



SECUR

09040294

MISSION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20547

RECEIVED

MAR 26 2009

DIVISION OF MARKET REGULATION

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0123
Expires: September 30, 1998
Estimated average burden hours
per response . . . 12.00

SEC FILE NUMBER

8-43828

**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT
FORM X-17A-5
PART III**

FACING PAGE

**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 02/01/08 AND ENDING 01/31/09
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS (do not use P.O. Box No.)

One Huntington Quadrangle

(No. and Street)

Melville

New York

11747

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Eileen Moore

(631)770-0608

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Sherb & Co., LLP

(Name - if individual state last, first, middle name)

805 Third Avenue

New York

New York

10022

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

SEC 1410 (3-91)

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid control number

TABLE OF CONTENTS

An Oath or Affirmation	1
Independent Auditors' Report.....	2
Financial Statements:	
Statement of Financial Condition	3
Statement of Operations	4
Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity	5
Statement of Cash Flows	6
Notes to Financial Statements	7-10
Supplementary Information:	
Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission	11
Statement of exemption from Rule 15c3-3.....	12
Report on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5 Claiming an Exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3.....	13-14

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, **Eileen Moore**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of **EarlyBird Capital, Inc.**, as of **January 31, 2009** are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

_____ None _____

Eileen Moore

Signature

CFO

Title

Rose Irizarry

Notary Public

ROSE IRIZARRY
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 011R6161641
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires March 05, 2011

This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss)
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors
- (g) Computation of Net Capital
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation
- (m) A copy of the SICP Supplemental Report
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit

** For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).



SHERB & CO., LLP

805 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Tel: 212-838-5100

Fax: 212-838-2676

e-mail: info@sherbcpa.com

Offices in New York and Florida

Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors and Stockholder
EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of EarlyBirdCapital, Inc. (the "Company") (a wholly owned subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.) as of January 31, 2009, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of EarlyBirdCapital, Inc. as of January 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

New York, New York
March 17, 2009

Sherb & Co. LLP.
Sherb & Co., LLP
Certified Public Accountants

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Statement of Financial Condition

January 31, 2009

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,567,805
Certificates of deposit - restricted	93,366
Clearing firm receivable	3,896
Other receivable	330,000
Income taxes receivable	973,000
Marketable securities	1,333,206
Property and equipment, net	180,525
Other assets	<u>208,179</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 20,689,977</u>

Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 540,212
Commissions payable	113,663
Deferred income	231,147
Income taxes payable	<u>19,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>904,022</u>

Stockholder's equity:

Common stock, no par value; 1,500 shares authorized, 500 shares issued and outstanding	13,859,379
Retained earnings	<u>5,926,576</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>19,785,955</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 20,689,977</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Statement of Operations

Year ended January 31, 2009

Revenue:	
Commissions	\$ 4,517,776
Investment banking and underwriting	5,443,021
Net realized gain on the sale of marketable securities	1,900,560
Net unrealized loss on marketable securities	(443,322)
Interest	420,839
Other	<u>150,425</u>
Total revenue	<u>11,989,299</u>
Expenses:	
Compensation and benefits	8,733,282
Clearing and floor brokerage	17,357
Occupancy and equipment	540,309
Communications	112,629
Interest expense	2,226
Depreciation	91,595
Underwriting	568,083
Other general and administrative	<u>1,077,168</u>
Total expenses	<u>11,142,649</u>
Income before income tax expense	846,650
Income tax expense	<u>407,674</u>
Net Income	\$ <u><u>438,976</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity

Year ended January 31, 2009

	<u>Common Stock (no par value)</u>	<u>Retained earnings</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at February 1, 2008	\$ 11,599,852	\$ 8,047,600	\$ 19,647,452
Dividend Paid	--	(2,560,000)	(2,560,000)
Contribution of income tax benefit	2,259,527	--	2,259,527
Net Income	<u>--</u>	<u>438,976</u>	<u>438,976</u>
Balance at January 31, 2009	<u>\$ 13,859,379</u>	<u>\$ 5,926,576</u>	<u>\$ 19,785,955</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended January 31, 2009

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net income	\$ <u>438,976</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by in operating activities:	
Depreciation	91,595
Contribution of income tax benefit by parent	2,259,527
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Clearing firm receivable	756,993
Income taxes receivable	(973,000)
Other receivable	(330,000)
Marketable securities	2,841,554
Other assets	(15,291)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Deferred income	93,647
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,587,356)
Deferred taxes	(1,756,757)
Income taxes payable	19,000
Commissions payable	<u>45,233</u>
Total adjustments	<u>1,445,145</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,884,121</u>

Cash flows from investing activities:

Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(27,951)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(27,951)</u>

Cash flows from financing activities:

Dividends	(2,560,000)
Certificate of deposit	<u>(3,212)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(2,563,212)</u>

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(707,042)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>18,274,847</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 17,567,805</u>

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 2,226</u>
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ 831,515</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Organization

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc. (the "Company"), is a wholly owned subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc. (the "Parent") which, in turn is a 80% owned subsidiary of Firebrand Financial Group, Inc. ("FFGI"). The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD").

The Company's primary activities include the origination, underwriting and distribution of equity securities for early stage, emerging growth companies to private investors in public and private offerings, as well as the generation of commission income from the securities brokerage business.

All customer accounts are cleared through and carried with Southwest Securities Inc., on a fully disclosed basis.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers highly liquid financial instruments with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash and cash equivalents.

The Company maintains its cash in bank accounts at high credit quality financial institutions. The balances at times may exceed federally insured limits.

(b) Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Substantially all of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are carried at market or fair value, or at amounts which approximate current fair value due to their short-term nature.

(d) Revenue and Expense Recognition

The Company earns revenue (commissions) from brokerage activities, which are recognized on the day of trade – trade date basis. Investment banking income includes fees earned for financial advisory, underwriting and placement services. Financial advisory fees are earned throughout the term of the financial advisory agreement. Fees for underwriting and placement services are recognized when the deal is completed and the income is reasonably determinable. Selling concessions from initial public offerings are included in commissions.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Notes to Financial Statements

The Company may receive equity instruments which include stock purchase warrants and common and preferred stock from companies as part of its compensation for investment-banking services that are classified as marketable securities on the balance sheet, if still held at the financial reporting date. These instruments are stated at fair value in accordance with SFAS #115 "Accounting for certain investments in debt and equity securities" and EITF 00-8 "Accounting by a grantee for an equity instrument to be received in conjunction with providing goods or services." Primarily all of the equity instruments are received from small public companies. The stock and the stock purchase warrants received are typically restricted as to resale. Though, the Company generally receives a registration right within one year. Company policy is to resell these securities in anticipation of short – term market movements. The Company recognizes revenue for such stock purchase warrants when received based on the Black Scholes valuation model. On a monthly basis the Company recognizes unrealized gains or losses in the statement of operations based on the changes in value in the stock purchase warrants as determined by the Black Scholes valuation model. Realized gains or losses are recognized in the statement of operations when the related stock purchase warrant is exercised and sold.

(e) Marketable Securities

The Company classifies its existing marketable equity securities as Trading Securities in accordance with the provision of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." These securities are carried at fair market value. Realized gains or losses are recognized in the statement of operations when securities are sold. Gains or losses on securities sold are based on the specific identification method. Unrealized gains or losses are recognized in the statement of operations on a monthly basis based on changes in the fair value of the security as quoted on national or inter-dealer stock exchanges.

(f) Depreciation and Amortization

Office furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Office furniture and equipment are depreciated using either an accelerated or straight- line method, where applicable, over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the life of the lease or estimated useful life per management.

(g) Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred taxes of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

(h) Management Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Notes to Financial Statements

(3) Marketable Securities

Marketable securities, as shown in the accompanying statement of financial condition, consist primarily of restricted warrants and trading securities. Their cost and estimated fair and market value at January 31, 2009 are as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrealized Gains</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Common Stock	\$ 1,123,540	\$ 209,666	\$ 1,333,206

(4) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following:

	<u>Life</u>	
Furniture	5 years	\$ 165,002
Equipment	5 years	248,033
Leasehold improvements	5 years	<u>79,968</u>
		493,003
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(312,478)</u>
Property and equipment, net		\$ <u>180,525</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended January 31, 2009 was \$91,595.

(5) Income Taxes

The Company is included in the consolidated income tax returns of its Parent.

Taxes are reported as if the Company files on a stand alone basis.

The components of the provision for taxes, is as follows:

Current	\$	407,674
Deferred		<u>-</u>
	\$	<u>407,674</u>

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Notes to Financial Statements

The reconciliation between the expected income tax expense computed using the statutory federal rate of 35%, and the actual income tax expense is as follows:

Expected income tax expense	\$ 296,327
State and local tax expense, net of federal benefit	78,394
Permanent differences	<u>32,953</u>
Tax expense per financial statements	<u>\$ 406,674</u>

(6) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) In the normal course of business, the Company enters into underwriting agreements, letters of intent to underwrite and other investment banking commitments. The Company does not anticipate any material adverse effect on its financial position resulting from these commitments, contingent liabilities and guarantees.

(b) The Company leases office space in four locations in New York. Rent expense totaled \$421,134 for the year ended January 31, 2009.

Future minimum annual payments under all lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year ended January 31,</u>	
2010	\$ 396,314
2011	\$ 300,860
2012	\$ 304,579
2013	\$ 317,588
2014	\$ 295,004
Thereafter	\$ 10,106

(7) Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At January 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of \$17,491,310 which was \$17,391,310 in excess of its required net capital of \$100,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .05 to 1.

Supplemental Information

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

Computation of Net Capital
Under Rule 15c3-1 of the
Securities and Exchange Commission

January 31, 2009

Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital	<u>\$ 19,785,955</u>
Deductions and/or charges:	
Non-allowable assets:	
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	180,525
Securities – not readily marketable	72,427
Other assets	1,588,935
Other deductions and/or charges:	
Receivables from non-customers	<u>27,758</u>
	<u>1,869,645</u>
Haircuts on securities	<u>425,000</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 17,491,310</u>
Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement:	
Minimum net capital required, 6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 60,268</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of broker and dealer	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above)	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 17,391,310</u>
Computation of Ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital:	
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 904,022</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>.05</u>

Statement Pursuant to Paragraph (d)(4) of Rule 17a-5

No material differences exist between the net capital computation above and the computation included in the amended FOCUS Form X-17a-5 Part IIA, as filed by the Company on March 17, 2009.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.
(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.)

January 31, 2009

Statement of Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k) (2) (i) of the Rule.

EarlyBirdCapital, Inc., is claiming exemption due to the fact that all customer transactions are cleared through Southwest Securities, Inc. on a fully disclosed basis.

Therefore, the following reports are not presented:

- A) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirement under Rule 15c3-3.
- B) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements under Rule 15c3-3.



SHERB & CO., LLP

805 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
Tel: 212-838-5100
Fax: 212-838-2676
e-mail: info@sherbcpa.com

Offices in New York and Florida

Certified Public Accountants

**Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control
Pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5 for a Broker-Dealer
Claiming
Exemption From SEC Rule 15c3-3**

The Board of Directors and Stockholder
EarlyBirdCapital, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of EarlyBirdCapital, Inc. (the "Company") (a wholly owned subsidiary of EBC Holdings, Inc.) for the year ended January 31, 2009, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(1) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at January 31, 2009 to meet the SEC's objectives.

The report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties

Sherb & Co. LLP.

Sherb & Co., LLP

Certified Public Accountants

New York, New York
March 17, 2009