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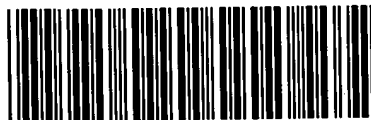
Capital Research Company

*(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Capital
Research and Management Company)*

Financial statements as of and for the years ended
June 30, 2024 and 2023 and independent auditor's report

Overseas company number FC017708
for UK establishment BR002162

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Stockholder and Board of Directors of
Capital Research Company:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Capital Research Company (the "Company") (a wholly owned subsidiary of Capital Research and Management Company), which comprise the balance sheets as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholder's equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

September 26, 2024

Capital Research Company

Balance sheets

June 30, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands, except share and par value amounts)

Assets	2024	2023
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 93,403	\$ 76,919
Receivables	11,949	14,597
Income tax receivable	1,344	674
Prepaid expenses	510	780
Total current assets	<u>107,206</u>	<u>92,970</u>
Property, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$0 and \$1,824	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Other assets, noncurrent:		
Restricted cash	21,039	20,190
Deferred income taxes, net	3,052	3,260
Total other assets	<u>24,091</u>	<u>23,450</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 131,297</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 116,422</u></u>
Liabilities and stockholder's equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,390	7,639
Accrued compensation and benefits	13,736	14,280
Income tax payable	3,812	215
Total current liabilities	<u>25,938</u>	<u>22,134</u>
Stockholder's equity:		
Capital stock, \$10 par value – 150,000 shares authorized; 100,000 shares issued and outstanding in 2024 and 2023	1,000	1,000
Additional paid-in capital	2	2
Retained earnings	104,901	93,688
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	(544)	(402)
Total stockholder's equity	<u>105,359</u>	<u>94,288</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 131,297</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 116,422</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

On behalf of the Board:



Noriko H. Chen
President

Overseas company number FC017708
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Statements of operations

Years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023
Operating revenues:		
Research fees	\$ 122,858	\$ 130,663
Total operating revenues	122,858	130,663
Operating expenses:		
Compensation and benefits	98,108	107,900
Other expenses – including administrative, office facilities, professional services and travel expenses	17,192	16,463
Total operating expenses	115,300	124,363
Income from operations	7,558	6,300
Other income, net	7,030	4,196
Income before income taxes	14,588	10,496
Income taxes	3,375	2,602
Net income	<u>\$ 11,213</u>	<u>\$ 7,894</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of comprehensive income

Years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023
Net income	\$ 11,213	\$ 7,894
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of taxes:		
Foreign exchange translation adjustments	(142)	741
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 11,071</u>	<u>\$ 8,635</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Capital Research Company

Statements of stockholder's equity

Years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands)

	Capital stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	Total stockholder's equity
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$ 1,000	\$ 2	\$ 85,794	\$ (1,143)	\$ 85,653
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	—	—	7,894	—	7,894
Foreign exchange translation adjustments, net of taxes of \$221	—	—	—	741	741
Balance, June 30, 2023	1,000	2	93,688	(402)	94,288
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	—	—	11,213	—	11,213
Foreign exchange translation adjustments, net of taxes of \$(42)	—	—	—	(142)	(142)
Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 104,901</u>	<u>\$ (544)</u>	<u>\$ 105,359</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of cash flows

Years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands)

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 11,213	\$ 7,894
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2	21
Deferred income taxes	250	(151)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	2,648	(1,765)
Prepaid expenses	270	(219)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	751	(1,287)
Accrued compensation and benefits	(544)	346
Income tax receivable and payable	2,927	151
Total adjustments and changes	6,304	(2,904)
Net cash provided by operating activities	17,517	4,990
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property	—	(5)
Net cash used in investing activities	—	(5)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	(184)	962
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	17,333	5,947
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of year	97,109	91,162
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of year	<u>\$ 114,442</u>	<u>\$ 97,109</u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 243	\$ 2,460

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to financial statements

Years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of operations – Capital Research Company (the "Company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Capital Research and Management Company (the "Parent") and a second-tier subsidiary of The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("Capital Group"). The Company provides investment research to affiliates. This service represents the Company's principal source of revenue.

Basis of presentation – The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Estimates – The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates made by management relate primarily to the recognition of certain expense accruals.

Foreign currency matters – The Company's reporting currency is the U.S. dollar. Assets and liabilities of a foreign branch that has a non-U.S. dollar functional currency are translated using the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date. Revenue, expenses, gains and losses for such branch are translated using an average of exchange rates prevailing throughout the fiscal year. Foreign exchange translation adjustments are reported, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive income or loss ("AOCI").

In contrast, transaction gains or losses are reflected in other income (expense) in the statements of operations for the conversion of any foreign denominated asset or liability to the Company's functional currency.

Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash – Cash includes demand deposit accounts. Cash equivalents consist principally of shares of money market funds for which the Parent serves as the investment adviser.

Restricted cash represents cash held in banks located in the United Kingdom ("U.K.") to meet capital requirements imposed by the Financial Conduct Authority, an agency in the U.K. that regulates financial services firms and financial advisers.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the balance sheets that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the statements of cash flows:

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 93,403	\$ 76,919
Restricted cash included in other assets, noncurrent	21,039	20,190
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the statements of cash flows	<u>\$ 114,442</u>	<u>\$ 97,109</u>

Depreciation and amortization of property – Depreciation of buildings, furniture, equipment and software is generally computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 3 to 39 years. Amortization of leasehold improvements is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated life of the related asset or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter.

Fair value measurements – The Company measures the fair value of its assets and liabilities for financial reporting or disclosure purposes using methods and assumptions that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under U.S. GAAP, the objective of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an orderly transaction to sell the asset or to transfer the liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions (that is, an exit price). To meet this objective, the Company maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs, which are evaluated using the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Values are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.
- Level 2 – Values are based on significant observable market inputs, such as quoted prices for similar securities and quoted prices in inactive markets.
- Level 3 – Values are based on significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Company's determination of assumptions that market participants might reasonably use in valuing the securities.

The Company carries investments in money market funds managed by the Company's Parent using quoted market prices (a Level 1 fair value measurement), which represent the published net asset value of shares that is the basis for current transactions. Investments in the money market funds of \$93,403 and \$76,919 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 are presented in cash and cash equivalents.

Income taxes – The Company's results are included in consolidated tax returns filed by Capital Group, and the Company is allocated income taxes based on the separate return method. However, if the Company incurs a loss that is utilized by Capital Group, the loss is characterized as realized and the Company is reimbursed. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases using currently enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that a portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The deferred tax effects of transactions accounted for in AOCI are recognized in income taxes within the statements of operations when the underlying transactions are also recognized in the statements of operations.

For each tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, the Company determines whether it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination based on the technical merits of the position. A position that meets the more likely than not recognition threshold is measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, uncertain tax positions did not have a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations.

The Company recognizes the accrual of interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions in other income (expense). For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Company did not recognize material tax related interest or penalties.

The Company is subject to examination by U.S. federal tax authorities for tax returns filed for the prior three years and by state tax authorities for the prior four years. The time allowed for foreign tax authorities to examine tax returns varies by country.

Postretirement benefits – Capital Group sponsors the Health and Welfare Benefit Plan for Retirees of the Capital Group Companies, to provide benefits to eligible retirees and the Company is allocated an amount of periodic benefit cost based on actuarial estimates; however, the Company is not allocated a portion of the accumulated benefit plan obligations or plan assets. The expected costs of providing postretirement health care benefits are recognized during the years that the associates render service to the Company based on actuarial estimates.

Revenue recognition – Revenue is recognized upon satisfaction of distinct performance obligations, generally promised services, in an amount that reflects consideration that the Company expects to receive for performing those services (the "transaction price"). The Company enters into contracts that can include multiple services, which are accounted for separately if they are distinct. Variable consideration is included in the transaction price, or recognized, when related uncertainties are resolved.

Management uses its judgment when determining (i) the Company's performance obligations under customer contracts, (ii) when performance obligations are satisfied over time and in the application of a

method for determining progress towards satisfaction, and (iii) when variable consideration may be recognized.

Research fees – Revenue from providing research services to the Parent is recognized over time, using a time-based method, during the period in which the related performance obligation is satisfied. Such services represent one performance obligation as they are a series of distinct services that are substantially the same and have the same pattern of transfer to the customer. The transaction price is variable as it is determined under an intercompany compensation arrangement, whereby the Parent reimburses the Company for the costs of performing services plus an agreed upon markup.

Operating expenses – The Company receives an allocation of only direct expenses paid for by affiliates within the Capital Group organization, in contrast with indirect expenses. Direct expenses may be described as goods or services received directly by the reporting entity but paid for by an affiliate. Indirect expenses may be described as expenses incurred by an affiliate for purposes of performing a function or service that indirectly benefits the reporting entity. Indirect expenses that are not allocated to the Company include accounting and legal services, talent management and human resources, tax and treasury functions, and other general and administrative expenses.

Other income – Other income is comprised of interest income of \$1,044 and \$450, dividend income of \$5,713 and \$3,817, capital gain of \$2 and \$23, and foreign currency transaction gain (loss) of \$271 and \$(94) for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Accounting pronouncements adopted – In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326)*. The guidance replaced the incurred loss model with an expected loss model, which is referred to as the current expected credit loss (CECL) model. The CECL model is applicable to the measurement of credit losses on financial assets measured at amortized cost. The Company adopted ASU 2016-13 on its effective date of July 1, 2023 on a modified retrospective basis and elected not to recast its comparative periods presented. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements or disclosures.

Recent accounting pronouncements – In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*. This new guidance aims to enhance the transparency and usefulness of income tax disclosures. The Company is currently assessing the effect of adoption of this ASU, which is effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

2. Receivables from contracts with customers

Receivables from contracts with customers at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$10,234 and \$13,056, respectively, and were recorded in receivables on the balance sheets. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts as of June 30, 2024. The Company does not have any significant contract asset or contract liability balances as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

3. Indemnifications, guarantees, and commitments

Management has reviewed the indemnification provisions of its material contracts. In the normal course of its business, the Company enters into contracts in which it makes representations and warranties as well as standard "hold harmless" indemnifications to counterparties. The obligation amounts of these types of agreements are not explicitly stated; therefore, the overall maximum amount of the obligations cannot be reasonably estimated. However, management believes it is unlikely the Company will have to make material payments under these agreements, and no liabilities related to these agreements have been recognized in the Company's financial statements.

4. Income taxes

The net income tax provision consists of the following:

	Year ended June 30, 2024	Year ended June 30, 2023
Federal:		
Current	\$ (4,623)	\$ (3,013)
Deferred	54	422
	<u>(4,569)</u>	<u>(2,591)</u>
State and foreign:		
Current	7,762	5,680
Deferred	182	(487)
	<u>7,944</u>	<u>5,193</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,375</u>	<u>\$ 2,602</u>

The components of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities consist of the following:

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Deferred tax assets:		
Accrued compensation and benefits	\$ 4,851	\$ 5,139
Accrued expenses and other	193	205
Depreciation and amortization	17	163
State taxes	10	—
Unrealized loss on foreign exchange translation	150	108
Total deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 5,221</u>	<u>\$ 5,615</u>
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Deferred tax liabilities:		
State taxes	\$ —	\$ 11
Deferred foreign tax credit	2,169	2,344
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$ 2,169</u>	<u>\$ 2,355</u>

The Company has not established a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets as the Company has determined it will, more likely than not, realize the assets.

The income tax receivable and payable balances primarily relate to amounts receivable and payable between Capital Group and the Company for jurisdictions in which Capital Group and the Company file a consolidated or combined tax return.

The effective income tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate primarily due to state taxes and permanent differences between taxable income and financial statement income related to items such as non-deductible expenses.

5. Retirement plans

The Company participates with Capital Group and affiliates in defined contribution retirement plans covering substantially all of its associates. The Company annually contributes up to 15% of each participant's eligible compensation. Contributions for associates residing outside the United States are made to local plans. Total retirement plan expenses were \$3,325 and \$3,196 in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

6. Transactions with affiliates

Research fee revenues include charges to affiliates of \$122,858 and \$130,663 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. Receivables at June 30, 2024 and 2023 include \$11,824 and \$14,582, respectively, and accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2024 and 2023 include \$5,881 and \$5,303, respectively, relating to transactions with affiliates. Receivables at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are primarily related to research fees and accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are primarily related to compensation and employee benefits. Given the significance of the aforementioned related party transactions, the operations of the Company could be materially different if the Company were a stand-alone entity.

7. Accumulated other comprehensive loss

The following table presents before tax changes in AOCI by component for 2024 and 2023:

	Foreign exchange translation adjustments
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$ (1,484)
Other comprehensive income	962
Balance, June 30, 2023	(522)
Other comprehensive loss	(184)
Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ (706)</u>

8. Subsequent events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through September 26, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No material subsequent events have occurred since June 30, 2024 that require recognition in the Company's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, or disclosure in the notes thereto.
