

Blackstone Group L.P.
Form 8-K
September 18, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **September 18, 2008**

THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-33551
(Commission

20-8875684
(IRS Employer

File Number)

Identification No.)

345 Park Avenue

New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10154
(Zip Code)

(212) 583-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(d) On September 18, 2008, Jay O. Light was appointed to the board of directors of Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., the general partner (the General Partner) of The Blackstone Group L.P. (the Partnership).

Mr. Light will receive an annual cash retainer of \$100,000. In addition, Mr. Light received upon his appointment a grant of 15,000 deferred restricted common units under the Partnership's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. These deferred restricted common units will vest, and the underlying common units will be delivered, in equal installments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to such director's continued service on the board of directors of the General Partner.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Light to the board of directors of the General Partner is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 99.1	Press release, dated as of September 18, 2008.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

The Blackstone Group L.P.

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner

Date: September 18, 2008

By: /s/ Robert L. Friedman

Name: Robert L. Friedman

Title: Chief Legal Officer