

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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 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: 001-39832

Great Elm Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

800 South Street, Suite 230, Waltham MA

(Address of principal executive offices)

85-3622015

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

02453

(Zip Code)

(617) 375-3006

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

| <u>Title of each class</u> | <u>Trading Symbol(s)</u> | <u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u> |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | GEG | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market) |
| 7.25% Notes due 2027 | GEGGL | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market) |

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 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 such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a 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 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 November 1, 2023, there were 31,174,605 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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Unless the context otherwise requires, "we," "us," "our," "GEG," the "Company" and terms of similar import refer to Great Elm Group, Inc. and/or its subsidiaries. Our corporate website address is www.greatelmgroup.com. The information contained in, or accessible through, our corporate website does not constitute part of this report.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This report and certain information incorporated herein by reference contain forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements often include words such as "may," "will," "should," "believe," "expect," "seek," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "plan," "target," "project," "forecast," "envision" and other similar phrases. Although we believe the assumptions and expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, these assumptions and expectations may not prove to be correct, and we may not achieve the financial results or benefits anticipated. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of actual results. Our actual results may differ materially from those suggested in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control, including, without limitation:

- the ability of Great Elm Capital Management, Inc. (**GECM**) to profitably manage Great Elm Capital Corp. (NASDAQ: **GECC**), a business development company, and Monomoy UpREIT, LLC (**Monomoy UpREIT**), the operating subsidiary of a private real estate investment trust with a portfolio of diversified net leased industrial assets;
- the dividend rate that GECC and Monomoy UpREIT will pay;
- the results of our investment management activities;
- our ability to sell the real estate properties we develop at a profit;
- our ability to raise capital to fund our business plan;
- our ability to make acquisitions and manage any businesses we may acquire;
- conditions in the equity capital markets and debt capital markets as well as the economy generally, including market uncertainty regarding changes to interest rates and inflationary pressures;
- our ability to maintain the security of electronic and other confidential information;
- serious disruptions and catastrophic events, including, for example, the potential impact of public health emergencies on the global economy;
- competition, mostly from larger, well-financed organizations (both domestic and foreign), including operating companies, global asset managers, investment banks, commercial banks, and private equity funds;
- outcomes of litigation and proceedings and the availability of insurance, indemnification and other third-party coverage of any losses suffered in connection therewith;
- maintaining our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- our ability to attract, assimilate, develop and retain key personnel;
- compliance with laws, regulations and orders;
- changes in laws and regulations governing our operations; and
- other factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 under "Risk Factors" or as set forth from time to time in our Securities and Exchange Commission (**SEC**) filings.

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the time of filing of this report and we do not undertake to update or revise them as more information becomes available. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

Great Elm Group, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

Dollar amounts in thousands (except per share data)

| | <u>ASSETS</u> | September 30, 2023 | June 30, 2023 |
|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | \$ 41,077 | \$ 60,165 |
| Receivables from managed funds | | 4,073 | 3,308 |
| Investments in marketable securities | | 34,783 | 24,595 |
| Investments, at fair value (cost \$44,158 and \$40,387, respectively) | | 37,865 | 32,611 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | | 2,935 | 717 |
| Real estate under development | | 3,116 | 1,742 |
| Total current assets | | 123,849 | 123,138 |
| Identifiable intangible assets, net | | 11,839 | 12,115 |
| Right-of-use assets | | 411 | 497 |
| Other assets | | 143 | 143 |
| Total assets | | \$ 136,242 | \$ 135,893 |
| | <u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u> | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | | \$ 182 | \$ 191 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | | 3,514 | 5,418 |
| Current portion of related party payables | | 1,228 | 1,409 |
| Current portion of lease liabilities | | 356 | 359 |
| Total current liabilities | | 5,280 | 7,377 |
| | | | 142 |
| Lease liabilities, net of current portion | | 50 | |
| Long-term debt (face value \$26,945) | | 25,878 | 25,808 |
| Related party payables, net of current portion | | - | 926 |
| Convertible notes (face value \$37,912 and \$37,912, including \$15,395 and \$15,395 held by related parties, respectively) | | 37,158 | 37,129 |
| Other liabilities | | 555 | 669 |
| Total liabilities | | 68,921 | 72,051 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 11) | | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; 5,000,000 authorized and zero outstanding | | - | - |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 350,000,000 shares authorized and 31,174,605 shares issued and 29,868,909 outstanding at September 30, 2023; and 30,651,047 shares issued and 29,546,655 outstanding at June 30, 2023 | | 30 | 30 |
| Additional paid-in-capital | | 3,316,083 | 3,315,378 |
| Accumulated deficit | | (3,248,792) | (3,251,566) |
| Total stockholders' equity | | 67,321 | 63,842 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | | \$ 136,242 | \$ 135,893 |

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

Great Elm Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)
Amounts in thousands (except per share data)

| | For the three months ended September 30, | |
|--|--|------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| Revenues | \$ 3,310 | \$ 1,860 |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | |
| Investment management expenses | 2,762 | 1,989 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 283 | 294 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 1,715 | 1,487 |
| Expenses of Consolidated Fund | - | 46 |
| Total operating costs and expenses | 4,760 | 3,816 |
| Operating loss | (1,450) | (1,956) |
| Dividends and interest income | 1,986 | 1,473 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | 3,284 | (6,797) |
| Net realized and unrealized loss on investments of Consolidated Fund | - | (16) |
| Interest expense | (1,062) | (1,974) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes from continuing operations | 2,758 | (9,270) |
| Income tax expense | - | (233) |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | 2,758 | (9,503) |
| Discontinued operations: | | |
| Net income from discontinued operations | 16 | 964 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 2,774 | \$ (8,539) |
| Less: net loss attributable to non-controlling interest, continuing operations | - | (1,572) |
| Less: net income attributable to non-controlling interest, discontinued operations | - | 1,324 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Great Elm Group, Inc. | \$ 2,774 | \$ (8,291) |
| Basic net income (loss) per share from: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.09 | \$ (0.28) |
| Discontinued operations | - | (0.01) |
| Basic net income (loss) per share | \$ 0.09 | \$ (0.29) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share from: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.08 | \$ (0.28) |
| Discontinued operations | - | (0.01) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share | \$ 0.08 | \$ (0.29) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | | |
| Basic | 29,579 | 28,543 |
| Diluted | 41,860 | 28,543 |

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

Great Elm Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited)
Amounts in thousands

| | Common Stock | | Additional | Accumulated | Total |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Paid-in Capital | Deficit | Stockholders' Equity |
| BALANCE, June 30, 2023 | 29,547 | \$ 30 | \$ 3,315,378 | \$ (3,251,566) | \$ 63,842 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 2,774 | 2,774 |
| Issuance of common stock related to vesting of restricted stock | 322 | - | - | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 705 | - | 705 |
| BALANCE, September 30, 2023 | <u>29,869</u> | <u>\$ 30</u> | <u>\$ 3,316,083</u> | <u>\$ (3,248,792)</u> | <u>\$ 67,321</u> |

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

Great Elm Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity and Contingently Redeemable Non-controlling Interest (Unaudited)
Amounts in thousands

| | Common Stock Shares | Common Stock Amount | Additional Paid-in Capital | Accumul ated Deficit | Total Great Elm Group, Inc. Stockholders' Equity | Non- controlling Interest | Total Stockhold ers' Equity | Contingently Redeemable Non- controlling Interest |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (3,279, 296) | | | | |
| BALANCE, June 30, 2022 | 28,507 | \$ 29 | \$ 3,312,763 | \$ 296) | \$ 33,496 | \$ 6,533 | \$ 40,029 | \$ 2,225 |
| Net (loss) income | - | - | - | (8,291) | (8,291) | (910) | (9,201) | 662 |
| Distributions to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Fund | - | - | - | - | - | (634) | (634) | - |
| Issuance of common stock related to vesting of restricted stock | 267 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 834 | - | 834 | - | 834 | - |
| | 28,774 | | | (3,287, 587) | 26,039 | | 31,028 | |
| BALANCE, September 30, 2022 | <u>28,774</u> | <u>\$ 29</u> | <u>\$ 3,313,597</u> | <u>\$ 587)</u> | <u>\$ 26,039</u> | <u>\$ 4,989</u> | <u>\$ 31,028</u> | <u>\$ 2,887</u> |

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

Great Elm Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
Dollar amounts in thousands

| | For the three months ended September 30, | |
|---|--|------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 2,758 | \$ (9,503) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 283 | 294 |
| Stock-based compensation | 705 | 834 |
| Sales of investments by Consolidated Fund | - | 1,558 |
| Realized loss on investments from Consolidated Fund | - | 16 |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments | (3,372) | 1,182 |
| Realized loss on investments | 88 | 5,615 |
| Non-cash interest and amortization of capitalized issuance costs | 573 | 128 |
| Change in fair value of contingent consideration | 18 | (70) |
| Other non-cash (income) expense, net | (207) | 158 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Receivables from managed funds | (765) | (133) |
| Prepaid and other assets | (2,218) | 401 |
| Real estate under development | (1,408) | - |
| Operating leases | (8) | (1) |
| Related party payables | (1,125) | (413) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | (1,448) | (847) |
| Net cash used in operating activities - continuing operations | (6,126) | (781) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities - discontinued operations | - | 2,805 |
| Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities | (6,126) | 2,024 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of investments in held-to-maturity securities | (9,801) | - |
| Purchases of investments in trading securities | (4,476) | - |
| Sales of investments | 1,793 | - |
| Other | (118) | (11) |
| Net cash used in investing activities - continuing operations | (12,602) | (11) |
| Net cash used in investing activities - discontinued operations | (360) | (2,259) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (12,962) | (2,270) |

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

Great Elm Group, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (continued)
Dollar amounts in thousands

| | For the three months ended September 30, | |
|---|--|------------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Distributions to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Fund | - | (634) |
| Net cash used in financing activities - continuing operations | - | (634) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities - discontinued operations | - | 550 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | - | (84) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents, including cash and cash equivalents classified within current assets held for sale | (19,088) | (330) |
| Less: net increase in cash and cash equivalents classified within current assets held for sale | - | 1,096 |
| Plus: cash received from discontinued operations | - | 1,694 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (19,088) | 268 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 60,165 | 22,281 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | <u>\$ 41,077</u> | <u>\$ 22,549</u> |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 488 | \$ 1,345 |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities | | |
| Lease liabilities and right-of-use assets arising from operating leases | \$ - | \$ 167 |
| Partial settlement of Seller Note in exchange for GECC stock | \$ - | \$ 609 |
| Non-cash distributions received from Consolidated Fund | \$ - | \$ 177 |

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

1. Organization

Great Elm Group, Inc. (referred to as the **Company** or **GEG**) is an alternative asset management company incorporated in Delaware. The Company focuses on growing a scalable and diversified portfolio of long-duration and permanent capital vehicles across credit, real estate, specialty finance, and other alternative strategies.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including Great Elm Capital Management, Inc. (**GECEM**), Great Elm Opportunities GP, Inc. (**GEO GP**), Great Elm Capital GP, LLC, Great Elm FM Acquisition, Inc., Great Elm DME Holdings, Inc., Great Elm DME Manager, LLC, and Monomoy BTS Corporation (**MBTS**), Great Elm Investments LLC, as well as its majority-owned subsidiaries Forest Investments, Inc. (through December 30, 2022), and Great Elm Healthcare, LLC (**HC LLC**) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (through January 3, 2023). In addition, we have determined that the Company was the primary beneficiary of certain variable interest entities, and therefore the operations of those entities have been included in our consolidated results for the relevant periods.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all information and footnotes that are normally included in the Company's Form 10-K and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, which are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2023. These financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring items or items discussed herein) that management believes are necessary to fairly state results for the interim periods presented. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of annual results of operations.

The historical results of the Durable Medical Equipment (**DME**) business, primarily consisting of HC LLC and its subsidiaries, sold on January 3, 2023 and related activity have been presented in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the three months ended September 30, 2022 as discontinued operations. Further, the historical segment information was recast to reflect our ongoing business as a single reportable segment and to remove the activity of discontinued operations. Unless otherwise specified, disclosures in these condensed consolidated financial statements reflect continuing operations only.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (**US GAAP**) requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates all of these estimates and assumptions. The most important of these estimates and assumptions relate to revenue recognition, valuation allowance for deferred tax assets, estimates associated with accounting for asset acquisitions, and fair value measurements, including stock-based compensation. Although these and other estimates and assumptions are based on the best available information, actual results could be different from these estimates.

Principles of Consolidation

The Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, and operating results of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned subsidiaries, and subsidiaries in which we hold a controlling financial interest as of the financial statement date. In most cases, a controlling financial interest reflects ownership of a majority of the voting interests. We consolidate a variable interest entity (**VIE**) when we possess both the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact its economic performance and the obligation to absorb losses of, or the right to receive benefits from, the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE.

All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in the Company's subsidiaries are reported as a component of equity, separate from the parent company's equity or outside of permanent equity for non-controlling interests that are contingently redeemable. Results of operations attributable to the non-controlling interests are included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of cash and highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less at the date of purchase. Cash equivalents consist primarily of exchange-traded money market funds and U.S. treasury bills. The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of default by the financial institutions or the issuers of these investments to the extent the amounts on deposit or invested are in excess of amounts that are insured.

Investments in Marketable Securities

Investments in marketable securities consist of U.S. treasury bills with original maturity exceeding 90 days. The Company classifies investments in debt securities as either trading, held-to-maturity, or available-for-sale. Securities are classified as trading if they are purchased and held principally for the purpose of selling in the near term and as held-to-maturity when the Company has both the positive intent and ability to hold the security to maturity. Investments in debt securities not classified as either trading or held-to-maturity are classified as available-for-sale securities. Trading securities are measured at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported within net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Held-to-maturity securities are measured at amortized cost with realized gains and losses reported within net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Available-for-sale securities are measured at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

As of September 30, 2023, all investments in marketable securities were classified as held-to-maturity and had original maturities (at the time of purchase) exceeding 90 days. As of September 30, 2023, the amortized cost basis for these securities approximated their fair value.

Investments, at Fair Value

Investments, at fair value, consist of equity and equity-related securities and debt securities classified as trading carried at fair value, as well as investments in private funds measured using the net asset value (**NAV**) as reported by each fund's investment manager. The private funds calculate NAV in a manner consistent with the measurement principles of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (**FASB**) Accounting Standards Codification (**ASC**) Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*, as of the valuation date. Changes in the fair value and NAV are recorded within net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments. Dividends received are recorded within dividends and interest income on the consolidated statements of operations.

Real Estate under Development

Real estate under development is classified as follows: (i) real estate under development (current), which includes real estate projects that are in the process of being developed and expected to be completed and disposed of within one year of the balance sheet date; (ii) real estate under development (non-current), which includes real estate projects that are in the process of being developed and expected to be completed and disposed of more than one year from the balance sheet date; and (iii) real estate held for sale, which includes land and completed improvements thereon that meet all of the "held for sale" criteria.

Real estate under development is carried at cost less impairment, if applicable. We capitalize costs that are directly identifiable with the specific real estate projects, including pre-acquisition and pre-construction costs, development and construction costs, taxes, and insurance. We do not capitalize any general and administrative or overhead costs, regardless of whether the costs are internal or paid to third parties. Capitalization begins when the activities related to development have begun and ceases when activities are substantially complete and the asset is available for occupancy.

Real estate held for sale is recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less cost to sell. If an asset's fair value less cost to sell, based on discounted future cash flows, management estimates or market comparisons, is less than its carrying amount, an allowance is recorded against the asset.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets include real estate under development, property and equipment, definite-lived intangible assets, and lease right-of-use assets. The Company evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable based on undiscounted cash flows. Impairment losses are recorded when undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by an asset are less than the asset's carrying amount. The amount of the impairment loss, if any, is calculated as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value, which is determined using a discounted cash flow analysis, management estimates or market comparisons.

Earnings per Share

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per share:

| (in thousands except per share amounts) | For the three months ended September 30, | |
|---|--|------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| Numerator: | | |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | \$ 2,758 | \$ (9,503) |
| Less: net loss attributable to non-controlling interest, continuing operations | - | (1,572) |
| Numerator for basic EPS - Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Great Elm Group, Inc. | \$ 2,758 | \$ (7,931) |
| Net income from discontinued operations | 16 | 964 |
| Less: net income attributable to non-controlling interest, discontinued operations | - | 1,324 |
| Numerator for basic EPS - Net income (loss) from discontinued operations, attributable to Great Elm Group, Inc. | \$ 16 | \$ (360) |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | |
| Interest expense associated with Convertible Notes, continuing operations | \$ 503 | \$ - |
| Numerator for diluted EPS - Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Great Elm Group, Inc., after the effect of dilutive securities | \$ 3,261 | \$ (7,931) |
| Numerator for diluted EPS - Net income (loss) from discontinued operations, attributable to Great Elm Group, Inc. | \$ 16 | \$ (360) |
| Denominator: | | |
| Denominator for basic EPS - Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding | 29,579 | 28,543 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | |
| Restricted stock | 1,363 | - |
| Convertible Notes | 10,918 | - |
| Denominator for diluted EPS - Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding after the effect of dilutive securities | 41,860 | 28,543 |
| Basic net income (loss) per share from: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.09 | \$ (0.28) |
| Discontinued operations | - | (0.01) |
| Basic net income (loss) per share | \$ 0.09 | \$ (0.29) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share from: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$ 0.08 | \$ (0.28) |
| Discontinued operations | \$ - | (0.01) |
| Diluted net income (loss) per share | \$ 0.08 | \$ (0.29) |

As of September 30, 2023, the Company had 3,264,424 potential shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options that are not included in the diluted net income (loss) per share calculation because to do so would be anti-dilutive for the three months ended September 30, 2023. As of September 30, 2022, the Company had 10,392,545 potential shares of common stock issuable upon the conversion of Convertible Notes (as defined below), 1,527,130 potential shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options, and 1,330,273 potential shares issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units and restricted stock awards that are not included in the diluted net income (loss) per share calculation for the three months ended September 30, 2022 because to do so would be anti-dilutive.

As of September 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company had an aggregate of 1,362,723 and 1,303,386 issued shares, respectively, that are not considered outstanding for accounting purposes since they are unvested and subject to forfeiture by the employees at a nominal price if service milestones are not met.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Current Expected Credit Losses. In June 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (**ASU**) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses* (*Topic 326*), which changes the impairment model for financial instruments, including trade receivables from an incurred loss method to a new forward looking approach, based on expected losses. The estimate of expected credit losses will require entities to incorporate considerations of historical experience, current information and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company adopted this ASU as of July 1, 2023, which did not have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

3. Revenue

The revenues from each major source are summarized in the following table:

| (in thousands) | For the three months ended September 30, | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------|------|-------|
| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
| Management fees | \$ | 1,424 | \$ | 1,302 |
| Incentive fees | | 1,264 | | - |
| Property management fees | | 282 | | 274 |
| Administration and service fees | | 340 | | 284 |
| Total revenues | \$ | 3,310 | \$ | 1,860 |

The Company recognizes investment management revenue at amounts that reflect the consideration to which it expects to be entitled in exchange for providing services to its customers. Investment management revenue primarily consists of fees based on a percentage of assets under management, fees based on the performance of managed assets, and administration and service fees. Fees are based on agreements with each investment product and may be terminated at any time by either party subject to the specific terms of each respective agreement.

Management Fees

The Company earns management fees based on the investment management agreements GECM has with Great Elm Capital Corp. (**GECC**), Monomoy Properties UpREIT, LLC, the operating partnership of Monomoy Properties REIT, LLC (**Monomoy UpREIT**) and other private funds managed by GECM (collectively, the **Funds**). The performance obligation is satisfied and management fee revenue is recognized over time as the services are rendered, since the Funds simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided as GECM performs services. Management fee rates range from 1.0% to 1.5% of the management fee assets specified within each agreement and are calculated and billed in arrears of the period, either monthly or quarterly.

Property Management Fees

Under the Monomoy UpREIT investment management agreement, GECM is also entitled to 4.0% of rent collected. These fees are collected monthly in arrears. Property management fee revenue is recognized over time as the services are provided.

Incentive Fees

The Company earns incentive fees based on the investment management agreements GECM has with GECC and Monomoy Properties II, LLC (**MP II**), a feeder fund of Monomoy Properties REIT, LLC. Where an investment management agreement includes both management fees and incentive fees, the performance obligation is considered to be a single obligation for both fees. Incentive fees are variable consideration associated with the investment management agreements. Incentive fees are earned based on investment performance during the period, subject to the achievement of minimum return levels or high-water marks, in accordance with the terms of the respective investment management agreements. Incentive fees are typically 20% of the performance-based metric specified within each agreement. Incentive fees are recognized when it is determined that they are no longer probable of significant reversal. During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recorded revenue in respect to the incentive fees due from GECC of \$1.3 million.

Administration and Service Fees

The Company earns administration fees based on the administration agreement GECC has with GECC whereby the investment vehicles reimburse GECC for costs incurred in performing certain administrative functions. This revenue is recognized over time as the services are performed. Administration fees are billed quarterly in arrears, which is consistent with the timing of the delivery of services and reflect agreed upon rates for the services provided. The services are accounted for as a single performance obligation for each investment vehicle that is a series of distinct services with substantially the same pattern of transfer as the services are provided on a daily basis.

4. Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions are measured in part by the amount of consideration paid or received as established and agreed by the parties. Consideration paid for such services in each case is the negotiated value.

The following tables summarize activity and outstanding balances between the managed investment products and the Company:

| (in thousands) | For the three months ended September 30, | | | |
|--|--|-------|------|---------|
| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | \$ | 3,362 | \$ | (6,797) |
| Net realized and unrealized loss on investments of Consolidated Fund | | - | | (16) |
| Dividend income | | 836 | | 1,380 |

| (in thousands) | September 30, 2023 | | June 30, 2023 | |
|---|--------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | \$ | | \$ | |
| Dividends receivable | | 300 | | 300 |
| Investment management revenues receivable | | 2,779 | | 2,167 |
| Receivable for reimbursable expenses paid | | 994 | | 841 |
| Receivables from managed funds | \$ | 4,073 | \$ | 3,308 |

Investment Management

GECC has agreements to manage the investment portfolios for GECC, Monomoy UpREIT and other investment products, as well as to provide administrative services. Under these agreements, GECC receives management fees based on the managed assets (other than cash and cash equivalents) and rent collected, incentive fees based on the performance of those assets, and administration and service fees. See Note 3 - Revenue for additional discussions of the fee arrangements.

Consolidated Funds

GEO GP serves as the general partner of Great Elm Opportunities Fund I, LP (**GEOF**), a Delaware multi-series limited partnership. GECC serves as the investment manager of GEOF. As the general partner, GEO GP provides administrative services and oversees GECC's management of the investment portfolio of GEOF. The Company determined that GEOF and Series A of GEOF are VIEs, and that the criteria for consolidation were not met for either entity. GEOF Series D was launched on January 1, 2023 and the Company determined that it was not a VIE. The contribution in the amount of \$3.0 million made by GEG into GEOF Series D, representing 43% ownership of the partnership interests in the fund, was determined to be an equity method investment and the Company elected the fair value option using the net asset value (**NAV**) practical expedient for this instrument with all changes in NAV reported in net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments on the consolidated statements of operations.

GECC also served as the managing member of Great Elm SPAC Opportunity Fund, LLC (**GESOF** or the **Consolidated Fund**), a Delaware limited liability company, which was launched in February 2021, and managed the investment portfolio of GESOF. The Company determined that GESOF was a VIE and that the criteria for consolidation were met during the three months ended September 30, 2022. The operations of the Consolidated Fund were included in our consolidated financial statements. In July 2022, GESOF began to wind down and the Company received final distributions of cash and equity investments (in-kind) during the three months ended September 30, 2022.

The Company retained the specialized investment company accounting guidance under US GAAP with respect to the Consolidated Fund during the periods it was consolidated. As such, investments of the Consolidated Fund were included in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value and the net realized and unrealized gain or loss on those investments was included as a component of other income on the consolidated statements of operations. Non-controlling interests in the Consolidated Fund were included in net loss attributable to non-controlling interest, continuing operations.

There are no consolidated funds as of September 30, 2023. See Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies for additional details.

Investments

The Company owns 1,493,560 shares of GECC (approximately 19.6% of the outstanding shares). Certain officers and directors of GECC are also officers and directors of GEG. Matthew A. Drapkin is a director of our Board of Directors and also the Chairman of GECC's Board of Directors, Adam M. Kleinman is our President, as well as the Chief Compliance Officer of GECC, Matt Kaplan is the President of GECM, as well as the President and Chief Operating Officer of GECC, and Keri A. Davis is our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, as well as the Chief Financial Officer of GECC.

The Company receives dividends from its investments in GECC and Monomoy UpREIT and earns unrealized gains and losses based on the mark-to-market performance of those investments. See Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements.

Other Transactions

GECM has shared personnel and reimbursement agreements with Imperial Capital Asset Management, LLC (**ICAM**). Jason W. Reese, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors, is the Chief Executive Officer of ICAM, and Matt Kaplan is also a Managing Director of ICAM. Certain costs incurred under these agreements relate to human resources, investment management, and other administrative services provided by ICAM employees, for the benefit of the Company and its subsidiaries, and are included in investment management expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. For the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, such costs were \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. Other costs include operational or administrative services performed on behalf of the funds managed by GECM and are included in receivables from managed funds in the consolidated balance sheets. As of September 30, 2023 and June 30, 2023, costs of \$0.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, related to the shared services agreements were included in receivables from managed funds.

On August 31, 2021, the Company entered into a financial advisory agreement with Imperial Capital, LLC. The agreement included a retainer fee of \$0.1 million which was paid in October 2021. In addition, the agreement included a success-based fee upon a sale of HC LLC. Upon completion of the sale of HC LLC on January 3, 2023, a success fee of \$0.7 million was paid to Imperial Capital, LLC. Jason W. Reese is the Co-Founder of Imperial Capital, LLC.

See Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements for details on the contingent consideration payable to ICAM following the acquisition of the Monomoy UpREIT investment management agreement and Note 8 - Convertible Notes for details on the Convertible Notes issued to related parties.

5. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

US GAAP provides a framework for measuring fair value on either a recurring or nonrecurring basis whereby inputs, used in valuation techniques, are assigned a hierarchical level. The following are the hierarchical levels of inputs to measure fair value:

- *Level 1:* Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- *Level 2:* Inputs reflect quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liabilities; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs reflecting the Company's own assumptions incorporated in valuation techniques used to determine fair value. These assumptions are required to be consistent with market participant assumptions that are reasonably available.

All financial assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis have been segregated into the most appropriate level within the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to determine the fair value at the measurement date.

The assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring and non-recurring basis are summarized in the tables below:

| (in thousands) | Fair Value as of September 30, 2023 | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Equity investments | \$ 14,821 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 14,821 |
| Debt securities | 4,522 | - | - | 4,522 |
| Total assets within the fair value hierarchy | <u>\$ 19,343</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 19,343</u> |
| Investments valued at net asset value | | | | \$ 18,522 |
| Total assets | | | | <u>\$ 37,865</u> |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Contingent consideration liability | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 944 | \$ 944 |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 944</u> | <u>\$ 944</u> |

| (in thousands) | Fair Value as of June 30, 2023 | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Equity investments | \$ 14,296 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 14,296 |
| Total assets within the fair value hierarchy | <u>\$ 14,296</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 14,296</u> |
| Investments valued at net asset value | | | | \$ 18,315 |
| Total assets | | | | <u>\$ 32,611</u> |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Contingent consideration liability | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,903 | \$ 1,903 |
| Total liabilities | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 1,903</u> | <u>\$ 1,903</u> |

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

The following is a reconciliation of changes in contingent consideration, a Level 3 liability:

| (in thousands) | For the three months ended September 30, | | | |
|----------------------|--|------------|------|--------------|
| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
| Beginning balance | \$ | 1,903 | \$ | 1,120 |
| Payments | | (977) | | - |
| Change in fair value | | 18 | | (70) |
| Ending balance | \$ | <u>944</u> | \$ | <u>1,050</u> |

The valuation techniques applied to investments held by the Company and by the Consolidated Fund varied depending on the nature of the investment.

Equity and equity-related securities

Securities traded on a national securities exchange are stated at the close price on the valuation date. To the extent these securities are actively traded and valuation adjustments are not applied, they are classified as Level 1.

Investments in private funds

The Company values investments in private funds using NAV as reported by each fund's investment manager. The private funds calculate NAV in a manner consistent with the measurement principles of FASB ASC Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*, as of the valuation date. Investments valued using NAV as a practical expedient are not categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

As of September 30, 2023 and June 30, 2023, investments in private funds primarily consisted of our investment in Monomoy UpREIT and GEOF Series D. Monomoy UpREIT allows redemptions annually with 90 days' notice, subject to a one-year lockup from the date of initial investment, which are capped at 5% of its NAV. GEOF Series D allows withdrawals annually and there is no set duration for the private fund.

Contingent consideration

In conjunction with the acquisition of the Monomoy UpREIT investment management agreement, the Company entered into a contingent consideration agreement that requires the Company to pay up to \$2.0 million to ICAM if certain fee revenue thresholds are achieved during fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 and 2024. As of June 30, 2023, the Company determined that the fee revenue threshold for the year ending June 30, 2023 was achieved and the amount payable to ICAM was approximately \$1.0 million, which was paid in July 2023. Further, the Company determined that the fee revenue threshold for the year ending June 30, 2024 was expected to be achieved as well, and the related amount payable to ICAM was recorded at present value of approximately \$0.9 million, using a discount rate of 8.0%, included within the current portion of related party payables in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2023. As of June 30, 2023, the contingent consideration of \$1.9 million was included within the current portion of related party payables and related party payables, net of current portion, in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

See Note 7 - Long-Term Debt for additional discussion related to the fair value of our notes payable and other long-term debt. The carrying value of all other financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair values.

As of September 30, 2023, we had \$2.3 million of unfunded binding commitments to make additional investments.

6. Real Estate Under Development

In January 2023, MBTS completed purchases of certain land parcels located in Mississippi and Florida. Contemporaneously with the land purchases, MBTS entered into commercial lease agreements, as a lessor, in respect to the land parcels and build-to-suit improvements to be constructed thereon. The leases will commence upon substantial completion of the build-to-suit development, which is expected not later than the second calendar quarter of 2024. We intend to sell the land and improvements with the attached leases at or close to the respective lease commencement date.

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company capitalized costs of \$1.4 million within real estate under development (current) on its condensed consolidated balance sheet, representing the development and construction costs directly identifiable with the two real estate projects.

7. Long-Term Debt

The Company's long-term debt is summarized in the following table:

| <i>(in thousands)</i> | Borrower | September 30, 2023 | | June 30, 2023 | |
|---|----------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| GEGGL Notes | GEG | \$ | 26,945 | \$ | 26,945 |
| Total principal | | \$ | 26,945 | \$ | 26,945 |
| Unamortized debt discounts and issuance costs | | | (1,067) | | (1,137) |
| Long-term debt | | | <u>25,878</u> | | <u>25,808</u> |

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company incurred interest expense of \$0.6 million attributed to its long-term debt. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company incurred interest expense of \$0.7 million on long-term debt, as well as certain related-party notes payable fully repaid during the year ended June 30, 2023. See Note 8 - Convertible Notes for interest expense on Convertible Notes.

Additional details of the Company's long-term debt are discussed below.

GEGGL Notes

On June 9, 2022, we issued \$26.9 million in aggregate principal amount of 7.25% notes due on June 30, 2027 (the **GEGGL Notes**), which included \$1.9 million of GEGGL Notes issued in connection with the partial exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. The GEGGL Notes are unsecured obligations and rank: (i) pari passu, or equal, with the Convertible Notes (as defined below) and any future outstanding unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness; (ii) senior to any of our indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the GEGGL Notes; (iii) effectively subordinated to any future secured indebtedness; and (iv) structurally subordinated to any future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our current and future subsidiaries. We pay interest on the GEGGL Notes on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year. The GEGGL Notes can be called on, or after, June 30, 2024. Holders of the GEGGL Notes do not have the option to have the notes repaid prior to the stated maturity date. The GEGGL Notes were issued in minimum denominations of \$25 and integral multiples of \$25 in excess thereof.

The GEGGL Notes include covenants that limit additional indebtedness or the payment of dividends subject to compliance with a net consolidated debt to equity ratio of 2:1. As of September 30, 2023, our net consolidated debt to equity ratio is 0.35:1.00.

8. Convertible Notes

As of September 30, 2023 and June 30, 2023, the total outstanding principal balance of convertible notes due on February 26, 2030 (the **Convertible Notes**) was \$37.9 million, including cumulative interest paid in-kind. The Convertible Notes are held by a consortium of investors, including \$15.4 million issued to certain related parties as of September 30, 2023.

The Convertible Notes accrue interest at 5.0% per annum, payable semiannually in arrears on June 30 and December 31, commencing June 30, 2020, in cash or in kind at the option of the Company. Each \$1,000 principal amount of the Convertible Notes are convertible into 288.0018 shares of the Company's common stock, subject to the terms therein, prior to maturity at the option of the holder.

The Company may, subject to compliance with the terms of the Convertible Notes, effect the conversion of some or all of the Convertible Notes into shares of common stock, subject to certain liquidity and pricing requirements, as specified in the Convertible Notes.

The embedded conversion feature in the Convertible Notes qualifies for the scope exception to derivative accounting in FASB ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, for certain contracts involving a reporting entity's own equity. The Company incurred \$1.2 million in issuance costs on the original issuance. The debt issuance costs are being amortized over the 10-year term and are netted with the principal balance on our condensed consolidated balance sheets. As of September 30, 2023 and June 30, 2023, the remaining balance of unamortized debt issuance costs was \$0.8 million and \$0.8 million, respectively.

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company incurred interest expense of \$0.5 million related to the Convertible Notes, inclusive of non-cash interest related to amortization of debt issuance costs. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company incurred interest expense of \$0.5 million related to the Convertible Notes, inclusive of non-cash interest related to amortization of debt issuance costs.

9. Share-Based and Other Non-Cash Compensation

Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents activity related to the Company's restricted stock awards and restricted stock units for the three months ended September 30, 2023:

| Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units | Shares (in thousands) | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| Outstanding at June 30, 2023 | 1,322 | \$ 1.93 |
| Granted | 532 | 2.07 |
| Vested | (322) | 2.20 |
| Forfeited | - | - |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2023 | <u>1,532</u> | <u>\$ 1.93</u> |

Restricted stock awards and restricted stock units have vesting terms between 1-4 years and are subject to service requirements. During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company granted 531,642 restricted stock awards and did not grant any shares of restricted stock units.

Stock Options

The following table presents activity related to the Company's stock options for the three months ended September 30, 2023:

| Stock Options | Shares (in thousands) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Outstanding at June 30, 2023 | 3,264 | \$ 2.70 | 7.45 | \$ - |
| Options granted | - | - | - | - |
| Forfeited, cancelled or expired | - | - | - | - |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2023 | <u>3,264</u> | <u>\$ 2.70</u> | <u>7.20</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Exercisable at September 30, 2023 | <u>1,260</u> | <u>\$ 3.72</u> | <u>3.38</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

Stock-based compensation expense related to all restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, and stock options totaled \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of September 30, 2023, the Company had unrecognized compensation costs related to all unvested restricted stock awards and stock options totaling \$2.7 million.

Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan

In December 2020, the Company established the Great Elm Group, Inc. Non-Employee Directors Deferred Compensation Plan allowing non-employee directors to defer their cash and/or equity compensation under a non-revocable election for each calendar year. Such compensation is deferred until the earlier of 3 years from the original grant date of such compensation, termination of service, or death, and is payable in common stock shares. As of September 30, 2023, there were 167,939 restricted stock awards and restricted stock units that were deferred under this plan (and thus included in the number of restricted stock awards and restricted stock units outstanding as of that date).

Other Non-Cash Compensation

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company issued compensation to certain employees in the form of GECC common shares to be settled with GECC shares currently held by the Company. The total value of GECC shares awarded for the three months ended September 30, 2023 was \$0.6 million, of which \$0.1 million vested immediately, and the balance will vest annually pro-rata over two- and three-year periods. Related compensation expense was \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023.

10. Income Taxes

As of June 30, 2023, the Company had net operating loss (**NOL**) carryforwards for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$16.2 million, of which approximately \$8.2 million will expire in fiscal years 2024 through 2025 and \$8.0 million can be carried forward indefinitely. As of June 30, 2023, the Company also had \$25.5 million of state NOL carryforwards, principally in Massachusetts, Arizona, and Nebraska, that will expire from 2031 to 2043.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is involved in lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. The Company maintains insurance to mitigate losses related to certain risks. The Company is not a named party in any other pending or threatened litigation that we expect to have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Overview

GEG is a publicly-traded alternative asset management company focused on growing a scalable and diversified portfolio of long-duration and permanent capital vehicles across credit, real estate, specialty finance, and other alternative strategies. GEG and its subsidiaries currently manage GECC, a publicly-traded business development company, and Monomoy UpREIT, an industrial-focused real estate investment trust, in addition to other investments. The combined assets under management of these entities at September 30, 2023 was approximately \$640.6 million.

GEG continues to explore other investment management opportunities, as well as opportunities in other areas that it believes provide attractive risk-adjusted returns on invested capital. As of the date of this report, GEG had \$2.3 million of unfunded binding commitments to make additional investments.

Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires our management to make significant estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. These items are monitored and analyzed by our management for changes in facts and circumstances, and material changes in these estimates could occur in the future. During the three months ended September 30, 2023 we did not make material changes in our critical accounting policies or underlying assumptions as disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 as it relates to normal and recurring transactions.

The historical results of the Durable Medical Equipment (**DME**) business, primarily consisting of HC LLC and its subsidiaries, sold on January 3, 2023 and related activity have been presented in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the three months ended September 30, 2022 as discontinued operations. Further, the historical segment information was recast to reflect our ongoing business as a single reportable segment and to remove the activity of discontinued operations. Unless otherwise specified, disclosures in these condensed consolidated financial statements reflect continuing operations only.

Results of Operations

The following table provides the results of our consolidated operations:

| (in thousands) | For the three months ended September 30, | | | |
|---|--|----------------|------------|--|
| | 2023 | Percent Change | 2022 | |
| Revenues | \$ 3,310 | 78% | \$ 1,860 | |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Investment management expenses, excluding non-cash compensation | (2,357) | 56% | (1,512) | |
| Non-cash compensation | (887) | (6)% | (942) | |
| Other selling, general and administrative | (1,233) | 15% | (1,068) | |
| Depreciation and amortization | (283) | (4)% | (294) | |
| Total operating costs and expenses | (4,760) | | (3,816) | |
| Operating loss | (1,450) | | (1,956) | |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest expense | (1,062) | (46)% | (1,974) | |
| Other income (expense), net | 5,270 | NM* | (5,340) | |
| Total other income (expense), net | 4,208 | | (7,314) | |
| Income (loss) before income taxes from continuing operations | \$ 2,758 | | \$ (9,270) | |

*NM - not meaningful

Revenue

Revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2023 increased \$1.5 million as compared to the corresponding period in the prior year. The increase is primarily attributable to the incentive fees due from GECC.

Operating Costs and Expenses

Operating costs and expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2023 increased \$0.9 million as compared to the corresponding period in the prior year. Investment management expenses, excluding non-cash compensation, increased \$0.8 million and other selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$0.2 million, which was mainly attributable to compensation-related costs. Depreciation and amortization and non-cash compensation remained relatively flat.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2023 decreased by \$0.9 million, compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, as there was no interest expense related to the 35,010 shares of preferred stock issued by Forest Investments, Inc. (**Forest**) to J.P. Morgan Broker-Dealer Holdings Inc. on December 29, 2020 after the sale of controlling interest in Forest on December 30, 2022, which was partially offset by interest expense on the \$6.3 million promissory note issued to Imperial Capital Asset Management, LLC in May 2022 (fully repaid in February 2023).

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, the Company recognized \$5.3 million of other income (net), comprised of net realized and unrealized gain on investments of \$3.3 million and dividends and interest income of \$2.0 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Company recognized \$5.3 million of other expense (net) mainly attributed to net realized and unrealized loss on investments of \$6.8 million, partially offset by dividends and interest income of \$1.5 million.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows

Cash flows used in operating activities of our continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2023 were \$6.1 million. The adjustments to reconcile our net income from continuing operations of \$2.8 million to net cash used in operating activities included add-backs for various non-cash charges, such as \$0.7 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$0.6 million of non-cash interest and amortization of capitalized issuance costs, \$0.3 million of depreciation and amortization, and \$0.1 million of realized loss on our investments, which was offset by deduction of \$3.4 million of unrealized gain on our investments, and the net negative change in our operating assets and liabilities of \$7.0 million.

Cash flows used in operating activities of our continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2022 were \$0.8 million. The adjustments to reconcile our net loss of \$9.5 million to net cash used in operating activities included add-backs for various non-cash charges, such as \$5.6 million of realized loss on our investments, \$1.2 million of unrealized loss on our investments, \$0.8 million of stock-based compensation expense, and \$0.3 million of depreciation and amortization, which was partially offset by the net negative change in our operating assets and liabilities of \$1.0 million. Further, we received \$1.6 million attributed to sales of investments by Great Elm SPAC Opportunity Fund, LLC (**GESOF**). Cash flows used in operating activities of our discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2022 were \$2.8 million.

Cash flows used in investing activities of our continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2023 were \$12.6 million which is attributed to purchases on investments of \$14.3 million, partially offset by the proceeds from sale of investments of \$1.8 million. Cash flows used in investing activities of our discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2023 were \$0.4 million, which represents the payment made to the buyer of our DME business in September 2023 following finalization of the working capital adjustment.

Cash flows used in investing activities of our continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2022 were \$11 thousand and cash flows used in investing activities of our discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2022 were \$2.3 million.

We did not have any cash flows within financing activities of our continuing or discontinued operations for the three months ended September 30, 2023.

Cash flows used in financing activities of our continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2022 were \$0.6 million representing distributions to non-controlling interests in GESOF, while cash flows provided by financing activities of our discontinued operations for the same period were \$0.6 million.

Financial Condition

As of September 30, 2023, we had an unrestricted cash balance of \$41.1 million. We also held 1,493,560 shares of GECC common stock with an estimated fair value of \$14.7 million as of September 30, 2023.

We believe we have sufficient liquidity available to meet our short-term and long-term obligations for at least the next 12 months.

Borrowings

As of September 30, 2023, the Company had \$26.9 million in outstanding aggregate principal of the GEGGL Notes. The GEGGL Notes are due on June 30, 2027, and interest is paid quarterly. The GEGGL Notes include covenants that limit additional indebtedness or the payment of dividends in the event that our net consolidated debt to equity ratio is, or would be on a pro forma basis, greater than 2 to 1. In addition, if our net consolidated debt to equity ratio is greater than 2 to 1 at the end of any calendar quarter, we must retain no less than 10% of our excess cash flow as cash and cash equivalents until such time as our net consolidated debt to equity ratio is less than 2 to 1 at the end of a calendar quarter.

As of September 30, 2023, the Company had \$37.9 million principal balance in convertible notes outstanding (including cumulative interest paid in-kind). The convertible notes are held by a consortium of investors, including related parties. The convertible notes accrue interest at 5.0% per annum, payable semiannually in arrears on June 30 and December 31, in cash or in kind at the option of the Company. The convertible notes are due on February 26, 2030, but are convertible at the option of the holders, subject to the terms therein, prior to maturity into shares of our common stock. Upon conversion of any note, the Company will pay or deliver, as the case may be, to the noteholder, in respect of each \$1,000 principal amount of notes being converted, shares of common stock equal to the conversion rate in effect on the conversion date, together with cash, if applicable, in lieu of delivering any fractional share of common stock. To date, all interest on these instruments has been paid in-kind.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

There have been no material changes in the market risks discussed in Item 7A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

We evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2023. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that the information we are required to disclose in reports that we file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) and Chief Financial Officer (**CFO**), to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our CEO and CFO participated in this evaluation and concluded that, as of September 30, 2023, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

No changes required to be disclosed.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

We have disclosed the risk factors affecting our business, financial condition and operating results in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed.

Item 6. Exhibits.

EXHIBIT INDEX

All references are to filings by Great Elm Group, Inc. (the **registrant**) with the SEC under File No. 001-39832.

Exhibit

Number Description

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| 3.1 | <u>Certificate of Incorporation of Great Elm Group, Inc., dated October 23, 2020 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K filed on December 29, 2020)</u> |
| 3.2 | <u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of Great Elm Group, Inc., dated November 14, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K filed on November 14, 2022)</u> |
| 31.1* | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 31.2* | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 32.1* | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 101 | Materials from the Great Elm Group, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, formatted in inline Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity and Contingently Redeemable Non-Controlling Interest, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) related Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged in detail (furnished herewith). |
| 104 | The cover page from the Great Elm Group, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, formatted in inline XBRL (included as Exhibit 101). |

*Filed or furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

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

GREAT ELM GROUP, INC.

Date: November 8, 2023

/s/ Jason W. Reese

Jason W. Reese

Chief Executive Officer & Chairman

Date: November 8, 2023

/s/ Keri A. Davis

Keri A. Davis

Chief Financial Officer & Chief Accounting Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

I, Jason W. Reese, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Great Elm Group, Inc.;

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)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(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: November 8, 2023

By: /s/ Jason W. Reese
Jason W. Reese
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

I, Keri A. Davis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Great Elm Group, Inc.;

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)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(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: November 8, 2023

By: /s/ Keri A. Davis
Keri A. Davis
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
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 of Great Elm Group, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2023 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Jason W. Reese, Principal Executive Officer of the Company, and Keri A. Davis, Principal Financial Officer of the Company, each certify, pursuant to the requirement set forth in Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the "Exchange Act") and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the undersigned's knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

By: /s/ Jason W. Reese
Jason W. Reese
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Keri A. Davis
Keri A. Davis
(Principal Financial Officer)

November 8, 2023
