financial deterioration of GWG Holdings including the filing for reorganization under the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code in April 2022, the allowance for these receivables as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023 was nil and \$15.6 million, respectively. The reserve amount pertains to amounts owed by GWG Holdings at the time of their bankruptcy filing. As a result of the termination of the Shared Services Agreement, receivables and related allowance of \$15.6 million were written off during the nine months ended December 31, 2023.

14. Variable Interest Entities

In accordance with ASC 810, an enterprise is determined to be the primary beneficiary of a VIE if it holds a controlling financial interest. A controlling financial interest is defined as (a) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity’s economic performance and (b) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE. The consolidation guidance requires an analysis to determine (a) whether an entity in which Ben holds a variable interest is a VIE and (b) whether Ben’s involvement, through holding interests directly or indirectly in the entity or contractually through other variable interests (for example, management and performance-related fees), would give it a controlling financial interest. The performance of that analysis requires the exercise of judgment. Based on management’s analysis, there are no VIEs that require consolidation, other than those described below.

*VIEs for Which the Company is the Primary Beneficiary*CT Risk Management, L.L.C.

CT, a Delaware limited liability company, is currently governed by the Fourth Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement entered into on April 27, 2022. CT was created to reduce the impact of a potential market downturn on the interests in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts that collateralize the loans receivable from the Customer ExAlt Trusts held by BFF, or other Ben entities (such loans receivable are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes in our consolidated financial statements) by distributing any potential profits to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts thereby offsetting any reduction in the value of the alternative assets.

CT is considered a VIE as the at-risk equity holder, BFF, does not have all of the characteristics of a controlling financial interest due to BFF's receipt of returns being limited to its initial investment in CT. The Company concluded that BCC is the primary beneficiary of CT as BFF has the power to direct the most significant activities and has an obligation to absorb potential losses of CT. Accordingly, the results of CT are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, the consolidated statements of financial condition include assets of this consolidated VIE with a carrying value of nil and \$4.0 million, which is recorded in the investments held by Ben line item of the consolidated statements of financial condition. For three months ended December 31, 2022, the Company recorded losses of \$3.8 million, of which approximately \$2.8 million is attributable to Ben or Ben's loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction, which is reported in the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net line item of the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The Company recorded losses of \$3.0 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, of which approximately \$2.0 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, is attributable to Ben or Ben's loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction. No options were held as of or during the three months ended December 31, 2023.

Customer ExAlt Trusts

The Company determined that all of the Customer ExAlt Trusts used in connection with its operations are VIEs of which Ben is the primary beneficiary as defined under ASC 810. The Company concluded that it is the primary beneficiary of the Customer ExAlt Trusts as it has the power to direct the most significant activities and has an obligation to absorb potential losses of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Accordingly, the results of the Customer ExAlt Trusts are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Although the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary of the Customer ExAlt Trusts for purposes of ASC 810, it is neither designated as a beneficiary under the trust agreements nor recognized as a beneficiary of such trusts under applicable state trust law. The assets of the Customer ExAlt Trusts may only be used to settle obligations of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Other than potentially funding capital calls above the related reserve (refer to Note 17), there is no recourse to the Company for the Customer ExAlt Trusts' liabilities. The cash flows generated by these VIEs are included within the Company's consolidated statements of cash flows.

The consolidated statements of financial condition include the following amounts from these consolidated VIEs as of the dates presented:

(Dollars in thousands)

	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,549	\$ 3,259
Restricted cash	20	819
Investments, at fair value	378,382	491,859
Other assets	4,895	5,891
Total Assets of VIEs	\$ 388,846	\$ 501,828
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 2,850	\$ 1,945
Other liabilities	108	132
Customer ExAlt Trusts loan payable, net	—	52,129
Total Liabilities of VIEs	\$ 2,958	\$ 54,206
Equity:		
Treasury stock	\$ (3,444)	\$ (3,444)
Noncontrolling interests	(164,878)	(118,299)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	442	9,900
Total Equity of VIEs	\$ (167,880)	\$ (111,843)

The consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) for the periods presented include the following amounts from these consolidated VIEs.

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues				
Investment income (loss), net	\$ 7,448	\$ 11,478	\$ 7,935	\$ (30,738)
Loss on financial instruments, net	(18,695)	(15,068)	(62,373)	(42,244)
Interest and dividend income	—	23	10	37
Other income	65	—	65	—
Total revenues	(11,182)	(3,567)	(54,363)	(72,945)
Operating expenses				
Interest expense	423	2,344	4,091	6,638
Provision for credit losses	—	1,236	—	13,843
Professional services	572	1,240	2,718	3,614
Other expenses	219	262	602	1,631
Total operating expenses	1,214	5,082	7,411	25,726
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	8,846	—	8,846	—
Net income (loss)	\$ (21,242)	\$ (8,649)	\$ (70,620)	\$ (98,671)
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ (26,240)	\$ (4,058)	\$ (43,698)	\$ (105,612)

15. Segment Reporting

The Company has three reportable segments consisting of Ben Liquidity, Ben Custody and Customer ExAlt Trusts. As additional products and services are offered in the future, we expect to have additional reportable segments, including Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets.

As the central operating hub of the company, Ben Liquidity is responsible for offering Ben's fiduciary alternative asset liquidity and financing products through AltAccess. Ben Custody delivers products that address the administrative and regulatory burden of holding alternative assets by offering full service bespoke custody and trust administration services, and specialized document custodian services to Customers. Certain of Ben's operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts hold interests in alternative assets and therefore recognize changes in such assets' net asset value in earnings. Certain other Customer ExAlt Trusts pay interest on the ExAlt Loans to Ben Liquidity and transaction fees to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody in connection with the liquidity transactions, and pay fees to Ben Custody for providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The amounts paid to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes in our consolidated financial statements but directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

The Corporate & Other category includes the following items, among others:

- Equity-based compensation;
- Gains (losses) on changes in the fair value of interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust (or common stock and L Bonds of GWG Holdings, as applicable) held by Ben;
- Interest expense incurred on the corporate related debt transactions; and
- Operations of Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets that are not considered reportable segments as they do not meet the quantitative criteria to be separately reported.

The Corporate & Other category also consists of unallocated corporate overhead and administrative costs.

These segments are differentiated by the products and services they offer as well as by the information used by the Company's chief operating decision maker to determine allocation of resources and assess performance. Operating income (loss) is the measure of profitability used by management to assess the performance of its segments and allocate resources. Performance is measured by the Company's chief operating decision maker on an unconsolidated basis because management makes operating decisions and assesses the performance of each of the Company's business segments based on financial and operating metrics and data that exclude the effects of consolidation of any of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

The following tables include the results of each of the Company's reportable segments reconciled to the consolidated financial statements (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExALT Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,448	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,448
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	—	—	(18,695)	671	—	(18,024)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	—	118	—	118
Trust services and administration revenues	—	158	—	—	—	158
Other income	—	—	65	—	—	65
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	11,275	—	—	—	(11,275)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	5,739	—	—	(5,739)	—
Total revenues	11,275	5,897	(11,182)	789	(17,014)	(10,235)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	938	588	—	5,814	—	7,340
Interest expense	3,045	—	423	1,203	—	4,671
Professional services	490	173	572	3,735	—	4,970
Loss on impairment of goodwill	604,668	272,830	—	5,725	—	883,223
Other expenses	463	301	219	4,529	—	5,512
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	32,976	—	(32,976)	—
Provision for credit losses	8,076	—	—	—	(8,076)	—
Other expenses	—	—	3,991	—	(3,991)	—
Total expenses	617,680	273,892	38,181	21,006	(45,043)	905,716
Operating income (loss)	\$ (606,405)	\$ (267,995)	\$ (49,363)	\$ (20,217)	\$ 28,029	\$ (915,951)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 11,478	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 11,478
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(15,069)	(7,974)	—	(23,043)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	23	90	—	113
Trust services and administration revenues	—	8	—	—	—	8
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	12,716	—	—	—	(12,716)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	7,208	—	—	(7,208)	—
Total revenues	<u>12,716</u>	<u>7,216</u>	<u>(3,568)</u>	<u>(7,884)</u>	<u>(19,924)</u>	<u>(11,444)</u>
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	2,380	692	—	9,598	—	12,670
Interest expense	772	—	2,344	1,031	—	4,147
Professional services	693	435	1,240	5,705	—	8,073
Provision credit for credit losses	—	—	1,236	563	—	1,799
Other expenses	664	210	262	5,937	—	7,073
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	28,658	—	(28,658)	—
Provision for loan losses	27,204	—	—	—	(27,204)	—
Other expenses	—	—	4,545	—	(4,545)	—
Total expenses	<u>31,713</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>38,285</u>	<u>22,834</u>	<u>(60,407)</u>	<u>33,762</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (18,997)</u>	<u>\$ 5,879</u>	<u>\$ (41,853)</u>	<u>\$ (30,718)</u>	<u>\$ 40,483</u>	<u>\$ (45,206)</u>

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,935	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,935
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(62,373)	(1,887)	—	(64,260)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	10	338	—	348
Trust services and administration revenues	—	173	—	—	—	173
Other income	—	—	65	—	—	65
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	36,303	—	—	—	(36,303)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	18,788	—	—	(18,788)	—
Total revenues	36,303	18,961	(54,363)	(1,549)	(55,091)	(55,739)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	4,912	1,693	—	51,956	—	58,561
Interest expense	5,922	—	4,091	3,556	—	13,569
Professional services	1,387	762	2,718	17,133	—	22,000
Loss on impairment of goodwill	1,725,880	554,607	—	5,725	—	2,286,212
Other expenses	1,649	739	603	14,613	—	17,604
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	92,591	—	(92,591)	—
Provision for credit losses	78,074	—	—	—	(78,074)	—
Other expenses	—	—	11,685	—	(11,685)	—
Total expenses	1,817,824	557,801	111,688	92,983	(182,350)	2,397,946
Operating loss	\$ (1,781,521)	\$ (538,840)	\$ (166,051)	\$ (94,532)	\$ 127,259	\$ (2,453,685)

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
External revenues						
Investment loss, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (30,738)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (30,738)
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(42,245)	(13,856)	—	(56,101)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	38	257	—	295
Trust services and administration revenues	—	23	—	—	—	23
Other income	—	—	—	86	—	86
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	37,920	—	—	—	(37,920)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	22,257	—	—	(22,257)	—
Total revenues	37,920	22,280	(72,945)	(13,513)	(60,177)	(86,435)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	6,196	1,647	—	26,909	—	34,752
Interest expense	2,179	—	6,638	2,539	—	11,356
Professional services	2,201	1,761	3,615	22,003	—	29,580
Provision for credit losses	—	—	13,843	6,737	—	20,580
Other expenses	1,759	552	1,631	17,512	—	21,454
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	81,165	—	(81,165)	—
Provision for loan losses	53,236	—	—	—	(53,236)	—
Other expenses	—	—	14,137	—	(14,137)	—
Total expenses	65,571	3,960	121,029	75,700	(148,538)	117,722
Operating income (loss)	\$ (27,651)	\$ 18,320	\$ (193,974)	\$ (89,213)	\$ 88,361	\$ (204,157)

As of December 31, 2023						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net	\$ 290,779	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (290,779)	\$ —
Investments, at fair value	—	—	378,382	38	—	378,420
Other assets	10,445	47,679	29,647	13,393	(63,835)	37,329
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	—	39,612	—	45,202	—	84,814
Total Assets	\$ 301,224	\$ 87,291	\$ 408,029	\$ 58,633	\$ (354,614)	\$ 500,563

As of March 31, 2023						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate & Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Total
Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net	\$ 376,253	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (376,253)	\$ —
Investments, at fair value	—	—	491,859	5,362	—	497,221
Other assets	9,447	47,466	10,447	21,849	(46,761)	42,448
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	1,725,880	594,219	—	50,927	—	2,371,026
Total Assets	\$ 2,111,580	\$ 641,685	\$ 502,306	\$ 78,138	\$ (423,014)	\$ 2,910,695

16. Risks and Uncertainties

The Customer ExAlt Trusts hold investments in alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities that are exposed to market risk, credit risk, currency risk, and interest rate risk. Currently, all of these investments, whose cash flows serve as collateral to the ExAlt Loans, primarily are comprised of alternative assets consisting of private equity limited partnership interests, which are primarily denominated in the U.S. dollar, Euro, and Canadian dollar. The financial statements risks, stemming from such investments, are those associated with the determination of estimated fair values, the diminished ability to monetize certain investments in times of strained market conditions, the recognition of income and recognition of impairments on certain investments.

The portfolio of alternative assets covers the following industry sectors and geographic regions for the periods shown below (dollar amounts in thousands):

Industry Sector	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
Software and services	\$ 44,510	14.7 %	\$ 54,944	14.2 %
Food and staples retailing	41,721	13.8	38,210	9.9
Diversified financials	30,036	9.9	52,544	13.6
Utilities	26,993	8.9	28,043	7.3
Capital goods	22,686	7.5	27,707	7.2
Energy	21,908	7.2	26,721	6.9
Semiconductors and semiconductor equipment	20,142	6.7	17,935	4.6
Health care equipment and services	17,099	5.6	23,626	6.1
Other ⁽¹⁾	77,715	25.7	116,121	30.2
Total	\$ 302,810	100.0 %	\$ 385,851	100.0 %

(1) Industries in this category each comprise less than 5 percent.

Geography	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
North America	\$ 166,726	55.1 %	\$ 239,951	62.2 %
Asia	56,176	18.5	62,016	16.1
South America	43,809	14.5	41,423	10.7
Europe	34,980	11.5	38,874	10.1
Africa	1,119	0.4	3,587	0.9
Total	\$ 302,810	100.0 %	\$ 385,851	100.0 %

The ExAlt Loans, which are eliminated upon consolidation solely for financial reporting purposes, are collateralized by the cash flows originating from the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments in alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities, without recourse to the customer. These ExAlt Loans are a key determinant in income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. Ben has underwriting and due diligence procedures and utilizes market rates. Finally, the Customer ExAlt Trusts provide for excess cash flows from a collective pool of alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities, to be utilized to repay the ExAlt Loans to Ben from the Customer ExAlt Trusts when cash flows from the customer's original alternative assets are not sufficient to repay the outstanding principal, interest, and fees. Excess cash flows from the collective pool of alternative assets, public and private equity securities, and debt securities, above those needed to satisfy the outstanding principal interest and fees of the ExAlt Loans are available to pay contingent interest to Ben on the ExAlt Loans up to a specified contingent interest rate.

As discussed in Note 1, Ben received a charter from the state of Kansas and established an office in the state of Kansas. If we are unable to maintain the Kansas charter or obtain a charter from another state if we no longer hold the Kansas charter, our ability to affect parts of our business plan, as currently constituted, may be compromised.

In October 2023, following a series of attacks by Hamas on Israeli civilian and military targets, Israel declared war on Hamas in Gaza. In February 2022, the Russian Federation and Belarus commenced a military action with the country of Ukraine and

as a result, various nations, including the United States, have instituted economic sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israel-Hamas conflict could have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts currently holds investments or may hold investments in the future), and therefore, could adversely affect the performance of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments.

The extent and impact of any sanctions imposed in connection with the Russia-Ukraine conflict may cause financial market volatility and impact the global economy. Volatility and disruption in the equity and credit markets can adversely affect the portfolio companies underlying the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and adversely affect the investment performance. Our ability to manage exposure to market conditions is limited. Market deterioration could cause the Company to experience reduced liquidity, earnings and cash flow, recognize impairment charges, or face challenges in raising capital, and making investments on attractive terms. Adverse market conditions can also affect the ability of investment funds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to liquidate positions in a timely and efficient manner. As a result, this presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the performance of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, even though the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not hold any investments with material operations in Russia, Ukraine, or Israel. The cash flows from the investment held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve as the collateral to the ExAlt Loans and the fees that are paid by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to Ben for administering these trusts, both of which are key determinants in the income allocated to BCG's and BCH's equity holders.

Further, these events may result in reduced opportunities for future liquidity solution transactions with our customers and make it more difficult for the Customer ExAlt Trusts to exit and realize value from its existing investments, potentially resulting in a decline in the value of the investments held in the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such a decline could cause our revenue and net income to decline, including the revenues and net income allocated to BCG's and BCH's equity holders.

The Company continues to evaluate the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, Israel-Hamas conflict and other items, such as inflation and rising interest rates, and assess the impact on financial markets and the Company's business. The Company's future results may be adversely affected by slowdowns in fundraising activity and the pace of new liquidity transactions with our customers. Management is continuing to evaluate the impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the Israel-Hamas conflict and has concluded that while it is reasonably possible that such conflicts could have a negative effect on the Company's financial position and/or results of its operations, the specific impact is not readily determinable as of the date of these consolidated financial statements. Consequently, the consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

17. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, we have various outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities that are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. There are no significant commitments and contingencies other than those disclosed below. Ben is a party to legal actions incidental to the business. Based on the opinion of legal counsel, management has concluded with regard to all commitments and contingencies disclosed below that either the outcome is not probable or the potential liability cannot be reasonably estimated, or both.

Lease Commitments

The Company operates on a month-to-month rental basis for its office premises and subleases aircraft under the Aircraft Sublease with Bradley Capital as discussed in Note 13. Rental expense for our premises and for the Aircraft Sublease for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$1.6 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. Rental expense for our premises and for the Aircraft Sublease for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$4.9 million and \$5.0 million, respectively.

Unfunded Capital Commitments

The Customer ExAlt Trusts had \$49.4 million and \$61.1 million of potential gross capital commitments as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively, representing potential limited partner capital funding commitments on the interests in alternative asset funds. The Customer ExAlt Trusts holding the interest in the limited partnership for the alternative asset fund is required to fund these limited partner capital commitments per the terms of the limited partnership agreement. Capital funding commitment reserves are maintained, in some instances, by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts created at the origination of each trust for up to \$0.1 million. To the extent that the associated Customer ExAlt Trust cannot pay the capital funding commitment, Ben is obligated to lend sufficient funds to meet the commitment. Any amounts advanced by Ben to the Customer ExAlt Trusts for these limited partner capital funding commitments above the associated capital funding commitment reserves held by the associated Customer ExAlt Trusts are added to the ExAlt Loan balance between Ben and

the Customer ExAlt Trusts and are expected to be recouped through the cash distributions from the alternative asset fund that collateralizes such ExAlt Loan.

Capital commitments generally originate from limited partner agreements having fixed or expiring expiration dates. The total limited partner capital funding commitment amounts may not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The majority, or 90%, of our portfolio with an unfunded commitment has a vintage of 2012 and prior. As the vintages continue to age, a cash requirement becomes less likely. We consider the creditworthiness of the investment on a case-by-case basis. At December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, there were no reserves for losses on unused commitments to fund potential limited partner capital funding commitments.

Legal Proceedings

Paul Capital Advisors Lawsuit

On February 18, 2022, Paul Capital Advisors (“PCA”) filed a lawsuit against MHT, Ben, and two trust advisors (the “Trust Advisors”), Murray Holland (part-owner of MHT and President and CEO of GWG Holdings) and James Turvey (an employee of Ben). While Ben was named as a defendant, PCA did not assert claims against or seek relief from Ben but instead only sought the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. The lawsuit concerns a set of transactions that utilized a trust structure with MHT as the sole beneficiary.

On April 18, 2022, PCA amended its original complaint. The amended complaint asserted six new causes of action arising out of the same set of transactions, including, (i) purported breaches of contract against Ben, MHT, and the Trust Advisors; (ii) purported fraud against MHT, Ben and certain officers of Ben; and (iii) promissory estoppel against MHT, Ben, and the Trust Advisors. The amended complaint also sought additional relief in the form of (x) damages “in an amount to be proven at trial” and (y) an order granting rescission of an amendment to one of the transaction agreements or a holding declaring it invalid.

On October 3, 2022, the Court entered an order dismissing count I of PCA’s complaint in accordance with its memorandum opinion and count II in light of the parties’ agreement that it should also be dismissed. On November 1, 2022, defendants filed their opening briefs in support of their motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On December 20, 2022, PCA filed its answering brief in opposition to defendants’ motions to dismiss the remaining counts. In accordance with the parties’ stipulated briefing schedule, defendants’ reply briefs were due by January 24, 2023. Oral argument on the motions to dismiss was held on May 8, 2023. On August 29, 2023, the Court issued a letter opinion that denied defendants’ motions to dismiss with respect to most of the remaining counts, explaining that the Court was unwilling to determine the parties’ rights under the various agreements at the pleadings stage and that discovery may make these issues ripe for summary judgment. The Court did, however, grant defendants’ motions to dismiss as to one of PCA’s promissory estoppel claims and its claim for equitable fraud. On October 25, 2023, defendants filed their respective answers to PCA’s second amended complaint.

Defendants intend to vigorously defend against each and every cause of action asserted against them in the second amended complaint. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, we cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of this matter. Given the uncertainty of litigation and the preliminary stage of this claim, we are currently unable to estimate the probability of the outcome of these actions or the range of reasonably possible losses, if any, or the impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; however, the maximum exposure of the litigation with PCA could be up to \$350 million plus costs and expenses.

Equity Awards Arbitration

Additionally, on December 16, 2022, a former member of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, LLC initiated a private arbitration in the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, challenging the termination of certain equity awards under two incentive plans by the administrator of the incentive plans. The claimant seeks total damages of \$36.3 million plus attorney’s fees and punitive damages. A hearing took place on August 23, 2023, and the arbitrator has notified the parties that the record was officially closed. On December 14, 2023, the parties received notice that a draft award had been submitted by the arbitrator, and the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce will review the draft award at one of its next sessions. A decision in the arbitration is expected in the near future. The Company denies the claims asserted in the arbitration. Given the uncertainties attendant to litigation, the Company cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of this matter or the range of reasonably possible losses.

GWG Holdings Reorganization and Other Litigation

On April 20, 2022 and October 31, 2022, GWG Holdings and certain of its subsidiaries (the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code thereby commencing those certain chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”). As part of the Chapter 11 reorganization process, it is possible that claims or causes of action arising from prior transactions with GWG Holdings could be advanced against BCG as part of the Chapter

11 Cases or in separate litigation. Such claims and causes of action could include (i) a request to avoid some or all of such transactions, including the transaction whereby GWG Holdings released its right to appoint a majority of the members of Ben Management's board of directors, (ii) challenges to the reasonableness of the value received by the Debtors in such transactions, and (iii) efforts to recover the value of any transfers to BCG. A mediator has been appointed to oversee the mediation of certain matters between BCG, GWG Holdings and its debtor-affiliates, and certain other constituencies. The mediation commenced on January 30, 2023 and is still ongoing. We estimate that the maximum potential negative impact of any Retained Causes of Action to be between approximately \$155 million and \$382 million.

Further, the Official Committee of Bondholders (the "OBC") in the Chapter 11 Cases has also filed a motion seeking standing to prosecute causes of actions on behalf of the Debtors' estate. The OBC's motion was deemed to be withdrawn upon the effective date of the Debtors' bankruptcy plan, which occurred on August 1, 2023. The OBC's motion set forth causes of action related to certain past transactions between the Debtors and Ben, including its directors. The OBC's motion stated the proposed claims could add a maximum exposure of up to \$500 million worth of additional value to the Debtors' estate. Ben and its CEO filed motions to object to the OBC's motion that refutes the allegations. The Debtors have indicated they oppose the OBC's motion for standing and intend to address such alleged claims, if any, as part of a global plan of reorganization, including a possible mediated resolution. Ben intends to vigorously defend itself against any claims, should they be brought by the Litigation Trust.

Scura Action

On March 30, 2023, David Scura and Clifford Day, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against Ben, certain members of its board of directors (Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Richard W. Fisher, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer), certain past members of the board of directors of GWG Holdings (Jon R. Sabes and Steven F. Sabes), FOXO Technologies Inc. ("FOXO"), and Emerson Equity LLC ("Emerson") (the "Scura Action"). The suit alleges that the defendants defrauded GWG Holdings' investors, and it asserts claims on behalf of a putative class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired GWG Holdings' L Bonds or preferred stock of GWG Holdings between December 23, 2017, and April 20, 2022. The suit alleges that (i) BCG, the individual defendants, and FOXO violated Sections 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, (ii) that the individual defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act, and (iii) that Emerson violated Section 15(c)(1)(A) of the Exchange Act. The complaint does not allege the total amount of damages sought by the plaintiffs.

Bayati Action

On May 3, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the Lead Plaintiffs in the Bayati Action (the "Lead Plaintiffs"), filed a motion to lift the automatic stay in the Chapter 11 Cases in order to file a motion in the Northern District of Texas seeking to consolidate the Bayati and Scura Actions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On June 8, 2023, the plaintiffs in the Scura Action filed a voluntary notice of dismissal without prejudice.

On August 16, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the Lead Plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a notice regarding the confirmation of the Debtors' Chapter 11 plan in the GWG bankruptcy, a motion seeking to lift the bankruptcy stay and a motion to consolidate the Bayati and Horton Actions. On September 12, 2023, the court entered an order consolidating the Bayati and Horton Actions. The court ordered that the consolidated action shall bear the caption "In re GWG Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation". The court lifted the bankruptcy stay and ordered the Lead Plaintiffs to file a new consolidated complaint within 20 days.

On October 2, 2023, the Lead Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Class Action Complaint against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, Murray T. Holland, Timothy L. Evans, David H. de Weese, Roy W. Bailey, David F. Chavenson, and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering. The complaint alleges that the individual defendants violated Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act, and further alleges that the Company violated Section 15 of the Securities Act. The Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer (the "Ben Individual Defendants") filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on November 7, 2023. On January 4, 2024, defendants Murray Holland, Timothy Evans, Roy Bailey, and Whitley Penn LLP each filed a motion to dismiss the case. Also on January 4, 2023, defendants David Chavenson and David H. de Weese filed a joint motion to dismiss. The Lead Plaintiffs' deadline to respond to the various motions to dismiss is February 20, 2024, and replies are due March 21, 2024. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

On October 27, 2023, David Scura filed a petition in Dallas County District Court against Brad K. Heppner, Jon R. Sabes, Steven F. Sabes, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, the Company and FOXO, alleging violation of the Texas Securities Act, common law fraud, unjust enrichment, and civil conspiracy to defraud and

seeking compensatory damages, costs and expenses. The same day, Clifford Day and Carla Monahan filed a petition in Dallas County District Court against the same defendants, alleging the same claims. The parties have agreed to move the defendants' deadline to respond to the petition to February 19, 2024. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

This litigation can subject us and certain of our directors to substantial costs and divert resources and the attention of management from our business. If these claims are successful, our business could be seriously harmed. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor and the favor of our directors, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management's resources and adversely affect our business.

Wells Notice

On June 29, 2023, the Company received a "Wells Notice" from the Staff of the SEC's Division of Enforcement, stating that the Staff has made a preliminary determination to recommend that the SEC file a civil enforcement action against the Company alleging violations of certain provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act. The staff's allegations appear to relate to, among other things, the Company's association with an amendment to the debt coverage ratio calculation approved by certain holders of GWG Holdings issued debt in 2019 under an indenture and related disclosures by GWG, the December 31, 2019 valuation of the Company's goodwill by a third-party valuation agent, potential contractual rights concerning an amendment to the Company's governing documents, and other items in the historical disclosures of GWG.

A Wells Notice is not a formal allegation or a finding of wrongdoing, but is a preliminary determination by the Staff to recommend to the SEC that a civil enforcement action or administrative proceeding be brought against the recipient. The Company maintains that our actions were appropriate and intends to vigorously defend this matter. The Company has made a Wells submission to the SEC demonstrating why an action against the Company would be unfounded. We intend to engage in further dialogue with the SEC Staff and contest any allegations of wrongdoing. The results of the Wells Notice process and any corresponding enforcement action, including the costs, timing and other potential consequences of responding and complying therewith, are unknown at this time.

18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Cash paid for taxes for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was de minimis. Cash paid for interest for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, was \$0.4 million and \$6.5 million, respectively.

Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities include:

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023:

- \$793.4 million conversion of BCG Class A common units for Class A common stock.
- \$791.9 million conversion of BCG Preferred B.2 for Class A common stock.
- \$205.8 million conversion of BCH Preferred C for Class A common stock.
- \$193.9 million exchange of BCH Preferred A.1 for Class A common stock and Class B common stock in BCG Recapitalization.
- \$56.7 million transfer of alternative assets for settlement of the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable.
- \$36.7 million issuance of Series B-1 preferred stock in connection with recent financings.
- \$12.5 million accrual for BCH Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment.
- \$6.9 million deemed dividend from BCH Preferred A.1 to BCG Preferred B.2 for accrual of preferred return.
- \$5.3 million issuance of Class A common for recent financings.
- \$4.0 million settlement of liability for issuance of Class A common stock.
- \$3.9 million conversion of BCH Class S Ordinary to Class A common stock.
- \$1.1 million of noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest.
- \$0.8 million of distributions payable to the Charitable Beneficiaries.

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022:

- \$27.9 million deemed dividend from BCH Preferred A.1 to BCG Preferred B.2 for accrual of preferred return.
- \$20.1 million issuance of BCG Preferred B.2 to satisfy the contingent consideration payable.
- \$11.8 million accrual for BCH Preferred A.0 guaranteed payment.
- \$2.4 million issuance of noncontrolling interest from reserved cash received in a prior period.
- \$1.4 million promissory note receivable received as consideration in sale of fixed assets.

- \$1.3 million of distributions payable to the Charitable Beneficiaries.
- \$1.1 million exchange of BCH Preferred A.0 for BCH Preferred A.1.
- \$0.3 million of noncash issuance of noncontrolling interest.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the consolidated statements of financial condition and that are shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows:

	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,248	\$ 8,726
Restricted cash	20	819
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 11,268</u>	<u>\$ 9,545</u>

19. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that there have been no events, other than those disclosed below, that have occurred that would require adjustments to our disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.

Recent Equity Financings and Vendor Issuance

On February 6, 2024, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to a limited partner interest with a NAV of \$2.0 million. Pursuant to such transaction, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired a limited partner interest, and in exchange for such interest, the customer received 200,000 shares of the Company's Series B-2 Resettable Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series B-2 preferred stock"), with such Series B-2 preferred stock being convertible into shares of the Company's Class A common stock.

The issuance of the Series B-2 preferred stock pursuant to the transaction was not registered under the Securities Act and was issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder.

The Series B-2 preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock initially at a conversion price of \$0.40 per share (the "B-2 Conversion Price"). The B-2 Conversion Price is subject to reset from time to time and a floor price of \$0.20 per share. A maximum of 10,000,000 shares of Class A common stock may be issued upon conversion of the Series B-2 preferred stock.

On February 6, 2024, the Company issued 20,000 shares of Series B-3 Resettable Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series B-3 preferred stock") to a consultant of the Company, with such Series B-3 preferred stock being convertible into shares of the Company's Class A common stock, to a consultant of the Company.

The issuance of the Series B-3 preferred stock was not registered under the Securities Act and was issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder. The Series B-3 preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock initially at a conversion price of \$0.35 per share (the "B-3 Conversion Price"). The B-3 Conversion Price is subject to reset from time to time and a floor price of \$0.175 per share. A maximum of 1,142,857 shares of Class A common stock may be issued upon conversion of the Series B-3 preferred stock.

Potential Future Goodwill Impairment

Through the date of this report, the Company continues to experience a further significant sustained decline in the price of its common stock from the values at December 31, 2023 of \$0.49. A significant sustained decrease in the Company's common stock, has in the past been, and in the future may be, a potential indicator that a portion of our goodwill is impaired and may require a quantitative impairment assessment of the Company's assets, including goodwill and intangible assets, which may result in an additional impairment charge during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2024. While management cannot predict if or when additional future goodwill impairments may occur, additional goodwill impairments could have material adverse effects on the Company's financial condition, operating income, net assets, and/or the Company's cost of, or access to, capital.

ITEM 2 — MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements,” and the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Beneficient set forth in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our March 31, 2023 audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on July 13, 2023 (“Annual Report”). This discussion and analysis is based on the beliefs of our management, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, our management. Except as otherwise required by the context, references to the “Company,” “Ben,” “we,” “us,” “our,” and “our operating subsidiaries,” are to Beneficient, a Nevada corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries (but excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts (as defined below). References to “BCG,” “Ben,” “we,” “us,” “our,” and similar terms, prior to the effective time of the Conversion, refer to the registrant when it was a Delaware limited partnership and such references following the effective time of the Conversion, refer to the registrant in its current corporate form as a Nevada corporation called “Beneficient.” All references to “Beneficient” refer solely to Beneficient, a Nevada corporation, “BCG” refer solely to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., and all references to “BCH” refer solely to Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., a subsidiary of BCG.

Risk Relating to Forward-Looking Statements

This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements, which reflect our current views with respect to, among other things, our operations and financial performance. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not strictly relate to historical or current facts. They use words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “outlook,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “seek,” “should,” “will,” “would,” the negative version of these words, or other comparable words or phrases. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, statements regarding future performance or results and anticipated services or products, sales efforts, expenses, the outcome of contingencies, trends in operations and financial results. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. See “—Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

Overview

We are a technology-enabled financial services company that provides simple, rapid, and cost-effective liquidity solutions and trust products and services to participants in the alternative assets industry through our end-to-end online regulated platform, Ben AltAccess. Our products and services are designed to meet the unmet needs of mid-to-high net worth (“MHNW”) individual investors, small-to-midsize institutional (“STMI”) investors, family offices (“FAMOs”) and fund general partners and sponsors (“GPs” and together with MHNW individuals, STMI investors and FAMOs, “Customers”). We provide Customers seeking an early exit from their alternative asset investments a suite of liquidity solutions for their otherwise illiquid alternative asset investments through a proprietary financing and trust structure, which we implement for our customers and refer to such trusts collectively as the “Customer ExAlt Trusts.” We have also begun to offer shares of our Class A common stock or convertible preferred stock in financings as consideration for the Customer ExAlt Trusts to meet capital calls or make other capital contributions in alternative asset funds.

Our primary operations currently relate to our liquidity, trustee, and trust administration products and services through Ben Liquidity, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Liquidity”) and Ben Custody, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively, “Ben Custody”), respectively.

Ben Liquidity offers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity products to its customers through the use of customized trust vehicles, or the “Customer ExAlt Trusts,” which facilitate the exchange of a Customer’s alternative assets for consideration using a proprietary financing structure (such structure and related process, the “ExAlt PlanTM”). In the ExAlt PlanTM financings, a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity, Beneficient Fiduciary Financial, L.L.C. (“BFF”), a Kansas based trust company that provides fiduciary financing to fidfin trusts, makes loans (each, an “ExAlt Loan”) to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which in turn employ a portion of the loan proceeds to acquire and deliver agreed upon consideration to the Customer in exchange for their alternative assets. BFF is chartered as a Kansas Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution (“TEFFI”) under the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institution Act (the “TEFFI Act”) and regulated by the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner (the “OSBC”). Only BFF, our subsidiary, is regulated by the OSBC. The OSBC does not regulate the entirety of Ben. Ben Liquidity generates interest and fee income earned in connection with the ExAlt Loans, which are collateralized by a portion of the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets (the “Collateral”). While the ExAlt Loans and the related interest and fee income and provision for credit losses are eliminated upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts solely for financial reporting purposes, such amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to Ben’s and BCH’s equity holders.

Ben Custody currently provides full-service trust and custody administration services to the trustees, including BFF, of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which own the exchanged alternative assets following liquidity transactions for fees payable quarterly.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts' earnings on alternative assets support the repayment of the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. For financial reporting purposes, even though they are not legally owned by Ben, the Customer ExAlt Trusts are required to be consolidated subsidiaries of BCG under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). As a result, Ben Liquidity's ExAlt Loans and related interest and fee income and provision for credit losses and Ben Custody's fee income are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements solely for financial reporting purposes; however, such amounts directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to Ben's or BCH's equity holders.

Under the applicable trust and other agreements, certain Texas and Kansas charities are the ultimate beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts (which we refer to as "Charities" or "Economic Growth Zones" respectively, and collectively, the "Charitable Beneficiaries"), and their interests are reported as noncontrolling interests in our consolidated financial statements. The TEFFI Act requires that two and a half percent (2.5%) of the cash distributions from alternative assets serving as collateral to Ben Liquidity loans be charitably contributed by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts to a designated Kansas Economic Growth Zone. Accordingly, for ExAlt Loans originated on or after December 7, 2021, Economic Growth Zones are paid \$0.025 for every \$1.00 earned on ownership of exchanged alternative assets. For ExAlt Loans originated prior to December 7, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the applicable trust and other agreements, the Charitable Beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts formed prior to such date, are paid \$0.05 for every \$0.95 paid to the applicable ExAlt Loan lender. To facilitate the payments to the Economic Growth Zones and Charities, we engage in an effort to deploy assets and cash and may experience costs as a result. As our business expands, we expect that these costs could grow.

While Ben's financial products and services are presently offered through Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, Ben plans to expand its capabilities under Ben Custody and provide additional products and services through Ben Insurance, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Ben Insurance Services") and Ben Markets L.L.C., including its subsidiaries ("Ben Markets") in the future. Ben Insurance Services plans to offer to affiliated Customer ExAlt Trusts certain customized insurance products and services covering risks relating to owning, managing and transferring alternative assets. Ben Markets, through one of its subsidiaries, will operate as a captive registered broker-dealer that would conduct activities attendant to offering our products and services, and, through another of its subsidiaries, will operate as a registered transfer agent with respect to its securities that would provide various services for customers transacting with Ben, including the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Business Units

We offer our products and services through our principal business units, which generally align with our operating subsidiaries, including Ben Liquidity, Ben Custody, and Ben Markets.

- **Ben Liquidity** is our primary business line and offers Ben's alternative asset liquidity and fiduciary financing products through Ben AltAccess.
- **Ben Custody** addresses the administrative and regulatory burden of holding alternative assets by offering custody and trust administration support services to trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including BFF, and also offers document custodian services to Customers.
- **Ben Markets** provides broker-dealer and transfer agency services in connection with offering certain of our liquidity products and services.

In connection with our principal business units, we offer products and services through the following business units and operating subsidiaries.

- **Ben AltAccess** is our primary, customer-facing application serving as the access point through which a Customer accesses our suite of products and services.
- **Ben Data** provides the Customer ExAlt Trusts with certain data collection, evaluation, and analytics products and services.

In the future, we plan to offer additional products and services through Ben Insurance Services. Through Ben Insurance Services, we plan to provide insurance services to certain affiliates (as defined in the Kansas Captive Insurance Laws), including the Customer ExAlt Trusts and other trusts for which BFF serves as the trustee or custodian, to cover risks related to ownership, management, and transfer of alternative assets and the financing related to alternative asset purchases.

Certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which, while not legally owned by Ben, are consolidated subsidiaries of Ben for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our

consolidated financial statements. However, such amounts are earned by Ben's business lines from the Customer ExAlt Trusts and directly impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. Accordingly, the elimination in consolidation of amounts charged by Ben to the Customer ExAlt Trusts, such as interest income and certain fee revenue, has no effect on the net income (loss) attributable to Ben, BCH or to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

Business Segments

Under U.S. GAAP, we have three reportable business segments: Ben Liquidity, Ben Custody and Customer ExAlt Trusts. Our Ben Liquidity and Ben AltAccess business units comprise the Ben Liquidity operating segment. Our Ben Custody and Ben Data business lines comprise the Ben Custody operating segment.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts, which hold interests in alternative assets and pay interest and principal to Ben Liquidity, transaction fees to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody in connection with liquidity transactions and fees to Ben Custody for providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, comprise the Customer ExAlt Trusts segment. Such amounts paid to Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impact the allocation of income (loss) to Ben's and BCH's equity holders. The elimination of intercompany transactions are included in "Consolidating Eliminations."

The Corporate/Other category includes unallocated corporate overhead and administrative costs, gains (losses) on changes in the fair value of GWG Holdings, Inc. ("GWG Holdings" or "GWG") common stock and, following the emergence from bankruptcy, interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust (the "GWG Wind Down Trust") held by Ben, interest expenses incurred on corporate-related debt transactions, and the operations of Ben Insurance Services and Ben Markets, which are not considered reportable segments as they do not meet the quantitative criteria to be separately reported.

We have allocated certain expenses to our operating segments, such as salaries, legal expenses, other general operating expenses. We have not allocated certain other expenses, including equity compensation and interest expense for certain debt agreements, to our operating segments. We may in the future determine to allocate certain additional expenses to the operating segments, which could have a material impact on the presentation of the results of our operating segments in any future segment presentation.

How We Generate Revenue

On a consolidated basis with the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are variable interest entities ("VIEs") and not owned directly or indirectly by our equity holders, we primarily recognize revenue through increases in the fair value of investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. The increases in the fair value of these investments are also the primary source of revenue recognized by the Customer ExAlt Trusts business segment.

Our Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody business segments, which relate to our current operating subsidiaries that are owned by the holders of equity in the Company (including BCH), recognize revenue through (i) interest income on ExAlt Loans made to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with our liquidity transactions for Customers, (ii) fee income billed at closing, but recognized as revenue ratably over the expected life of the alternative asset, for each liquidity transaction with Customers for services including access to and use of the AltAccess platform, transfer of the alternative assets, and delivery of the consideration to the client, and (iii) recurring fee income recognized each period for providing services including trustee, custody, and trust administration of the Customer ExAlt Trusts while they hold investments. Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody revenue recognized for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

- a. Ben Liquidity recognized \$11.3 million and \$12.7 million in interest income during the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben Liquidity recognized interest income of \$36.3 million and \$37.9 million, respectively.
- b. Ben Custody recognized \$5.7 million and \$7.2 million in trust services and administration revenues during the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, comprised of both the fee income billed at the closing of the transactions that is being amortized into revenue and the recurring fee income billed during the periods. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben Custody recognized trust services and administration revenues of \$18.8 million and \$22.3 million, respectively, comprised of both the fee income billed at the closing of the transactions that is being amortized into revenue and the recurring fee income billed during the periods.

Such revenues earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements; however, the cash flows received upon repayment of the ExAlt Loans and in payment of Ben Custody fees are allocable to our and BCH's equity holders and not the beneficiaries of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

In addition, Corporate/Other, which also relates to Ben or subsidiaries owned by the holders of equity in the Company (including BCH), may include fee revenue recognized through services provided to Customers or the Customer ExAlt Trusts through business lines not included within Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody.

The following table presents a reconciliation of operating income (loss) of our reportable segments, excluding the Customer ExAlt Trusts, to net income (loss) attributable to Beneficient common shareholders. This reconciliation serves to provide users of our financial statements an understanding and visual aide of the reportable segments that impact net income (loss) attributable to the common shareholder and reiterates that the consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts has no impact on the net income (loss) attributable to Beneficient common shareholders.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Operating income (loss)*				
Ben Liquidity	\$ (606,405)	\$ (18,997)	\$ (1,781,521)	\$ (27,651)
Ben Custody	(267,995)	5,879	(538,840)	18,320
Corporate & Other	(20,217)	(30,718)	(94,532)	(89,213)
Less: Loss on extinguishment of debt, net (intersegment elimination)	3,940	—	3,940	—
Less: Income tax expense (benefit)	75	(2,356)	75	(1,072)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests – Ben	360,695	5,887	401,985	13,231
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests – CT	—	2,688	—	(1)
Less: Noncontrolling interest guaranteed payment	(4,229)	(3,984)	(12,501)	(11,778)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (542,166)	\$ (36,889)	\$ (2,029,424)	\$ (96,020)

*Includes amounts eliminated in consolidation.

For information concerning the noncontrolling interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts and in our subsidiary, BCH, see “—*Basis of Presentation – Noncontrolling Interests.*”

Basis of Presentation

Elimination of Fee and Interest Income in Consolidation

Certain of our operating subsidiary products and services involve or are offered to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are consolidated subsidiaries of Ben solely for financial reporting purposes, and therefore transactions between our operating subsidiaries and the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements.

As a result, Ben’s primary tangible assets reflected on our consolidated statements of financial condition are investments, mainly comprised of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and the primary sources of revenue reflected on our consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss) are investment income (loss), net, which represents changes in the net asset value of these investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and gain (loss) on financial instruments, net, which represents changes in fair value of equity securities, debt securities, a derivative liability, and put options, primarily held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such investment income (loss), net, and gain (loss) on financial instruments that are held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust (formerly debt and equity securities issued by GWG Holdings), is included in the net income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interests – Customer ExAlt Trusts in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). The revenues and expenses recognized in these line items for the activities of the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not directly impact net income (loss) attributable to Ben’s or BCH’s equity holders.

Instead, the interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements, directly impact the share of net income (loss) attributable to Ben’s and BCH’s equity holders. First, such eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are a noncontrolling interest. As a result, the eliminated amounts earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve to increase the attributable share of net income (loss) to Ben and BCH equity holders. Second, the terms of the 8th Amended and Restated LPA of BCH (the “BCH LPA”) provide that certain BCH income constituting the Excluded Amounts (as defined in the BCH LPA) are allocated to certain BCH equity holders that are noncontrolling interests. Excluded Amounts are directly impacted by the interest and/or fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. Such allocation to these noncontrolling interest holders is expected to grow as we expand our operations.

Additionally, Ben Liquidity's provision for credit losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the net income (loss) attributable to the various equity securities of Ben and BCH. Likewise, the amounts expensed by the Customer ExAlt Trusts for interest and fees owed to Ben's operating subsidiaries are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but are recognized for purposes of the allocation of net income (loss) attributable to the beneficial owners of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Noncontrolling Interests

The consolidated financial statements of Ben include the accounts of Ben, its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries, certain VIEs, in which the Company is the primary beneficiary, and certain noncontrolling interests. The noncontrolling interests reflected in our consolidated financial statements represent the portion of BCH's limited partnership interests or interests in the Customer ExAlt Trusts that are held by third parties. Amounts are adjusted by the noncontrolling interest holder's proportionate share of the subsidiaries' earnings or losses each period and for any distributions that are paid. The portion of income allocated to owners other than the Company is included in "net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests" in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss). Our primary noncontrolling interests are described in Part II, Item 7 to our Annual Report.

Recent Developments

Business Combination

On June 7, 2023, in accordance with the Business Combination Agreement dated September 21, 2022, and amended April 18, 2023, with Avalon Acquisition, Inc. ("Avalon"), (the "Business Combination Agreement," and the transactions contemplated thereby, collectively, the "Business Combination"), the Company completed its previously announced de-SPAC merger transaction (the "Transaction") with Avalon. In connection with the closing of the Transaction, among other things, the Company converted from a Delaware limited partnership to a Nevada corporation and changed its corporate name from "The Beneficient Company Group, L.P." to "Beneficient" (the "Conversion"). Pursuant to the Conversion, each Class A Common Unit of BCG ("BCG Class A Common Unit") converted into 1.25 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Class A common stock"), each Class B Common Unit of BCG ("BCG Class B Common Unit") converted into 1.25 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Class B common stock" and together with the Class A common stock, the "Common Stock"), and the capital account balance of the Preferred Series B Subclass 2 Unit Accounts of BCG (the "BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts") converted into shares of Class A common stock at a rate based on a 20% discount to the \$10.00 valuation of the Class A common stock. As a result, in the Conversion, we issued 86,116,884 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Class A Common Units, 19,140,451 shares of Class B common stock with respect to the BCG Class B Common Units and 94,050,534 shares of Class A common stock with respect to the BCG Preferred B.2 Unit Accounts.

In connection with the closing of the Transaction, the Company issued (i) an aggregate of approximately 7,971,864 shares of Class A common stock to the former holders of Class A common stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Avalon Class A common stock"), and Class B common stock of Avalon, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Avalon Class B common stock"), outstanding immediately prior to June 7, 2023, and (ii) an aggregate of approximately 2,796,864 shares of Beneficient Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series A preferred stock") to non-redeeming Avalon Class A stockholders, and the outstanding Avalon warrants converted into an aggregate of 23,625,000 redeemable Warrants, with each Warrant representing the right to purchase one share of Class A common stock and one share of Series A preferred stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 (the "Warrants"). In accordance with their terms, all shares of Series A preferred stock issued at closing of the Transaction were automatically converted into shares of Class A common stock. At closing, \$27.9 million of cash remained in the trust account of Avalon. There were \$26.1 million in transaction expenses deducted from the trust account, \$20.0 million of which represented the Reserve Amount (as defined below) under the Forward Purchase Agreement (as defined herein), that were either paid by Avalon prior to closing or offset against proceeds received by the Company at closing, leaving \$1.8 million in net proceeds. Upon the closing of the Transaction, the outstanding Series A preferred stock converted into an aggregate of approximately 687,588 shares of Class A common stock.

Forward Purchase Agreement

On June 5, 2023, we entered into a Prepaid Forward Purchase Agreement, by and between the Company and RiverNorth SPAC Arbitrage Fund, L.P. (the "Purchaser"), pursuant to which the Purchaser purchased certain shares of Avalon Class A common stock that would have been redeemed in connection with a special meeting of Avalon's stockholders (the "Special Meeting") to approve the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (as amended through June 25, 2023, the "Forward Purchase Agreement"). Pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, Purchaser purchased shares of Avalon Class A common stock (the "AVAC FPA Shares") at a purchase price per share of \$10.588 (for aggregate consideration of \$25.0 million). The AVAC FPA Shares were not redeemed in connection with the Special Meeting and

converted into shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock of Beneficient at the close of the Business Combination, which shares of Beneficient's Series A preferred stock were subsequently converted into shares of Class A common stock and Purchaser held an aggregate of 2,956,480 shares of Class A common stock of Beneficient following the conversion in respect of the AVAC FPA Shares (such shares of Class A common stock, the "FPA Shares").

The \$25.0 million in proceeds (the "Disbursed Amount") in respect of the FPA Shares was disbursed from the Trust Account following the consummation of the Business Combination. Specifically, \$5.0 million of the Disbursed Amount was disbursed to Beneficient, with the remaining \$20.0 million (the "Reserve Amount") disbursed to Purchaser to be held by Purchaser until the Maturity Date (as defined below) or until its earlier release per the terms of the Forward Purchase Agreement. Such Reserve Amount is reflected as a Stock Receivable classified in equity on the consolidated statements of financial condition.

The Forward Purchase Agreement provides for two categories of FPA Shares: (i) 1,064,333 FPA Shares are categorized as "Purchased Shares" (the "Purchased Shares") and (ii) the remaining 1,892,147 FPA Shares are categorized as "Prepaid Forward Shares" (the "Prepaid Forward Shares"). If by the 10th anniversary of the close of the Business Combination, Purchaser has received less than \$5.0 million, in gross proceeds from, and Purchaser has used good faith efforts to sell, the Purchased Shares, Beneficient has agreed to cause BCH to issue Purchaser an amount of BCH Preferred Series A Subclass 0 Unit Accounts ("BCH Preferred A.0") (or such other senior most preferred security of Beneficient) as consideration for any shortfall amounts less than \$5.0 million from the sale of the Purchased Shares. Purchaser agreed for the first six months following the Business Combination not to sell any Purchased Shares below \$5.00 per share or to sell more than 10% of the daily trading volume of the Class A common stock if the volume weighted average price of the Class A common stock is between \$5.00 and \$8.00 for any such trading day.

Upon the sales of the Prepaid Forward Shares, the Purchaser will remit \$10.588 per share, or such lesser price per share designated by the Company ("Designated Price") by written notice setting forth the Designated Price and the number Prepaid Forward Shares that may be sold at such price ("Designated Price Notice") delivered to Purchaser prior to any such sales, to the Company. On June 8, 2025 ("Maturity Date"), any Prepaid Forward Shares not sold by the Purchaser will be returned to the Company and any remaining amounts in respect of the Prepaid Forward Shares will be retained by the Purchaser, less any amounts still owed to the Company from sales effected prior to the Maturity Date. The Forward Purchase Agreement permits the Company, in its sole discretion, to lower the Designated Price to a per share amount lower than \$10.588 in order to permit the Purchaser to effect additional sales of its Prepaid Forward Shares at a price lower than the prevailing trading price of the Company's Class A common stock in exchange for the remitting of a portion of the proceeds of any such sales to the Company. The Prepaid Forward Shares include an embedded put option which is accounted for separately that is classified as a liability in the other liabilities line item of the consolidated statements of financial condition and measured at fair value each reporting period with the change in fair value recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

Prior to June 30, 2023, the Purchaser received \$5.0 million in gross proceeds from the sale of a portion of the Purchased Shares. No sales of any of the Prepaid Forward Shares had occurred as of December 31, 2023. To the Company's knowledge, all shares purchased by Purchaser in connection with the Forward Purchase Agreement were from unaffiliated third-parties.

Standby Equity Purchase Agreement

On June 27, 2023, the Company entered into a Standby Equity Purchase Agreement (the "SEPA") with YA II PN, Ltd. ("Yorkville"). Pursuant to the SEPA, the Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of Class A common stock at the Company's request any time during the commitment period commencing on June 27, 2023 (the "Effective Date") and terminating on the 36-month anniversary of the Effective Date. Each issuance and sale by the Company to Yorkville under the SEPA (an "Advance") is subject to a maximum limit equal to the greater of: (i) an amount equal to 100% of the aggregate volume traded of the Company's Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC ("Nasdaq") for the five trading days immediately preceding an Advance Notice (as defined in the SEPA), or (ii) \$10,000,000, which amount may be increased upon mutual consent.

The Company paid a structuring fee in cash and a commitment fee in an amount equal to \$1.3 million (the "Commitment Fee") by issuing 456,204 shares of Class A common stock. The Class A common stock was issued to Yorkville in July 2023.

On each of October 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023, Yorkville purchased 20,000 and 500,000 shares of Class A common stock for \$2.39 and \$1.27 per share, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the SEPA. Such issuances were in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("the Securities Act") and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

Recent Debt Financings

On October 19, 2023, Beneficient Financing, L.L.C. (the "Borrower"), a wholly owned subsidiary the Company, and BCH, as guarantor (the "Guarantor" and together with the Borrower, the "Loan Parties"), entered into a Credit and Guaranty

Agreement (the “HH-BDH Credit Agreement”) with HH-BDH LLC (the “HH-BDH”), as administrative agent. All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the HH-BDH Credit Agreement.

HH-BDH’s sole member is Hicks Holdings. The managing member of Hicks Holdings is Mr. Thomas O. Hicks, a member of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”). HH-BDH will receive customary fees and expenses in its capacity as a lender and as the administrative agent under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, as further described below. Hicks Holdings and Mr. Hicks may be deemed to have a direct or indirect material financial interest with respect to the transactions contemplated by the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, as described below. HH-BDH funded the amounts under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement with the proceeds of a third-party financing (the “Financing”).

The HH-BDH Credit Agreement provides for a three-year term loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million (the “Term Loan”), which was fully drawn on closing.

Borrowings under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement bear interest, at the Company’s option, calculated according to a base rate, adjusted term secured overnight financing rate (“SOFR”), or adjusted daily simple SOFR, plus an applicable margin, subject to a Maximum Rate determined by applicable law in the State of New York. The Company elected the adjusted daily simple SOFR with a margin of 6.5% for the first two years and 5.5% for the third year. Accrued and unpaid interest is payable monthly, upon prepayment, and at maturity. The Term Loan will mature on October 19, 2026, and all outstanding principal amounts and accrued and unpaid interest thereon shall be due and payable on such date.

Recent Financings

On December 1, 2022, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a net asset value (“NAV”) of approximately \$5.3 million as of the date of the financing agreement. Pursuant to such transactions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts agreed to acquire the alternative assets, and in exchange for the alternative assets, the customers agreed to receive units at a price of \$10.00 of NAV per unit (calculated as of December 1, 2022), with each unit consisting of (i) one share of Class A common stock and (ii) one-fourth (1/4) of a Warrant. Such transactions closed in connection with the closing of the Business Combination, and the Company issued the investor 530,000 shares of Class A common stock and 132,500 Warrants.

On July 26, 2023, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a NAV of approximately \$6.7 million (calculated as of March 31, 2023). Pursuant to such transactions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts agreed to acquire the alternative assets, and in exchange for the alternative assets, the customers agreed to receive 2,917,807 shares of Class A common stock at a price per share of \$2.29.

On August 1, 2023, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a NAV of approximately \$37.7 million as of March 31, 2023. Pursuant to such transaction, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired the alternative assets, and in exchange for the alternative assets, the customers received (i) 3,768,995 shares of Series B-1 Resettable Convertible Preferred Stock of Beneficient, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Series B-1 preferred stock”) at a price of \$10.00 of NAV per share, with such Series B-1 preferred stock being convertible into shares of Class A common stock, and (ii) 942,249 Warrants.

Each share of Series B-1 preferred stock was convertible at the election of the holder into shares of Class A common stock based on an initial conversion price of \$5.46 per share (the “Conversion Price”), subject to reset from time to time and a \$2.73 per share floor price. On October 3, 2023, 3,768,995 shares of Series B-1 preferred stock converted into 13,805,841 shares of Class A common stock.

Recent Equity Issuances

On February 6, 2024, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to a limited partner interest with a NAV of \$2.0 million. Pursuant to such transaction, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired a limited partner interest, and in exchange for such interest, the customer received 200,000 shares of the Company’s Series B-2 Resettable Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Series B-2 preferred stock”), with such Series B-2 preferred stock being convertible into shares of the Company’s Class A common stock. The Series B-2 preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock initially at a conversion price of \$0.40 per share (the “B-2 Conversion Price”). The B-2 Conversion Price is subject to reset from time to time and a floor price of \$0.20 per share. A maximum of 10,000,000 shares of Class A common stock may be issued upon conversion of the Series B-2 preferred stock.

On February 6, 2024, the Company issued 20,000 shares of Series B-3 Resettable Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Series B-3 preferred stock”), with such Series B-3 preferred stock being convertible into shares of the Company’s Class A common stock, to a consultant of the Company. The Series B-3 preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock initially at a conversion price of \$0.35 per share (the “B-3 Conversion Price”). The B-3 Conversion Price is

subject to reset from time to time and a floor price of \$0.175 per share. A maximum of 1,142,857 shares of Class A common stock may be issued upon conversion of the Series B-3 preferred stock.

On June 8, 2023, we issued 202,484 shares of Class A common stock to ACE Portal, Inc. in exchange for its Class S Ordinary Units of BCH (the “BCH Class S Ordinary Units”). Furthermore, we issued 202,058 shares of Class A common stock to an unrelated individual in exchange for his BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Such BCH Class S Ordinary Units held by ACE Portal, Inc. and such individual converted into shares of Class A common stock on a one-to-one basis pursuant to the terms of the BCH LPA.

On June 27, 2023, we issued 274,500 shares of our Class A common stock to Maxim Group LLC pursuant to a Settlement and Release Agreement dated June 7, 2023, entered into in connection with the Business Combination.

On August 22, 2023, we issued 2,917,807 shares of Class A common stock at a price per share of \$2.29 in connection with the July 26, 2023 liquidity transaction mentioned above.

On each of October 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023, Yorkville purchased 20,000 and 500,000 shares of Class A common stock for \$2.39 and \$1.27 per share, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the SEPA. Such issuances were in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

Conversion of BCH Preferred Series C-1

Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts of BCH (“the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts”) automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination.

Operating Cost Reduction Plan

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved certain measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company with a view toward focusing resources on areas of current business needs. As part of this plan, we commenced the furlough of approximately 30 employees, representing approximately 20% of our workforce as of July 11, 2023. We also implemented a reduction in spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of the plan to reduce operating expenses. Such reduction in vendor spend could decrease professional services and other expenses by up to approximately \$35 million on an annualized basis from prior levels. For more information, see Item 9B to the Annual Report.

Effective November 3, 2023, the Board approved additional measures to reduce the operating expenses of the Company, including the termination of the previously furloughed employees and the layoff of an additional 15 employees, representing approximately an additional 10% of our workforce as of November 3, 2023. We intend to continue to reduce spending with third-party vendors in certain parts of our business as part of our plan to further reduce operating expenses.

Key Factors Affecting Our Business

Our business is affected by a variety of factors, including conditions in the financial markets and economic and political conditions in the markets in which we operate, as well as changes in global economic conditions and regulatory or other governmental policies or actions, which can materially affect the values of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the cash flows of which collateralize Ben Liquidity’s ExAlt Loans.

In addition to these macroeconomic trends and market factors, we believe our future performance will be influenced by the following factors:

- *Ability to execute on existing and new strategies and products and services to attract Customers.* We currently offer or plan to offer a suite of complementary fiduciary and other financial products and services designed to address many of the challenges alternative asset market participants face in connection with their ownership, management, and transfer of alternative assets. These products and services are generally not readily available in the marketplace today. We believe that these new products and services will meet the complex needs of potential Customers on a large scale across our target market.
- *The extent to which future investment allocations of potential Customers favor private markets investments.* Estimates of future performance of our future liquidity solutions business rely in part on the attractiveness of new capital being deployed by potential Customers to private markets relative to traditional asset classes. We believe that allocation to alternative assets by MHNW individual investors and STMI investors, along with the turnover rate demanded by MHNW individual investors and STMI investors will continue to increase, with annual alternative asset liquidity demands increasing due to the overall growth in the alternative asset market.

- *Successful deployment of financing capital into collateral comprised of attractive investments.* The successful identification of attractive investments as collateral to the financing transactions executed in our liquidity solutions business will impact future performance. We believe we identify specific investments that provide sufficient collateral to our fiduciary financings and that we have established a repeatable process in order to capitalize on these fiduciary financing opportunities through our underwriting and risk processes culminating in a qualification determination and proposed fiduciary financing terms for our Customers.
- *Volatility in the price of our Class A common stock.* The price of our Class A common stock may impact our ability to enter into liquidity transactions with our Customers. If our stock price declines, our potential Customers may be less likely to engage with us and accept our Class A common stock in exchange for their alternative assets. Furthermore, a significant sustained decrease in our stock price has in the past been an indicator, and in the future may indicate, that impairment is present and may require a quantitative impairment assessment of our assets including goodwill and intangible assets. Any such future impairment charges for goodwill may reduce our overall assets and may result in a change in the perceived value of the Company and ultimately may be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities. Additionally, we have begun to enter into financings in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts use our Class A common stock or convertible preferred stock as consideration to meet capital calls or make other capital contributions in alternative asset funds, which in turn hold such securities as an investment. Volatility, either positively or negatively, in the price of our Class A common stock may have a compounding effect on our consolidated investment income and cause further decreases in our stock price in the event our securities comprise a significant portion of such alternative asset funds' aggregate assets.
- *Our ability to maintain our data and regulatory advantage relative to competitors.* Our proprietary data and technology platforms, analytical tools and deep industry knowledge allow us to provide our Customers with customized solutions, including trust custody and administration services, data and analytics products and services, and broker-dealer services in connection with our core liquidity products and services. Our ability to maintain our data advantage is dependent on a number of factors, including our continued access to a broad set of private market information and our ability to grow our relationships with potential Customers and their advisors throughout our distribution network. Additionally, we are or will become subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and international law. These complex regulatory and tax environments could restrict our operations and subject us to increased compliance costs and administrative burdens, as well as restrictions on our business activities.
- *Our ability to maintain our competitive position.* We believe we have several competitive and structural advantages that position us as a preferred provider of liquidity and other attendant services to the MHNW individual investor and STMI investor segments. We expect these advantages will enable us to provide unique products and services to potential Customers that have traditionally been difficult to access by the MHNW individual investor and STMI investor segments. Our ability to attract and successfully deploy capital in the future is dependent on maintaining our leading competitive positioning in our target markets.
- *Unpredictable global macroeconomic conditions.* Global economic conditions, including political environments, financial market performance, interest rates, credit spreads or other conditions beyond our control, all of which affect the performance of the assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, are unpredictable and could negatively affect the performance of our portfolio or the ability to raise funds in the future. In addition, the cash flows from these investments, which collateralize the ExAlt Loans, are exposed to the credit risks of the financial institutions at which they are held. Events involving limited liquidity, defaults, non-performance or other adverse developments that affect financial institutions, transactional counterparties, or the financial services industry generally, could lead to market-wide liquidity problems and jeopardize our ability to access existing cash, cash equivalents and investments.
- *Our ability to access capital at attractive rates.* Our ability to complete, and the costs associated with, future debt transactions depends primarily upon credit market conditions and our then perceived creditworthiness. We have no control over market conditions. Our ability to obtain credit depends upon evaluations of our business practices and plans, including our performance, ability to stagger our debt maturities and to balance our use of debt and equity capital so that our financial performance and leverage ratios afford us flexibility to withstand any reasonably anticipated adverse changes. We intend to conduct our business activities in a manner which will afford us reasonable access to capital for investment and financing activities. However, as discussed elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the economic conditions, as well as the impacts of the current, and possibly future, inflationary conditions, increasing interest rates and a possible recession are uncertain and may have various negative consequences on us and our operations including a decline in financing availability and increased costs for financing. Further, such conditions could also disrupt the capital markets generally and limit our access to financing

from public sources or on favorable terms, particularly if the global financial markets experience significant disruptions.

Current Events

In October 2023, following a series of attacks by Hamas on Israeli civilian and military targets, Israel declared war on Hamas in Gaza. In February 2022, the Russian Federation and Belarus commenced a military action with the country of Ukraine and as a result, various nations, including the United States, have instituted economic sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israel-Hamas conflict could have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which the Customer ExAlt Trusts currently holds investments or may hold investments in the future), and therefore, could adversely affect the performance of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments.

The extent and impact of any sanctions imposed in connection with the Russia-Ukraine conflict has caused and may continue to cause financial market volatility and impact the global economy. Volatility and disruption in the equity and credit markets can adversely affect the portfolio companies underlying the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and adversely affect the investment performance. Our ability to manage exposure to market conditions is limited. Market deterioration could cause the Company to experience reduced liquidity, earnings and cash flow, recognize impairment charges, or face challenges in raising capital and making investments on attractive terms. Adverse market conditions can also affect the ability of investment funds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to liquidate positions in a timely and efficient manner. As a result, this presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the performance of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, even though the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not hold any investments with material operations in Russia, Ukraine, or Israel. The cash flows from the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts serve as the collateral to the ExAlt Loans and the fees that are paid by the Customer ExAlt Trusts to Ben for administering these trusts, both of which are key determinants in the income allocated to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

Further, uncertainty in the capital markets, generally due to increasing interest rates and inflation and their impact on the economy, may make it challenging to raise additional capital, and such capital may not be available to us on acceptable terms on a timely basis, or at all. If adequate funds are not available, or if the terms of potential funding sources are unfavorable, our business would be harmed.

Further, these events may result in reduced opportunities for future liquidity solution transactions with our customers and make it more difficult for the Customer ExAlt Trusts to exit and realize value from its existing investments, potentially resulting in a decline in the value of the investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such a decline could cause our revenue and net income to decline, including the revenues and net income allocated to Ben's and BCH's equity holders.

We continue to evaluate the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, Israel-Hamas conflict and other items, such as inflation and rising interest rates, and assess the impact on financial markets and our business. Our future results may be adversely affected by slowdowns in fundraising activity and the pace of new liquidity transactions with our customers.

Factors Affecting the Comparability of Our Financial Condition and Results of Operations

In addition to the items mentioned above in the "*Recent Developments*" section, our historical financial condition and results of operations for the periods presented may not be comparable, either from period to period or going forward, primarily for the following reasons:

- *Utilization of Derivative Instruments to Manage Risk.* Ben manages its exposure to market risks by utilizing various forms of derivative instruments to limit exposure to changes in the relative values of investments that may result from market developments. In April 2022, Ben made aggregate payments of \$7.5 million to purchase additional put options that were sold in September 2023 for \$1.0 million, resulting in a recognized loss of \$0.7 million. The put options had a fair value of nil and \$4.0 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben recognized net losses totaling \$3.0 million and net losses of \$1.1 million, respectively, on the put options held as of that date, of which approximately \$2.0 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, is attributable to Ben or Ben's loan portfolio, with the remainder attributable principally to the loan involved in the participation loan transaction. There were no put options held as of December 31, 2023 or as the date of this report.
- *Bankruptcy of GWG Holdings.* On August 1, 2023 (the "Effective Date"), the plan of reorganization of GWG Holdings was declared effective. On the Effective Date, all securities previously issued by GWG Holdings were cancelled and converted to interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust. As of December 31, 2023, Ben held 0.8 million interests of Series A1 and 2.5 million interests of Series E of the GWG Wind Down Trust, and the Customer ExAlt

Trusts held 82.0 million, 14.5 million, and 9.8 million interests of Series A1, Series A2, and Series E, respectively, of the GWG Wind Down Trust. These interests are accounted for at fair value, with unrealized gains (losses) recognized in earnings in the gain (loss) on financial instruments, net line item of the consolidated comprehensive statements of comprehensive income (loss). Fair value is calculated using quoted prices for similar instruments observed in the fixed income market and is classified as a Level 2 investment in the fair value hierarchy. Since the GWG Wind Down Trust's primary asset is its investment in Ben, the Company's Class A common stock quoted price is the underlying. Prior to the Effective Date, Ben held 2.5 million shares of GWG Holdings common stock and the Customer ExAlt Trusts held 9.8 million shares of GWG Holdings common stock and L Bonds due 2023 of GWG Life, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of GWG Holdings ("GWG Life") with an aggregate principal amount of \$94.8 million ("L Bonds"). The investment in GWG Holdings' common stock was accounted for at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in earnings. The investment in L Bonds was accounted for as an available-for-sale debt security, with unrealized gains (losses) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income. Through December 31, 2023, Ben has recorded losses associated with its investment in the GWG Wind Down Trust (or GWG Holdings, as applicable) of \$25.9 million and the Customer ExAlt Trusts have recorded losses associated with its investment in the GWG Wind Down Trust (or GWG Holdings, as applicable) totaling \$192.8 million. As of December 31, 2023, the fair value of Ben's interest in the GWG Wind Down Trust was nominal and the fair value of the Customer ExAlt Trusts' interest in the GWG Wind Down Trust was \$3.8 million. Prior to the Effective Date, the Customer ExAlt Trusts recognized credit related losses on the L Bonds totaling \$31.3 million. Additionally, on the Effective Date, the shared services agreement by and between Ben and GWG Holdings (the "Shared Services Agreement") was terminated. Through December 31, 2023, Ben recognized losses on its related party receivable with GWG Holdings under the Shared Services Agreement totaling \$15.6 million.

- *Vesting of performance based awards.* Certain of our restricted equity units were granted with a performance-based condition. The performance condition was met upon public listing and expense for vested units was recognized during the three months ended June 30, 2023. The recognition of the remaining compensation cost will be recognized over the remaining vesting period. Total recognized compensation cost related to these awards was approximately \$0.5 million and \$8.9 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023, respectively. Total unrecognized compensation cost related to these awards was approximately \$2.5 million as of December 31, 2023.
- *BCG Recapitalization.* As part of the conversion to BCG Class A Common Units, additional value of approximately \$15.0 million was provided to certain holders who are members of our Board. The additional value was accounted for as compensation, which resulted in stock-based compensation expense of \$15.0 million during the nine months ended December 31, 2023.
- *Goodwill Impairment.* Goodwill is tested for impairment between annual tests whenever events or circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit has fallen below its carrying value. Subsequent to the public listing on June 8, 2023, and through December 31, 2023, the Company has experienced a significant sustained decline in the price of its Class A common stock and its related market capitalization. We believe that these factors indicate that the fair value of our reporting units has more likely than not fallen below their carrying values as of December 31, 2023. As such, management performed an interim impairment test of goodwill as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and recognized a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$1.1 billion, \$306.7 million and \$883.2 million during the three months ended June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, respectively, resulting in \$2.3 billion of cumulative impairment at the Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody reporting units.

Key Performance Indicators

We use certain non-GAAP financial measures to supplement our consolidated financial statements, which are presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures include adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss). A non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure that departs from U.S. GAAP because it includes or excludes amounts that are required under U.S. GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with U.S. GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as used by Ben may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. The presentation of non-GAAP financial measures provides additional information to investors regarding our results of operations that management believes is useful for trending, analyzing and benchmarking the performance of our business. See "—Supplemental Unaudited Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Information," below, for a reconciliation of adjusted revenue to revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) to operating income (loss), the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures, respectively.

In addition to our U.S. GAAP and non-GAAP financial information, we utilize several key indicators of financial condition and operating performance to assess the various aspects of our business. We monitor the following operating metrics to help us evaluate our business, identify trends affecting our business, formulate business plans and make strategic decisions. We believe the following key metrics are useful in evaluating our business:

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
(in thousands)	2023	2022	2023	2022
Ben Liquidity				
Loan payments received	\$ 4,459	\$ 13,313	\$ 21,411	\$ 25,367
Operating loss	(606,405)	(18,997)	(1,781,521)	(27,651)
Adjusted operating income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	2,525	2,121	(11,769)	10,183
Ben Custody				
Fee payments received	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,494	\$ 6,447	\$ 16,257
Operating income (loss)	(267,995)	5,879	(538,840)	18,320
Adjusted operating income ⁽¹⁾	4,835	5,879	15,767	18,320
Consolidated:				
Revenue	\$ (10,235)	\$ (11,444)	\$ (55,739)	\$ (86,435)
Adjusted revenue ⁽¹⁾	8,456	9,036	8,478	(23,391)
Operating loss	(915,951)	(45,206)	(2,453,685)	(204,157)
Adjusted operating loss ⁽¹⁾	(11,684)	(19,927)	(57,374)	(100,998)

(dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Ben Liquidity		
Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net	\$ 290,779	\$ 366,760
Allowance to total loans	47.99 %	26.04 %
Nonperforming loans to total loans	32.82 %	37.03 %
Ben Custody		
Fees receivable	\$ 46,149	\$ 45,054
Deferred revenue	33,997	41,614
Customer ExAlt Trusts		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 378,382	\$ 491,859
Distributions to Original Loan Balance	2.13 x	1.16 x
Total Value to Original Loan Balance	2.51 x	1.66 x

(1) Adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) are non-GAAP financial measures. For a definition and reconciliation to comparable U.S. GAAP metrics, please see the section titled “—Supplemental Unaudited Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Information.”

Adjusted revenue. We define adjusted revenue as revenue adjusted to exclude the effect of mark-to-market adjustments on related party equity securities that were acquired both prior to and in the Collateral Swap (the “Collateral Swap”), which on August 1, 2023, became interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust, and excludes the effect of interest income on related party available-for-sale debt securities, and income from the forfeiture of vested share-based compensation awards.

Operating income (loss) represents total revenues less operating expenses prior to the provision for income taxes.

Adjusted operating income (loss). We define adjusted operating income (loss) as operating income (loss), adjusted to exclude the effect of the adjustments to revenue described above, credit losses on related party available-for-sale debt securities acquired in the Collateral Swap, which on August 1, 2023, became interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust, and receivables from a related party that filed for bankruptcy, non-cash asset impairment, share-based compensation expense, audit fee normalization, and legal, professional services, and public relations costs related to the GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, and a defunct product offering.

Loan payments received represents cash received during the respective period from the Customer ExAlt Trusts as payments on the ExAlt Loans.

Fee payments received represents cash received during the respective period from the Customer ExAlt Trusts as payments on the fees receivable from the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Loans to Customer ExAlt Trusts, net represents the total ExAlt Loan receivable outstanding, net of the allowance for credit losses. The ExAlt Loans are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Allowance to Total Loans. Allowance to total loans is calculated as total allowance for credit loss divided by total loans. The increase in the allowance for credit losses was primarily driven by the adoption of CECL (as defined herein), effective April 1, 2023, combined with initial allowances on new originations.

Nonperforming Loans to Total Loans. Nonperforming loans to total loans is calculated as total nonperforming loans divided by total loans.

Fees receivable represents the transaction fees charged to the Customer ExAlt Trusts in connection with liquidity transactions and fees charged for providing full-service trust administration services to the trustees of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Such fees are eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Deferred revenue represents fees charged at the origination of the liquidity transaction that are recognized ratably over the life of the LiquidTrust. Such amount is eliminated solely for financial reporting purposes upon consolidation of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Investments, at fair value. Investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts include investments in alternative assets, investments in the public equity and debt securities (principally of a related party), and investments in private equity securities. These cash flows from these investments serve as Collateral to the ExAlt Loans.

Distributions to Original Loan Balance, as it relates to the Collateral, is calculated as the total inception-to-date payments from the ExAlt Loans received divided by the initial loan balances of the ExAlt Loans.

Total Value to Original Loan Balance is calculated as the then-current fair value of the Collateral plus the total inception-to-date payments from the ExAlt Loans received, divided by the initial loan balances of the ExAlt Loans.

Principal Revenue and Expense Items

During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we earned revenues on a consolidated basis from the following primary sources:

- *Investment Income (Loss), net.* Investment income (loss), net, includes the change in NAV of the alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

For the aforementioned periods, our main components of consolidated expense are summarized below:

- *Interest Expense.* Interest expense includes interest to our senior lender under our amended and restated First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement (as described under “*Liquidity and Capital Resources — Amended Credit Agreements*”), interest on the ExAlt Trust Loan Payable, interest on the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, and interest on our other debt due to related parties. When we issue debt, we amortize the financing costs (extension and other fees) associated with such indebtedness over the outstanding term of the financing and classify it as interest expense.
- *Employee Compensation and Benefits.* Employee compensation and benefits includes salaries, bonuses and other incentives and costs of employee benefits. Also included are significant non-cash expenses related to equity based compensation.
- *Professional Services.* Professional services includes consulting fees, legal fees, audit fees, and other services.

Additional components of our consolidated net earnings include:

- *Gain (Loss) on Financial Instruments, net.* Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net includes the change in fair value of our derivative liability, warrant liability, investments in public equity securities, private equity securities, and options. Included in our investment in private equity securities and interests is our interest in the GWG Wind Down Trust. Fair value is determined using quoted market prices. Any realized gains and losses are recorded on a trade-date basis.

- *Interest and Dividend Income.* Interest and dividend income includes interest and dividends earned on cash held in banks.
- *Provision for Credit Losses.* Provision for credit losses represents the amount charged to earnings each period for credit losses incurred on available-for-sale debt securities and for allowances taken on financial assets, primarily receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings.
- *Other Expenses.* We recognize and record expenses in our business operations as incurred. Other expenses includes software license and maintenance expenses, IT consulting fees, travel and entertainment expenses, other insurance and tax expense, supplies, costs associated with employee training and dues, transaction expenses, depreciation and amortization expense, and various other expenses.
- *Loss on impairment of goodwill.* Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are assessed for impairment on an annual basis and whenever events and circumstances indicate that these assets may be impaired, including as a result of significant sustained declines in the prevailing prices of our Common Stock. We compare the fair value of our reporting unit to its carrying value, including goodwill. If the carrying value, including goodwill, exceeds the reporting unit's fair value, we will recognize an impairment loss for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value.

Our operating subsidiaries, Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, also earn revenue from interest and fees, which are eliminated in consolidation, on the ExAlt Loans between Ben Liquidity and the Customer ExAlt Trusts. These sources of intersegment revenues, which ultimately impact the net income (loss) attributable to Ben and BCH equity holders, are summarized below.

- *Interest Income.* Interest income is generally comprised of contractual interest, which is a computed variable rate that compounds monthly, interest recognized on certain of the ExAlt Loans through the effective yield method, and an amortized discount that is recognized ratably over the life of the ExAlt Loan. The ExAlt Loans have a maturity of twelve years, and all principal and interest due thereon is payable at maturity. Since we began our operations in 2017, substantially all of our interest income has been non-cash income that has been capitalized onto the outstanding principal of the ExAlt Loans.

Interest income reflects interest earned by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, on a gross basis, and a portion of the economic interests of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, held by the residual beneficiaries, are attributed to noncontrolling interests in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Interest income earned by Ben from the Customer ExAlt Trusts is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. However, because the eliminated amounts are earned from, and funded by, noncontrolling interests, on a consolidated basis, our attributable share of the net income from the Customer ExAlt Trusts is increased by the amounts eliminated. Accordingly, the elimination in consolidation of interest income and certain fee revenue (as described below) has no effect on net income (loss) attributable to Ben or BCH or to equity holders of Ben or BCH.

- *Trust Services and Administration Revenues.* Trust services and administration revenues includes trust administration fees and upfront fees. Trust administration fees are earned for providing administrative services to trustees for existing liquidity solution customers. Fees are recognized monthly based upon the beginning of quarter (in advance) NAV plus any remaining unfunded loan commitments and the applicable fee rate of the account as outlined in the agreement. Non-refundable upfront fees are earned for setting up and providing the customer access to the ExAlt Plan™. Upfront fees are billed at the origination of the liquidity transaction and are based on a percentage of NAV plus any unfunded capital commitments. Upfront fees are deferred upon receipt and are recognized ratably over the period of benefit, which is generally consistent with estimated expected life of LiquidTrusts (typically 7 to 10 years). All such fees and related deferred revenue are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements. As described above, the elimination in consolidation of this fee revenue has no effect on net income (loss) attributable to Ben or BCH or to equity holders of Ben or BCH.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS — THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,448	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,448
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	—	—	(18,695)	671	—	(18,024)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	—	118	—	118
Trust services and administration revenues	—	158	—	—	—	158
Other income	—	—	65	—	—	65
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	11,275	—	—	—	(11,275)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	5,739	—	—	(5,739)	—
Total revenues	<u>11,275</u>	<u>5,897</u>	<u>(11,182)</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>(17,014)</u>	<u>(10,235)</u>
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	938	588	—	5,814	—	7,340
Interest expense	3,045	—	423	1,203	—	4,671
Professional services	490	173	572	3,735	—	4,970
Loss on impairment of goodwill	604,668	272,830	—	5,725	—	883,223
Other expenses	463	301	219	4,529	—	5,512
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	32,976	—	(32,976)	—
Provision for credit losses	8,076	—	—	—	(8,076)	—
Other expenses	—	—	3,991	—	(3,991)	—
Total expenses	<u>617,680</u>	<u>273,892</u>	<u>38,181</u>	<u>21,006</u>	<u>(45,043)</u>	<u>905,716</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (606,405)</u>	<u>\$ (267,995)</u>	<u>\$ (49,363)</u>	<u>\$ (20,217)</u>	<u>\$ 28,029</u>	<u>(915,951)</u>
Loss on debt extinguishment, net						8,846
Income tax expense						75
Net loss						<u>\$ (924,872)</u>

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 (UNAUDITED) (cont'd)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 11,478	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 11,478
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(15,069)	(7,974)	—	(23,043)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	23	90	—	113
Trust services and administration revenues	—	8	—	—	—	8
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	12,716	—	—	—	(12,716)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	7,208	—	—	(7,208)	—
Total revenues	<u>12,716</u>	<u>7,216</u>	<u>(3,568)</u>	<u>(7,884)</u>	<u>(19,924)</u>	<u>(11,444)</u>
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	2,380	692	—	9,598	—	12,670
Interest expense	772	—	2,344	1,031	—	4,147
Professional services	693	435	1,240	5,705	—	8,073
Provision for credit losses	—	—	1,236	563	—	1,799
Other expenses	664	210	262	5,937	—	7,073
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	28,658	—	(28,658)	—
Provision for credit losses	27,204	—	—	—	(27,204)	—
Other expenses	—	—	4,545	—	(4,545)	—
Total expenses	<u>31,713</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>38,285</u>	<u>22,834</u>	<u>(60,407)</u>	<u>33,762</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (18,997)</u>	<u>\$ 5,879</u>	<u>\$ (41,853)</u>	<u>\$ (30,718)</u>	<u>\$ 40,483</u>	<u>\$ (45,206)</u>
Income tax benefit						(2,356)
Net loss						<u>\$ (42,850)</u>

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment income, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,935	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,935
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(62,373)	(1,887)	—	(64,260)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	10	338	—	348
Trust services and administration revenues	—	173	—	—	—	173
Other income	—	—	65	—	—	65
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	36,303	—	—	—	(36,303)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	18,788	—	—	(18,788)	—
Total revenues	36,303	18,961	(54,363)	(1,549)	(55,091)	(55,739)
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	4,912	1,693	—	51,956	—	58,561
Interest expense	5,922	—	4,091	3,556	—	13,569
Professional services	1,387	762	2,718	17,133	—	22,000
Loss on impairment of goodwill	1,725,880	554,607	—	5,725	—	2,286,212
Other expenses	1,649	739	603	14,613	—	17,604
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	92,591	—	(92,591)	—
Provision for credit losses	78,074	—	—	—	(78,074)	—
Other expenses	—	—	11,685	—	(11,685)	—
Total expenses	1,817,824	557,801	111,688	92,983	(182,350)	2,397,946
Operating loss	\$ (1,781,521)	\$ (538,840)	\$ (166,051)	\$ (94,532)	\$ 127,259	\$ (2,453,685)
Loss on debt extinguishment, net						8,846
Income tax expense						75
Net loss						\$ (2,462,606)

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 (UNAUDITED) (cont'd)
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
External Revenues						
Investment loss, net	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (30,738)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (30,738)
Loss on financial instruments, net	—	—	(42,245)	(13,856)	—	(56,101)
Interest and dividend income	—	—	38	257	—	295
Trust services and administration revenues	—	23	—	—	—	23
Other income	—	—	—	86	—	86
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	37,920	—	—	—	(37,920)	—
Trust services and administration revenues	—	22,257	—	—	(22,257)	—
Total revenues	<u>37,920</u>	<u>22,280</u>	<u>(72,945)</u>	<u>(13,513)</u>	<u>(60,177)</u>	<u>(86,435)</u>
External expenses						
Employee compensation and benefits	6,196	1,647	—	26,909	—	34,752
Interest expense	2,179	—	6,638	2,539	—	11,356
Professional services	2,201	1,761	3,615	22,003	—	29,580
Provision for credit losses	—	—	13,843	6,737	—	20,580
Other expenses	1,759	552	1,631	17,512	—	21,454
Intersegment expenses						
Interest expense	—	—	81,165	—	(81,165)	—
Provision for credit losses	53,236	—	—	—	(53,236)	—
Other expenses	—	—	14,137	—	(14,137)	—
Total expenses	<u>65,571</u>	<u>3,960</u>	<u>121,029</u>	<u>75,700</u>	<u>(148,538)</u>	<u>117,722</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (27,651)</u>	<u>\$ 18,320</u>	<u>\$ (193,974)</u>	<u>\$ (89,213)</u>	<u>\$ 88,361</u>	<u>\$ (204,157)</u>
Income tax benefit						(1,072)
Net loss						<u>\$ (203,085)</u>

CONSOLIDATED

Results of Operations — Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Three Months Ended December 31, 2022, and the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Revenues (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Investment income (loss), net	\$ 7,448	\$ 11,478	\$ 7,935	\$ (30,738)
Loss on financial instruments, net	(18,024)	(23,043)	(64,260)	(56,101)
Interest and dividend income	118	113	348	295
Trust services and administration revenues	158	8	173	23
Other income	65	—	65	86
Total revenues	\$ (10,235)	\$ (11,444)	\$ (55,739)	\$ (86,435)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Investment income, net decreased \$4.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$7.4 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, which was driven by \$9.3 million of upward quoted market price adjustments, \$2.0 million of upward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, and \$3.9 million of downward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor. Investment income was \$11.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2022, which was driven by \$5.7 million of upward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, \$4.8 million of upward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor and \$1.5 million of upward quoted market price adjustments.

Loss on financial instruments, net decreased \$5.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended December 31, 2023 was primarily driven by an \$18.7 million decrease in the value of our interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust. Additional drivers included a \$0.8 million decrease in the fair value of a warrant liability partially offset by a \$0.2 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended December 31, 2022 included a \$20.5 million net decrease in the fair value of public equity securities combined with a \$3.8 million decrease to the fair value of put options held, partially offset by a \$1.3 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability. The decline in market price for public equity securities was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings.

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Investment income (loss), net increased \$38.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$7.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, which was driven by \$4.6 million of upward quoted market price adjustments, \$2.3 million of upward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor, and \$0.9 million of upward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Investment loss was \$30.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, which was driven by \$16.1 million of downward quoted market price adjustments, \$11.4 million of downward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor, and \$3.7 million of downward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

Loss on financial instruments, net increased \$8.2 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 was primarily driven by a \$60.5 million decrease in the value of our interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust. Such decrease is net of a \$13.7 million gain recognized upon reclassification

of unrealized net gains related to the Company's previously classified available-for-sale debt securities from accumulated other comprehensive income. Additional drivers include a \$4.6 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities combined with a \$3.0 million decrease to the fair value of put options held, partially offset by a \$1.6 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability and a \$2.5 million decrease in the fair value of a warrant liability. Loss on financial instruments, net for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 includes a \$63.1 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities combined with \$1.1 million decrease to the fair value of put options held, partially offset by a \$5.1 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability, and a \$3.0 million upward adjustment to private equity securities. The decline in market price for public equity securities was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings due to GWG Holdings' pending reorganization under the Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Interest and Operating Expenses (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 7,340	\$ 12,670	\$ 58,561	\$ 34,752
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred financing costs)	4,671	4,147	13,569	11,356
Professional services	4,970	8,073	22,000	29,580
Provision for credit losses	—	1,799	—	20,580
Loss on impairment of goodwill	883,223	—	2,286,212	—
Other expenses	5,512	7,073	17,604	21,454
Total expenses	\$ 905,716	\$ 33,762	\$ 2,397,946	\$ 117,722

Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$5.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was driven by a \$5.4 million decrease in payroll and other benefit related costs due to a lower headcount in 2023 as compared to 2022 primarily due to the employees furloughed and terminated in 2023. With the implementation of our operating cost reduction plan in November 2023, employee compensation and benefits began reflecting the lower expense of approximately \$1.0 million per month beginning in November 2023.

Interest expense increased \$0.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to a \$1.4 million decrease in the amortization of deferred financing costs combined with \$0.6 million in interest expense recognized on the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, which did not exist in the comparable period, offset by a \$1.9 million decrease in interest expense on the ExAlt Trust Loan Payable, which was extinguished in October 2023.

Professional services expenses decreased \$3.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to a \$1.3 million decrease in legal fees combined with a \$1.1 million decrease in internal audit and other professional fees. With the implementation of our operating cost reduction plan, as updated during the three months ended December 31, 2023, professional services and other expenses combined could decrease up to approximately \$35.0 million to \$37.5 million on an annualized basis from their levels prior to the implementation of the cost reduction plan.

Provision for credit losses decreased \$1.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. Provision for credit losses for the three months ended December 31, 2022 included \$1.2 million of allowances taken on aged receivables and \$0.6 million of additional allowances taken on receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings existing on the date that GWG Holdings filed for bankruptcy.

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$883.2 million. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Other expenses decreased \$1.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily driven by a decrease in other insurance and taxes and travel and entertainment. The table below provides additional detail regarding our other expenses. As mentioned above, with the implementation of our operating cost reduction plan, as updated during the three months ended December 31, 2023, other expenses are expected to continue to decrease.

Other Expenses (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Travel and entertainment	\$ 1,515	\$ 2,339
Other insurance and taxes	1,113	2,082
Depreciation and amortization	1,112	923
Other expenses	988	908
Software license and maintenance	521	526
Occupancy and equipment	263	295
Total other expenses	\$ 5,512	\$ 7,073

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Employee compensation and benefits increased \$23.8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The increase was driven by a \$29.4 million increase in equity-based compensation, slightly offset by a \$5.6 million decrease in payroll and other benefit related costs. The increase in equity-based compensation was driven by \$8.9 million recognized upon vesting of awards previously subject to a performance condition, which was satisfied by Ben's public listing in June 2023 and \$15.0 million recognized as a result of transactions completed as part of the recapitalization of BCG (the "BCG Recapitalization") in connection with the Business Combination. With the implementation of our operating cost reduction plan in November 2023, employee compensation and benefits began reflecting the lower expenses of approximately nearly \$1.0 million per month beginning in November 2023.

Interest expense increased \$2.2 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The increase was primarily driven by a \$2.7 million decrease in the amortization of deferred financing costs accounted for as a premium combined with a \$2.0 million increase interest expense on all other borrowings including the new HH-BDH Credit Agreement borrowing in October 2023, offset by a \$2.5 million decrease in interest expense on the Customer ExAlt Trust Loan Payable, which was extinguished in October 2023.

Professional services expenses decreased \$7.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to a decrease in legal fees of \$4.1 million combined with decreases in marketing, consulting fees and internal audit fees.

Provision for credit losses decreased \$20.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. Provision for credit losses for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 included a \$12.6 million credit related loss on the investments in L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and \$6.7 million of additional allowances taken on receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings existing on the date that GWG Holdings filed for bankruptcy.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$2.3 billion. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Other expenses decreased \$3.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The table below provides additional detail regarding our other expenses.

Other Expenses (in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Travel and entertainment	\$ 4,883	\$ 6,078
Other insurance and taxes	3,985	5,768
Depreciation and amortization	3,033	2,572
Other expenses	2,854	4,387
Software license and maintenance	1,959	1,732
Occupancy and equipment	890	917
Total other expenses	\$ 17,604	\$ 21,454

BEN LIQUIDITY

Results of Operations — Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Three Months Ended December 31, 2022, and the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

<i>(in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues:				
Interest income	\$ 11,275	\$ 12,716	\$ 36,303	\$ 37,920
Total revenues	11,275	12,716	36,303	37,920
Expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	938	2,380	4,912	6,196
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred financing costs)	3,045	772	5,922	2,179
Professional services	490	693	1,387	2,201
Provision for credit losses	8,076	27,204	78,074	53,236
Loss on impairment of goodwill	604,668	—	1,725,880	—
Other expenses	463	664	1,649	1,759
Total expenses	617,680	31,713	1,817,824	65,571
Operating income (loss)	\$ (606,405)	\$ (18,997)	\$ (1,781,521)	\$ (27,651)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Interest income decreased \$1.4 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was primarily driven by an overall decreases in interest income due to lower carrying value of loan receivables, which is driven by higher allowance for credit losses.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$1.4 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was driven by payroll and other benefit related costs due to a lower headcount in 2023 as compared to 2022 primarily due to the employees furloughed and terminated in 2023. With the implementation of our operating cost reduction plan in November 2023, employee compensation and benefits began reflecting the lower expenses of approximately nearly \$1.0 million per month beginning in November 2023.

Interest expense increased \$2.3 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, primarily driven by a \$1.4 million decrease in the amortization of deferred financing costs combined with \$0.6 million in interest expense recognized on the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, which did not exist in the comparable period.

Provision for credit losses was \$8.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, including \$4.3 million in credit losses primarily driven by a decrease in collateral comprised of related party equity interests. The remainder of the provision was primarily due to a net decrease in collateral values and resulting expected cash flows related to the loan portfolio, combined with an increased amortized cost basis due to new originations and interest capitalizing at a higher rate than loan payments.

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$604.7 million for Ben Liquidity. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Interest income decreased \$1.6 million during the nine months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was primarily driven by a \$6.2 million decrease in interest income earned from loans moving to nonaccrual during the nine months ended December 31, 2023 combined with a decrease in interest income earned due to loan prepayments resulting in lower outstanding loan balances. The decrease was mostly offset by a \$5.0 million increase in interest earned on new originations and the compounding of interest.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$1.3 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was driven by payroll and other benefit related costs due to a lower headcount in 2023 as compared to 2022 primarily due to the employees furloughed and terminated in 2023. With the implementation of our operating cost reduction plan in November 2023, employee compensation and benefits began reflecting the lower expenses of approximately nearly \$1.0 million per month beginning in November 2023.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, increased \$3.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily driven by a \$2.7 million decrease in deferred financing costs accounted for as a premium and \$0.6 million in interest expense recognized on the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, which did not exist in the comparable period.

Professional services decreased \$0.8 million during the nine months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, primarily driven by decreases in internal audit fees, marketing, and other professional fees.

Provision for credit losses was \$78.1 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, including \$43.9 million in credit losses driven by a decrease in collateral comprised of related party equity interests. The remainder of the provision was primarily due to a net decrease in collateral values and resulting expected cash flows related to the loan portfolio, combined with an increased amortized cost basis due to new originations and interest capitalizing at a higher rate than loan payments.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$1.7 billion for Ben Liquidity. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

BEN CUSTODY

Results of Operations — Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Three Months Ended December 31, 2022, and the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues				
Trust services and administration revenues	\$ 5,897	\$ 7,216	\$ 18,961	\$ 22,280
Expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	588	692	1,693	1,647
Professional services	173	435	762	1,761
Loss on impairment of goodwill	272,830	—	554,607	—
Other expenses	301	210	739	552
Total expenses	<u>273,892</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>557,801</u>	<u>3,960</u>
Operating income	<u>\$ (267,995)</u>	<u>\$ 5,879</u>	<u>\$ (538,840)</u>	<u>\$ 18,320</u>

Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Trust services and administration revenues decreased \$1.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022 driven by a decrease in the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is an input into the calculation of the recurring trust services revenues.

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$272.8 million for Ben Custody. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Trust services and administration revenues decreased \$3.3 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, driven by a decrease in the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which is an input into the calculation of the recurring trust services revenues.

Professional services expenses decreased \$1.0 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to an overall decrease in expenses related to the operation cost reduction initiatives.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$554.6 million for Ben Custody. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

CUSTOMER EXALT TRUSTS

Results of Operations — Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Three Months Ended December 31, 2022, and the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues				
Investment income (loss), net	\$ 7,448	\$ 11,478	\$ 7,935	\$ (30,738)
Loss on financial instruments, net	(18,695)	(15,069)	(62,373)	(42,245)
Interest, dividend, and other income	65	23	75	38
Total revenues	(11,182)	(3,568)	(54,363)	(72,945)
Expenses				
Interest expense	33,399	31,002	96,682	87,803
Professional services	572	1,240	2,718	3,615
Provision for credit losses	—	1,236	—	13,843
Other expenses	4,210	4,807	12,288	15,768
Total expenses	38,181	38,285	111,688	121,029
Operating loss	\$ (49,363)	\$ (41,853)	\$ (166,051)	\$ (193,974)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Investment income (loss), net decreased \$4.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$7.4 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, which was driven by \$9.3 million of upward quoted market price adjustments, \$2.0 million of upward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, and \$3.9 million of downward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor. Investment income was \$11.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2022, which was driven by \$1.5 million of upward quoted market price adjustments, \$5.7 million of upward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, and \$4.8 million of upward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor.

Loss on financial instruments, net increased \$3.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for three months ended December 31, 2023, was primarily driven by a \$18.5 million decrease in the value of our interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust. Additional drivers included \$0.2 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended December 31, 2022 represented a \$16.3 million decrease to the fair value of public equity securities partially offset by a \$1.3 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability. The decline in market price for public equity securities was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings.

Interest expense increased \$2.4 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, which reflects an increase in contractual interest due on the ExAlt Loans, driven by the origination of new liquidity transactions and the compounding of paid-in-kind interest, partially offset by a \$1.9 million decrease in interest expense recognized on the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable.

Professional services decreased \$0.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, driven by decreases in general professional expenses such as audit, consulting, and other professional fees.

Provision for credit losses for the three months ended December 31, 2022 included \$1.2 million of allowances taken on aged receivables.

Other expenses decreased \$0.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, due to a decrease in trust administration fees and other expenses principally driven by a decrease in the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Investment income (loss), net increased \$38.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by changes in the NAV of investments in alternative assets held by certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts. Investment income was \$7.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, which was driven by \$4.6 million of upward quoted market price adjustments, \$2.3 million of upward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor, and \$0.9 million of upward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Investment loss was \$30.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, which was driven by \$16.1 million of downward quoted market price adjustments, \$11.4 million of downward adjustments to our relative share of the respective fund's NAV based on updated financial information received from the funds' investment manager or sponsor, and \$3.7 million of downward adjustments related to foreign currency impacts on investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

Loss on financial instruments, net increased \$20.1 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 was primarily driven by a \$59.9 million decrease in the value of our interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust. Such decrease is net of a \$13.7 million gain recognized upon reclassification of unrealized net gains related to the Company's previously classified available-for-sale debt securities from accumulated other comprehensive income. Additional drivers included a \$3.9 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities partially offset by a \$1.6 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability. Loss on financial instruments, net for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 represented a \$50.3 million decrease to the fair value of public equity securities partially offset by a \$5.1 million decrease in the fair value of a derivative liability and a \$3.0 million upward adjustment to private equity securities. The decline in market price for public equity securities was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings.

Interest expense increased \$8.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, which reflects an increase in contractual interest on the ExAlt Loans, driven by the origination of new liquidity transactions and the compounding of effects of paid-in-kind interest, slightly offset by a \$2.5 million decrease in interest expense recognized on the Customer ExAlt Trust loan payable.

Professional services decreased \$0.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, which represented decreases in general professional expenses such as audit, consulting, and other professional fees.

Provision for credit losses decreased \$13.8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. Provision for credit losses for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 included a \$12.6 million credit related loss on the investments in L Bonds held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Other expenses decreased \$3.5 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, due to a decrease in trust administration fees and other expenses principally driven by a decrease in the NAV of the alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

CORPORATE AND OTHER

Results of Operations — Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Three Months Ended December 31, 2022, and the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 Compared to the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended December 31,		Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues				
Gain (loss) on financial instruments, net	\$ 671	\$ (7,974)	\$ (1,887)	\$ (13,856)
Interest income	118	90	338	257
Other income	—	—	—	86
Total revenues	789	(7,884)	(1,549)	(13,513)
Expenses				
Employee compensation and benefits	5,814	9,598	51,956	26,909
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred financing costs)	1,203	1,031	3,556	2,539
Professional services	3,735	5,705	17,133	22,003
Provision for credit losses	—	563	—	6,737
Loss on impairment of goodwill	5,725	—	5,725	—
Other expenses	4,529	5,937	14,613	17,512
Total expenses	21,006	22,834	92,983	75,700
Operating loss	\$ (20,217)	\$ (30,718)	\$ (94,532)	\$ (89,213)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Loss on financial instruments, net increased \$8.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Gain on financial instruments, net for the three months ended December 31, 2023, included a \$0.8 million decrease in the fair value of a warrant liability, partially offset by a \$0.2 million decrease in the fair value of our interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust. Loss on financial instruments, net for the three months ended December 31, 2022, included a \$4.2 million decrease to the fair value of public equity securities, which consisted of shares of GWG Holdings, in addition to a \$3.8 million decrease in the fair value of put options held. The fair value was calculated using quoted market prices at each period end. The decline in market price for public equity securities was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased \$3.8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was driven by a \$3.9 million decrease in payroll and other benefit-related costs due to a lower headcount in 2023 as compared to 2022 primarily due to the employees furloughed and terminated in 2023.

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$5.7 million. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in “Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Professional services decreased \$2.0 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to a \$1.6 million decrease in legal fees.

Other expenses decreased \$1.4 million during the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily driven by a decrease in other insurance and taxes.

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Loss on financial instruments, net decreased \$12.0 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period of 2022, driven by the changes in fair value of the financial instruments held during the period. Loss on financial instruments, net for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, includes a \$3.0 million decrease to the fair value of put

options held, \$0.8 million decrease in the fair value of public equity securities, which consisted of shares of GWG Holdings, \$0.6 million decrease in the fair value of our interest in the GWG Wind Down Trust, partially offset by a \$2.5 million decrease in the fair value of a warrant liability. Loss on investments in securities and options for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, included a \$12.8 million decrease to the fair value of public equity securities, which consisted of shares of GWG Holdings, in addition to a \$1.1 million net decrease to the fair value of put options held. The fair value was calculated using quoted market prices at each period end. The decline in market price for public equity securities was due to a variety of factors, including principally declines in the securities of GWG Holdings.

Employee compensation and benefits increased \$25.0 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The increase was driven by a \$29.4 million increase in equity-based compensation partially offset by a \$4.3 million decrease in payroll and other benefit-related costs. The increase in equity-based compensation was driven by \$8.9 million recognized upon vesting of awards previously subject to a performance condition, which was satisfied by Ben's public listing in June 2023 and \$15.0 million recognized as a result of transactions completed as part of the BCG Recapitalization.

Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs, increased \$1.0 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to an increase of \$1.0 million in interest expense on other borrowings.

During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, we completed an interim impairment test for goodwill and as a result, recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$5.7 million. See—*Critical Accounting Estimates* below and Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in "Part 1, Item 1.—Financial Statements" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further information.

Professional services decreased \$4.9 million during the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to a decrease in legal fees of the same amount.

Provision for credit losses was nil for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$6.7 million for the same period of 2022. The prior period provision primarily represented additional allowances recorded against receivables under the Shared Services Agreement with GWG Holdings.

Other expenses decreased \$2.9 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, compared to the same period in 2022, primarily driven by a \$2.0 million decrease in other insurance and taxes combined with a \$0.7 million prior year write-off of internal software.

Supplemental Unaudited Presentation of Non-GAAP Financial Information

Adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) are non-GAAP financial measures. We present these non-GAAP financial measures because we believe it helps investors understand underlying trends in our business and facilitates an understanding of our operating performance from period to period because it facilitates a comparison of our recurring core business operating results. These non-GAAP financial measures are intended as a supplemental measure of our performance that is neither required by, nor presented in accordance with, U.S. GAAP. Our presentation of these measures should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. Our computation of these non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures computed by other companies, because all companies may not calculate such items in the same way.

We define adjusted revenue as revenue adjusted to exclude the effect of mark-to-market adjustments on related party equity securities that were acquired both prior to and during the Collateral Swap, which on August 1, 2023, became interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust, and excludes the effect of interest income on related party available-for-sale debt securities, which on August 1, 2023, became interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust, and income from the forfeiture of vested share-based compensation awards.

We define adjusted operating income (loss) as operating income (loss), adjusted to exclude the effect of the adjustments to revenue as described above, credit losses on related party available-for-sale debt securities that were acquired in the Collateral Swap, which on August 1, 2023, became interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust, and receivables from a related party that filed for bankruptcy, non-cash asset impairment, share-based compensation expense, audit fee normalization, and legal, professional services, and public relations costs related to the GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, a defunct product offering, and certain employee matters, including fees incurred in arbitration with a former director.

These non-GAAP financial measures are not a measure of performance or liquidity calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. They are unaudited and should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, revenue or operating income (loss) as an indicator of our operating performance. Uses of cash flows that are not reflected in adjusted operating

income (loss) include capital expenditures, interest payments, debt principal repayments, and other expenses, which can be significant. As a result, adjusted operating income (loss) should not be considered as a measure of our liquidity.

Because of these limitations, adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for performance measures calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our U.S. GAAP results and using adjusted revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) on a supplemental basis. You should review the reconciliation of revenue to adjusted revenue and operating income (loss) to adjusted operating income (loss) set forth below and not rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

The following tables set forth a reconciliation of adjusted revenue to revenue and adjusted operating income (loss) to operating income (loss), the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures, using data derived from our consolidated financial statements for the periods indicated:

(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023					
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 11,275	\$ 5,897	\$ (11,182)	\$ 789	\$ (17,014)	\$ (10,235)
Mark to market adjustment on interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust	—	—	18,506	185	—	18,691
Adjusted revenues	<u>\$ 11,275</u>	<u>\$ 5,897</u>	<u>\$ 7,324</u>	<u>\$ 974</u>	<u>\$ (17,014)</u>	<u>\$ 8,456</u>
Operating income (loss)	\$ (606,405)	\$ (267,995)	\$ (49,363)	\$ (20,217)	\$ 28,029	\$ (915,951)
Mark to market adjustment on interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust	—	—	18,506	185	—	18,691
Intersegment provision for credit losses on collateral comprised of interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust	4,262	—	—	—	(4,262)	—
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	—	—	—
Goodwill impairment	604,668	272,830	—	5,725	—	883,223
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	2,026	—	2,026
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	327	—	327
Adjusted operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 2,525</u>	<u>\$ 4,835</u>	<u>\$ (30,857)</u>	<u>\$ (11,954)</u>	<u>\$ 23,767</u>	<u>\$ (11,684)</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to lawsuits.

(in thousands)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2022						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 12,716	\$ 7,216	\$ (3,568)	\$ (7,884)	\$ (19,924)	\$ (11,444)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	16,330	4,150	—	20,480
Adjusted revenues	\$ 12,716	\$ 7,216	\$ 12,762	\$ (3,734)	\$ (19,924)	\$ 9,036
Operating income (loss)	\$ (18,997)	\$ 5,879	\$ (41,853)	\$ (30,718)	\$ 40,483	\$ (45,206)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	16,330	4,150	—	20,480
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	21,118	—	—	—	(21,118)	—
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	563	—	563
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	1,918	—	1,918
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	2,318	—	2,318
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 2,121	\$ 5,879	\$ (25,523)	\$ (21,769)	\$ 19,365	\$ (19,927)

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, public relations and employee matters.

(in thousands)

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023						
	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 36,303	\$ 18,961	\$ (54,363)	\$ (1,549)	\$ (55,091)	\$ (55,739)
Mark to market adjustment interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust	—	—	62,873	1,344	—	64,217
Adjusted revenues	\$ 36,303	\$ 18,961	\$ 8,510	\$ (205)	\$ (55,091)	\$ 8,478
Operating income (loss)	\$ (1,781,521)	\$ (538,840)	\$ (166,051)	\$ (94,532)	\$ 127,259	\$ (2,453,685)
Mark to market adjustment interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust	—	—	62,873	1,344	—	64,217
Intersegment provision for credit losses on collateral comprised of interests in the GWG Down Trust	43,872	—	—	—	(43,872)	—
Provision for credit losses related to formerly held available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	—	—	—	—
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	—	—	—
Goodwill impairment	1,725,880	554,607	—	5,725	—	2,286,212
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	37,530	—	37,530
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	8,352	—	8,352
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ (11,769)	\$ 15,767	\$ (103,178)	\$ (41,581)	\$ 83,387	\$ (57,374)

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, public relations, and employee matters.

(in thousands)

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022

	Ben Liquidity	Ben Custody	Customer ExAlt Trusts	Corporate/Other	Consolidating Eliminations	Consolidated
Total revenues	\$ 37,920	\$ 22,280	\$ (72,945)	\$ (13,513)	\$ (60,177)	\$ (86,435)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	50,268	12,776	—	63,044
Adjusted revenues	<u>\$ 37,920</u>	<u>\$ 22,280</u>	<u>\$ (22,677)</u>	<u>\$ (737)</u>	<u>\$ (60,177)</u>	<u>\$ (23,391)</u>
Operating income (loss)	\$ (27,651)	\$ 18,320	\$ (193,974)	\$ (89,213)	\$ 88,361	\$ (204,157)
Mark to market adjustment on equity security of related party	—	—	50,268	12,776	—	63,044
Intersegment provision for loan losses on collateral comprised of related party equity securities	37,834	—	—	—	(37,834)	—
Provision for credit losses related to available-for-sale debt securities of related party	—	—	12,607	14	—	12,621
Provision for credit losses related to receivables from related party	—	—	—	6,723	—	6,723
Goodwill impairment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation expense	—	—	—	8,162	—	8,162
Legal and professional fees ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	8,795	—	8,795
Defunct product offering costs	—	—	—	3,814	—	3,814
Adjusted operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 10,183</u>	<u>\$ 18,320</u>	<u>\$ (131,099)</u>	<u>\$ (48,929)</u>	<u>\$ 50,527</u>	<u>\$ (100,998)</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal and professional fees related to GWG Holdings bankruptcy, lawsuits, public relations, and employee matters.

Financial Condition

Ben Liquidity's Loan Portfolio and Customer ExAlt Trusts' Investment in Alternative Assets

Our primary operations currently consist of offering our liquidity and trust administration services to our customers, primarily through certain of our operating subsidiaries, Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody, respectively. Ben Liquidity offers simple, rapid and cost-effective liquidity products to its customers using a proprietary financing and trusts structure, the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which facilitate the exchange of a customer's alternative assets for consideration using a unique financing structure, the ExAlt PlanTM. In ExAlt PlanTM financings, a subsidiary of Ben Liquidity, BFF, makes ExAlt Loans to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which in turn employ a portion of the loan proceeds to acquire and deliver agreed upon consideration to the customer, in exchange for their alternative assets. Ben Liquidity generates interest and fee income earned in connection with such ExAlt Loans to certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, which are collateralized by the cash flows from the exchanged alternative assets, or the "Collateral." The Collateral held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts supports the repayment of the loans plus any related interest and fees. In the event that an ExAlt Loan's principal balances to zero dollars (\$0), any remaining Collateral supporting such ExAlt Loan effectively cross-collateralizes other ExAlt Loans, as any such excess cash flows must be applied to pay off the outstanding balances of other ExAlt Loans pursuant to the terms of the trust agreements governing certain of the ExAlt Trusts. Ben Custody provides full-service trust and custody administration services to the trustees of certain of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, including BFF, which own the exchanged alternative asset following a liquidity transaction for fees payable quarterly.

As of December 31, 2023, Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio consisted of ExAlt Loans to the Customer ExAlt Trusts with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$559.1 million, including accrued interest that has been capitalized on the ExAlt Loans. Ben Liquidity's ExAlt Loans are structured as loans with a maturity date of 12 years that bear contractual interest at a variable rate or fixed rate that compounds monthly. The ExAlt Loans made prior to December 31, 2020 have a variable interest rate established off of a base rate of 14%, and ExAlt Loans made on or after December 31, 2020 have a variable interest rate established off a base rate of 10% or a fixed rate of 5%. Ben Liquidity may make ExAlt Loans in the future with a variable interest rate established off of different base rates. Since the Customer ExAlt Trusts are consolidated, the ExAlt Loans and related interest and fee income earned by Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody from the Customer ExAlt Trusts are eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements; however, such amounts directly impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben's or BCH's equity holders.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments are the source of the Collateral supporting the ExAlt Loans plus any related interest and fees. These investments, either through direct ownership or through beneficial interests, consist primarily of limited partnership interests in various alternative assets, including private equity funds. These alternative investments are recorded at fair value using NAV as a practical expedient. Changes in the fair value (i.e., NAV) of these alternative investments are recorded in investment income (loss), net in our consolidated statements of operations. The Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments in alternative assets and investments in equity and debt securities provide the economic value creating the Collateral to the ExAlt Loans made in connection with each liquidity transaction.

The underlying interests in alternative assets are primarily limited partnership interests. The transfer of the investments in private equity funds generally requires the consent of the corresponding private equity fund manager, and the transfer of certain fund investments is subject to rights of first refusal or other preemptive rights, potentially further limiting the ExAlt PlanTM from transferring an investment in a private equity fund. Distributions from funds are received as the underlying investments are liquidated. Timing of liquidation is currently unknown.

The Customer ExAlt Trusts held interests in alternative assets with a NAV of \$302.8 million and \$385.9 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, the Customer ExAlt Trusts' portfolio had exposure to 247 professionally managed alternative investment funds, comprised of 900 underlying investments, 89 percent of which are investments in private companies. Additionally, the Customer ExAlt Trusts directly hold investments in debt and equity securities. The aggregate value of these investments was \$75.6 million and \$106.0 million as of December 31, 2023, March 31, 2023, respectively.

The following sections provide more detailed information for Ben Liquidity's loan portfolio and related allowance for credit losses and the Customer ExAlt Trusts' investments in alternative assets and other equity and debt securities.

Ben Liquidity

Loans Receivable

The following table provides the carrying value of the loan portfolio by collateral type and classification (in thousands):

	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Loans collateralized by interests in alternative assets	\$ 349,038	\$ 330,484
Loans collateralized by debt and equity securities	210,034	165,405
Total loans receivable	\$ 559,072	\$ 495,889
Allowance for credit losses	(268,293)	(129,129)
Total loans receivable, net	\$ 290,779	\$ 366,760

The following table provides certain information concerning our loan portfolio by collateral type and maturity as of December 31, 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	Original Principal	Interest Accrued	Aggregate Payments	Outstanding Balance ⁽¹⁾	Allowance	Carrying Value
Loans collateralized by interests in alternative assets						
After 5 Years Within 10 Years	\$ 602,942	\$ 279,955	\$ (399,160)	\$ 345,434	\$ 114,615	\$ 230,819
After 10 Years	7,933	378	(4,707)	3,604	3,211	393
Loans collateralized by debt and equity securities						
After 5 Years Within 10 Years	172,587	132,299	(16,668)	158,509	150,184	8,325
After 10 Years	48,780	2,809	(63)	51,525	283	51,242
Total	\$ 832,242	\$ 415,441	\$ (420,598)	\$ 559,072	\$ 268,293	\$ 290,779

⁽¹⁾ This balance includes \$268.0 million in unamortized discounts as of December 31, 2023.

Loan to Value Ratio

The loan to value ratio is calculated as the carrying value of loans receivable after any allowance for credit losses over the Collateral Value of the loan portfolio. The value of the Collateral (the “Collateral Value”) is defined as the mutual beneficial interest of the respective Customer ExAlt Trust, which we refer to as the “Collective Trust” that is owned by the Customer ExAlt Trust, which we refer to as the “Funding Trust,” that borrows from Ben Liquidity’s subsidiary, BFF. The Collateral Value is derived from the expected cash flows from the various alternative assets held by other trusts included within the Customer ExAlt Trust structure. The Collateral is valued using industry standard valuation models which includes assumptions related to (i) equity market risk premiums, (ii) alternative asset beta to public equities, (iii) NAVs, (iv) volatilities, (v) distribution rates, and (vi) market discount rates. The fair value of the mutual beneficial interests collateralizing the loan portfolio as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, was \$316.3 million and \$393.4 million, respectively.

The loan to value ratio for the entire loan portfolio was 0.92 and 0.93 as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, respectively. The decrease in the loan to value ratio from March 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023 was driven by an increase in the allowance for credit losses, which is a result of the adoption of CECL, effective April 1, 2023 combined with new originations.

Allowance for Credit Losses

The ExAlt Loans’ allowance for credit losses is an input to the allocation of income (loss) to Ben’s or BCH’s equity holders.

On April 1, 2023, we adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments, Credit Losses* (Topic 326) (“CECL”), which requires an estimate of the credit losses expected over the life of a loan (or pool of loans). It replaced the incurred loss approach’s threshold that required the recognition of a credit loss when it was probable that a loss event was incurred. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from, or added to, the loans’ amortized cost basis to present the net, lifetime amount expected to be collected on the loans.

Management estimates the allowance using relevant available information from internal and external sources related to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable economic forecasts. Historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses. Ben currently does not have adequate historical loss data to provide a basis

for the long-term loss information associated with its loans. As such, Ben uses alternative, long-term historical average credit loss data from Preqin in establishing the loss history as a proxy.

Adjustments to historical loss information are made for differences in current loan-specific risk characteristics such as differences in credit concentrations, collateral values and underwriting standards as well as changes in economic conditions or other relevant factors. Management judgment is required at each point in the measurement process.

Ben uses the discounted cash flow (“DCF”) method to estimate expected credit losses for the loan portfolio. Ben generates cash flow projections at the loan level wherein payment expectations are adjusted for changes in market risk premiums, risk free rate, NAV growth rate, and discount rate. The inputs are based on historical data from Preqin and adjusted, if necessary, based on the reasonable and supportable forecast of economic conditions. To adjust, management utilizes externally developed forward-looking macroeconomic factors as indicators of future expected cash flows: S&P500 Index data and US 3-Month Treasury. The economic forecasts are applied over the cashflow projection period.

The combination of adjustments for credit expectations (default and loss) and timing expectations (prepayment, curtailment, and time to recovery) produces an expected cash flow stream at the instrument level. Instrument effective yield is calculated, net of the impacts of prepayment assumptions, and the instrument expected cash flows are then discounted at that effective yield to produce an instrument-level net present value of expected cash flows (“NPV”). An allowance for credit loss is established for the difference between the instrument’s NPV and amortized cost basis.

The DCF model also considers the need to qualitatively adjust expected loss estimates for information not already captured in the quantitative loss estimation process. Qualitative considerations include limitations inherent in the quantitative model; trends experienced in nonperforming loans; changes in value of underlying collateral; changes in underwriting policies and procedures; nature and composition of loans; portfolio concentrations that may affect loss experience across one or more components or the portfolio; and the effect of external factors such as competition, legal and regulatory requirements. These qualitative factor adjustments may increase or decrease Ben’s estimate of expected credit losses so that the allowance for credit loss is reflective of the estimate of lifetime losses that exist in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date.

Prior to the adoption of ASU 2016-13, the allowance for credit losses was a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses in the loan portfolio. Management’s determination of the allowance was based upon an evaluation of the loan portfolio, impaired loans, economic conditions, volume, growth and composition of the collateral to the loan portfolio, and other risks inherent in the portfolio. Management individually reviewed all ExAlt Loans due to the low volume and non-homogenous nature of the current portfolio. Management relied heavily on statistical analysis, current NAV or fair value of the investments, and distribution performance of the underlying alternative asset and industry trends related to alternative asset investments to estimate losses. Management evaluated the adequacy of the allowance by reviewing relevant internal and external factors that affect credit quality. The cash flows generated from the alternative asset interests or other types of investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts supporting the collateral are the sole source of repayment of the ExAlt Loans and related interest. Ben recognized any charge-off in the period in which it is confirmed. Therefore, impaired ExAlt Loans were written down to their estimated net present value.

The following table provides the ExAlt Loans’ allowance for credit losses by collateral type and by classification (in thousands):

	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Loans collateralized by interests in alternative assets	\$ 117,827	\$ 32,632
Loans collateralized by interest in debt and equity securities	150,466	96,497
Total allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 268,293</u>	<u>\$ 129,129</u>

The following tables provide a rollforward of the ExAlt Loans’ allowance for credit losses by collateral type (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023		Three Months Ended December 31, 2022	
(unaudited)	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities
Beginning balance	\$ 114,200	\$ 146,017	\$ 17,817	\$ 56,595
Provision for credit losses	3,627	4,449	6,139	21,065
Ending balance	<u>\$ 117,827</u>	<u>\$ 150,466</u>	<u>\$ 23,956</u>	<u>\$ 77,660</u>

	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023		Nine Months Ended December 31, 2022	
(unaudited)	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities	Alternative Assets	Debt & Equity Securities
Beginning balance	\$ 32,632	\$ 96,497	\$ 9,275	\$ 39,105
Impact of the adoption of CECL	52,554	8,536	—	—
Provision for credit losses	32,641	45,433	14,681	38,555
Ending balance	<u>\$ 117,827</u>	<u>\$ 150,466</u>	<u>\$ 23,956</u>	<u>\$ 77,660</u>

Credit Quality

The following tables presents certain credit quality metrics (in thousands):

	December 31, 2023	March 31, 2023
Loans collateralized by alternative assets		
Period-end loans	\$ 349,038	\$ 330,484
Nonperforming loans	\$ 37,202	\$ 37,237
Allowance for credit losses ⁽¹⁾	\$ 117,827	\$ 32,632
Allowance/loans ⁽¹⁾	33.76 %	9.87 %
Nonperforming loans/loans	10.66 %	11.27 %
Allowance to nonperforming loans ⁽¹⁾	3.17x	0.88x
Loans collateralized by debt and equity securities		
Period-end loans	\$ 210,034	\$ 165,405
Nonperforming loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 146,276	\$ 146,379
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 150,466	\$ 96,497
Allowance/loans	71.64 %	58.34 %
Nonperforming loans/loans	69.64 %	88.50 %
Allowance to nonperforming loans	1.03x	0.66x
Consolidated		
Period-end loans	\$ 559,072	\$ 495,889
Nonperforming loans ⁽²⁾	\$ 183,478	\$ 183,616
Allowance for credit losses ⁽¹⁾	\$ 268,293	\$ 129,129
Allowance/loans ⁽¹⁾	47.99 %	26.04 %
Nonperforming loans/loans	32.82 %	37.03 %
Allowance to nonperforming loans ⁽¹⁾	1.46x	0.70x

⁽¹⁾ The increase from March 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023 was primarily driven by the CECL adoption impact combined with a decline in the collateral value.

⁽²⁾ The nonperforming loans collateralized by interests in GWG or the GWG Wind Down Trust was \$145.9 million as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

Customer ExAlt Trusts — Alternative Asset Portfolio

The portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts covers the following industry sectors and geographic regions for the periods shown below (dollar amounts in thousands):

Industry Sector	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
Software and Services	\$ 44,510	14.7 %	\$ 54,944	14.2 %
Food and Staples Retailing	41,721	13.8	38,210	9.9
Diversified Financials	30,036	9.9	52,544	13.6
Utilities	26,993	8.9	28,043	7.3
Capital Goods	22,686	7.5	27,707	7.2
Energy	21,908	7.2	26,721	6.9
Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment	20,142	6.7	17,935	4.6
Health Care Equipment and Services	17,099	5.6	23,626	6.1
Other ⁽¹⁾	77,715	25.7	116,121	30.2
Total	\$ 302,810	100.0 %	\$ 385,851	100.0 %

(1) Industries in this category each comprise less than 5 percent.

Geography	December 31, 2023		March 31, 2023	
	Value	Percent of Total	Value	Percent of Total
North America	\$ 166,726	55.1 %	\$ 239,951	62.2 %
Asia	56,176	18.5	62,016	16.1
South America	43,809	14.5	41,423	10.7
Europe	34,980	11.5	38,874	10.1
Africa	1,119	0.4	3,587	0.9
Total	\$ 302,810	100.0 %	\$ 385,851	100.0 %

Assets in the portfolio consist primarily of interests in alternative investment vehicles (also referred to as “funds”) that are managed by a group of U.S. and non-U.S. based alternative asset management firms that invest in a variety of financial markets and utilize a variety of investment strategies. The vintages of the funds in the portfolio as of December 31, 2023 ranged from 1993 to 2023.

As Ben Liquidity originates additional ExAlt Loans, it monitors the diversity of the portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts through the use of concentration guidelines. These guidelines were established, and are periodically updated, through a data driven approach based on asset type, fund manager, vintage of fund, industry segment and geography to manage portfolio risk. Ben Liquidity refers to these guidelines when making decisions about new financing opportunities; however, these guidelines do not restrict Ben Liquidity from entering into financing opportunities that would result in Ben Liquidity having exposure outside of its concentration guidelines. In addition, changes to the portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts may lag changes to the concentration guidelines. As such, the portfolio of alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts may, at any given time, have exposures that are outside of Ben Liquidity’s concentration guidelines to reflect, among other things, attractive financing opportunities, limited availability of assets, or other business reasons. Given our operating history of relatively few transactions at significant NAV, the portfolio as of December 31, 2023 had exposure to certain alternative investment vehicles and investments in private companies that were outside of those guidelines.

Classifications by industry sector, exposure type and geography reflect classification of investments held in funds or companies held directly in the portfolio. Investments reflect the assets listed by the general partner of a fund as held by the fund and have a positive or negative NAV. Typical assets include portfolio companies, limited partnership interests in other funds, and net other assets, which are a fund’s cash and other current assets minus liabilities. The underlying interests in alternative assets are primarily limited partnership interests, and the limited partnership agreements governing those interests generally include restrictions on disclosure of fund-level information, including fund names and company names in the funds.

Industry sector is based on Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) Level 2 classification (also known as “Industry Group”) of companies held in the portfolio by funds or directly, subject to certain adjustments by us. “Other” classification is not a GICS® classification. “Other” classification reflects companies in the GICS® classification categories of Consumer Durables & Apparel, Materials, Commercial & Professional Services, Food, Beverage & Tobacco, Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences, Household & Personal Products, Technology Hardware & Equipment, Real Estate, and N/A. “N/A” includes investments assets that we have determined do not have an applicable GICS® Level 2 classification, such as Net Other Assets and investments that are not operating companies.

Geography reflects classifications determined by us based on each underlying investment.

Cash Flow

The following table presents a summary of cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for periods presented below (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (49,570)	\$ (73,751)
Net cash provided by investing activities	36,737	35,759
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	14,556	(22,760)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash	<u>\$ 1,723</u>	<u>\$ (60,752)</u>

Nine Months Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

Net cash used in operating activities was \$49.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits and professional services. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$36.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, primarily driven by \$38.4 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets and \$1.0 million in proceeds received from the sale of put options, slightly offset by \$1.3 million in purchases of premises and equipment. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$14.6 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023, largely driven by proceeds from the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, offset by debt payments, redemptions of preferred equity securities, payments of deferred equity costs, and the net impact of the de-SPAC merger transaction.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$73.8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, largely driven by working capital requirements, including employee compensation and benefits, professional services, and cash paid for interest. Net cash provided by investing activities was \$35.8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, primarily driven by \$45.4 million of distributions received as return of investments in alternative assets slightly offset by purchases of put options and premises and equipment. Net cash used in financing activities was \$22.8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2022, largely driven by debt payments, redemptions of preferred equity securities, payments of deferred equity costs, and payments of employee taxes on restricted equity units issued under the Equity Incentive Plans.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, we had \$11.2 million and \$8.7 million, respectively, in combined available unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

Our business is capital intensive, and we generated net losses for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, of \$2.5 billion and \$203.1 million, respectively.

We have historically financed our business through a combination of cash distributions from the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ alternative asset portfolio, receipt of fees for performing trust services, dividends and interest on investments, debt offerings, and equity offerings, including those between us and our former parent company, GWG Holdings, and sales of loans extended to the Customer ExAlt Trusts. We have traditionally used proceeds from these sources for cash obligations arising from our initial capitalization and formative transactions, funding liquidity transactions and potential unfunded capital commitments, working capital, debt service payments, and costs associated with potential future products. BFF is also required to maintain sufficient regulatory capital due to its Kansas charter, though such amount is not significant.

The ability of Ben, BCH, and our operating subsidiaries to access the cash distributions from the Customer ExAlt Trusts’ alternative asset portfolio is limited by the terms of the ExAlt Loans from Ben Liquidity to the Customer ExAlt Trusts.

Historically, Ben Liquidity has elected to capitalize interest that accrues on the ExAlt Loans and only receives payments on the ExAlt Loans, at the discretion of the applicable trustee, following the Customer ExAlt Trusts' receipt of cash distributions on their alternative asset portfolio. The trustee of the Customer ExAlt Trusts intends to make principal payments on the ExAlt Loans out of the proceeds of the distributions from the alternative assets. To the extent the Customer ExAlt Trusts do not receive distributions, such as if the managers of the professionally managed funds comprising the alternative assets determine to delay distributions or transactions that would result in the distributions to its limited partners, the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ability to repay the ExAlt Loans, and therefore, Ben Liquidity's ability to receive principal and interest payments in cash may be adversely impacted. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023, largely as a result of macro-economic conditions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts continued to receive fewer distributions from their alternative assets than was originally anticipated, which adversely impacted the Customer ExAlt Trusts' ability to repay the ExAlt Loans and our liquidity. Such conditions are expected to continue throughout the remainder of fiscal year 2024.

We expect to satisfy our obligations and fund our operations for the next twelve months through anticipated operating cash flows, proceeds on ExAlt Loan payments and fee income derived from distributions on investments held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts or other investments held by Ben, potentially refinancing some or all of the existing borrowings due prior to their maturity, with either our current lender or other lenders, and through the implementation of measures designed to reduce corporate overhead, including through the use of workforce reductions and other expense reductions. We also intend to raise capital through equity or debt investments in us by third parties. As further discussed above in the section titled, "*Recent Developments*," on June 27, 2023, we entered into the SEPA with Yorkville, whereby we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Yorkville up to \$250.0 million of shares of the Company's Class A common stock. As more fully described below in the section titled, "*Recent Debt Financings*", on October 19, 2023, we entered into a three-year \$25.0 million term loan with HH-BDH, which was fully drawn upon closing and, the proceeds of which will be used to repay certain outstanding obligations, fund development of our products, and provide additional working capital. The HH-BDH Credit Agreement contains certain financial maintenance covenants, including a debt service coverage ratio. If any of these limitations were to materially impede the flow of cash to us, our ability to service and repay our debt and pay dividends would be materially and adversely affected.

After deducting fees and direct expenses, the net proceeds from the Term Loan under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement were \$23.4 million. We used or intend to use approximately \$15.0 million for payments on our existing obligations, including \$2.5 million as payments owed under the A&R Bradley Capital Agreement, with the remainder of the net proceeds being reserved for future working capital requirements. On November 7, 2023, we were reimbursed by our director and officer insurance carrier a total of \$3.5 million, which includes, among others, certain expenses paid from the proceeds under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement. Notwithstanding the receipt of the proceeds of the borrowings made under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, to the extent the Company continues to receive cash distributions that are less than previously projected amounts from its alternative assets, the Company expects to require additional capital to fund and grow its operations.

We may not be able to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing on terms favorable to the Company, or at all. To the extent that Ben or its subsidiaries raise additional capital through the future sale of equity or debt, the ownership interest of our existing equity holders may be diluted. The terms of these future equity or debt securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect the rights of our existing equity unitholders or involve negative covenants that restrict Ben's ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt or making additional investments in growing the operations of the Company. If Ben defaults on these borrowings, then the Company will be required to either (i) sell participation or other interests in our loans or other of our assets or (ii) to raise additional capital through the sale of equity and the ownership interest of our equity holders may be diluted. Further, given the number of shares of Class A common stock eligible for resale as a result of various registration statements we have filed with the SEC as well as the shares of Class A common stock under the Forward Purchase Agreement, our stock price may be further depressed as a result of significant sales of our securities, which could adversely affect our ability to raise equity capital on favorable terms or at all. In addition, because the \$11.50 exercise price per share of the Warrants substantially exceeds the current trading price per share of our Class A common stock (\$0.49 per share as of December 31, 2023), there is no assurance that the Warrants will be in the money prior to their expiration and it is unlikely that the Warrant holders will be able to exercise such Warrants in the near future, if at all. Accordingly, we are unlikely to receive any proceeds from the exercise of the Warrants in the near future, if at all, and the Warrants may not provide any additional capital. In considering our capital requirements and sources of liquidity, we have not assumed or relied on the receipt of proceeds from the exercise of Warrants. As a result of the foregoing, we may require additional capital resources to execute strategic initiatives to grow our business.

We expect to utilize our cash flows to continue to invest in our business, including new product initiatives and growth strategies, including any potential acquisitions, and, if determined by our Board, pay dividends to our equity holders, including guaranteed payments on certain of BCH's preferred equity securities, and fund tax distributions for certain

noncontrolling interest holders. Our ability to fund these capital needs will depend on our ongoing ability to generate cash from operations and potentially via the capital markets. We believe that our future cash from operations, access to financing through the SEPA, and together with our access to funds on hand, will provide adequate resources to fund our operating and financing needs for at least the next twelve months. We are continuing to evaluate the impact of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Israel-Hamas conflict and other items, such as inflation and rising interest rates, and assess the impact on financial markets and our business. The Company's future results may be adversely affected by slowdowns in fundraising activity and the pace of new liquidity transactions with our customers due to such events.

Capital expenditures have historically not been material and we do not anticipate making material capital expenditures through the remainder of fiscal year 2024.

Equity Issuances

On December 1, 2022, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a NAV of approximately \$5.3 million as of the date of the financing agreement. Pursuant to such transactions, the Customer ExAlt Trusts agreed to acquire the alternative assets, and in exchange for the alternative assets, the customers agreed to receive units at a price of \$10.00 of NAV per unit (calculated as of December 1, 2022), with each unit consisting of (i) one share of Class A common stock and (ii) one-fourth (1/4) of a warrant to purchase one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. Such transactions closed in connection with the closing of the Business Combination, and the Company issued the investor 530,000 shares of Class A common stock and 132,500 Warrants.

On June 8, 2023, we issued 202,484 shares of Class A common stock to ACE Portal, Inc. in exchange for its BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Furthermore, we issued 202,058 shares of Class A common stock to an unrelated individual in exchange for his BCH Class S Ordinary Units. Such BCH Class S Ordinary Units held by ACE Portal, Inc. and such individual converted into shares of Class A common stock on a one-to-one basis pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement and the BCH LPA.

On June 27, 2023, we issued 274,500 shares of our Class A common stock to Maxim Group LLC pursuant to a Settlement and Release Agreement dated June 7, 2023, entered into in connection with the Business Combination.

On July 10, 2023, we issued 456,204 shares of Class A common stock to Yorkville pursuant to the SEPA.

On August 22, 2023, we issued 2,917,807 shares of Class A common stock at a price per share of \$2.29 in connection with the July 26, 2023 liquidity transaction mentioned above.

On October 3, 2023, 3,768,995 shares of Series B-1 preferred stock converted into 13,805,841 shares of Class A common stock.

On each of October 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023, Yorkville purchased 20,000 and 500,000 shares of Class A common stock for \$2.39 and \$1.27 per share, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the SEPA. Such issuances were in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

Conversion of BCH Preferred Series C-1

Pursuant to the UPA, on July 10, 2023, the BCH Preferred C-1 Unit Accounts automatically converted into 44,040,761 shares of Class A common stock at approximately \$4.66 per share, which represents the volume-weighted average trading price of the Class A common stock for the 20 trading days following the closing of the Business Combination.

Amended Credit Agreements

On August 13, 2020, Ben, through its subsidiary Beneficient Capital Company II, L.L.C. (formerly known as Beneficient Capital Company, L.L.C.) ("BCC"), executed the Second Amended and Restated First Lien Credit Agreement ("First Lien Credit Agreement") and the Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement ("Second Lien Credit Agreement") collectively, (the "Second A&R Agreements" or the "HCLP Loan Agreement") with its lender, HCLP Nominees, L.L.C. ("HCLP"), to amend its First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement dated September 1, 2017 and December 28, 2018, respectively. The Second A&R Agreements have been further amended from time to time to extend the maturity date and defer principal and interest payments, among other things. In connection with the amendments to the Second A&R Agreements, Ben agreed to pay extension fees on a percentage of the amount outstanding under the credit agreements as of the date of the respective amendment. The interest rate on each loan under the Second A&R Agreements is 1-month LIBOR plus 8.0%, with a maximum interest rate of 9.5%.

On March 24, 2022, Ben executed Consents and Amendments No. 4 to the Second A&R Agreements with HCLP, which, among other things, (i) deferred the payment of accrued and unpaid interest to March 24, 2022, (ii) evidenced the terms agreed to in the December 1, 2021 term sheet discussed above, (iii) extended the maturity date of the loans to August 31,

2023, and (iv) established revised installment payments for each loan of \$5.0 million due on May 10, 2022, August 10, 2022, December 10, 2022, and March 10, 2023, so long as each payment does not cause the Company to incur a going concern, and (v) amended the occurrence of an event of default to require notice from HCLP on almost all potential defaults listed under the Second A&R Agreements. In addition, Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately 6.5% of the outstanding principal before giving effect to the amendments.

On February 15, 2023, Ben executed those certain Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and Consent and Amendment No. 5 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement with HCLP, pursuant to which, as required by Amendments No. 4, certain Ben subsidiaries became subsidiary guarantors and entered into those certain Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (First Lien) and Amended and Restated Security and Pledge Agreement (Second Lien), that certain first lien Guaranty and that certain second lien Guaranty.

On June 5, 2023, BCH, entered into those certain Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and Consent and Amendment No. 6 to Second Amended and Restated Second Lien Credit Agreement (collectively, the “Sixth Amendments”), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Sixth Amendments (i) allowed for the consummation of the Transactions pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, and effective as June 7, 2023, (ii) amended the definition of “Change of Control” (as defined therein), and (iii) provided that Beneficient will be the “Parent” thereunder.

On July 12, 2023, BCH, entered into (a) that certain Amendment No. 7 to the First Lien Amendment, which amended the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (b) that certain Amendment No. 7 to Second Lien Amendment (together with the First Lien Amendment, the “Seventh Amendments”), which amended the Second Lien Credit Agreement, each among BCH, HCLP and the other parties thereto. Among other things, the Seventh Amendments (i) modified the interest rate to a fixed rate of 9.5% (ii) extended the maturity dates of the First Lien Amendment and the Second Lien Amendment to September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2027, respectively, and (iii) agreed to installment payments on the First Lien Amendment of \$5.0 million on each of March 29th, June 28th, September 29th, and December 29th of each year for so long as the obligations remain outstanding, and so long as such payments do not cause a going concern. No payments will be made on the Second Lien Amendment until the obligations on the First Lien Amendment have been fully satisfied. Ben agreed to pay fees totaling approximately \$0.1 million. During the three and nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no deferred financing costs were paid to HCLP. Through December 31, 2023, all required principal and interest payments due under the Second A&R Agreements have been paid.

In connection with the Second A&R Agreements, Beneficient Holdings, Inc. (“BHI”), which is owned by The Highland Business Holdings Trust, of which Mr. Heppner is the trustee, and Mr. Heppner and his family are the beneficiaries, owns a majority of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, Class S Preferred Units of BCH (“BCH Class S Preferred Units”), BCH Preferred A.0, Preferred Series A Subclass 1 Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH Preferred A.1”), and Subclass 1 FLP Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts”), and Subclass 3 FLP Unit Accounts of BCH (“BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts”), will grant certain tax-related concessions to HCLP as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties. In exchange for the tax-related concessions, 5% of BCH Preferred A.1 held by BHI, which will be held by HCLP, may convert to BCH Preferred A.0. In addition, recipients of a grant of BCH Preferred A.1 from BHI will have the right to put an amount of BCH Preferred A.1 to Ben equal to any associated tax liability stemming from any such grant; provided that the aggregated associated tax liability shall not relate to more than \$30.0 million of grants of BCH Preferred A.1 from BHI. No such liability existed as of December 31, 2023 or March 31, 2023.

The Second A&R Agreements and ancillary documents contain covenants that (i) prevent Ben from issuing any securities senior to the BCH Preferred A.0 or BCH Preferred A.1; (ii) prevent Ben from incurring additional debt or borrowings greater than \$10.0 million, other than trade payable, while the loans are outstanding; and (iii) prevent, without the written consent of HCLP, GWG from selling, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any BCH Preferred A.1 held as of May 15, 2020, other than to its subsidiary GWG DLP Funding V, LLC. As of December 31, 2023, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Ben may be required to pay an additional extension fee to extend the maturity dates of the Second A&R Agreements beyond September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2027.

Recent Debt Financing

On October 19, 2023, Beneficient Financing, L.L.C. (the “Borrower”), a wholly owned subsidiary the Company, and BCH, as guarantor (the “Guarantor” and together with the Borrower, the “Loan Parties”), entered into a Credit and Guaranty Agreement (the “HH-BDH Credit Agreement”) with HH-BDH LLC (“HH-BDH”), as administrative agent. All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the HH-BDH Credit Agreement.

HH-BDH's sole member is Hicks Holdings. The managing member of Hicks Holdings is Mr. Thomas O. Hicks, a member of the Company's Board. HH-BDH will receive customary fees and expenses in its capacity as a lender and as the administrative agent under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, as further described below. Hicks Holdings and Mr. Hicks may be deemed to have a direct or indirect material financial interest with respect to the transactions contemplated by the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, as described below. HH-BDH funded the amounts under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement with the proceeds of a third-party financing (the "Financing").

The HH-BDH Credit Agreement provides for a three-year term loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million (the "Term Loan"), which was fully drawn on closing.

Borrowings under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement bear interest, at the Company's option, calculated according to a base rate, adjusted term SOFR rate, or adjusted daily simple SOFR rate, plus an applicable margin, subject to a Maximum Rate determined by applicable law in the State of New York. The Company elected the adjusted daily simple SOFR rate with a margin of 6.5% for the first two years and 5.5% for the third year. Accrued and unpaid interest is payable monthly, upon prepayment, and at maturity. The Term Loan will mature on October 19, 2026, and all outstanding principal amounts and accrued and unpaid interest thereon shall be due and payable on such date.

Inflation

Changes in inflation do not necessarily correlate with changes in interest rates. We presently do not foresee any material impact of inflation on our results of operations in the periods presented in our consolidated financial statements.

Unfunded Capital Commitments

The Customer ExAlt Trusts had \$49.4 million and \$61.1 million of potential gross capital commitments as of December 31, 2023, and March 31, 2023, respectively, representing potential limited partner capital funding commitments on the interests in alternative asset funds. The trust holding the interest in the limited partnership for the alternative asset fund is required to fund these limited partner capital commitments per the terms of the limited partnership agreement. Capital funding commitment reserves are maintained by the associated trusts within the ExAlt PlanTM created at the origination of each trust for up to \$0.1 million. To the extent that the associated Customer ExAlt Trust cannot pay the capital funding commitment, Ben is obligated to lend sufficient funds to meet the commitment. Any amounts advanced by Ben to the Customer ExAlt Trusts for these limited partner capital funding commitments above the associated capital funding commitment reserves held by the associated Customer ExAlt Trusts are added to the ExAlt Loan balance between Ben and the Customer ExAlt Trusts and are expected to be recouped through the cash distributions from the alternative asset fund that collateralizes such ExAlt Loan.

Capital commitments generally originate from limited partner agreements having fixed or expiring expiration dates. The total limited partner capital funding commitment amounts may not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The majority, or 90%, of our portfolio with an unfunded commitment has a vintage of 2012 and prior. As the vintages continue to age, a cash requirement becomes less likely. We consider the creditworthiness of the investment on a case-by-case basis. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, there were no reserves for losses on unused commitments to fund potential limited partner capital funding commitments.

Dependence on Related Party Transactions

In the ordinary course of business, we depend on certain transactions with related parties. For example, as discussed above, Ben, through its subsidiaries, is a party to the Second A&R Agreements with HCLP. HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, L.P. Ben's CEO is a beneficiary and trust investment advisor of the trusts that control, and are the partners of, Highland Consolidated, L.P. As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$102.3 million (including an unamortized premium thereon) of debt outstanding derived from BCH's secured loans with HCLP.

Additionally, effective October 19, 2023, Ben, through its subsidiaries, is a party to the \$25.0 million HH-BDH Credit Agreement with HH-BDH. HH-BDH's sole member is Hicks Holdings whose managing member is a member of our Board. As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$23.7 million (including an unamortized discount thereon) of debt outstanding derived from the term loan with HH-BDH.

Furthermore, Ben and BCH are parties to a Services Agreement with Bradley Capital Company, L.L.C. ("Bradley Capital") and Beneficient Management Counselors, L.L.C. effective June 1, 2017. Effective as of January 1, 2022, the parties entered into the First Amended and Restated Services Agreement and effective June 7, 2023, the parties entered into the Second Amended and Restated Services Agreement (the "Services Agreement"). Bradley Capital is an entity associated with Ben's CEO. During the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Ben recognized expenses totaling \$2.0 million and \$1.9

million, respectively, related to this services agreement. As of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2023, \$3.1 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, was owed to Bradley Capital related to the Services Agreement.

As of December 31, 2023, the GWG Wind Down Trust held approximately 59% of the Class A common stock.

For more information on our transactions with related parties, see Part III of our Annual Report.

Critical Accounting Estimates

We have identified certain accounting estimates that involve a significant level of estimation uncertainty and have had or are reasonably likely to have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. Actual amounts and values as of the balance sheet dates may be materially different than the amounts and values reported due to the inherent uncertainty in the estimation process. Also, future amounts and values could differ materially from those estimates due to changes in values and circumstances after the balance sheet date. The critical accounting estimates, as summarized below, which we believe to be the most critical in preparing our consolidated financial statements relate to the fair value determination of investments in alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, the determination of the allowance for credit losses as an input to the allocation of income (loss) to Ben's and BCH's equity holders, evaluation of potential impairment of goodwill and other intangibles, and determining grant date fair value for certain share-based compensation awards. Since March 31, 2023, there have been no changes in critical accounting estimates, other than those described below, as further described under "*Critical Accounting Estimates*" in our Annual Report.

Allowances for Credit Losses

The allowance for credit losses related to the ExAlt Loans, which is eliminated in consolidation, is an input to Ben's and BCH's allocation of income to equity holders of Ben and BCH. Refer to Part II, Item 7 under the section titled "*Critical Accounting Estimates*" in our Annual Report for disclosure on such income allocation.

On April 1, 2023, we adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments, Credit Losses* (Topic 326) ("CECL"), which requires an estimate of the credit losses expected over the life of a loan (or pool of loans). It replaced the incurred loss approach's threshold that required the recognition of a credit loss when it was probable that a loss event was incurred. The allowance for credit losses is a valuation account that is deducted from, or added to, the loans' amortized cost basis to present the net, lifetime amount expected to be collected on the loans. Credit losses are charged off against the allowance when management believes a loan balance is confirmed to be uncollectible. Expected recoveries do not exceed the aggregate of amounts previously charged off and expected to be charged off. Portfolio segment is defined as the level at which an entity develops and documents a systematic methodology to determine its allowance for credit losses. Management analyzes the loans individually as the loans do not have similar risk characteristics.

Management estimates the allowance using relevant available information from internal and external sources related to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable economic forecasts. Historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses. Ben currently does not have adequate historical loss data to provide a basis for the long-term loss information associated with its loans. As such, Ben uses alternative, long-term historical average credit loss data from Prequin in establishing the loss history as a proxy.

Adjustments to historical loss information are made for differences in current loan-specific risk characteristics such as differences in credit concentrations, collateral values and underwriting standards as well as changes in economic conditions or other relevant factors. Management judgment is required at each point in the measurement process.

Ben uses the DCF method to estimate expected credit losses for the loan portfolio. Ben generates cash flow projections at the loan level wherein payment expectations are adjusted for changes in market risk premiums, risk free rate, NAV growth rate, and discount rate. The inputs are based on historical data from Prequin and adjusted, if necessary, based on the reasonable and supportable forecast of economic conditions. To adjust, management utilizes externally developed forward-looking macroeconomic factors as indicators of future expected cash flows: S&P500 Index data and US 3-Month Treasury. The economic forecasts are applied over the cashflow projection period.

The combination of adjustments for credit expectations (default and loss) and timing expectations (prepayment, curtailment, and time to recovery) produces an expected cash flow stream at the instrument level. Instrument effective yield is calculated, net of the impacts of prepayment assumptions, and the instrument expected cash flows are then discounted at that effective yield to produce an instrument-level NPV of expected cash flows. An allowance for credit loss is established for the difference between the instrument's NPV and amortized cost basis.

The DCF model also considers the need to qualitatively adjust expected loss estimates for information not already captured in the quantitative loss estimation process. Qualitative considerations include limitations inherent in the quantitative model; trends experienced in nonperforming loans; changes in value of underlying collateral; changes in underwriting policies and

procedures; nature and composition of loans; portfolio concentrations that may affect loss experience across one or more components or the portfolio; and the effect of external factors such as competition, legal and regulatory requirements. These qualitative factor adjustments may increase or decrease Ben's estimate of expected credit losses so that the allowance for credit loss is reflective of the estimate of lifetime losses that exist in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date.

As of December 31, 2023, the allowance for credit losses calculation incorporated a reasonable and supportable forecast period to account for economic conditions utilized in the measurement. The quantitative model utilized an economic forecast sourced from reputable third parties that reflected a US Equity market growth rate of 5.3% and Treasury rate of 3.4% during the forecast period. Key assumptions utilized in the CECL calculation include net asset value of the underlying collateral, reasonable and supportable forecast period, and discounted cash flow inputs including economic forecast data. Key assumptions are reviewed and approved on a quarterly basis.

For purposes of determining income allocations to Ben's and BCH's equity holders, interest income is adjusted for any allowance for credit losses, which was approximately \$78.1 million and \$53.2 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Goodwill and Identifiable Intangible Assets

Goodwill is tested for impairment between annual tests whenever events or circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit has fallen below its carrying value. Subsequent to the public listing on June 8, 2023, and through the date of this report, the Company has experienced a significant sustained decline in the price of its Class A common stock and its related market capitalization. We believe that these factors indicated that the fair value of our reporting units had more likely than not fallen below their carrying values as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023. As such, management performed an interim impairment test of goodwill as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, which resulted in \$1.1 billion, \$306.7 million and \$883.2 million, respectively, of impairment at the Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody reporting unit.

The Company computed the fair value of each reporting unit by computing the overall enterprise value of the Company by valuing its various equity instruments, primarily based on the Class A common stock price per share. The overall enterprise value was allocated to each reporting unit using the discounted cash flow method to estimate the relative value of each reporting unit based on their future cash flows using a multi-year forecast, and a terminal value calculated using a long-term growth rate that was informed based on our industry, analyst reports of a public company peer set, current and expected future economic conditions and management expectations. The discount rate used to discount these future cash flows was determined using a capital asset pricing model based on the market value of equity of a public company peer set, adjusted for risk characteristics and expectations specific to the reporting unit, combined with an assessment of the cost of debt.

The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the June 30, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 24.8% to 25.6%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit.

The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the September 30, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 25.3% to 26.2%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody.

The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the December 31, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 26.3% to 27.2%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody as of December 31, 2023. One reporting unit (Ben Markets) had a negative carrying amount of net assets as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and goodwill of approximately \$9.9 million.

Management continues to closely monitor the results of the reporting units and comparisons to the key assumptions used in our fair value estimate, in addition to operational initiatives and macroeconomic conditions, which may impact the results of the reporting units. The performance of the reporting units and the potential for future developments in the global economic environment, introduces a heightened risk for additional impairment. If management determines that the reporting units cannot achieve the growth assumptions noted above, or if there is continued deterioration in the market due to macroeconomic conditions, some or all of the remaining recorded goodwill could be subject to further impairment. While management cannot predict if or when additional future goodwill impairments may occur, additional goodwill impairments could have material adverse effects on the Company's financial condition, operating income, net assets, and/or the Company's cost of, or access to, capital.

There could be further significant sustained declines in the Company's Common Stock, which may result in a recognition of further goodwill impairment that could be material to the consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 3 — QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not applicable.

ITEM 4 — CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the “Exchange Act”) that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and to ensure that information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2023, the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report. Based on this evaluation, our Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2023.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Ben adopted Accounting Standards Update 2016-13, *Financial Instruments, Credit Losses* (Topic 326) on April 1, 2023. Ben implemented new controls and modified existing controls as part of the adoption. The new controls were implemented to account for the additional complexity of the expected credit loss model, determine reasonable and supportable forecasts, review of economic forecasts, and other assumptions used in the estimation of the model. There were no other changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act during the nine months ended December 31, 2023, that materially affected, or are reasonable likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1 — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There have been no material changes in the legal proceedings previously disclosed in response to Part I, Item 3. “Legal Proceedings” set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2023 filed with the SEC on July 13, 2023, except as set forth below.

On December 16, 2022, a former member of the Board of Directors of Beneficient Management, LLC initiated a private arbitration in the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, challenging the termination of certain equity awards under two incentive plans by the administrator of the incentive plans. The claimant seeks total damages of \$36.3 million plus attorney’s fees and punitive damages. A hearing took place on August 23, 2023, and the arbitrator notified the parties that the record was officially closed. On December 14, 2023, the parties received notice that a draft award had been submitted by the arbitrator, and the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce will review the draft award at one of its next sessions.

As previously disclosed, on February 18, 2022, Shirin Bayati and Mojan Kamalvand, on behalf of themselves and of all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against GWG, its former President and Chief Executive Officer, Murray Holland, its former Chief Financial Officer, Timothy Evans, and certain past and present members of the board of directors of GWG and BCG (Roy Bailey, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., David Chavenson, Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, and David H. de Weese) (the “Bayati Action”). The suit alleges that the defendants violated Sections 11, 12, and 15 of the Securities Act by issuing materially misleading statements in a June 3, 2020 registration statement (the “Offering”) and seeks, among other things, compensatory damages, fees and costs. On April 20, 2022, GWG filed for bankruptcy protection in the Southern District of Texas. On April 21, 2022, the district court ordered all parties to submit statements by May 5, 2022 on whether the automatic stay in bankruptcy extends to the non-debtor defendants. On April 25, 2022, Movants Thomas Horton and Frank Moore (the “Lead Plaintiffs”) filed a Motion for Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Their Selection of Lead Counsel. On May 2, 2022, a notice of dismissal was filed, dismissing defendants Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer. On May 12, 2022, the district court extended the bankruptcy stay to all non-debtor defendants, although it permitted a limited modification of lifting of the stay to allow the court to consider the pending lead plaintiff motion. On August 5, 2022, the district court entered an order appointing Thomas Horton and Frank Moore as lead plaintiffs for the putative class. On May 26, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated, filed a second class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering (the “Horton Action”).

On August 16, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the Lead Plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a notice regarding the confirmation of the Debtors’ Chapter 11 plan in the GWG bankruptcy, a motion seeking to lift the bankruptcy stay and a motion to consolidate the Bayati and Horton Actions. On September 12, 2023, the court entered an order consolidating the Bayati and Horton Actions. The court ordered that the consolidated action shall bear the caption In re GWG Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation. The court lifted the bankruptcy stay and ordered the Lead Plaintiffs to file a new consolidated complaint within 20 days.

On October 2, 2023, the Lead Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Class Action Complaint against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, Murray T. Holland, Timothy L. Evans, David H. de Weese, Roy W. Bailey, David F. Chavenson, and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering. The complaint alleges that the individual defendants violated Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act, and further alleges that the Company violated Section 15 of the Securities Act. The Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer (the “Ben Individual Defendants”) filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on November 7, 2023. On January 4, 2024, defendants Murray Holland, Timothy Evans, Roy Bailey, and Whitley Penn LLP each filed a motion to dismiss the case. Also on January 4, 2023, defendants David Chavenson and David H. de Weese filed a joint motion to dismiss. The Lead Plaintiffs’ deadline to respond to the various motions to dismiss is February 20, 2024, and replies are due March 21, 2024. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

On October 27, 2023, David Scura filed a petition in Dallas County District Court against Brad K. Heppner, Jon R. Sabes, Steven F. Sabes, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, the Company and FOXO Technologies, Inc. (“FOXO”), alleging violation of the Texas Securities Act, common law fraud, unjust enrichment, and civil conspiracy to defraud and seeking compensatory damages, costs and expenses. The same day, Clifford Day and Carla Monahan filed a petition in Dallas County District Court against the same defendants, alleging the same claims. The parties

have agreed to move the defendants' deadline to respond to the petition to February 19, 2024. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its current executive officers and directors and has certain obligations to indemnify its current directors and executive officers. As a result, the Company is currently incurring legal fees on behalf of these persons in relation to these pending and unresolved matters. On November 7, 2023, we were reimbursed by our director and officer insurance carrier a total of \$3.5 million, which includes, among others, certain expenses paid from the proceeds under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement. Additional reimbursements from our director and officer insurance carrier are expected.

ITEM 1A — RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in the risk factors previously disclosed in response to Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2023 filed with the SEC on July 13, 2023, except as set forth below.

We have a substantial amount of goodwill and intangible assets, and we have been, and may in the future be, required to write down the value of our intangible assets and goodwill due to impairment, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A significant portion of our total assets are comprised of goodwill and intangible assets that arose from a series of transactions with GWG and relate principally to our Ben Liquidity business. We perform goodwill and intangible asset impairment annually, during the fourth quarter of each year, or when events occur, or circumstances change that would more likely than not indicate impairment has occurred, including a significant substantial decline in the prevailing price of our Class A common stock. Subsequent to our public listing on June 8, 2023, and through the date of this report, the Company has experienced a significant sustained decline in the price of its Class A common stock and its related market capitalization. We believe that these factors indicated that the fair value of our reporting units had more likely than not fallen below their carrying values as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023. As such, management performed an interim impairment test of goodwill as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, which resulted in \$1.1 billion, \$306.7 million and \$883.2 million, respectively, of impairment at the Ben Liquidity and Ben Custody reporting units. Because a number of factors may influence determinations of fair value of goodwill and our intangible assets, including the price of our Class A common stock, which has continued to decline since our public listing, there can be no assurance that our future evaluations of goodwill and intangible assets will not result in findings of significant impairment and related write-downs, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In assessing impairment, the Company computed the fair value of each reporting unit by computing the overall enterprise value of the Company by valuing its various equity instruments, primarily based on the Class A common stock price per share. The overall enterprise value was allocated to each reporting unit using the discounted cash flow method to estimate the relative value of each reporting unit based on their future cash flows using a multi-year forecast, and a terminal value calculated using a long-term growth rate that was informed based on our industry, analyst reports of a public company peer set, current and expected future economic conditions and management expectations. The discount rate used to discount these future cash flows was determined using a capital asset pricing model based on the market value of equity of a public company peer set, adjusted for risk characteristics and expectations specific to the reporting unit, combined with an assessment of the cost of debt. The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the June 30, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 24.8% to 25.6%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody. The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the September 30, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 25.3% to 26.2%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody. The discount rates used for each reporting unit in the December 31, 2023 impairment analysis ranged from 26.3% to 27.2%, and the Company applied a terminal year long-term growth rate of 3.0% for each reporting unit. Subsequent to the impairment, there was no excess of reporting unit fair value over carrying value for Ben Liquidity or Ben Custody as of December 31, 2023. One reporting unit, Ben Markets, had a negative carrying amount of net assets as of June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023, and goodwill of approximately \$9.9 million.

Future valuations of the enterprise value may use different valuation methodologies than the methodology employed for June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023, or December 31, 2023, including the income approach, which would heavily incorporate management's estimate of discounted cash flow. With all valuations, our assumptions reflect management's best estimates of future performance. Further valuations involving estimates, specifically to the extent they may utilize management's estimates of discounted cash flow, could assume that we capture a significant market share of liquidity transactions leading to

a substantial rate of growth of new service offerings and products, revenues and assets. These estimations are uncertain to occur, and to the extent we fall short of achieving our expected growth in revenues and assets, material impairments of our goodwill may occur in the near term. Additionally, any litigation relating to our transactions with GWG could have a material adverse on our ability to execute on our business plan, which could have an effect on the value of our goodwill and intangibles. While management can and has implemented its business plans, a failure to further execute our business plans or adverse changes in management's forecasts, to the extent used in future valuations, could result in a decline in our estimated fair value and could result in an impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets. A significant sustained decrease in the Company's Common Stock has in the past been an indicator, and in the future may indicate, that impairment is present and may require a quantitative impairment assessment of the Company's assets, including goodwill and intangible assets. Any such future impairment charges for goodwill may reduce the overall assets and may result in a change in the perceived value of the Company and ultimately may be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities. Any impairment charge would adversely impact the income (loss) allocable to Ben's equity holders. Additionally, an impairment charge may also adversely influence our ability to raise capital in the future. Further, impairment of our goodwill and intangible assets may result in us recording a negative amount of stockholder's equity. To the extent this occurs, the ability of the Company to "downlist" to the Nasdaq Capital Market or otherwise change the tier of Nasdaq on which it lists will be eliminated, which may have the effect of making it more difficult to continue to list shares of its Class A common stock on Nasdaq.

Allocations of write downs in the value of our intangible assets and goodwill due to impairment will result in a decrease in the capital account balance of the BCH Class A Units indirectly held by the Company.

Pursuant to the terms of the BCH LPA, upward adjustments to the carrying value of any assets of BCH and its subsidiaries are first, allocated to the holders of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts (50.5%) and the Subclass 2 FLP Unit Accounts of BCH ("BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts" and together with the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and the BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, the "BCH FLP Unit Accounts") (49.5%) up to an amount equal to 15% of the aggregate capital account balances of all outstanding BCH Class A Units and BCH Class S Ordinary Units and the BCH Class S Preferred Units (together, the "BCH Class S Units"), inclusive of the amount of such upward adjustment, less any prior allocations of upward adjustments; second, allocated among the holders of the BCH Class A Units and the BCH Class S Units in an amount necessary to cause the capital account balances of each series of the BCH Class A Units to be equal to the capital account balances of each series of the BCH Class S Units; and third, pro rata among all outstanding units of BCH, except the BCH Preferred A.0, BCH Preferred A.1 and the BCH FLP Unit Accounts.

However, all losses attributable to downward adjustments to the carrying value of any assets of BCH and its subsidiaries, such as when equity securities of BCH are issued at a lower price than the prior issuance, are allocated pro rata among all holders of BCH Units other than the BCH Preferred A.0, BCH Preferred A.1 and the BCH FLP Unit Accounts. As a result of these allocations, the capital account balance of the BCH Class A Units indirectly held by the Company may decrease due to downward adjustments to the carrying value, which may reduce the amount, if any, the Company would receive upon a liquidation of BCH.

Usage of our Class A common stock or securities convertible into Class A common stock as consideration for investments in alternative asset funds may create significant volatility in our investment income and the price of our Class A common stock.

Since becoming a public company, we have issued shares of our Class A common stock and various series of our convertible preferred stock as consideration in our liquidity financing transactions. To the extent the Customer ExAlt Trusts utilize our Class A common stock or securities convertible into Class A common stock as consideration for investments in alternative asset funds, our investment income and the price of Class A common stock may become more volatile. In the event the value of our securities becomes a larger portion of the total assets of the alternative asset funds with which we transact, distributions from such funds may be affected by changes in value of our Class A common stock. As a result, while an increase in the price of our Class A common stock may result in additional distributions and investment income to us as a result of an increase in the aggregate value of the assets held by alternative asset funds with which we transact, a decline in our Class A common stock price could result in significant decreases in the aggregate value of the assets held by such alternative asset funds with which we transact, resulting in fewer distributions to us and/or a decrease in investment income, which could even further depress the trading price of our Class A common stock.

We have been notified by Nasdaq of our failure to comply with certain continued listing requirements and, if we are unable to regain compliance with all applicable continued listing requirements and standards of Nasdaq, our Class A common stock could be delisted from Nasdaq.

Our Class A common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market. To maintain our listing, we are required to satisfy continued listing requirements. There can be no assurance we will continue satisfying such continued listing requirements, which include that the closing bid price of our common stock be at least \$1.00 per share, that we have at least 400 round lot

holders and at least 750,000 publicly held shares, that the market value of our publicly held securities be at least \$5 million, and that we meet one of these standards: stockholders' equity of at least \$10 million; market value of listed securities of at least \$50 million; or total assets and total revenues of at least \$50 million each in the latest fiscal year or in two of the last fiscal years.

On November 28, 2023, we received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Department of Nasdaq (the "Nasdaq Staff") notifying the Company that, for the previous 30 consecutive business days, the closing bid price for the Company's Class A common stock had been below the minimum \$1.00 per share required for continued listing on The Nasdaq Global Market under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5450(a)(1) (the "Bid Price Requirement"). The letter has no effect at this time on the Class A common stock, which continues to trade on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "BENF".

In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company has been provided an initial period of 180 calendar days, or until May 28, 2024, to regain compliance with the Bid Price Requirement. If, at any time before May 28, 2024, the bid price for the Class A common stock closes at \$1.00 or more for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days, the Nasdaq Staff will provide written notification to the Company that it has regained compliance with the Bid Price Requirement (unless the Nasdaq Staff exercises its discretion to extend the 10-day period).

If the Company is not in compliance with the Bid Price Requirement by May 28, 2024, the Company may qualify for a second 180 calendar day period to regain compliance with the Bid Price Requirement. To qualify for an additional compliance period, the Company would need to transfer the listing of the Class A common stock to the Nasdaq Capital Market and meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards for the Nasdaq Capital Market, except for the Bid Price Requirement. If the Company does not qualify for or fails to regain compliance during the second compliance period, then the Nasdaq Staff will provide written notification to the Company that its Class A common stock will be subject to delisting. At that time, the Company may appeal the Nasdaq Staff's delisting determination to the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel. However, there can be no assurance that, if the Company receives a delisting notice and appeals the delisting determination, that such an appeal would be successful.

The Company intends to monitor the closing bid price of its Class A common stock. The Company is evaluating available options, including seeking to effect a reverse stock split, to resolve the noncompliance matters described herein and intends to take appropriate steps to maintain its listing on Nasdaq. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to regain compliance with the Bid Price Requirement. Furthermore, as of the date of this report, the Company is currently in compliance with Nasdaq's publicly held shares requirement. However, in the event that the number of our publicly held shares falls below 750,000, our Class A common stock would be subject to delisting.

If we are delisted from Nasdaq, our securities may be eligible for trading on an over-the-counter market. If we are not able to obtain a listing on another stock exchange or quotation service for our securities, it may be extremely difficult or impossible for stockholders to sell their shares. If we are delisted from Nasdaq, but obtain a substitute listing for our securities, it will likely be on a market with less liquidity, and therefore experience potentially more price volatility than experienced on Nasdaq. Stockholders may not be able to sell their securities on any such substitute market in the quantities, at the times, or at the prices that could potentially be available on a more liquid trading market. As a result of these factors, if our securities are delisted from Nasdaq, the value and liquidity of our securities would likely be significantly adversely affected. A delisting of our securities from Nasdaq could also adversely affect our ability to obtain financing for our operations and/or result in a loss of confidence by investors, employees and/or business partners.

In the event of a delisting, we can provide no assurance that any action taken by us to restore compliance with listing requirements would allow our securities to become listed again, stabilize the market price or improve the liquidity of our securities, prevent our securities from dropping below the Nasdaq minimum bid price requirement or prevent future non-compliance with the listing requirements of Nasdaq. There can be no assurance that we will maintain the compliance of our securities with the Nasdaq listing requirements.

We engage in related party transactions, which may result in conflicts of interest involving our senior management.

We have engaged in the past, and may continue to engage, in a substantial number of related party transactions, including transactions with our Chief Executive Officer and various entities in which our Chief Executive Officer has a financial interest. Related party transactions may present conflicts of interest, could result in disadvantages to our Company and may impair investor confidence, which could materially and adversely affect us. Related party transactions could also cause us to become materially dependent on related parties in the ongoing conduct of our business, and related parties may be motivated by personal interests to pursue courses of action that are not necessarily in the best interests of our Company and our stockholders. Further, the appearance of conflicts of interest created by related party transactions could impair the confidence of our investors. In the case of transactions with affiliates, there may be an absence of arms' length negotiations with respect to the terms, conditions and consideration with respect to goods and services provided to or by us. Our affiliates may

economically benefit from our arrangements with related parties. If we engage in related party transactions on unfavorable terms, our operating results will be negatively impacted.

Brad K. Heppner, our founder and CEO, may have financial interests that conflict with the interests of Beneficient and its stockholders.

Our CEO may face conflicts of interest as a result of (i) his equity interests in the Company and its subsidiaries and (ii) certain related party transactions between the Company and entities in which Mr. Heppner has a financial interest, including an entity that has outstanding loans to the Company, certain of each of which are structurally senior to the interests of the holders of our shares of Class A common stock. As of December 31, 2023, through BHI, an entity directly owned by The Highland Business Holdings Trust, of which Mr. Heppner is the trustee and his family are the beneficiaries, Mr. Heppner beneficially owned approximately 92.6% of the Company's Class B common stock and held 39.5% of the total voting power of the Class A and Class B common stock. The Class B common stock is entitled to 10 votes per share on all matters on which stockholders are generally entitled to vote. Pursuant to our articles of incorporation, if the Class B Threshold is met, the (i) holders of shares of Class B common stock, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect that number of directors that constitutes 51% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the total number of authorized directors and (ii) holders of shares of Common Stock, voting as a single class, are entitled to elect all remaining directors that are not otherwise entitled to be elected by a series of preferred stock, but in no event shall they not be entitled to elect at least one director. Accordingly, so long as the Class B Threshold is met, holders of shares of Class A common stock only have the ability, voting together with the holders of the Class B common stock as a single class (with each holder of the Class B common stock having 10 votes per share of the Class B common stock), to vote on the election of a minority of the Board. If, on the applicable record date, the Class B Threshold is not met, then holders of Common Stock will vote together as a single class with respect to the election of all directors, with each holder of the Class B common stock having 10 votes per share of Class B common stock. This concentration of voting power may present a conflict of interest by delaying, deterring or preventing acts that would be favored by our other stockholders.

Furthermore, through BHI, Mr. Heppner is an indirect holder of equity interests in our subsidiary, BCH, and, as of December 31, 2023, held 60.2% of the securities of BCH. Such holdings include BCH Preferred A.0, BCH Preferred A.1, BCH Class S Ordinary Units, BCH Class S Preferred Units, BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts and BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts. Additionally, Hicks Holdings, an entity associated with Thomas O. Hicks, one of Ben's current directors, is one of the owners and serves as the manager of a limited liability company (the "SPV") in which BHI also has an ownership interest. The SPV holds BCH Preferred A.0 and BCH Preferred A.1 among its investment holdings.

BHI is entitled to various payments and allocations as a result of its ownership of BCH securities. As a holder of the BCH Preferred A.0, BHI is entitled to receive quarterly guaranteed cash payments equal to 1.50% per fiscal quarter (or 6.0% per annum) of its BCH Preferred A.0 capital account balance on an annual basis, subject to the terms of an agreement to defer delivery of such payments until November 15, 2024.

Additionally, as a holder of the BCH Preferred A.1, BHI is entitled to (i) a quarterly preferred return equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Preferred A.1 multiplied by the most recent 90-Day Average Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York prior to each fiscal quarter plus 0.5% (2.0% per annum) and allocable by a corresponding increase to the BCH Preferred A.1 capital account, subject to an agreement to waive and defer the accrual of such payments until December 31, 2024, (ii) tax distributions for any period in which there is an allocation of income related to the quarterly preferred return and (iii) allocations from sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to its hypothetical BCH Preferred A.1 capital account.

Furthermore, as a holder of BCH Class S Ordinary Units, following certain income allocations to the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, the capital account balance associated with such BCH Class S Ordinary Units shall be reduced to zero and, in exchange, BHI is entitled to receive an equal number of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units equal to the amount of the reduction in the capital account divided by the closing price of the Class A common stock on the date of such exchange. Such provisions result in BHI, as a holder of the BCH Class S Ordinary Units, receiving additional limited partner interests in BCH as a result of the allocation of income of BCH while retaining the BCH Class S Ordinary Units.

Holders of the BCH Class S Preferred Units are entitled to receive (i) a quarterly preferred return equal to the hypothetical capital account balance of such BCH Class S Preferred Units multiplied by the base rate and allocable by a corresponding increase to the BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account, subject to an agreement to waive and defer the accrual of such payments until December 31, 2024 and (ii) allocations of sale proceeds of BCH in an amount up to their hypothetical BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account, thereby increasing such holder's BCH Class S Preferred Unit capital account and resulting distributions.

As a holder of the BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts, BHI is also entitled to receive (i) quarterly issuances of an equal amount of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units that in aggregate is equal to the income allocated to BCH FLP-1 Unit Accounts pursuant to the BCH LPA, which is 50.5% of (1) 15% of profits from financing activities of BCH and (2) Excess EBITDA Margin, which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Ben, (ii) upon its allocation of income of BCH in accordance with the BCH LPA, additional BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units, (iii) an allocation of a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b) and (iv) annual tax distributions. Finally, as the holder of BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts, BHI is entitled to receive quarterly tax and other distributions equal to 100% of the amount of the profit allocated to BHI's BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts capital balance. BCH FLP-3 Unit Accounts are allocated profits from financing activities of Ben equal to the lesser of 5% of quarterly net financing revenues and 10% of the average annualized stated interest (to the extent constituting net financing revenues) of the quarterly average of new ExAlt Loans issued during the previous 12 months.

As of December 31, 2023, neither BHI nor Mr. Heppner held an interest in BMP, however, in the event that an employee forfeits their interest in BMP, BHI would hold such interest until they are reissued to a participant. As a result, BHI may occasionally hold the forfeited interests of a former employee in BMP. As the holder of BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts, BMP is entitled to receive (i) quarterly issuances of an equal amount of BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units that in aggregate is equal to the income allocated to BCH FLP-2 Unit Accounts pursuant to the BCH LPA, which is 49.5% of (1) 15% of profits from financing activities of BCH and (2) Excess EBITDA Margin (as defined herein), which generally relates to the fee-generating businesses of Ben, (ii) annual tax distributions, (iii) upon its allocation of income of BCH in accordance with the BCH LPA, additional BCH Class S Ordinary Units and BCH Class S Preferred Units and (iv) an allocation of a portion of any upward carrying value adjustment as calculated pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 704(b).

Because the Company has a holding company structure, any equity securities the Company has issued or will issue, including our Class A common stock, are and will be structurally subordinated to interests in BCH, including those of creditors of and holders of certain equity interests in BCH. Such creditors include HCLP, which holds approximately \$102.3 million in secured debt of BCH as of December 31, 2023, and the holders of such equity interests include BHI which holds preferred equity interests in BCH ranking senior to the equity interests the Company holds in BCH. Therefore, in any bankruptcy, liquidation or similar proceeding, all claims of creditors (including HCLP) of BCH will have priority over the Company's equity interests in BCH (and therefore the claims of the Class A common stock and any preferred stock the Company issues) with respect to the assets of BCH. In addition, the holders of the preferred equity interests in BCH, including BHI as described above, currently have, and may in the future have, priority over the Company's equity interests in BCH. These priority claims and interests may present a conflict of interest with respect to the interests of the Company and our stockholders with respect to the assets of BCH and its subsidiaries.

Additionally, we have entered into certain related party transactions with entities in which Mr. Heppner has a financial interest, including the HCLP Loan Agreement. As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$102.3 million of debt (including unamortized premium thereon), which is derived from BCH's secured loans with HCLP, an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP. The majority of HCLP is indirectly owned by The Highland Investment Holdings Trust, of which Mr. Heppner and his family are the beneficiaries. Mr. Heppner is a trustee but does not possess any discretionary authority with respect to the management, distribution or administration of the trust's current assets (including HCLP). In addition to our payments on the principal balance of the HCLP Loan Agreement, pursuant to the terms of the HCLP Loan Agreement, we are required to make certain payments to HCLP for interest and fees. For the nine months ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, we made payments to HCLP, primarily in the form of principal and interest payments, of nil and \$6.5 million, respectively. We have also paid in the past, and may be required in the future to pay, extension fees to extend the maturity dates of the HCLP Loan Agreement.

The HCLP Loan Agreement is collateralized by substantially all income producing assets of BCH, as well as the loans originated by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and custody trusts, excluding the ExAlt Participation Loans. If we do not raise enough capital to fully repay such obligations, HCLP's collateral interest will remain in place, and the value of the collateral security of the HCLP Loan Agreement may significantly exceed amounts owed under the HCLP Loan Agreement. In the event of default on the HCLP Loan Agreement, HCLP shall have the right to, among other things, transfer the collateral in the name of HCLP, enforce collection of the collateral or take possession or control of any proceeds of the collateral. As a result, the terms of repayment of the principal balance of the HCLP Loan Agreement and the additional interest and fee payments as well as HCLP's collateral interest in the assets of BCH may present conflicts of interests between Mr. Heppner, the Company and its stockholders.

The Company may be materially adversely affected by negative publicity.

The Company has received in the past, and may continue to receive in the future, negative publicity, which could adversely affect our reputation, operations, and financial condition. For example, we and certain of our officers and directors have been the subject of negative media coverage in the Wall Street Journal and other outlets regarding alleged self-dealing and the misuse of company funds. Although we and certain of our executive officers have filed a claim for defamation against Alexander Gladstone, the author of the Wall Street Journal's previous media coverage concerning the Company, we may continue to experience negative attention in the media. Defamation claims by their nature are difficult to win, and we cannot predict the outcome of this litigation or its impact on us or our business. Such proceedings are time consuming and expensive and, regardless of the factual basis for the assertions being made or the strength of the claims, can have a negative impact on the Company's reputation, on the morale and performance of the Company's employees and on the Company's relationships with regulators. Such impacts could be exacerbated if we do not prevail in the litigation. Regardless of the ultimate outcome of our defamation claim, such litigation may divert the time and effort of senior management from the management of the Company and may also have an adverse impact on the Company's ability to take timely advantage of various business and market opportunities. Additionally, such negative publicity has in the past, and may continue, to impact the willingness of our customers and other parties to transact business with us. These direct and indirect effects of negative publicity, and the demands of responding to and addressing it, may have a material adverse effect on the Company's businesses, financial condition and results of operations. Negative publicity also could have the effect of heightening the other risks described in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the risks set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We have received a "Wells Notice" from the SEC.

On June 29, 2023, the Company received a "Wells Notice" from the staff (the "Staff") of the SEC's Division of Enforcement, stating that the Staff has made a preliminary determination to recommend that the SEC file a civil enforcement action against the Company alleging violations of certain provisions of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act. The Staff's allegations appear to relate to, among other things, the Company's association with an amendment to the debt coverage ratio calculation approved by certain holders of GWG Holdings issued debt in 2019 under an indenture and related disclosures by GWG Holdings, the December 31, 2019 valuation of the Company's goodwill by a third-party valuation agent, potential contractual rights concerning an amendment to the Company's governing documents and other items in the historical disclosures of GWG Holdings.

A Wells Notice is not a formal allegation or a finding of wrongdoing, but is a preliminary determination by the Staff to recommend to the SEC that a civil enforcement action or administrative proceeding be brought against the recipient. The Company maintains that our actions were appropriate and intends to vigorously defend this matter. The Company has made a Wells submission to the SEC demonstrating why an action against the Company would be unfounded. We intend to engage in further dialogue with the SEC Staff and contest any allegations of wrongdoing. Additionally, the Company understands that other parties, including Brad K. Heppner, also received Wells Notices related to the investigation of GWG Holdings. Mr. Heppner has communicated to the Company that he intends to vigorously defend himself. Individually, Mr. Heppner also made a Wells submission, and he intends to engage in further dialogue with the SEC and contest any allegations of wrongdoing.

The proposed action may seek remedies that include an injunction, cease-and-desist order, disgorgement, pre-judgment interest, and civil money penalties. If the SEC were to authorize an action against us, it could seek an order enjoining the Company from engaging in future violations of certain provisions of the federal securities laws, imposing civil monetary penalties, and/or providing for other equitable relief within the SEC's authority. Additionally, in the event we or Mr. Heppner are found to have violated federal securities laws, we may be unable to utilize Regulation D or Regulation A under the Securities Act to raise additional capital on a basis exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, which would require us to use the Section 4(a)(2) exemption for our securities offerings and could have a material adverse effect on our business. Furthermore, if we are unable to utilize Regulation D or Regulation A due to such a "bad actor" disqualification, the investment documents for certain alternative assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts may also prohibit BFF from serving as trustee of the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and the impacted Customer ExAlt Trusts may need to replace BFF as their trustee, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The results of the Wells Notice process and any corresponding enforcement action, including the costs, timing and other potential consequences of responding and complying therewith, are unknown at this time.

Substantial future sales of shares of Class A common stock could cause the market price of our shares of Class A common stock to decline.

We are contractually obligated to prepare and file with the SEC multiple registration statements providing for the resale of the substantial majority of the shares of our outstanding Class A common stock, including for shares held by our largest

shareholder, the GWG Wind Down Trust (as defined herein), which held approximately 152,701,487 shares of Class A common stock, or approximately 59% of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock, as of December 31, 2023, and has been formed for the purpose of selling shares of our Class A common stock it holds to satisfy claims deriving from the bankruptcy proceedings of GWG. Although the sale of shares of our outstanding Class A common stock do not result in the dilution of the interests of our public shareholders, the resale, or expected resale, of a substantial number of our shares of Class A common stock in the public market could adversely affect the market price for our shares of Class A common stock and make it more difficult for you to sell your shares of Class A common stock at times and prices that you feel are appropriate. Although the prevailing trading price of our Class A common stock is beneath that of the trading price of our Class A common stock at the closing of our Business Combination, certain of the holders of our Class A common stock purchased their shares for prices less than the current trading prices of our Class A common stock and could have an incentive to sell because they will still profit on sales. Further, we have registered for resale a significant amount of our Class A common stock pursuant to the SEPA and our Forward Purchase Agreement, which could result in further substantial dilution and depressed trading prices of our Class A common stock. Pursuant to the SEPA, we may issue and sell up to \$250 million of shares of Class A common stock to the Yorkville Investor (as defined therein). The price at which we may issue and sell shares may be at either (i) 95% of the daily VWAP of the Class A common stock for any period commencing on the receipt of the advance notice by the Yorkville Investor and ending on 4:00 p.m. on the applicable advance notice date (“Pricing Option 1”) or (ii) 97% of the lowest daily VWAP of the Class A common stock during the three trading days following a notice to sell to the Yorkville Investor, provided that we are subject to certain caps on the amount of shares of Class A common stock that we may sell on any single day (“Pricing Option 2”). Assuming that (a) we issue and sell the full \$250 million of shares of Class A common stock under the SEPA to the Yorkville Investor, (b) no beneficial ownership limitations, and (c) the issue price for such sales is \$3.00 or \$5.00 per share, such additional issuances would represent in the aggregate approximately 83,333,333 or 50,000,000 additional shares of Class A common stock, respectively, or approximately 24.5% or 16.3% of the total number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to such issuance. If the beneficial ownership limitation is not waived, we may issue approximately 25,695,237 shares of Class A common stock, or approximately 9.99% of the total number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding as of the date hereof. “Market Price” is defined as, for any Option 1 Pricing Period, the daily volume weighted average price (“VWAP”) of the Class A common stock on Nasdaq during the Option 1 Pricing Period, and for any Option 2 Pricing Period, the lowest VWAP of the Class A common stock on the Nasdaq during the Option 2 Pricing Period. Assuming a (i) Market Price of \$2.74, (ii) no beneficial ownership limitations, and (iii) the receipt of stockholder approval to exceed the Exchange Cap, we may issue up to 95,693,779 shares of Class A common stock under Pricing Option 1 and up to 94,062,758 shares of Class A common stock under Pricing Option 2, which would reflect approximately 27.1% and 26.8%, respectively, of the outstanding shares of our Class A common stock as of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to such issuances.

Furthermore, while certain of our stockholders whose securities have been registered for resale (the “Selling Holders”) may experience a positive rate of return based on the current trading price of our Class A common stock, the public stockholders may not experience a similar rate of return on the securities they purchased due to differences in the purchase prices paid by the public stockholders and the Selling Holders and the current trading price of our Class A common stock. The Selling Holders will be able to sell all of their shares of Class A common stock for so long as the respective registration statements registering their securities are available for use.

Our Forward Purchase Agreement could result in an artificial ceiling price for the shares of our Class A common stock given the economic interests of our counterparty.

We have entered into a Forward Purchase Agreement with the Purchaser, pursuant to which the Purchaser agreed to purchase certain shares of Avalon Class A common stock at a purchase price per share of \$10.588 for aggregate consideration of \$25.0 million, which were converted into shares of Class A common stock and Series A preferred stock upon consummation of the Business Combination. The Series A preferred stock converted in accordance with its terms to shares of Class A common stock, and Purchaser held an aggregate of 2,956,480 shares of Class A common stock following such conversion (the “FPA Shares”). The Forward Purchase Agreement provides for two categories of FPA Shares: (i) 1,064,333 FPA Shares categorized as the “Purchased Shares” and (ii) the remaining 1,892,147 FPA Shares categorized as the “Prepaid Forward Shares”. Upon the sales of the Prepaid Forward Shares, the Purchaser will remit \$10.588 per share, or such lesser price per share designated by the Company by written notice setting forth the Designated Price and the number Prepaid Forward Shares that may be sold at such price delivered to Purchaser prior to any such sales, to the Company. On June 8, 2025 (“Maturity Date”), any Prepaid Forward Shares not sold by the Purchaser will be returned to the Company and any remaining amounts in respect of the Prepaid Forward Shares will be retained by the Purchaser, less any amounts still owed to the Company from sales effected prior to the Maturity Date.

Although the Company may designate a per share sale amount less than \$10.588 per share pursuant to the Forward Purchase Agreement, the current Designated Price of \$10.588 currently incentivizes the Purchaser not to sell its shares of Class A

common stock at a price below such amount. Given the number of shares of our Class A common stock held by the Purchaser, the additional selling pressure that may be created by sales of our Class A common stock by the Purchaser if the trading price of our Class A common stock reaches \$10.588, such price may present an artificial ceiling for the value of the shares of our Class A common stock. In the event we do not designate a lower price per share than the Designated Price at which the Purchaser may sell shares of our Class A common stock, we may never recover the \$20 million dollar cash amount retained by the Purchaser following our entry into the Forward Purchase Agreement, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our liquidity, profitability and business may be adversely affected by an inability to access, or ability to access only on unfavorable terms, the capital markets, and we may never obtain the maximum anticipated proceeds contemplated under current capital raising agreements such as the SEPA.

Many factors will affect our capital needs and their amount and timing, including our growth and profitability, as well as market disruptions and other unforeseeable developments, which may include the substantial potential dilutive effects of issuances under the SEPA and potential depressed trading prices resulting from significant resales of our Class A common stock by current shareholders. Our liquidity may be impaired by an inability to access, or ability to access only on unfavorable terms, equity markets or otherwise allocate liquidity optimally, an inability to sell assets or redeem our interests in the Collateral, or unforeseen outflows of cash or collateral. This situation may arise due to circumstances that we may be unable to control, such as a general market disruption or an operational problem that affects third parties or us, a disruption of the financial markets or negative views about the financial services industry generally, including concerns regarding fiscal matters in the United States and other geographic areas or the receipt of negative publicity, such as the negative media coverage we received in the Wall Street Journal and other outlets. Further, substantial resales of our Class A common stock, as well as our issuance of additional shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the SEPA, may result in depressed trading prices of our Class A common stock, which could further impair our ability to raise sufficient capital from third party operations to carry on our business in the ordinary course.

In addition, our ability to raise funding could be impaired if investors or lenders develop a negative perception of our long-term or short-term financial prospects. An increase in our debt may increase our leverage and reduce our interest coverage. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the future sale of equity, the ownership interest of our equity holders may be diluted.

If we are unable to raise additional capital through the methods above, then we may have difficulty entering into liquidity transactions, which would lead to a decrease in income earned by us.

Under the SEPA, the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Yorkville Investor, from time to time, and the Yorkville Investor agreed to purchase from the Company, up to \$250 million of the Company's shares of Class A common stock. The Company shall not affect any sales under the SEPA and the Yorkville Investor shall not have any obligation to purchase shares of Class A common stock under the SEPA to the extent that after giving effect to such purchase and sale the aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock issued under the SEPA together with any shares of Class A common stock issued in connection with any other related transactions that may be considered part of the same series of transactions, where the average price of such sales would be less than \$2.74 and the number of shares issued would exceed 19.9% of the outstanding voting common stock as of December 31, 2023. Thus, the Company may not have access to the right to sell the full \$250 million of shares of Class A common stock to the Yorkville Investor, which could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations.

The transfer of GWG's assets to the GWG Wind Down Trust and the Litigation Trust pursuant to the Second Amended Plan could create significant uncertainties and risks for our continued operations and materially and adversely impact our financial operating results.

On April 20, 2022 and October 31, 2022, Debtors filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") thereby commencing those certain Chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). On June 20, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Debtors' Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (the "Second Amended Plan"), which became effective on August 1, 2023, (the "Effective Date").

The Second Amended Plan provides for the creation of two liquidating trusts to effectuate a liquidation of the Debtors: (i) the GWG Wind Down Trust; and (ii) the Litigation Trust (the "Litigation Trust"). The Second Amended Plan provides that the GWG Wind Down Trust will take all necessary steps to wind down the business affairs of the Debtors and maximize the value of the Debtors' non-litigation assets, including the Debtors' equity interests in the Company. Under the Second Amended Plan, the trustee for the GWG Wind Down Trust is Elizabeth C. Freeman. Pursuant to the terms of the Second Amended Plan, all potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors' estates against the Company have been assigned to

and, potentially may be pursued by, the Litigation Trust. The initial funding amount of the Litigation Trust under the Second Amended Plan was \$3 million in cash, and the Litigation Trust received all non-released litigation assets of the Debtors as well as the Debtors' interest in any insurance policies covering directors and officers of the Debtors. The Second Amended Plan further provides that the trustee for the Litigation Trust is Michael I. Goldberg (the "Litigation Trustee"), who has the sole authority to make decisions and act with respect to the Litigation Trust assets. Proceeds from the Litigation Trust will be distributed to the GWG Wind Down Trust for distribution to holders of trust interests in accordance with the waterfall set forth in the Second Amended Plan and the trust agreement governing the GWG Wind Down Trust.

The Second Amended Plan also incorporates the terms of a mediated settlement (the "Mediated Settlement") between the Official Committee of Bondholders (the "OCB") and L Bond Management, LLC (the "LBM"). As a result, Pursuant to the Second Amended Plan, the Company did not receive a release, and all potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors' estates against the Company, including the potential claims and causes of action described in the OCB's Standing Motion (as defined below), have been assigned to and, potentially may be pursued by, the Litigation Trust.

The transfer of GWG's assets to the GWG Wind Down Trust and Litigation Trust and their subsequent liquidation pursuant to the Second Amended Plan could create significant uncertainties and risks for our continued operations and/or materially and adversely impact our financial operating results. Additionally, the negative publicity, uncertainty, and risks associated with the Chapter 11 Cases and the OCB's Standing Motion have negatively impacted and may continue to negatively impact investors' willingness to engage with us until any related claims are resolved. More specifically, these uncertainties and risks have resulted in an investor advising us that it has refused to invest in connection with the Business Combination, and we have received indications from other potential investors that they would withhold their potential investments in the Company until these matters are resolved or until further clarity is available. As noted above, following the effective date of the Second Amended Plan, the Litigation Trustee has sole authority to pursue or resolve such claims. In connection with any mediation or otherwise, the Company intends to seek to resolve any claims that could be bought by the Litigation Trustee and GWG's creditors against the Company, BCH, their respective officers and directors, and certain other related, affiliated, or associated parties. If such potential claims and causes of action are not released or resolved through such mediation or otherwise, any attendant litigation, including causes of action asserted by the Litigation Trust, depending on its outcome, or the potential for such litigation, could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial condition and could result in a decline of the value or perceived value of the Company, which could ultimately be reflected as a reduction in the market prices of our securities.

Among other things, as of the Effective Date, the Company held approximately 2.5 million shares of GWG common stock, and the Customer ExAlt Trusts held 9.8 million shares of GWG common stock and \$94.8 million of outstanding principal amount of L Bonds. On the Effective Date, all securities issued by GWG, including GWG's common stock, preferred stock and debt securities (including all L Bonds) were cancelled. Holders of such cancelled securities, including the Company and the Customer ExAlt Trusts, were delivered trust interests (the "New WDT Interests") in GWG Wind Down Trust. As of September 30, 2023, Ben held 0.8 million interests of Series A1 and 2.5 million interests of Series E of the GWG Wind Down Trust, and the Customer ExAlt Trusts held 82.0 million, 14.5 million, and 9.8 million interests of Series A1, Series A2, and Series E, respectively, of the GWG Wind Down Trust. Through December 31, 2023, the Company has recognized a net loss of \$25.9 million related to its interests in the GWG Wind Down Trust (or GWG Holdings, as applicable), and the Customer ExAlt Trusts have recognized a net loss of \$192.8 million related to its interest in the GWG Wind Down Trust (or GWG Holdings, as applicable), all of which is reflected in the consolidated financial statements of Ben. If the value of such New WDT Interests received by the Company and the ExAlt Trusts in exchange for their GWG common stock and L Bonds were to continue to significantly drop, the value of the Company's or the Customer ExAlt Trusts' holdings of such New WDT Interests would also continue to significantly drop, which could result in a decline in our value and/or have a negative impact on our operating results. Such a decline in the perceived value or operating results of the Company, on a consolidated basis, could ultimately be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities, which could adversely influence our ability to raise capital in the future.

Additionally, a subsidiary of the Company has loans to certain Customer ExAlt Trusts in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$145.9 million (net of unamortized discounts), which are collateralized by the New WDT Interests held by these certain Customer ExAlt Trusts. The value and/or availability of the such New WDT Interests to satisfy the loans have been materially impacted as a result of the Chapter 11 Cases and the Second Amended Plan and may also be materially impacted as a result of potential litigation against the Company relating to its transactions with GWG. As of December 31, 2023, an allowance for credit losses of \$145.9 million was recorded on these loans, principally related to the decline in the value of the GWG common stock and L Bonds (prior to their cancellation). The allowance for credit losses is eliminated in the presentation of our consolidated financial statements but directly impacts the income (loss) allocable to the Company's and BCH's equity holders. We may be required to record additional impairment charges on the loans and a further reduction in

the value of the New WDT Interests received in exchange for such L Bonds or GWG common stock could have a material adverse effect on the Customer ExAlt Trust's ability to repay the current carrying value of the loans.

As a result of the issuance of the New WDT Interests, the Company or the ExAlt Trusts may receive distributions via the GWG Wind Down Trust as set forth in the Second Amended Plan and the trust agreement governing the GWG Wind Down Trust. Any further impairment charges related to the New WDT Interests would be reflected in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) and would impact the income (loss) allocatable to Beneficiary's equity holders, each of which could result in a decline in our value. Such a decline in the perceived value of the Company could ultimately be reflected as a reduction in the market price of our securities, which could adversely influence our ability to raise capital in the future.

We may face risks related to allegations in GWG's Chapter 11 Cases, which could damage our reputation and otherwise be disruptive to our business.

We have had numerous transactions with GWG since 2018, including transactions that have recently been completed. As part of the Chapter 11 Cases, GWG adopted resolutions (the "Resolution"), which, among other things, formed the Special Committee and the Investigations Committee of the GWG board of directors, comprised of certain independent directors (the "Independent Directors"). The Resolutions gave (i) the Special Committee the authority to, among other things, examine, investigate, analyze, assess, evaluate and negotiate the terms and conditions of any proposed plan of reorganization or liquidation submitted by GWG and its debtor-affiliates to the Bankruptcy Court for confirmation in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases and (ii) the Investigations Committee the authority to, among other things, conduct an investigation of claims and causes of action that arise under or relate to any transactions, relationships or conduct involving the Debtors and any third party, including, without limitation, the Company, as well as its officers and directors, relating to the Company's transactions with GWG.

On the effective date of the Second Amended Plan, which occurred on August 1, 2023, GWG transferred any potential claims against the Company and certain other parties to the Litigation Trust and it is possible that claims or causes of action arising from these transactions could be advanced against the Company in the future. Such claims and causes of action could include avoidance actions and other causes of actions related to such transactions, including: (i) challenges whereby GWG released its right to appoint a majority of the members of Ben Management board of directors, (ii) challenges to the reasonableness of the value received by the Debtors in such transactions, and (iii) efforts to recover the value of, or avoid, any transfers to the Company. The Special Committee filed a motion seeking the appointment of a mediator to oversee the mediation of issues between the Company, GWG and its debtor-affiliates, the Independent Directors (in their capacities as members of both the Special Committee and the Investigations Committee) and certain other creditor constituencies as a means to reach a "global consensus" and negotiate a value-maximizing Chapter 11 plan, including (i) the terms of GWG's plan of reorganization, including governance of the reorganized GWG, and (ii) the framework for maximizing the value of GWG's interests in the Company.

Furthermore, in connection with GWG's Chapter 11 Cases, the OCB filed a motion seeking standing (the "Standing Motion") to pursue causes of action that include (i) avoidance actions including challenges to transactions between GWG and the Company under theories of actual or constructive fraudulent transfer, (ii) allege claims for breach of fiduciary duty against former and current Company directors and officers, including Ben's CEO, for approving such transactions, (iii) advance a basis for the claims that GWG did not receive reasonably equivalent value in these transactions and (iv) seek recovery from the Company and the other named individuals, including Ben's CEO. More specifically, such challenged transactions relate to (i) GWG's commitment to loan the Company \$65 million that GWG funded in two tranches on May 31, 2019 (\$50 million on June 3, 2019 and \$15 million on November 22, 2019), (ii) GWG's purchase of \$10 million of equity in the Company on June 12, 2019, (iii) GWG's capital contribution to the Company of \$79 million on December 31, 2019, (iv) \$130.2 million in contributions by GWG to the Company pursuant to a Preferred Series C Unit Purchase Agreement, and (v) the Company's ultimate decoupling from GWG. Additionally, the motion included proposed claims against certain of GWG's former directors for an illegal dividend under Delaware law and claims for unjust enrichment against certain of GWG's former directors, individuals and corporate entities affiliated with or controlled by Ben's CEO, transferees of certain allegedly fraudulent transfers, and certain broker-dealers who marketed and sold L Bonds. The OCB's Standing Motion stated that the proposed claims could add in excess of \$500 million worth of additional value to the Debtors' estate.

On February 22, 2023, the Company and the Company's CEO, Brad K. Heppner, filed motions to object to the OCB's Standing Motion that refutes the allegations. On March 9, 2023, the Debtors, the OCB and LBM entered into the Mediated Settlement in the Chapter 11 Cases, the terms of which were incorporated into the Second Amended Plan. The Second Amended Plan provides for the creation of a Litigation Trust with an initial funding amount of \$3 million in cash, and all potential claims and causes of action of the Debtors' estates against the Company were, unless otherwise settled, assigned to and, potentially may be pursued by the Litigation Trust, including those claims related to the OCB's Standing Motion. On

June 20, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order confirming the Second Amended Plan, which became effective on August 1, 2023, and the Standing Motion was deemed to be withdrawn.

In the event that the Litigation Trustee asserts claims against us, whether related to the causes of action described in the Standing Motion or not, we may face significant risk, including the cost of protracted litigation. Even if no litigation is brought by the Litigation Trust relating to the Standing Motion or other claims, or if we prevail in any litigation stemming from the allegations, the existence of the allegations alone could result in reputational harm as a result of negative public sentiment, increased scrutiny from our regulators, and reduced investor and stakeholder confidence. Additionally, the allegations may impact the willingness of our customers and other parties to transact business with us. The Company intends to vigorously defend against any claims should they be brought by the Litigation Trust.

The Company is currently involved in legal proceedings and may be a party to additional claims and litigation in the future.

On February 18, 2022, Paul Capital Advisors (“PCA”) filed a lawsuit against MHT Financial, L.L.C. (“MHT”), BCG, and two trust advisors (the “Trust Advisors”), Murray Holland (part-owner of MHT and former Chairman, President and CEO of GWG) and James Turvey (an employee of BCG) in the Delaware Court of Chancery (the “Court” or the “Court of Chancery”). While BCG was named as a defendant, PCA did not assert claims against or seek relief from BCG but instead asserted one cause of action that only sought the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. The lawsuit concerns a set of transactions that utilized a trust structure with MHT as the sole beneficiary. Through this trust structure, PCA sold illiquid investments with a net asset value of approximately \$500 million to MHT in exchange for a contractual right from MHT to receive proceeds derived from an auction of BCG securities held in certain trusts (the “Trusts”). Pursuant to a separate contingent value right (“CVR”) contract (the “CVR Contract”) between BCG, affiliates of BCG (collectively, the “BEN CVR Parties”), and MHT, BCG agreed to undertake certain obligations if consideration from the auction of the BCG securities held in the Trusts resulted in an amount less than the net asset value of the illiquid investments MHT purchased from PCA (a “Shortfall ET Amount”), and other precedent conditions occurred. These obligations included, among other things, making quarterly distributions of “Available Cash” to the Trusts until the distributions equaled the Shortfall ET Amount.

Ultimately, GWG won the auction of the Company securities with a winning bid comprised of cash, GWG common stock, and L Bonds. While the cash consideration has been paid to PCA, the GWG stock and L Bonds remain in the Trusts until they are liquidated. The original complaint asserted one cause of action: that the Trust Advisors had breached their purported fiduciary duties to PCA. The sole relief PCA sought was the removal and replacement of the Trust Advisors. On March 14, 2022, the defendants moved to dismiss the original complaint, disputing in their briefs filed on March 28, 2022 that PCA is a beneficiary of any kind to the Trusts, and therefore not owed fiduciary duties by the Trust Advisors, and that PCA has no right to remove and replace the Trust Advisors. Further, the Company sought to dismiss the original complaint on the grounds that no claims were asserted against the Company and no relief was sought from it.

On April 18, 2022, PCA amended its original complaint. The amended complaint asserted six new causes of action arising out of the same set of transactions, including: (1) purported breaches of contract against BCG, MHT, and the Trust Advisors, including a purported breach of the CVR Contract; (2) purported fraud by the Company and MHT pertaining to the execution of the Second Amendment to the CVR Contract; and (3) promissory estoppel against MHT, the Company, and Murray Holland in his capacity as a Trust Advisor. The amended complaint also sought additional relief in the form of (1) damages “in an amount to be proven at trial” and (2) an order granting rescission of an amendment to the CVR Contract or a holding declaring it invalid. On April 18, 2022, Mr. Holland and Mr. Turvey resigned as Trust Advisors to the Trusts that were the subject matter of the complaint. On April 19, 2022, MHT, as the sole beneficiary of the Trusts, appointed Dr. John Stahl as the new Trust Advisor. On April 28, 2022, the Court found that PCA’s original cause of action to remove Mr. Holland and Mr. Turvey as Trust Advisors was moot. On May 6, 2022, PCA amended its complaint again to request that Dr. Stahl be removed as Trust Advisor.

Additionally, while the second amended complaint maintains the prior causes of action, it retracts PCA’s prior, false statements claiming that the Company had not supplied PCA’s representative the relevant documents before he signed an amendment to the CVR Contract. PCA still, however, requests that the Court rescind this amendment which memorialized the parties’ prior agreements regarding certain definitions negotiated and approved by PCA and its counsel. On August 17, 2022, the Court issued a memorandum opinion that dismissed count I of PCA’s complaint, which requested Dr. Stahl’s removal, after finding that PCA is not a beneficiary of the Trusts and, therefore, lacks standing to request the removal of any Trust Advisor. Additionally, because the Court held that PCA is not a beneficiary of the Trusts, the parties agreed that count II, which alleged breach of fiduciary duty against the Trust Advisors, should also be dismissed. On October 3, 2022, the Court entered an order dismissing count I of PCA’s complaint in accordance with its memorandum opinion and count II in light of the parties’ agreement that it should also be dismissed.

On November 1, 2022, defendants filed their opening briefs in support of their motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On December 20, 2022, PCA filed its answering brief in opposition to defendants' motions to dismiss the remaining counts. On January 24, 2023, defendants filed their reply briefs. Oral argument on the motions to dismiss was held on May 8, 2023. On August 29, 2023, the Court issued a letter opinion that denied defendants' motions to dismiss with respect to most of the remaining counts, explaining that the Court was unwilling to determine the parties' rights under the various agreements at the pleadings stage and that discovery may make these issues ripe for summary judgment. The Court did, however, grant defendants' motions to dismiss as to one of PCA's promissory estoppel claims and its claim for equitable fraud. On October 25, 2023, defendants filed their respective answers to PCA's second amended complaint.

This litigation can subject us to substantial costs and divert resources and the attention of management from our business. If these claims are successful, our business could be seriously harmed. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management's resources and adversely affect our business.

The CVR Contract is an agreement between the BEN CVR Parties, and MHT, which was dated as of September 1, 2017. PCA is not a party to the CVR Contract nor an intended third-party beneficiary of the CVR Contract. In the CVR Contract, among other things, the Company agreed to undertake certain obligations if: (1) the consideration from the auction of the Company securities held in the Trusts resulted in an amount less than the net asset value of the illiquid investments MHT purchased from PCA (a Shortfall ET Amount) and (2) certain other conditions were not satisfied, resulting in what the CVR Contract referred to as a "Distribution Trigger Event." Under the CVR Contract, a Distribution Trigger Event could potentially occur if the BEN CVR Parties failed to undertake an Initial Public Listing (as defined in the CVR Contract) within 24 months of the auction closing date of the Company securities, which was defined to include a transaction or event resulting in the listing of the Company's common units (or any securities into which the common units may be exchanged in a business combination or similar transaction) on a national stock exchange or quotation in an automated quotation system. In the event of the occurrence of a Distribution Trigger Event, the BEN CVR Parties potentially would have had to comply with specified obligations arising in certain circumstances, including making quarterly distributions of "Available Cash" to the Trusts until the distributions equaled the Shortfall ET Amount, if any (a "Mandatory Distribution Period").

During such a Mandatory Distribution Period, the CVR Contract may have also required the BEN CVR Parties to cease certain business activities, including the financing or acquisition of future private equity or other alternative asset loans unless financed through the issuance of equity or debt that is subordinate to the obligations under the CVR Contract. Except where the description of the CVR Contract expressly refers to PCA, the description of the CVR Contract's terms is as asserted by the Company, and they are currently in dispute and being litigated in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

As a threshold matter, the parties disagree about whether PCA is an intended third-party beneficiary of the CVR Contract. PCA asserts it is an intended third-party beneficiary with standing to enforce the CVR Contract. The BEN CVR Parties disagree with PCA because Section 4.9 of the CVR Contract expressly disclaims that there are any third-party beneficiaries of CVR Contract other than the Trusts. In addition to the threshold issue of standing, the parties disagree about (1) whether there is a Shortfall ET Amount under the CVR Contract's definition of Net Auction Consideration, (2) whether there was an Initial Public Listing as defined in the CVR Contract, and (3) whether the CVR Contract terminated under these disputed definitions.

First, PCA asserts that a Shortfall ET Amount exists because it alleges that the Trusts have not received Net Auction Consideration, which PCA argues is defined to only include cash, in an amount equal to the net asset value of the illiquid investments MHT purchased from PCA (NAV of ~\$500 million). As a result, PCA claims damages in the amount of \$350 million. In contrast, the BEN CVR Parties believe there is no Shortfall ET Amount because the Trusts have received Net Auction Consideration that PCA's valuation expert determined had a value exceeding the NAV of the investments purchased from PCA (valued at ~\$550 million), which was comprised of \$150 million in cash and approximately \$400 million in GWG L-Bonds and GWG common stock. The BEN CVR Parties disagree that Net Auction Consideration only includes cash received by the Trusts in light of (1) an acknowledgement in which PCA agreed that "for all purposes Net Auction Consideration included all Auction Consideration" and that "the fair market value of all Auction Consideration shall be the fair market value as reflected [by PCA's valuation expert]" and (2) an amendment to the CVR Contract that amended the definition of Net Auction Consideration to include non-cash consideration received by the Trusts and that was signed by a PCA general partner serving as a Ben director for purposes of approving such an amendment.

Second, PCA asserts the BEN CVR Parties failed to undertake an Initial Public Listing, alleging the BEN CVR Parties never filed a registration statement. The BEN CVR Parties disagree because they did exchange common units for GWG common stock, satisfying the CVR Contract's definition of an Initial Public Listing. Third, as a result of the disputed terms above, the parties disagree about whether the CVR Contract terminated. Under the BEN CVR Parties' view of the disputed terms, the

CVR Contract terminated under its terms. But because PCA asserts that a Shortfall ET Amount exists, PCA disagrees that the CVR Contract has terminated and claims that the amendment to the CVR Contract was fraudulently induced.

To date, PCA has not sought any equitable relief with respect to the CVR Contract and instead has only requested monetary damages. If PCA is successful in its claim that it has standing to enforce the CVR Contract, that the CVR Contract has not terminated on its terms, and that the Company and its related parties have breached certain obligations under the CVR Contract, PCA may be able to recover substantial damages from the Company. Such damages could include an award to PCA of monetary damages in an amount of up to \$350 million, the alleged Shortfall ET Amount, plus costs and expenses. Any such recovery against the Company (or Beneficiary) could materially affect the ability of the Company (or Beneficiary) to continue its operations.

Additionally, on December 16, 2022, a former member of the board of directors of Ben Management initiated a private arbitration in the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, challenging the termination of certain equity awards under two incentive plans by the administrator of the incentive plans. The claimant seeks total damages of \$36.3 million plus attorney's fees and punitive damages. A hearing took place on August 23, 2023, and the arbitrator has notified the parties that the record was officially closed. On December 14, 2023, the parties received notice that a draft award had been submitted by the arbitrator, and the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce will review the draft award at one of its next sessions. A decision in the arbitration is expected in the near future. The Company denies the claims asserted in the arbitration. Given the uncertainties attendant to litigation, the Company cannot accurately predict the ultimate outcome of this matter or the range of reasonably possible losses. Even if the claims do not result in protracted litigation or are resolved in our favor and the favor of our directors, the time and resources needed to resolve such claims could divert our management's resources and adversely affect our business.

On February 18, 2022, Shirin Bayati and Mojan Kamalvand, on behalf of themselves and of all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against GWG, its former President and Chief Executive Officer, Murray Holland, its former Chief Financial Officer, Timothy Evans, and certain past and present members of the board of directors of GWG and BCG (Roy Bailey, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., David Chavenson, Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, and David H. de Weese). The suit alleges that the defendants violated Sections 11, 12, and 15 of the Securities Act by issuing materially misleading statements in a June 3, 2020 registration statement. On April 20, 2022, GWG filed for bankruptcy protection in the Southern District of Texas. On April 21, 2022, the district court ordered all parties to submit statements by May 5, 2022 on whether the automatic stay in bankruptcy extends to the non-debtor defendants. On April 25, 2022, the Lead Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Appointment as Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Their Selection of Lead Counsel. On May 2, 2022, a notice of dismissal was filed, dismissing defendants Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Brad K. Heppner, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer. On May 12, 2022, the district court extended the bankruptcy stay to all non-debtor defendants, although it permitted a limited modification of lifting of the stay to allow the court to consider the pending lead plaintiff motion. On August 5, 2022, the district court entered an order appointing Thomas Horton and Frank Moore as lead plaintiffs for the putative class. On May 26, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated, filed a second class action lawsuit against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering.

On March 30, 2023, David Scura and Clifford Day, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, filed a class action lawsuit in the United States District Court for Northern District of Texas against Ben, certain members of the Board (Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Richard W. Fisher, Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, and Bruce W. Schnitzer), certain past members of the board of directors of GWG (Jon R. Sabes and Steven F. Sabes), FOXO and Emerson Equity LLC ("Emerson") (the "Scura Action"). The suit alleges that the defendants defrauded GWG investors in connection with the sale of GWG's L Bonds and preferred stock, and it asserts claims on behalf of a putative class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired GWG's L Bonds or preferred stock of GWG between December 23, 2017 and April 20, 2022. The suit alleges that (i) the Company, the individual defendants, and FOXO violated Sections 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, (ii) that the individual defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act and (iii) that Emerson violated Section 15(c)(1)(A) of the Exchange Act. On May 3, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the lead plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a motion to lift the automatic stay in the Chapter 11 Cases in order to file a motion in the Northern District of Texas seeking to consolidate the Bayati and Scura Actions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. On June 8, 2023, the plaintiffs in the Scura Action filed a voluntary notice of dismissal without prejudice.

On August 16, 2023, Thomas Horton and Frank Moore, in their capacities as the Lead Plaintiffs in the Bayati Action, filed a notice regarding the confirmation of the Debtors' Chapter 11 plan in the GWG bankruptcy, a motion seeking to lift the bankruptcy stay and a motion to consolidate the Bayati and Horton Actions. On September 12, 2023, the court entered an order consolidating the Bayati and Horton Actions. The court ordered that the consolidated action shall bear the caption In re

GWG Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation. The court lifted the bankruptcy stay and ordered the Lead Plaintiffs to file a new consolidated complaint within 20 days. On October 2, 2023, the Lead Plaintiffs filed a Consolidated Class Action Complaint against the Company, Brad K. Heppner, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer (the “Ben Individual Defendants”), Murray T. Holland, Timothy L. Evans, David H. de Weese, Roy W. Bailey, David F. Chavenson, and Whitley Penn LLP, alleging Securities Act violations arising out of the Offering. The complaint alleges that the individual defendants violated Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act, and further alleges that the Company violated Section 15 of the Securities Act. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on November 7, 2023. On January 4, 2024, defendants David Chavenson and David H. de Weese filed a joint motion to dismiss. The Lead Plaintiffs’ deadline to respond to the various motions to dismiss is February 20, 2024, and replies are due March 21, 2024. The remaining defendants have not yet responded to the complaint, as the deadlines to respond still extend to January 2024. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

On October 27, 2023, David Scura filed a petition in Dallas County District Court against Brad K. Heppner, Jon R. Sabes, Steven F. Sabes, Peter T. Cangany, Jr., Thomas O. Hicks, Dennis P. Lockhart, Bruce W. Schnitzer, the Company and FOXO, alleging violation of the Texas Securities Act, common law fraud, unjust enrichment, and civil conspiracy to defraud. Also on October 27, 2023, Clifford Day and Carla Monahan filed a petition in Dallas County District Court against the same defendants, alleging the same claims. The parties have agreed to move the defendants’ deadline to respond to the petition to February 19, 2024. The Company and the Ben Individual Defendants intend to vigorously defend themselves in the litigation.

We have debt outstanding that could adversely affect our financial flexibility and subjects us to restrictions and limitations that could significantly impact our ability to operate our business.

As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$126.0 million of debt (including unamortized premium thereon), which is derived from (i) the HH-BDH Credit Agreement with HH-BDH, an entity affiliated with Hicks Holdings, of which Mr. Hicks is the managing member; and (ii) BCH’s secured loans with HCLP, that is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP. The majority of HCLP is indirectly owned by The Highland Investment Holdings Trust, of which Mr. Heppner and his family are the beneficiaries. Mr. Heppner is a trustee but does not possess any discretionary authority with respect to the management, distribution or administration of the trust’s current assets (including HCLP). The level of debt outstanding each period could adversely affect our financial flexibility. We also bear risk at the time our debt matures. Our ability to make interest and principal payments, to refinance our debt obligations and to fund our purchase of alternative assets and planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash from operations. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control, such as an environment of rising interest rates.

Furthermore, in the past, we have sought to extend the maturity date of our secured loans with HCLP and have paid fees in connection with this extension. We may need to amend our HH-BDH Credit Agreement and the HCLP Loan Agreement in the future and may incur additional amendment fees as a result. If the Company incurs additional debt or liabilities, or if we are unable to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities, the Company’s ability to pay its obligations on its debt could be adversely affected.

The Company depends upon cash distributions from its subsidiaries, and regulatory requirements, contractual restrictions on distributions to the Company or adverse events at one of our operating subsidiaries could materially and adversely affect our ability to pay our debts and the Company’s ability to continue operating its business.

The Company conducts its operations through operating subsidiaries, and as such its most significant assets are cash and its ownership interests in its subsidiaries, controlled affiliates and equity investees. Accordingly, our ability to meet our obligations, including our debt-related and dividend-payment obligations, materially depends upon the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute cash to us. In this regard, the ability of the Company’s subsidiaries to distribute cash to the Company is, and will continue to be, restricted by certain negative covenants contained in the HCLP Loan Agreement and the HH-BDH Credit Agreement.

The negative covenants in the HCLP Loan Agreement include, among others, subject to certain exceptions:

- incurring any lien, including any pledge, upon any of BCH’s property;
- incurring any indebtedness;
- disposing of any Funding Trust loan or loan agreement;
- making any restricted payment, including dividends or other distributions with respect to any equity interests of any person, including the Company; and
- issuing any securities that are senior to the BCH Preferred A.1 or the BCH Preferred A.0.

The negative covenants in the HH-BDH Credit Agreement include, among others, subject to certain exceptions:

- incurring any indebtedness;
- incurring any liens on its property, assets or revenues;
- becoming a party to a merger or consolidation;
- making certain loans and other investments;
- disposing of certain assets;
- making any restricted payment;
- engaging in certain other transactions with affiliates;
- engaging in any business other than their current business;
- making changes to its accounting treatment or tax reporting treatment;
- entering into certain agreements that would prevent performance under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement or restrict the creation of a lien to secure the Secured Obligations (as defined in the HH-BDH Credit Agreement);
- acquiring any subsidiary; and
- amending certain organizational documents.

Certain of the negative covenants listed above apply to both the Loan Parties and to the Beneficient Parties (as defined in the HH-BDH Credit Agreement), which may have the effect of limiting the Company and its subsidiaries' ability to make dividend payments or certain other distributions. In addition, the HH-BDH Credit Agreement contains certain financial maintenance covenants, including a debt service coverage ratio. If any of these limitations were to materially impede the flow of cash to us, our ability to service and repay our debt and pay dividends would be materially and adversely affected. In addition, any adverse corporate event at the subsidiary level, such as a declaration of bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization or any other event of default under the credit agreements governing our secured loans from HCLP or under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, could adversely affect the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute cash to us, and thereby materially and adversely affect our ability to service and repay our debt and make cash dividend payments, and negatively impact our ability to continue operations.

Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and may otherwise adversely impact our business operations. We and our subsidiaries may incur additional indebtedness, including secured indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2023, we had approximately \$126.0 million of debt (including unamortized deferred financing costs thereon), which includes (i) \$23.7 million (including unamortized discount thereon) derived from the Term Loan with HH-BDH and (ii) \$102.3 million (including unamortized premium thereon) derived from BCH's secured loans with HCLP, a Delaware limited liability company, that is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP. Furthermore, we could raise additional debt to fund our operations. Our indebtedness could have significant effects on our business and the holders of our equity. For example, it could:

- require us to use a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to service our indebtedness, which
- would reduce the available cash flow to fund acquisitions of alternative assets, working capital and other
- general corporate purposes, including the repayment of short term obligations;
- require payments of principal and interest that may be greater than our cash flow from operations;
- force us to dispose of loans or other investments, possibly on disadvantageous terms, to make payments on our debt;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industries in which we operate;
- restrict us from exploiting other business opportunities;
- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations; and
- place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt.

The HCLP Loan Agreement is collateralized by all of the assets of BCH and the loans, excluding the ExAlt Participation Loans, originated by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and certain of the custody trusts, and the Term Loan under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement is collateralized by pledges of substantially all of the assets of Beneficient Financing, BCH's equity interests in Beneficient Financing, certain equity interests in the Custody Trust and certain deposit accounts.

Ben, through its subsidiaries, is a party to the HCLP Loan Agreement with HCLP. HCLP is an indirect subsidiary of Highland Consolidated, LP and Ben's CEO is a beneficiary and trustee of the trusts that control and are the partners of Highland Consolidated, LP; however, he has relinquished his authority as a trustee of such trusts with respect to Highland

Consolidated, L.P. The HCLP Loan Agreement provides for accruing interest at the rate of 9.5%, and is guaranteed by affiliates of BCH as borrower. It contains standard provisions, including customary events of default and termination events and related covenants. As of December 31, 2023, approximately \$102.3 million (including unamortized premium thereon) of debt was outstanding under the HCLP Loan Agreement (the “HCLP Loan”).

The HCLP Loan Agreement is collateralized by substantially all income producing assets of BCH, as well as the loans originated by the Customer ExAlt Trusts and custody trusts, excluding the ExAlt Participation Loans. If we do not raise enough capital to fully repay such obligations, HCLP’s collateral interest will remain in place, and the value of the collateral security of the HCLP Loan Agreement may significantly exceed amounts owed under the HCLP Loan.

Furthermore, the HH-BDH Credit Agreement is secured by pledges of substantially all of the assets of Beneficient Financing, BCH’s equity interests in Beneficient Financing, 97.5% of the equity interests held by a certain Custody Trust which, as of December 31, 2023, represents approximately 38.6% of all assets held by the Customer ExAlt Trusts, and certain deposit accounts. Furthermore, pursuant to the terms of the Letter Agreement entered into in connection with the HH-BDH Credit Agreement, if HH-BDH and/or BCH default under the HH-BDH Credit Agreement and such default results in a foreclosure on, or other forfeiture of, the Pledged Equity Interests, BCH will be required to issue Replacement Equity Interests to Hicks Holdings.

Fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates may negatively impact our business.

Fluctuations in interest rates and foreign exchange rates may negatively impact our business. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions, both domestic and foreign, and the monetary and fiscal policies of various governmental and regulatory authorities. An adverse change in the base rates upon which our interest rates are determined, including the SOFR could have a material adverse effect on our financial position. Rising interest rates have increased our costs of borrowing. Volatility in the credit markets, including due to the recent bank failures as well as the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank’s actions and pace of interest rate increases to combat inflation in the U.S., may further increase our interest payments. As a result, we may adopt asset and liability management policies to minimize the potential adverse effects of changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, primarily by altering the mix and maturity of liquidity transactions, interests in the Collateral, funding sources, and derivatives. However, even with these policies in place, a change in interest rates and foreign exchange rates can impact our financial condition.

Furthermore, the use of SOFR as the benchmark rate for certain of our variable indebtedness may adversely affect our business or financial condition. Using SOFR as the basis on which interest on the Term Loan is calculated may result in interest rates and/or payments that do not directly correlate over time with the interest rates and/or payments that would have been made on our obligations if LIBOR was available in its current form. Although SOFR has been endorsed by the Alternative Reference Rate Committee as its preferred replacement for LIBOR, it remains uncertain whether or when SOFR or other alternative reference rates will be widely accepted by lenders as the replacement for LIBOR. This may, in turn, impact the liquidity of the SOFR loan market, and SOFR itself, with the risk of increased volatility, which could result in higher borrowing costs for us. Further, as the use of SOFR-based rates is relatively new, there could be unanticipated difficulties, disruptions or methodological or other changes with the calculation and publication of SOFR based rates, which in turn could trigger another benchmark transition or otherwise cause a reliance on an alternate base rate. This could also result in increased borrowing costs for us and thereby have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

ITEM 2 — UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On each of October 2, 2023 and October 4, 2023, Yorkville purchased 20,000 and 500,000 shares of Class A common stock for \$2.39 and \$1.27 per share, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the SEPA. The issuance of such shares to Yorkville pursuant to the SEPA was not registered under the Securities Act. Such issuances were in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder.

On August 1, 2023, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to alternative assets with a NAV of approximately \$37.7 million (calculated as of March 31, 2023), and pursuant to such transactions, we issued (i) 3,768,995 shares of Series B-1 preferred stock, with such Series B-1 preferred stock being convertible into shares of Class A common stock, and (ii) 942,249 Warrants. The Warrants are exercisable for an aggregate of 942,249 shares of Class A common stock and 942,249 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, and the Series A Preferred Stock is convertible into an aggregate of 235,562 shares of Class A common stock. The issuance of such Series B-1 preferred stock and the Warrants was not registered under the Securities Act and were issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Rule 506(b) promulgated thereunder. On October 3, 2023, such shares of Series B-1 preferred stock converted into 13,805,841 shares of Class A common stock at a price per share of approximately \$2.73 pursuant to the terms of the Series B-1 certificate of designation. The issuance of the Class A common stock in exchange for the Series B-1 preferred stock was made in reliance on the exemption provided by Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act.

On February 6, 2024, Ben Liquidity entered into agreements to finance liquidity transactions with respect to a limited partner interest with a NAV of \$2.0 million. Pursuant to such transaction, the Customer ExAlt Trusts acquired a limited partner interest, and in exchange for such interest, the customer received 200,000 shares of the Company's Series B-2 preferred stock, with such Series B-2 preferred stock being convertible into shares of the Company's Class A common stock. The issuance of the Series B-2 preferred stock pursuant to the Transaction was not registered under the Securities Act and was issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder. The Series B-2 preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock initially at a conversion price of \$0.40 per share. The B-2 Conversion Price is subject to reset from time to time and a floor price of \$0.20 per share. A maximum of 10,000,000 shares of Class A common stock may be issued upon conversion of the Series B-2 preferred stock.

On February 6, 2024, the Company issued 20,000 shares of Series B-3 preferred stock to a consultant of the Company, with such Series B-3 preferred stock being convertible into shares of the Company's Class A common stock, to a consultant of the Company. The issuance of the Series B-3 preferred stock was not registered under the Securities Act and was issued in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder. The Series B-3 preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock initially at a conversion price of \$0.35 per share. The B-3 Conversion Price is subject to reset from time to time and a floor price of \$0.175 per share. A maximum of 1,142,857 shares of Class A common stock may be issued upon conversion of the Series B-3 preferred stock.

ITEM 3 — DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4 — MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5 — OTHER INFORMATION

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, none of the Company's directors or executive officers adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each term is defined in Item 408(a) of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 6 — EXHIBITS

Exhibit	
3.1.1	Articles of Incorporation of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
3.1.2	Certificate of Designation of Beneficient Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
3.1.3	Certificate of Designation of Beneficient Series B-1 Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 2, 2023).
3.1.4	Certificate of Designation of Beneficient Series B-2 Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2023).
3.1.5	Certificate of Designation of Beneficient Series B-3 Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2023).
3.2	Bylaws of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.1.1	Specimen Class A Common Stock Certificate of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 2023).
4.1.2	Specimen Class B Common Stock Certificate of Beneficient (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4/A (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 19, 2023).
4.2	Stockholders Agreement, dated June 6, 2023, by and among Beneficient, Beneficient Holdings Inc., Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC and Bruce W. Schnitzer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.3.1	Warrant Agreement, dated October 5, 2021, between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and Avalon Acquisition Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Avalon Acquisition Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-40872) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 12, 2021).
4.3.2	Assignment, Assumption and Amendment to Warrant Agreement by and among The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., Avalon Acquisition Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.4	First Amended and Restated Limited Liability Agreement of Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. dated June 6, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.5	Exchange Agreement dated June 7, 2023, by and among Beneficient, Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C. and Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.6.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 7, 2023, Beneficient, Beneficient Holdings Inc., Hicks Holdings Operating, LLC and Bruce W. Schnitzer, Avalon Acquisition Holdings, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
4.6.2	Registration Rights Agreement with GWG Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, certain trusts related to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and as set forth in the Agreement, dated August 10, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
4.6.3	Registration Rights Agreement Assignment and Joinder, dated as of August 1, 2023, by and among Beneficient, GWG Holdings, Inc. and the GWG Wind Down Trust and Jeffrey S. Stein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-273322) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 30, 2023).
4.6.4	Registration Rights Agreement with Hatteras Investment Partners dated December 7, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to The Beneficient Company Group, L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-268741) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2022).
4.7	Eighth Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. dated June 7, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023).
10.1	Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated October 19, 2023, by and among Beneficient Financing, L.L.C., as borrower, Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P., as guarantor, and HH-BDH LLC, as the administrative agent party thereto and lender (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 20, 2023).

10.2	Letter Agreement, dated October 19, 2023, by and among Beneficient Company Group, L.L.C., Beneficient Company Holdings, L.P. and Hicks Holdings Operating LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-41715) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 20, 2023).
31.1*	Chief Executive Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Chief Financial Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (Formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

* Filed herewith.

** The certifications as Exhibit 32.1 and Exhibit 32.2 are not deemed “filed” with the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not to be incorporated by the reference into any filing of Beneficient under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

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

BENEFICIENT

Date: February 14, 2024

By: /s/ Brad K. Heppner
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer and duly authorized officer)

Date: February 14, 2024

By: /s/ Gregory W. Ezell
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and duly authorized officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Brad K. Heppner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 of Beneficient;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. [Reserved.];
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 14, 2024

/s/ Brad K. Heppner

Brad K. Heppner
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Gregory W. Ezell, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 of Beneficient;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. [Reserved.];
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 14, 2024

/s/ Gregory W. Ezell

Gregory W. Ezell

Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 of Beneficient (the “Company”) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Brad K. Heppner, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 14, 2024

/s/ Brad K. Heppner

Brad K. Heppner

Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished as an exhibit to the Form 10-Q pursuant to Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) and, accordingly, is not being filed as part of the Form 10-Q for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2023 of Beneficient (the “Company”) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Gregory W. Ezell, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 14, 2024

/s/ Gregory W. Ezell

Gregory W. Ezell
Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished as an exhibit to the Form 10-Q pursuant to Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code) and, accordingly, is not being filed as part of the Form 10-Q for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.