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## 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 June 30, 2017

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_to\_\_\_\_

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## ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

46-1314400 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

> Two Bridge Avenue, Suite 322 Red Bank, NJ 07701-1106 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

> > (732) 978-7518

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (\$232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Non-accelerated filer 
(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company 🗵

Accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Emerging growth company  $\square$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

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 August 14, 2017, 14,480,782 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 20,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.000001 per share, were issued and outstanding.

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#### PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### **Item 1. Financial Statements**

## ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

	Ju	ne 30, 2017	Dece	mber 31, 2016
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	16,970	\$	38,712
Income and fees receivable		1,869		8,805
Investments in affiliates, at fair value		10,288		5,273
Due from related parties		1,101		734
Property and equipment, net		319		274
Prepaid expenses		1,907		906
Other assets		385		348
Assets of Consolidated Funds				
Cash and cash equivalents		13,416		37,080
Investments, at fair value		446,707		404,365
Due from broker		12,095		16,438
Other assets		1,007		1,210
Total Assets	\$	506,064	\$	514,145
	φ	300,004	\$	514,145
Liabilities and Equity				
Liabilities				
Notes payable	\$		\$	1,263
Compensation payable		4,594		7,836
Due to related parties		31		31
Fees payable				2,439
Other liabilities		1,147		1,127
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds				
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value		384,519		384,901
Due to broker		21,974		24,462
Other liabilities		2,579		2,121
Total Liabilities		414,844		424,180
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Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)				—
Equity				
Preferred Stock, \$0.0001 par value; 2,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares issued and outstanding.				_
Class A Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value; 180,000,000 shares authorized; 14,480,782 and				
13,900,917 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.		1		1
Class B Common Stock, \$0.000001 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 20,000,000		_		
shares issued and outstanding.		64.210		63,413
Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)		64,210		
e (		(23,779)		(18,965)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	_	(44)	_	(70)
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.		40,388		44,379
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC		19,417		22,258
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds		31,415		23,328

Total Equity	 91,220	 89,965
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 506,064	\$ 514,145

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

#### ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

		Three Mon June				Six Months Ended June 30,					
		2017	,	2016		2017		2016			
Revenues											
Management fee income	\$	3,689	\$	3,571	\$	6,796	\$	7,140			
Incentive income		2,884		143		3,181		295			
Reimbursement revenue		383				877					
Other revenues		77		79		170		159			
Income of Consolidated Funds		404			_	404					
Total Revenues		7,437		3,793		11,428		7,594			
Expenses											
Compensation and benefits		5,609		7,999		13,033		17,006			
General, administrative and other		3,879		2,950		7,548		6,160			
Depreciation and amortization		71		64		111		127			
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		30		29	_	73		48			
Total Expenses		9,589		11,042		20,765		23,341			
Other income (loss)											
Net gain (loss) on investments		39		55		114		37			
Other income (expense)		32		87		16		692			
Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments		1,607		2,176		2,714		3,693			
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity		909				1,498		—			
Total Other Income (Loss)		2,587		2,318		4,342		4,422			
Income (loss) before income taxes		435		(4,931)		(4,995)		(11,325)			
Income tax (benefit) expense		5		4		10		9			
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		430		(4,935)	-	(5,005)	-	(11,334)			
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				())		(-))		() /			
Foreign currency translation adjustment		9		(147)		39		(201)			
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	439	\$	(5,082)	\$	(4,966)	\$	(11,535)			
	-		-	(0,002)	Ψ	(1,200)	4	(11,000)			
Allocation of Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax											
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	\$	1,397	\$	1,052	\$	2,207	\$	1,786			
Stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	φ	(652)	φ	(4,076)	φ	(4,814)	φ	(8,910)			
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC		(315)		(1,911)		(2,398)		(4,210)			
Total Allocation of Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of		(313)		(1,911)		(2,398)		(4,210)			
tax	\$	430	\$	(4,935)	\$	(5,005)	\$	(11,334)			
Allocation of Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)											
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	\$	1,397	\$	1,052	\$	2,207	\$	1,786			
Stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.		(646)		(4,174)		(4, 788)		(9,044)			
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC		(312)		(1,960)		(2,385)		(4,277)			
Total Allocation of Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	439	\$	(5,082)	\$	(4,966)	\$	(11,535)			
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax per Class A	¢		<b>.</b>		¢		¢				
common share applicable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. – Basic	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.64)			
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax per Class A			_		-		_				
common share applicable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. –	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.64)			
Diluted			_				_				

Weighted average shares of Class A common stock outstanding:				
Basic	14,473,642	13,892,016	14,231,320	13,881,466
Diluted	21,473,642	20,892,016	21,231,320	20,881,466

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

## ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity and Non-controlling Interests (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands except share amounts)

Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	Class Common		Class Common		lditional  -in-capital	Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		earnings (Accumulated		com	cumulated other prehensive income (loss)	Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC	Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount																																																																		
December 31, 2016	13,900,917	\$ 1	20,000,000	\$-	\$ 63,413	\$ (	18,965)	\$	(70)	\$ 22,258	\$ 23,328	\$89,965																																																										
Settlement of RSU awards	579,865	-	-	-	447		-		-	(447)	-	-																																																										
Payment of																																																																						
employee taxes in connection with net					(801)					-		(801)																																																										
settlement of																																																																						
RSUs																																																																						
Modification of																																																																						
equity awards to	-	-	-	-	(17)		-		-	(9)	-	(26)																																																										
liability awards																																																																						
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	5,880	5,880																																																										
Equity-based																																																																						
compensation	-	-	-	-	1,168		-		-	-	-	1,168																																																										
charges																																																																						
Consolidated																																																																						
net income	-	-	-	-	-		(4,814)		-	(2,398)	2,207	(5,005)																																																										
(loss)																																																																						
Other																																																																						
comprehensive	-	-	-	-	-		-		26	13	-	39																																																										
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June 30, 2017	14,480,782	<u>\$1</u>	20,000,000	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 64,210	\$ (2	23,779)	\$	(44)	\$ 19,417	\$ 31,415	\$91,220																																																										
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Six Months Ended June 30, 2016	Class Common			Class B Common Stock		Additional id-in-capital	(4	Retained earnings Accumulated deficit)	ccumulated other mprehensive income (loss)	Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC		interests in ZAIS Group		in	-controlling aterests in nsolidated Funds	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount												
December 31, 2015	13,870,917	\$ 1	20,000,000	\$ -	\$	60,817	\$	(13,805)	\$ 158	\$	23,716	\$	14,916	\$ 85,803		
Settlement of RSU awards	30,000	-		-		30		-	-		(30)		-	-		
Capital contributions	-	-	-	-		-		-	-		-		4,907	4,907		
Capital distributions	-	-	-	-		-		-	-		(284)		-	(284)		
Equity-based compensation charges	-	-	-	-		1,118		-	-		564		-	1,682		
Consolidated net income (loss)	-	-	-	-		-		(8,910)	-		(4,210)		1,786	(11,334)		

Other												
comprehensive	-	-	-	-	-	-	(134)	)	(67)	-	(201)	
income (loss)												
June 30, 2016	13,900,917	\$ 1	20,000,000	\$ 	\$ 61,965	\$ (22,715)	\$ 24	\$	19,689	\$ 21,609	\$ 80,573	

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

## ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

	Six Months June 3	
	 2017	2016
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$ (5,005) \$	\$ (11,334)
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating	(-))	. ( ) )
activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	111	127
Net (gain) loss on investments	(114)	(37)
Non-cash stock-based compensation	1,168	1,682
Interest expense on notes payable		4
Operating cash flows due to changes in:		
Income and fees receivable	6,936	874
Due from related parties	(367)	(634)
Prepaid expenses	(1,001)	(1,170)
Other assets	(27)	(1)
Compensation payable	(3,269)	728
Due to related parties		(33)
Fees payable	(2,439)	(754)
Other liabilities	19	(748)
Proceeds from investments in affiliates	90	—
Items related to Consolidated Funds:		
Purchases of investments and investments in affiliated securities	(295,989)	(10,000)
Change in unrealized (gain) loss on investments		(3,693)
Proceeds from sale of investments	201,635	
Proceeds from sale of beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	54,262	
Net (gain) loss on investments	(4,130)	—
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	1,499	
Change in cash and cash equivalents	23,665	33
Change in other assets	223	—
Change in due from broker	4,343	—
Change in due to broker	(2,488)	—
Change in other liabilities	 437	
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	 (20,441)	(24,956)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of fixed assets	(152)	(17)
Distributions from investments in affiliates		87
Purchases of investments in affiliates	(5,000)	
Purchases of investments, at fair value		(11)
Proceeds from sales of investments, at fair value		8,174
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	 (5,152)	8,233
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Contributions from non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	5,880	4,907
Payment of employee taxes in connection with net settlement of RSUs	(801)	4,907
Repayment of notes payable	(1,263)	_
Distributions to non-controlling interests in ZGP	(1,203)	(284)
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Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	 3,816	4,623

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currency	35	(187)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(21,742)	(12,287)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	38,712	 44,351
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 16,970	\$ 32,064

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

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#### ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

#### 1. Organization

ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. ("ZAIS", and collectively with its consolidated subsidiaries, as the context may require, the "Company") is a holding company conducting substantially all of its operations through ZAIS Group, LLC ("ZAIS Group"), an investment advisory and asset management firm focused on specialized credit which commenced operations in July 1997 and is headquartered in Red Bank, New Jersey. ZAIS Group also maintains an office in London. ZAIS Group is a wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary of ZAIS Group Parent, LLC ("ZGP"), a majority-owned consolidated subsidiary of ZAIS. ZAIS is the managing member of ZGP.

ZAIS Group is registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 and with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as a Commodity Pool Operator and Commodity Trading Advisor. ZAIS Group provides investment advisory and asset management services to private funds, separately managed accounts, structured vehicles (collateralized debt obligation vehicles and collateralized loan obligation vehicles, together referred to as "CLOs") and, through October 31, 2016, ZAIS Financial Corp. ("ZFC REIT"), a publicly traded mortgage real estate investment trust (collectively, the "ZAIS Managed Entities").

On February 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") established a Special Committee of independent and disinterested directors to consider any proposals by management or third parties for strategic transactions. The Board of Directors has been undertaking a strategic review of the Company's business in order to enhance shareholder value, and has engaged a financial advisor for this purpose. Various alternatives have been and are being considered, including a possible sale or combination or other similar transaction, or a going private transaction which would result in the termination of the registration of ZAIS Class A common stock ("Class A Common Stock") so as to cease periodic and other public company compliance and reporting. The Company has received from and provided to potential counterparties certain due diligence information. In addition, the Company's management and financial advisor have held and expect to continue to hold preliminary discussions with potential counterparties and participants. There is no assurance that any of the preliminary discussions which have taken place or may in the future take place will result in any transaction or that any of the strategic alternatives under consideration will be implemented. The Company does not intend to provide periodic public updates on any of these matters except as required by law or regulation

The ZAIS Managed Entities predominantly invest in a variety of specialized credit instruments including corporate credit instruments such as CLOs, securities backed by residential mortgage loans, bank loans and various securities and instruments backed by these asset classes. ZAIS Group had the following assets under management ("AUM"):

Reporting Period	 ximately illions)
As of June 30, 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3.752
As of December 31, 2016	\$ 3.444

<sup>(1)</sup> On April 19, 2017, the ZAIS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (value date of June 30, 2017) from a European investor impacted by regulatory constraints. This redemption is expected to be effectuated on August 31, 2017. The AUM amount presented has not been reduced for this redemption request.

ZAIS Group also serves as the general partner to certain ZAIS Managed Entities, which are generally organized as pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The Company's primary sources of revenues are (i) management fee income, which is based predominantly on the net asset values of the ZAIS Managed Entities and (ii) incentive income, which is based on the investment performance of the ZAIS Managed Entities. Any management fee income and incentive income earned by ZAIS Group from the consolidated ZAIS Managed Entities (the "Consolidated Funds") is eliminated in consolidation.

Additionally, a significant source of the Company's revenues and other income is derived from income of Consolidated Funds, net gains of Consolidated Funds' investments and net gains on beneficial interests in collateralized financing entities which invest in bank loans. A portion of income of Consolidated Funds and net gains of Consolidated Funds' investments are allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited, interim, consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") as contained within the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") and the rules and regulations of the SEC for interim reporting. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature. The operating results presented for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the entire year. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP as contained in the ASC have been condensed or omitted from the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Certain comparative amounts in the consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

#### Segment Reporting

The Company currently is comprised of one reportable segment, the investment management segment, and substantially all of the Company's operations are conducted through this segment. The investment management segment provides investment advisory and asset management services to the ZAIS Managed Entities.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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 consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. While management believes that the estimates used in preparing the consolidated financial statements are reasonable and prudent, actual results may ultimately materially differ from those estimates.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements included herein are the financial statements of ZAIS, its subsidiaries and the Consolidated Funds. All intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation, including ZAIS's investment in ZGP and ZGP's investment in ZAIS Group. The Company's fiscal year ends on December 31.

The consolidated financial statements include non-controlling interests in ZGP which is comprised of Class A Units of ZGP ("Class A Units") held by Christian Zugel, the former managing member of ZGP and the founder and Chief Investment Officer of ZAIS Group, and certain related parties (collectively, the "ZGP Founder Members").

The Company's consolidated financial statements also include variable interest entities for which ZAIS Group is considered the primary beneficiary, and certain entities that are considered voting interest entities in which ZAIS Group has a controlling financial interest.

The Consolidated Funds include the following entities for the reporting periods presented:

	P	As of		nths Ended e 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,		
Entity	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	
ZAIS Zephyr A-6, LP ("Zephyr A-6")	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
ZAIS CLO 5, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 5")	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	_	$\checkmark$		

The Consolidated Funds, except for consolidated CLOs, are deemed to be investment companies under U.S. GAAP, and therefore, the Company has retained the specialized investment company accounting of these consolidated entities in its consolidated financial statements. The economic interests which are held by third-party investors are reflected as non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds.

The Company has elected the fair value option for the assets and liabilities held by the Consolidated Funds that otherwise would not have been carried at fair value. See Notes 4 and 5 for further disclosure on the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Funds for which the fair value option has been elected.

For consolidated CLOs, the Company uses the measurement alternative included in the collateralized financing entity guidance (the "Measurement Alternative"). The Company measures both the financial assets and financial liabilities of the consolidated CLO in its consolidated financial statements using the fair value of the financial assets of the consolidated CLO, which are more observable than the fair value of the financial liabilities of the consolidated CLO. As a result, the financial assets of the consolidated CLO are measured at fair value and the financial liabilities are measured in consolidation as: the sum of the fair value of the financial assets and the carrying value of any non-financial assets that are incidental to the operations of the CLO less (ii) the sum of the fair value of any beneficial interests retained by the reporting entity (other than those that represent compensation for services) and the Company's carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation for services. The resulting amount is allocated to the individual financial liabilities (other than the beneficial interest retained by the Company) using a reasonable and consistent methodology. Under the Measurement Alternative, the Company's consolidated net income reflects the Company's own economic interests in the consolidated CLO including changes in the (i) fair value of the beneficial interests retained by the Company and (ii) beneficial interests that represent compensation for services. Such changes are presented in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The majority of the economic interests in the CLOs are held by outside parties, and are reported as notes payable of consolidated CLOs in the consolidated financial statements. The notes payable issued by the CLOs are backed by diversified collateral asset portfolios consisting primarily of loans or structured debt. In exchange for managing the collateral for the CLOs, ZAIS Group may earn investment management fees, including, in some cases, subordinated management fees and contingent incentive fees. All of the management fee income, incentive income and Net gain (loss) on investments earned by ZAIS Group from the Consolidated Funds are eliminated in consolidation.

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#### Reimbursement Revenue

ZAIS Group may pay research and data services expenses relating to the management of the ZAIS Managed Entities directly to vendors and may allocate a portion of these costs to the respective ZAIS Managed Entities per the terms of the related agreements (the "Research Costs"). These amounts may be reimbursable by the respective ZAIS Managed Entities and are recorded as Reimbursement revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the extent the Company is the primary obligor for such expenses and if the costs are charged back to the respective funds. The amounts for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 were not material and therefore were not separately reported in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### Income of Consolidated Funds

Income of Consolidated Funds reflects the interest income recognized by Zephyr A-6 related to its investments in unconsolidated CLOs. Any discounts and premiums on fixed income securities purchased are accreted or amortized into income or expense using the effective interest rate method over the lives of such securities. The effective interest rates are calculated using projected cash flows including the impact of paydowns on each of the aforementioned securities.

#### Non-Controlling Interests

The non-controlling interests within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition may be comprised of (i) redeemable noncontrolling interests reported outside of the permanent capital section when investors have the right to redeem their interests from a Consolidated Fund or ZAIS Group, (ii) equity attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds (excluding CLOs) reported inside the permanent capital section when the investors do not have the right to redeem their interests and (iii) equity attributable to noncontrolling interests in ZGP inside the permanent capital section, if applicable.

The Company records non-controlling interests in the Consolidated Funds (excluding CLOs) to reflect the economic interests in those funds held by investors other than interests attributable to ZAIS Group. Income allocated to non-controlling interests in ZGP includes the portion of management fee income received from ZFC REIT that was payable to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management, LLC ("ZAIS REIT Management"), a majority owned subsidiary of ZAIS Group which was the external adviser to ZFC REIT prior to October 31, 2016 (see Note 6 – "Management Fee Income and Incentive Income").

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Since May 2014, the FASB has issued ASU Nos. 2014-09, 2015-14, 2016-08, 2016-10 and 2016-12, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The objective of the guidance is to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. The guidance is to be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented or through a cumulative adjustment in the year of adoption, for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company currently recognizes incentive income subject to contingent repayment once all contingencies have been resolved. Whereas the new guidance requires an entity to recognize such revenue when it concludes that it is probable that a significant reversal in the cumulative amount of revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty is resolved. As such, the adoption of the new guidance may require the Company to recognize incentive income earlier than as prescribed under current guidance. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, *Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* ("ASU 2016-01"). The amendments, among other things, (i) requires equity investments (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting, or those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income; (ii) requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; (iii) requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (i.e., securities or loans and receivables) and (iv) eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost. ASU 2016-01 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard. The adoption of ASU 2016-01 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)* ("ASU 2016-02"). Under the new guidance, lessees are required to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for those leases previously classified as operating leases.

The amendments in ASU No. 2016-02 are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments* ("ASU 2016-15"). This ASU addresses the following eight specific cash flow issues: Debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; settlement of zero-coupon debt instruments or other debt instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing; contingent consideration payments made after a business combination; proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies); distributions received from equity method investees; beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle. ASU 2016-15 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The adoption of ASU 2016-15 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2016 the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, *Technical Corrections and Improvements*. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amends FASB ASC 820 to clarify the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a change in either or both a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company has adopted ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures. The adoption of ASU 2016-19 has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. Investments in Affiliates

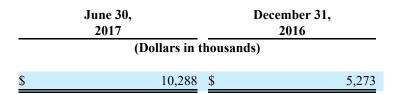
In February 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which focuses on investing in non-ZAIS managed CLOs, none of which has been called as of August 14, 2017.

In June 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which carries first loss risk. ZAIS Group funded its entire \$5.0 million commitment on June 29, 2017.

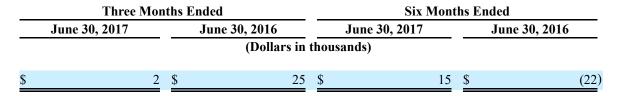
At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company held investments in six and five unconsolidated ZAIS Managed Entities (excluding an investment in a ZAIS Managed Entity for which no capital has been called as of August 14, 2017), respectively.

The Company applied the Fair Value Option to its investments in the ZAIS Managed Entities that are not consolidated. The Company believes that reporting the fair value of these investments is more indicative of the Company's financial position than historical cost.

The fair value of these investments was as follows:



The Company recorded a change in unrealized gain (loss) associated with the investments still held at the end of each respective period as follows:



Such amounts are included in Net gain (loss) on investments in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no equity investment, individually or in the aggregate, held by the Company exceeded 20% of its total consolidated assets. Additionally, the Company did not have any income related to these investments, individually or in the aggregate, which exceeded 20% of its total Consolidated net income net of tax for the six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016. As such, the Company did not present separate or summarized financial statements for any of its investees.



#### 4. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and requires certain disclosures about fair value measurements under U.S. GAAP. Specifically, this guidance defines fair value based on exit price, or the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value under U.S. GAAP represents an exit price in the normal course of business, not a forced liquidation price. If the Company was forced to sell assets in a short period to meet liquidity needs, the prices it receives could be substantially less than their recorded fair values.

The Company follows the fair value measurement and disclosure guidance under U.S. GAAP, which establishes a hierarchical disclosure framework. This framework prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments at fair value. Market price observability is affected by a number of factors, including the type of investment, the characteristics specific to the investment and the state of the marketplace including the existence and transparency of transactions between market participants. Investments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices in an orderly market generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. In all cases, an instrument's level within the hierarchy is based upon the market pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Company's perceived risk or liquidity of the instrument.

The Company considers observable data to be market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the determination of which category within the fair value hierarchy is appropriate for any given investment is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires significant judgment and considers factors specific to the investment.

Assets and liabilities that are measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 — Fair value is determined based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market at measurement date. Assets and liabilities included in Level 1 include listed securities. As required in the fair value measurement and disclosure guidance under U.S. GAAP, the Company does not adjust the quoted price for these investments. The hierarchy gives highest priority to Level 1.

Level 2 — Fair value is determined based on inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly as of the reporting date. Assets and liabilities which are generally included in this category include corporate bonds and loans, less liquid and restricted equity securities and certain over-the-counter derivatives, including foreign exchange forward contracts whose values are based on the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets.
- Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 — Fair value is determined based on inputs that are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation and the Company may use models or other valuation methodologies to arrive at fair value. Investments that are included in this category generally include distressed debt, less liquid corporate debt securities, non-investment grade residual interests in securitizations, collateralized debt obligations and certain derivative contracts. The hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3.

The Company has established a valuation process that applies for all levels of investments in the valuation hierarchy to ensure that the valuation techniques are consistent and verifiable. The valuation process includes discussions between the valuation team, portfolio management team and the valuation committee (the "Valuation Committee"). The Valuation Committee consists of senior members of ZAIS Group and is chaired by the Chief Financial Officer of ZAIS Group. The Valuation Committee meets to review and approve the results of the valuation process which are used in connection with the preparation of quarterly and annual financial statements. The Valuation Committee is responsible for oversight and review of the written valuation policies and procedures and ensuring that they are applied consistently.

The lack of an established, liquid secondary market for some of the Company's holdings may have an adverse effect on the market value of those holdings and on the Company's ability to dispose of them. Additionally, the public markets for the Company's holdings may experience periods of volatility and periods of reduced liquidity and the Company's holdings may be subject to certain other transfer restrictions that may further contribute to illiquidity. Such illiquidity may adversely affect the price and timing of liquidations of the Company's holdings.

The following is a description of the valuation techniques used to measure fair value:

#### Investments in Bank Loans

The Company uses a nationally recognized pricing source to provide pricing for the bank loans held by the Consolidated Funds.

#### Investments in CLOs

ZAIS determined the fair value of the investments in CLOs generally with input from a third party pricing source. ZAIS verifies that the quotes received from the valuation source are reflective of fair value as defined in U.S. GAAP, generally by comparing trading activity for similar asset classes, pricing research provided by banks and brokers, indicative broker quotes and results from an external cash flows analytics tool.

#### Collateralized Loan Obligation – Warehouses

A Collateralized Loan Obligation Warehouse ("CLO Warehouse") is an entity organized for the purpose of holding syndicated bank loans, also known as leveraged loans, prior to the issuance of securities from that same vehicle. During the warehouse period, a CLO Warehouse will secure investments and build a portfolio of primarily leveraged loans and other debt obligations. The warehouse period terminates when the collateralized loan obligation vehicle issues various tranches of securities to the market. At this time, financing through the issuance of debt and equity securities is used to repay the bank financing.

The fair value of a CLO Warehouse is determined by adding the excess spread (accrued interest plus interest received less financing cost) to the CLO Warehouse equity contribution made by the Consolidated Funds, unless ZAIS Group determines that the securitization will not be achieved, in which case, the fair value of a CLO Warehouse will be established based on the fair value of the underlying bank loan positions which are valued in a manner consistent with ZAIS Group's valuation policy and procedures. CLO warehouses can be exposed to credit events, mark to market changes, rating agency downgrades and financing cost changes. Changes in the fair value of a CLO Warehouse are reported in Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### Investment in Affiliates

Under U.S. GAAP, the Company is permitted, as a practical expedient, to estimate the fair value of its investments in other investment companies using the net asset value (or its equivalent) of the related investment company. Accordingly, the Company utilizes the net asset value in valuing its investments in the unconsolidated ZAIS Managed Entities, which is an amount equal to the sum of the Company's proportionate interest in the capital accounts of the affiliated entities at fair value. The fair value of the assets and liabilities of the ZAIS Managed Entities are determined by the Company in accordance with its valuation policies described above. Investments measured at fair value using the practical expedient are not required to be categorized within the fair value hierarchy. The resulting net gains or losses on investments are included in Net gain (loss) on investments in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The valuation of the Company's investments in unconsolidated ZAIS Managed Entities represents the amount the Company would receive at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, if it were to liquidate its investments in these entities. ZAIS Group has the ability to liquidate its investments according to the provisions of the respective entities' operative agreements.

#### Notes payable of Consolidated CLO

The fair value of notes payable of Consolidated CLO is determined by applying the Measurement Alternative.

The following tables summarize the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the fair value hierarchy levels or based on net asset values, as applicable:

					Ju	ne 30, 2017			
				(De	ollai	rs in thousan	ds)		
	]	Level 1	]	Level 2		Level 3		Net Asset Value	Total
Assets, at fair value:									
Cash equivalents	\$	16,103	\$	—	\$		\$		\$ 16,103
Investments in affiliates, at fair value						_		10,288	10,288
								,	,
Assets of Consolidated Funds									
Investments, at fair value:									
Bank loans		_				396,408			396,408
CLOs:									
Senior notes		_				18,998			18,998
Mezzanine notes		—				3,950			3,950
Subordinated notes		_				2,346			2,346
Warehouse						25,005			 25,005
Total – investments, at fair value						446,707			 446,707
Total assets, at fair value	\$	16,103	\$		\$	446,707	\$	10,288	\$ 473,098
Liabilities, at fair value:									
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds									
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair						384,519			384,519
value						384,319			 384,319
Total liabilities, at fair value	\$		\$		\$	384,519	\$		\$ 384,519
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				ember 31, 201 rs in thousan			
	Level 1	 Level 2		Level 3	1	Net Asset Value	Total
Assets, at fair value:							
Cash equivalents	\$ 36,971	\$ 	\$		\$		\$ 36,971
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	_	—		—		5,273	5,273
Assets of Consolidated Funds							
Investments, at fair value:							
Bank loans	—			389,329			389,329
CLOs:							
Warehouse	 	 		15,036			 15,036
Total – investments, at fair value	 	 		404,365			404,365
Total assets, at fair value	\$ 36,971	\$ _	\$	404,365	\$	5,273	\$ 446,609
			_		-		
Liabilities, at fair value:							
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds							
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair				204.001			204.001
value	_			384,901			384,901
Total liabilities, at fair value	\$ 	\$ 	\$	384,901	\$		\$ 384,901

The following tables summarize the changes in the Company's Level 3 assets:

						Six	M	Ionths Ende	d J	June 30, 201	7						
	Beginning Balance January 1, 2017		Purchases/ Issuances		To Real Purchases/ an Redemptions/ Char					usands) mortization f Discounts/ Premiums	Transfers to (from) Level 3		Ending Balance June 30, 2017		Ui Gai Re As Li Sti	Change in Unrealized Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held at June 30, 2017	
Assets:																	
Bank loans CLOs:	\$	389,329	\$	211,967	\$	(201,635)	\$	(3,939)	\$	686	\$	_	\$	396,408	\$	(2,655)	
Senior notes		_		19,000		_		(106)		104				18,998		(106)	
Mezzanine notes		_		3,950		_		(44)		44		_		3,950		(44)	
Subordinated notes		_		6,072		(3,872)		113		33		_		2,346		(111)	
Warehouse		15,036		55,000		(45,000)		(31)						25,005		(5)	
Total investments, at fair value	\$	404,365	\$	295,989	\$	(250,507)	\$	(4,007)	\$	867	\$	_	\$	446,707	\$	(2,921)	
T :- L:11:4'																	
Liabilities: Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value	\$	384,901	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(382)		\$	\$	_	\$	384,519	\$	(382)	
Total liabilities, at fair value	\$	384,901	\$	_	\$	_	\$	(382)		\$	\$	_	\$	384,519	\$	(382)	

					Six Mon	ths <b>E</b>	Ended June	30,	2016			
	ł	eginning Balance nuary 1, 2016	 rchases/ suances	Rede	(D ales/ mptions/ lements	ollars in thousana Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)			Transfers to (from) Level 3	Ending Balance June 30, 2016	Change in Unrealized Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held at June 30, 2016	
CLOs:												
Warehouse	\$	30,509	\$ 10,000	\$	_	\$	3,692	\$		\$ 44,201	\$	3,692
Total investments at fair value		30,509	\$ 10,000	\$	_	\$	3,692	\$	_	\$ 44,201	\$	3,692

The Company's policy is to record transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3, if any, at the beginning of the period. There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 during the six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016.

The tables below summarize information about the significant unobservable inputs used in determining the fair value of the Level 3 assets and liabilities held by the Consolidated Funds:

Investment Type	Fair Value at June 30, 2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Amount/ Percentage	Min	Max	Weighted Average
	(Dollars in Thousands)						
Assets of Consolidated Funds:							
Bank loans	\$ 396,408	Third party pricing source	Not applicable	Not applicable		—	
CLOs:							
Senior notes	18,998	Third party pricing source	Not applicable	Not applicable			_
Mezzanine notes	3,950	Third party pricing source	Not applicable	Not applicable	_	_	_
Subordinated notes	2,346	Third party pricing source	Not applicable	Not applicable			_
Warehouse	25,005	Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.02%			_
Total – Investments, at fair value	\$ 446,707						
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds:							
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value	\$ 384,519	Measurement Alternative	Not applicable	Not applicable	—	_	_

Total – Notes payable of	\$ 384,519
Consolidated CLO, at	
fair value	

Investment Type	Fair Value at December <u>31, 2016</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Amount/ Percentage	Min	Max	Weighted Average
Assets of Consolidated Funds:							
Bank loans	\$ 389,329	Third party valuation source	Not applicable	Not applicable		—	—
CLOs:							
Warehouse	15,036	Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.2%	_	_	_
Total – Investments, at fair value	\$ 404,365						
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds:							
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value	\$ 384,901	Measurement Alternative	Not applicable	Not applicable		_	—
Total – Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value	\$ 384,901						

#### 5. Variable Interest Entities

In the ordinary course of business, ZAIS Group sponsors the formation of variable interest entities ("VIEs") that can be broadly classified into the following categories: hedge funds, hybrid private equity funds and CLOs. ZAIS Group generally serves as the investment advisor or collateral manager with certain investment-related, decision-making authority for these entities. The Company has not recorded any liabilities with respect to VIEs that are not consolidated.

#### Funds

The Company has determined that the fee it receives from several of the hedge funds and hybrid private equity funds ZAIS Group manages do not represent a variable interest, because ZAIS Group's fee arrangements are commensurate with the level of effort performed and include only customary terms that do not represent variable interests. The Company considered investments its related parties have in these entities when determining if ZAIS Group's fee represented a variable interest.

ZAIS Group owns 51% of a majority-owned affiliate, Zephyr A-6, which was formed to invest in collateralized loan obligation vehicles, including during the related warehouse period of such vehicles. The Company has determined that ZAIS Group is the primary beneficiary of Zephyr A-6 and therefore has consolidated Zephyr A-6 in its consolidated financial statements at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016. ZAIS Group is the primary beneficiary since it is deemed to have (i) the power to direct activities of the entity that most significantly impact its economic performance and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the entity.

Zephyr A-6's investments are as follows:

#### ZAIS CLO 5

ZAIS CLO 5, which priced on September 23, 2016 and closed on October 26, 2016, invests primarily in first lien senior secured bank loans and had a total capitalization of \$408.5 million at the time of closing, which consisted of senior and mezzanine notes with an aggregate par amount of \$368.0 million and subordinated notes of \$40.5 million. The CLO matures in October 2028. In connection with the closing, Zephyr A-6 recognized a dividend of \$8.8 million which represents gains that were realized under the terms of the CLO Warehouse agreement.

Zephyr A-6's initial investment in ZAIS CLO 5 was \$20.3 million (\$20.5 million par), which represented approximately a 2.1% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and approximately 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes. The Company determined that it is the primary beneficiary of ZAIS CLO 5 based on (i) its ability to impact the activities which most significantly impact ZAIS CLO 5's economic performance as collateral manger and (ii) Zephyr A-6's significant investment in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 5. Therefore, the Company consolidated ZAIS CLO 5 in its financial statements at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

In February 2017 Zephyr A-6 sold its interest in the Class A-1 tranche of ZAIS CLO 5 for a sales price of approximately \$5.4 million and recognized a loss of approximately \$81,000. Such amount is included in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$12.7 million and \$19.5 million in ZAIS CLO 5, at fair value, at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. These investments represent approximately a 0.6% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 5 at June 30, 2017. These investments represent approximately a 2.1% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 5 at December 31, 2016.

ZAIS CLO 5 was in the warehouse phase during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and continued to finance the majority of its loan purchases using its warehouse facility (the "ZAIS CLO 5 Warehouse Period"). The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 5 during the ZAIS CLO 5 Warehouse Period.

#### ZAIS CLO 6, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 6")

ZAIS CLO 6, which priced on May 3, 2017 and closed on June 1, 2017 (the "ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date"), invests primarily in first lien senior secured bank loans and had a total capitalization of \$512.0 million on the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date, which consisted of senior and mezzanine notes with an aggregate par amount of \$460.0 million and subordinated notes of \$52.0 million. The CLO matures in July 2029. In connection with the closing, Zephyr A-6 recognized a dividend of \$2.7 million which represents gains that were realized under the terms of the CLO Warehouse agreement. Zephyr A-6's initial investment of \$29.0 million in ZAIS CLO 6 represented approximately a 5.0% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine note tranches and approximately a 13.5% economic interest in the equity tranche.

In May 2017 Zephyr A-6 sold a portion of its interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 6 for a sales price of approximately \$3.9 million and recognized a gain of approximately \$223,500. Such amount is included in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Zephyr A-6's investment in ZAIS CLO 6 was \$25.3 million at fair value, at June 30, 2017 (\$25.6 million par), which represented approximately a 5.0% economic interest in the senior, mezzanine and subordinated notes based on notional value. The Company determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of ZAIS CLO 6 based on Zephyr A-6's minimal investment in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 6. Therefore, the Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 6 in its financial statements at June 30, 2017 or for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

ZAIS CLO 6 was in the warehouse phase from its inception date through the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date (the "ZAIS CLO 6 Warehouse Period"). During this time ZAIS CLO 6 continued to finance the majority of its loan purchases using its warehouse facility. The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 6 during the ZAIS CLO 6 Warehouse Period.

#### ZAIS CLO 7, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 7")

ZAIS CLO 7 was formed in June 2017 and is in the warehouse phase at June 30, 2017. During the warehouse phase, ZAIS CLO 7 continues to finance the majority of its loan purchases using its warehouse facility (the "ZAIS CLO 7 Warehouse Period").

Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$25.0 million in ZAIS CLO 7, at fair value, at June 30, 2017.

The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 7 during the ZAIS CLO 7 Warehouse Period.

#### Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' Investments

Net gain (loss) related to Zephyr A-6's investments in ZAIS CLO 5, ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 for the period which the investments were not consolidated by the Company includes the following:

	_	Three Mor June				Six Month June		
		2017		2016		2017		2016
				(Dollars in	thou	isands)		
ZAIS CLO 5:						, i		
Change in unrealized gain or loss	\$		\$	2,176	\$		\$	3,693
ZAIS CLO 6:								
Change in unrealized gain or loss		(1,370)				(263)		
Realized gains		2,972				2,972		
Total – ZAIS CLO 6		1,602				2,709		
ZAIS CLO 7:								
Change in unrealized gain or loss		5				5		
Total – Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments	\$	1,607	\$	2,176	\$	2,714	\$	3,693
	-	,	-		-	-,	-	2,022
	19							

#### Securitized Structures

ZAIS Group and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries act as collateral manager for CLOs that are VIEs. These CLOs are entities that issue collateralized notes which offer investors the opportunity for returns that vary commensurately with the risks they assume. The notes issued by the CLOs are generally backed by asset portfolios consisting of loans, other debt or other derivatives. For acting as the collateral manager for these structures, ZAIS Group receives collateral management fees comprised of senior collateral management fees, subordinated collateral management fees and incentive collateral management fees (subject to hurdle rates). In some cases, all of the collateral management fees are waived as a result of certain ZAIS Managed Entities owning equity tranches of the related CLO.

For CLOs in which the Company has no economic interests other than its fee arrangement, the Company has determined that the fee it receives from the CLOs does not represent a variable interest because ZAIS Group's fee arrangements are commensurate with the level of effort performed and include only customary terms that do not represent variable interests. The Company considered investments its related parties have in the CLOs when determining if ZAIS Group's fee represented a variable interest. The Company will continue to assess its investments in the CLOs to determine whether or not the Company is required to consolidate the CLOs in its financial statements.

The Dodd-Frank credit risk retention rules, which became effective on December 24, 2016, apply to any newly issued CLOs or certain cases in which an existing CLO is refinanced, issues additional securities or is otherwise materially amended. The risk retention rules specify that for each CLO, the relevant collateral manager must purchase and hold, unhedged, directly or through a majority-owned affiliate, either (i) 5% of the face amount of each tranche of the CLO's securities, (ii) an amount of the CLO's equity equal to 5% of the aggregate fair value of all of the CLO's securities or (iii) a combination of the two for a total of 5%. The required risk must be retained until the latest of (i) the date that the CLO has paid down its securities to 33% of their original principal amount, (ii) the date that the CLO has sold down its assets to 33% of their original principal amount or (iii) the date that is two years after closing.

The Company determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of CLO Warehouses, which are VIEs, because the financing counterparty must approve all significant financing requests and, as a result, the Company does not have the power to direct activities of the entity that most significantly impacts its economic performance.

VIEs

#### Consolidated VIEs

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the Consolidated Funds consist of Zephyr A-6 and ZAIS CLO 5. Both entities are VIEs.

The assets and liabilities of the consolidated VIEs are presented on a gross basis prior to eliminations in the tables in Note 16 – "Supplemental Financial Information" under the columns titled "Consolidated Funds."

The assets presented belong to the investors in Zephyr A-6 and ZAIS CLO 5, are available for use only by the entity to which they belong and are not available for use by the Company. The Consolidated Funds have no recourse to the general credit of ZAIS Group with respect to any liability.

#### Unconsolidated VIEs

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's unconsolidated VIEs consisted of the Company's investments in certain ZAIS Managed Entities as well as the Consolidated Fund's investments in certain collateralized financing entities.



The carrying amounts of the unconsolidated VIEs are as follows:

Investment In	Financial Statement Line Item	June 30, 2017	Dec	cember 31, 2016	
		 (Dollars in	in thousands)		
Certain ZAIS Managed Entities	Investment in affiliates, at fair value	\$ 288	\$	273	
CLOs	Assets of Consolidated Funds – Investments at fair value	25,294		_	
CLO Warehouses	Assets of Consolidated Funds – Investments at fair value	25,005		15,036	
	Total	\$ 50,587	\$	15,309	

Such amounts are included in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

ZAIS Group has a minimal direct ownership, if any, in the unconsolidated VIEs and its involvement is generally limited to providing asset management services. ZAIS Group's exposure to loss from these entities is limited to a decrease in the management fee income and incentive income that has been earned and accrued, as well as any change in fair value of its direct equity ownership in the VIEs.

Zephyr A-6, one of the Consolidated Funds, contributed the following amounts to ZAIS CLO 5, ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 during the warehouse periods:

	_	Three Months Ended June 30,			_	Six Mont Jun	 
		2017		2016		2017	2016
				(Dollars in	thou	sands)	 
ZAIS CLO 5	\$		\$		\$	_	\$ 10,000
ZAIS CLO 6		_				30,000	_
ZAIS CLO 7		25,000				25,000	
Total	\$	25,000	\$		\$	55,000	\$ 10,000

#### Notes Payable of Consolidated CLO

Notes payable of ZAIS CLO 5, the consolidated CLO, are collateralized by the assets held by the ZAIS CLO 5. This collateral primarily consists of bank loans.

The fair value of the assets and liabilities of ZAIS CLO 5 and the eliminations for the Consolidated Fund's investment in ZAIS CLO 5 are as follows:

	J	June 30, 2017	Dec	ember 31, 2016
		(Dollars i	n tho	usands)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,634	\$	23,987
Investments, at fair value		396,407		389,329
		409,041		413,316
Other assets (liabilities), net		(11,488)		(8,909)
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value		397,553		404,407
Elimination of Consolidated Funds' investments in CLO		(13,034)		(19,506)
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value (net of eliminations)	\$	384,519	\$	384,901

The Company has elected to carry these notes at fair value in its Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. Accordingly, the Company measured the fair value of the notes payable (as a group including both the senior and subordinated notes) as (1) the sum of the fair value of the financial assets and the carrying value of any non-financial assets, less (2) the sum of the fair value of any beneficial interests retained by the Company (other than those that represent compensation for services) and the Company's carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation for services. The Company allocated the resulting amount to the different classes of notes based on the CLO's waterfall on an as liquidated basis.

The tables below present information related to ZAIS CLO 5's notes payable outstanding. The subordinated notes have no stated interest rate, and are entitled to any excess cash flows after contractual payments are made to the senior notes.

	June 30, 2017 (Dollars in thousands)									
	Unpaid Principal Outstanding		Fair Value		Weighted Average Interest Rate	Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)	Stated Maturity Dates			
Senior and Mezzanine Secured Notes	\$	365,745	\$	357,507	3.35%	11.33	October 2028			
Subordinated Notes		27,635		27,012	N/A	11.33	October 2028			
Total	\$	393,380	\$	384,519						
	December 31, 2016 (Dollars in thousands)									

	Р	Unpaid rincipal tstanding	Fair Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)	Stated Maturity Dates
Senior and Mezzanine Secured Notes	\$	360,395	\$ 357,489	2.97%	11.83	October 2028
Subordinated Notes		27,635	27,412	N/A	11.83	October 2028
Total	\$	388,030	\$ 384,901			

#### 6. Management Fee Income and Incentive Income

ZAIS Group earns management fees for the funds and accounts which are generally based on (i) the net asset value of these funds and accounts prior to the accrual of incentive fees/allocations or (ii) drawn capital during the investment period.

Management fee income earned for the CLOs which ZAIS Group manages are generally based on the par value of the collateral and cash held in the CLOs. Additionally, subordinated management fees may be earned from CLOs for which ZAIS Group and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries act as collateral manager. The subordinated management fee is an additional payment for the same collateral management service, but has a lower priority in the CLOs' cash flows and is contingent upon the economic performance of the respective CLO. If the CLOs experience a certain level of asset defaults, these fees may not be paid. There is no recovery by the CLOs of previously paid subordinated fees.

Prior to October 31, 2016, ZAIS Group earned management fee income from ZFC REIT, quarterly, based on ZFC REIT's stockholders' equity, as defined in the amended and restated investment advisory agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT. Twenty percent of the management fee income received from ZFC REIT was paid to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management. The payment to the Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management was recorded as distributions to non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC. The income was recorded as Management fee income in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss), and the portion of the management fees allocated to the holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management was included in the Allocation of Consolidated Net Income (Loss) to Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC. On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated upon the completion of the merger between ZFC REIT and Sutherland Asset Management Corp (the "Termination Agreement"). Pursuant to the Termination Agreement, ZAIS REIT Management received a termination payment in the amount of \$8.0 million.



Management fees are generally collected on a monthly or quarterly basis.

ZAIS Group manages certain ZAIS Managed Entities from which it may earn incentive income based on hedge fund-style and private equity-style fee arrangements. ZAIS Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are those that pay ZAIS Group, on an annual basis, an incentive fee/allocation based on a percentage of net realized and unrealized profits attributable to each investor, subject to a hurdle (if any) set forth in each respective entity's operative agreements. Additionally, all ZAIS Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are subject to a perpetual loss carry forward, or a perpetual "high-water mark," meaning that the relevant ZAIS Managed Entity will not pay incentive fee/allocations with respect to positive investment performance generated for an investor in any year following negative investment performance until that loss is recouped, at which point an investor's capital balance surpasses the high-water mark. ZAIS Managed Entities with private equity-style fee arrangements are those that pay an incentive fee/allocation based on a priority of payments under which investor capital must be returned and a preferred return must be paid, as specified in each related ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement, to the investor prior to any payments of incentive-based income to ZAIS Group. For CLOs, incentive income is earned based on a percentage of cumulative profits, subject to the return of contributed capital, payment of subordinate management fees (if any) and a preferred inception to date return as specified in the respective CLOs' collateral management agreements. The advisory agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT did not provide for incentive fees.

The following tables represent the gross amounts of management fee income and incentive income earned prior to eliminations due to consolidation of the Consolidated Funds and the net amount reported in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

		Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 ( Dollars in thousands							
	Fee Range	1	Gross Amount		imination	,	Net Amount		
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>									
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	2,745	\$	(329)	\$	2,416		
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		1,273				1,273		
Total		\$	4,018	\$	(329)	\$	3,689		
Incentive Income <sup>(1) (2)</sup>									
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	2,784	\$		\$	2,784		
CLOs	20%		100				100		
Total		\$	2,884	\$		\$	2,884		

		Three Months Ended June 30, 2016 (Dollars in thousands)					
	Fee Range	Gross Elimination Amount				usj	Net Amount
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>							
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	2,373	\$		\$	2,373
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		425				425
ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	1.50%		773				773
Total		\$	3,571	\$		\$	3,571
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>							
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	143	\$		\$	143
CLOs	20%						
Total		\$	143	\$		\$	143

		Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 ( Dollars in thousands )						
	Fee Range		Gross Amount	El	limination	,	Net Amount	
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>								
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	5,358	\$	(329)	\$	5,029	
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		1,767				1,767	
Total		\$	7,125	\$	(329)	\$	6,796	
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>								
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	3,071	\$		\$	3,071	
CLOs	20%		110				110	
Total		\$	3,181	\$		\$	3,181	

		Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 (Dollars in thousands)					
	Fee Range		Gross Amount		mination	us)	Net Amount
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>							
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	4,769	\$		\$	4,769
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		830				830
ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	1.50%		1,541				1,541
Total		\$	7,140	\$		\$	7,140
Incentive Income <sup>(1) (2)</sup>							
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	295	\$		\$	295
CLOs	20%						
Total		\$	295	\$		\$	295

(1) Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fees rates may be lower than those reflected in the range.

(2) Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed entities is subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement.

(3) On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated pursuant to the Termination Agreement.

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The Company may give credits for management fee income and/or incentive income to investors which invest in ZAIS Managed Entities that invest in other ZAIS Managed Entities where fees are also charged. The Company recorded all credits relating to management fee income and incentive income as Fees payable in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition and a reduction of either Management fee income or Incentive income in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). The management fee income and incentive income are net of the following credits:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Month June			
	 2017		2016		2017		2016
			(Dollars in	thou	isands)		
Management fee income credit	\$ 63	\$	50	\$	126	\$	104
Incentive income credit							
Total	\$ 63	\$	50	\$	126	\$	104

Zephyr A-6 invests in certain CLOs managed by ZAIS. ZAIS earns fees from these CLOs. Any Senior Fee in excess of 0.15%, the Subordinate Fee and the Incentive Fee (collectively, the "Rebated Fees") paid to the Company by these CLOs are subsequently paid to Zephyr A-6 by the Company and allocated among the limited partners of Zephyr A-6 pro rata based on their percentage interests in Zephyr A-6. As a result of its interest in Zephyr A-6, ZAIS is allocated a substantial portion of the Rebated Fees. The fee rebate income and related expense are eliminated in consolidation. The amounts allocable to the non-ZAIS partner of Zephyr A-6 are included in Non-controlling interest in Consolidated Funds in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The following table presents the gross amount of the rebated fees prior to eliminations due to the consolidation of Zephyr A-6 and the net amount reported in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

	Three a	Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2017						
	( Do	llars in thousai	nds)					
	Gross	Flimin ation	Net					
	Amount	Elimination	Amount					
Rebated Fees	\$ 290	\$ (290)	\$					
Total	\$ 290	\$ (290)	\$					

Management fee income and incentive income which was accrued, but not received is as follows:

	June 30. 2017	,		ember 31, 2016		
	(Dollar	(Dollars in				
Management fee income	\$ 1,2	78	\$	1,284		
Incentive income	5	91		7,521		
Total	\$ 1,8	69	\$	8,805		

Such amounts are included in Income and fees receivable in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

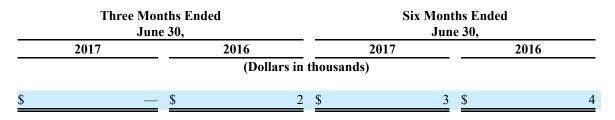
The Company did not recognize any bad debt expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016. The Company believes all income and fees receivable balances are fully collectible.

# 7. Notes Payable

On March 17, 2015, in conjunction with the contribution of cash by HF2 Financial Management, Inc. to ZGP in exchange for newly issued Class A Units, representing a majority financial interest in ZGP (the "Business Combination"), ZAIS issued two promissory notes with an aggregate principal balance of \$1.25 million to EarlyBirdCapital, Inc. and Sidoti & Company, LLC. The notes accrued interest at an annual rate equal to the annual applicable federal rate as published by the Internal Revenue Service ("AFR") until the principal amount of, and all accrued interest on, the notes were paid in full. The notes matured on March 17, 2017 at which time the principal balance and accrued interest was paid in full. The notes were issued in lieu of paying certain underwriting costs at the closing of the Business Combination and, accordingly, treated as a direct cost attributable to the Business Combination and capitalized to equity.

The carrying amount of the Company's notes payable approximates their fair value at December 31, 2016.

Total interest expense is included in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) and was as follows:



# 8. Compensation

The following table presents a detailed breakout of the Company's compensation expense:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			
	 2017		2016	2017			2016
	 (Dollars in t			n thousands)			
Salaries	\$ 2,293	\$	2,593	\$	4,629	\$	5,873
Bonus	2,966		3,502		6,143		7,400
Severance			119		72		762
Equity-Based Compensation	56		1,339		1,168		1,682
Payroll taxes and benefits	294		443		1,021		1,286
Commissions			3				3
Total	\$ 5,609	\$	7,999	\$	13,033	\$	17,006

A summary of the Company's compensation arrangements are as follows:

#### Bonus

#### Incentive Cash Compensation

Employees are eligible to receive discretionary incentive cash compensation (the "Bonus Award") on an annual basis and certain employees may also be eligible to receive guaranteed incentive compensation (the "Guarantees"). The amount of the Bonus Award is based on, among other factors, both individual performance and the financial results of ZAIS Group. For certain employees, as documented in an underlying agreement (the "Bonus Agreements"), the Bonus Award may be further subject to a retention-based payout schedule that generally provides for 30% of the Bonus Award to vest and be paid incrementally over a three-year period. The Company expenses all current cash incentive compensation award payments ratably in the first year. All future payments are amortized equally over the required service period over the remaining term of the Bonus Award as defined in the Bonus Agreements. Any Guarantees that are paid upon an employee commencing employment are expensed immediately by the Company. All future payments related to Guarantees are amortized equally over the required service period over the required service period over the remaining term as defined in the agreements for the Guarantees

("Guarantee Agreement"). In the event an award is forfeited pursuant to the terms of the Bonus Agreement or Guarantee Agreement, the corresponding accruals will be reversed.

Levels of incentive compensation will vary to the extent they are tied to the performance of certain ZAIS Managed Entities or the financial and operating performance of the Company. The compensation payable balance includes accrued incentive compensation and severance.

During the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Company paid approximately \$9.0 million related to year-end Bonus Awards issued in 2016, Bonus Awards that vested through February of 2017 pursuant to the Bonus Agreements related to a prior year and Guarantees that vested through February 2017 pursuant to Guarantee Agreements related to a prior year and the current year. A portion of these amounts had been accrued at December 31, 2016.

On May 9, 2017, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Compensation Committee's charter to better enable the Company to retain its employees and to attract additional employees. The amendment removed the prior compensation guidelines set forth in the charter that by its terms applied to compensation paid through 2019. These compensation guidelines had provided that, subject to modification or waiver by the Compensation Committee, the Company's total compensation expense on a consolidated basis calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP for all cash and non-cash compensation paid to employees of the Company and its operating subsidiaries and affiliates for any given year would not exceed a certain percentage of the Company's consolidated revenue for such year calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

#### Retention Payment Plan

On March 29, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors adopted a retention payment plan for certain employees of ZAIS Group (the "Retention Payment Plan"). The Retention Payment Plan applied to approximately 60 employees of ZAIS Group all of whom had an annual base salary of less than \$300,000. The purpose of the Retention Payment Plan was to enable ZAIS Group to retain the services of its employees in order to ensure that ZAIS Group was not disrupted or adversely affected by the possible loss of personnel or their commitment to ZAIS Group. Under the Retention Payment Plan, the participating employees were entitled to receive cash retention payments on each of April 15, 2016, August 15, 2016 and November 15, 2016, if the employee remained employed by ZAIS Group on such dates. The Company paid an aggregate amount of approximately \$4.6 million to all participants pursuant to the Retention Payment Plan during the year ended December 31, 2016.

There were no amounts payable under the Retention Payment Plan at June 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

#### <u>Other</u>

On March 1, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a retention payment of \$900,000 to Howard Steinberg, the Company's former General Counsel, which was paid on March 15, 2016. This retention payment is included in Compensation and benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2016.

On April 5, 2017, the Company provided a retention award (the "Retention Award") to Michael Szymanski, the Company's Chief Executive Officer in recognition of the importance of retaining his services as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its operating subsidiary, ZAIS Group, and in connection with the Company's review of strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value. Under the Retention Award, which has been approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, Mr. Szymanski is entitled to receive a cash retention payment of \$500,000 on each of June 30, 2017, September 30, 2017 and a date within five business days following the closing date of a "Transaction" as defined in the Retention Award or otherwise as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. Szymanski would be entitled to such payments provided he remains employed by the Company on such dates, or if he has been removed as the Company's Chief Executive Officer or his employment terminated for reasons other than for cause prior to such dates. The aggregate amount of retention payments that may be paid to Mr. Szymanski under the Retention Award is \$1.5 million.

#### Points

ZAIS Group had entered into agreements with certain of its employees whereby certain current and former employees were granted rights to participate in a portion of the incentive income received from certain ZAIS Managed Entities (referred to as "Points Agreements"). There are currently outstanding Points Agreements relating to one ZAIS Managed Entity and ZAIS Group does not anticipate awarding additional Points Agreements. The Company did not incur any compensation expense relating to the Points Agreements for the three or six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016.

#### Severance

On March 8, 2016, the Company commenced a reduction in force which resulted in a decrease of 23 employees of ZAIS Group. The Company had incurred total severance charges of approximately \$762,000 related to this reduction in force which was recognized and paid during the year ended December 31, 2016.

#### Equity-Based Compensation

#### Class B-0 Units

ZGP authorized 1,600,000 Class B-0 Units eligible to be granted to certain employees of ZAIS Group. The Class B-0 Units were subject to a two year cliff-vesting provision, whereby all Class B-0 Units granted to an employee would be forfeited if the employee resigned or was terminated prior to March 17, 2017. Subsequent to this date, an employee would only forfeit vested Class B-0 Units if the employee was terminated for cause. Until the time that such Class B Units became vested, the Class B-0 Units were not entitled to any distributions from ZGP (and thus would not participate in, or be allocated any, income or loss) or other material rights. Upon vesting, the Class B-0 Units would have had the same rights as Class A Units and were exchangeable on a one for one basis for shares of Class A Common Stock or cash (or a combination of shares and cash), at the Company's election, subject certain restrictions. This compensation expense was amortized equally over the two-year vesting period and was cumulatively adjusted for changes in estimated forfeitures at each reporting date.

On December 1, 2016, the Board of Directors authorized ZGP to offer the 28 employees holding unvested Class B-0 Units the right to receive in consideration for the cancellation of their Class B-0 Units, at the holder's option, either (a) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") of ZAIS, on a one-for-one basis, or (b) an amount of cash per Class B-0 Unit cancelled (the "Cash Amount") equal to \$1.92, which was the average of the daily closing prices of Class A Common Stock of ZAIS for the three calendar months ended November 30, 2016 (the "Proposal"). The RSUs and the Cash Amount were both subject to vesting requirements and, collectively, are referred to as the "Election Consideration". The offer period expired on December 30, 2016.

All holders of Class B-0 Units decided to accept the Proposal to receive either RSUs or the Cash Amount. Upon the expiration of the offer period, the holders' Class B-0 Units were cancelled. For those holders of Class B-0 Units who elected to receive RSUs, ZAIS granted the RSUs under the ZAIS 2015 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2015 Stock Plan"). The RSUs vested on March 17, 2017, the same date that the Class B-0 Units were scheduled to vest. The RSUs entitled the holders to receive ZAIS Class A Common Stock, which was issued, subject to applicable wage withholding requirements, immediately upon the vesting of the RSUs. In consideration of the issuance of such stock by ZAIS to the employees of ZGP's subsidiary, ZAIS Group, ZGP issued a number of Class A Units to ZAIS equal to the number of shares of stock that were issued to the holders of RSUs. If the B-0 Unit holder elected to receive the Cash Amount, provided the holder remained employed by ZAIS Group or its subsidiaries through the date of vesting, the Cash Amount was paid by ZAIS Group to the holder, subject to applicable wage withholding requirements, on March 22, 2017. See disclosures below for additional information relating to the issuance of the RSUs in exchange for the cancellation of the B-0 Units.

The number of Class B-0 Units cancelled and Election Consideration provided as a result of the Proposal is as follows:

Total number of Class B-0 Units cancelled in substitution for:	
RSUs	899,674
Cash	133,559
Total number of Class B-0 Units cancelled	1,033,233
Class B-0 Units not cancelled	
Total Cash Amount paid in March 2017 (in thousands)	\$ 256

The Company accounted for the cancellation of B-0 Units as follows:

# RSUs Provided as a Replacement for the Cancellation of B-0 Units

The Company accounted for the issuance of RSUs as a modification of the award pursuant to ASC 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation", treating it as a cancellation of the limited liability company units accompanied by the concurrent grant of RSUs. The Company determined that the fair value of the RSUs and the Class B-0 Units at the modification date were equal and therefore there was no incremental compensation cost required to be recognized. ZAIS completed the amortization of the related compensation expense equally over the two-year vesting period subject to cumulative adjustment for changes in estimated forfeitures at each reporting date.

# Cash Provided as a Replacement for the Cancellation of Class B-0 Units

The Company accounted for the cash payment to be made in consideration for the cancellation of certain B-0 Units described above as a modification of the award pursuant to ASC 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation". However the modification of these awards changed the classification from equity awards to a liability awards. The fair value of the modified award at the time of the modification was approximately \$256,000. The Company recognized a liability of approximately \$230,000 at December 31, 2016 which reflects the vested amount of the modified award's measurement date fair value. The remaining fair value of approximately \$26,000 was amortized ratably over the remaining vesting period which ended on March 17, 2017.

		Three Mon June			
	2017 2016				
	Number of B-0 Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	Number of B-0 Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	
Balance at beginning of period		\$	1,288,778	\$ 9.40	
Forfeited Balance at end of period			(156,565) <b>1,132,213</b>	9.70 <b>\$ 9.36</b>	



		Six Mont Jun	hs Ended e 30,			
	20	017	20	16		
	W Number of B-0 Units Fa		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit		Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	
Balance at beginning of period		\$ —	1,337,486	\$	9.67	
Granted	—	—	100,000		6.34	
Forfeited			(305,273)		9.70	
Balance at end of period		<b>\$</b> —	1,132,213	\$	9.36	

The Company incurred compensation expense relating to the Class B-0 Units (including Class B-0 Units cancelled in consideration for the receipt of RSUs or cash) as follows:

Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,					
	(Dollars in thousands) 2017 2016			(Dollars in thousands) 2017 2016				
\$		\$	1,296	\$	1,059	\$	1,566	

The estimated forfeiture rates of Class B-0 Units, including those cancelled in exchange for Class A Common Stock, were as follows:

Three Mon June		Six Months Ended June 30,					
(Dollars in t	housands)	(Dollars in thousands)					
2017	2016	2017	2016				
%	29.6%	%	29.6%				

The expense relating to the Class B-0 Units (pre-modification of the award) is included in Compensation and benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### <u>RSUs</u>

The Company may grant up to 2,080,637 shares of Class A Common Stock pursuant to the 2015 Stock Plan.

Non-employee directors of ZAIS receive RSUs pursuant to the 2015 Stock Plan as a component of compensation for their service as directors of ZAIS. The awards are unvested at the time they are granted and, as such, are not entitled to any dividends or distributions from ZAIS or other material rights until such RSUs vest. The RSUs vest in full on the one-year anniversary of the grant date. Upon vesting ZAIS will issue the recipient shares of Class A Common Stock equal to the number of vested RSUs. In accordance with ASC 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation", the Company is measuring the expense associated with these awards based on the fair value on the grant date adjusted for estimated forfeitures. This expense is being amortized equally over the one-year vesting period and adjusted on a cumulative basis for changes in estimated forfeitures at each reporting date. The weighted average grant date fair value of these RSUs is based on the market value of the Company's shares on the grant date.

On April 21, 2016, the Company issued 30,942 RSUs to the Company's non-employee directors with a grant date fair value of \$3.22 per share. The RSUs vested on April 21, 2017.

On November 1, 2016, the Company issued 74,331 RSUs to the Company's non-employee directors with a grant date fair value of \$1.73 per share. The RSUs are scheduled to vest on November 1, 2017.

On May 9, 2017, the Company issued 63,219 RSUs to the Company's non-employee directors with a grant date fair value of \$2.19 per share. The RSUs are scheduled to vest on May 9, 2018.

Additionally, pursuant to the Proposal (see "Class B-0 Units" above), the Company issued 899,674 RSUs on December 30, 2016. The weighted average grant date fair value of these RSUs is equal to the fair value of the related B-0 Units at the time the units were issued.

On March 17, 2017, the 899,674 RSUs granted in connection with the Proposal vested. The fair value of the consideration was \$2.1 million based on the closing stock price of the Company's Class A Common Stock on March 17, 2017 and the gross amount of RSUs that vested. The Company issued 548,923 shares of its Class A Common Stock, on a net basis (to account for applicable wage withholding requirements), to the holders who elected to cancel their Class B-0 Units in substitution for RSUs. The applicable wage withholding requirement of approximately \$0.8 million was recorded as a reduction of Additional paid-in-capital and Non-controlling interest in ZGP in the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity and Non-controlling Interests.

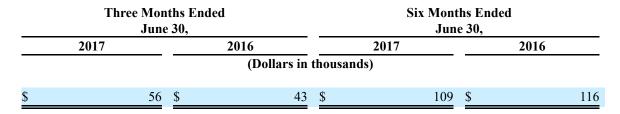
Additionally, ZAIS Group paid the Cash Amount of approximately \$256,000 to the holders who elected the Cash Amount (subject to applicable wage withholding requirements) on March 22, 2017.

The following table presents the RSU activity for non-employees as well as employees that agreed to the cancellation of their Class B-0 Units:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	20	17		20	16	
	Number of RSUs Fair Value per Unit		age Date /alue	Number of RSUs	Av Gra Fai	eighted verage ant Date r Value er Unit
Balance at beginning of period:	105,273	\$	2.17	30,000	\$	9.85
Grants during period to:						
Non-employee directors	63,219		2.19	30,942		3.22
Vested	(30,942)	_	3.22	(30,000)		9.85
Balance at end of period	137,550	\$	1.94	30,942	\$	3.22

		S	Six Montl June	hs Ended e 30,		
	2017 2016					
	Weighted Number of RSUs Fair Value per Unit		verage int Date r Value	Number of RSUs	A Gra Fai	eighted verage ant Date ir Value er Unit
Balance at beginning of period:	1,004,947	\$	8.60	30,000	\$	9.85
Grants during period to:						
Non-employee directors	63,219		2.19	30,942		3.22
Vested	(930,616)		9.13	(30,000)		9.85
Balance at end of period	137,550	\$	1.94	30,942	\$	3.22

The Company incurred compensation expense relating to the non-employee RSUs as follows:



The expense relating to these RSUs is included in Compensation and benefits on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

# 9. Income Taxes

ZAIS is taxable as a corporation for U.S. tax purposes while ZGP and its subsidiaries operate as pass-through entities for U.S. income tax purposes not subject to entity level taxes. Accordingly, the Company's consolidated financial statements include U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on ZAIS' allocable share of the consolidated results of operations, as well as taxes payable to jurisdictions outside the U.S related to the foreign subsidiaries.

The Company recorded an income tax (benefit) expense of \$5,000 and \$10,000 for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, related solely to foreign taxes payable to jurisdictions outside the U.S. related to Company's foreign subsidiaries. The Company recorded income tax expense of \$4,000 and \$9,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, related solely to foreign taxes.

As a result of the variations each quarter in the relationship between pre-tax income and income tax expense, the Company utilizes the actual effective tax rate for each interim period being presented to calculate the tax (benefit) or expense. The following is a reconciliation of the U.S. statutory federal income tax to the Company's effective tax:

	_	Three Month June 3		Six Months June 3		
		2017 2016 2017		2017	2016	
			(Dollars in th	ousands)		
Income tax (benefit) expense at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate	\$	148	(1,676)	(1,698)	(3,850)	
State and local income tax, net of federal benefit		(37)	(242)	(270)	(529)	
Foreign tax		5	4	10	9	
Effect of permanent differences		2	56	3	58	
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds not subject to tax		(475)	(358)	(750)	(607)	
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP not subject to tax		107	649	814	1,430	
Equity Compensation "Shortfall" DTA Adjustment		(16)		1,932		
Valuation allowance		271	1,571	(31)	3,498	
Total		5	4	10	9	

The Company's effective tax for the periods presented above includes a rate benefit attributable to the fact that the Company's subsidiaries operate as limited liability companies and limited partnerships which are treated as pass-through entities for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company's consolidated financial statements include U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations. The tax liability or benefit related to the partnership income or loss not allocable to the Company rests with the equity holders owning such non-controlling interests in ZAIS subsidiaries.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, the net effective tax represents the taxes accrued related to the Company's operations in jurisdictions outside the U.S. as a full valuation allowance has been established for the tax benefit related to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations as well as Company's net operating losses and development stage start-up expenses incurred during the period from its inception and prior to the closing of the Business Combination with ZGP. Additionally, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the net effective tax is impacted due to a shortfall adjustment for equity compensation primarily related to the exchange of the Class B-0 Units discussed in Note 8 - "Compensation".

Deferred income taxes are provided for the effects of temporary differences between the tax basis of an asset or liability and are reported in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. These temporary differences result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years.

As of each of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had total deferred tax assets ("DTA") of approximately \$7.0 million, related to net operating losses and other temporary differences related to the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations as well as Company's net operating losses and development stage start-up expenses incurred during the period from its inception and prior to the closing of the Business Combination with ZGP. The Company has established a full valuation allowance on the DTA at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

As of June 30, 2017, the Company has estimated federal and state income tax net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$13.4 million which will expire as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)
2032	\$ 1
2033	83
2034	122
2035	5,990
2036	1,640
2037	5,569
Total	\$ 13,405

As of each reporting date, management considers new evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect its view of the future realization of DTA. As of June 30, 2017, the Company has determined that the most recent management business forecasts do not support the realization of net DTA recorded for the Company. The Company has recorded a book loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 excluding income attributable to Consolidated Funds, and it is anticipated that expenses will continue to exceed revenues in 2017. Although management intends to pursue various initiatives with potential to alter the operating loss trend, there is no specific plan that has been implemented at this point in time that will alter the negative earnings trend.

Accordingly, management continues to believe that it is not more likely than not that its DTA will be realized and the Company has continued to maintain full valuation allowance against the DTA at June 30, 2017. The Company has recorded a change in valuation allowance of approximately \$271,000 and \$(31,000) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, and approximately \$1.6 million and \$3.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 respectively. The Company intends to continue maintaining a full valuation allowance on its deferred tax assets until there is sufficient evidence to support the reversal of all or some portion of these allowances.

The Company does not believe it has any significant uncertain tax positions. Accordingly, the Company did not record any adjustments or recognize interest expense for uncertain tax positions for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively. In the future, if uncertain tax positions arise, interest and penalties will be accrued and included in Income tax (benefit) expense in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### **10. Related Party Transactions**

#### ZAIS Managed Entities

ZAIS Group offers a range of alternative and traditional investment strategies through the ZAIS Managed Entities. ZAIS Group earns all of its management fee income and incentive income from the ZAIS Managed Entities, which are considered related parties as the Company manages the operations of, and makes investment decisions for, these entities. The Company considers ZAIS Group's principals, executives, employees and all ZAIS Managed Entities to be affiliates and related parties.

ZAIS Group invests in its subsidiaries and some of the ZAIS Managed Entities. Investments in subsidiaries and certain ZAIS Managed Entities that are consolidated are eliminated. Investments in certain ZAIS Managed Entities that are not consolidated are further described in Note 3.

ZAIS Group did not charge management fees or earn incentive income on investments made in the ZAIS Managed Entities (excluding CLOs and ZFC REIT) by ZAIS Group's principals, executives, employees and other related parties. The total amount of investors' capital balances that are not being charged fees were approximately as follows:

June 30, 2017		December 31, 2016				
	(Dollars in	thousands)				
\$	22,934	\$ 21,713				

Additionally, certain ZAIS Managed Entities, with existing fee arrangements, have investments representing 100% of the equity tranche of ZAIS CLO 2, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 2") at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and ZAIS CLO 1, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 1") for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 7, 2017 and at December 31, 2016. Therefore, ZAIS Group did not earn management fees or incentive fees from certain ZAIS managed CLOs for the period which certain ZAIS Managed Entities with existing fee arrangements held investments representing 100% of the equity tranche of such CLOs. The total amounts of AUM that are not being charged fees were approximately as follows:

June 30,		December 31,				
	2017	2016				
	(Dollars in	thousands)				
\$	296,452	\$ 560,27	72			

The amounts due from the ZAIS Managed Entities for Research Costs and other costs paid to vendors by ZAIS on behalf of the ZAIS Managed Entities (the "Other Direct Costs") are as follows:

	June 3 2017		December 31, 2016			
	(Dolla	(Dollars in thousand				
Research Costs	\$	788	\$	581		
Other Direct Costs		313		117		
Total	<b>\$</b> 1	1,101	\$	698		

These amounts are included in Due from related parties in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.



# **Consulting Agreements**

#### RQSI, Ltd.

Certain affiliates of Mr. Neil Ramsey ("Mr. Ramsey") are significant stockholders of ZAIS.

ZGP entered into a two-year Consulting Agreement (the "Consulting Agreement") with Mr. Ramsey through RQSI, Ltd., an entity controlled by Mr. Ramsey. Under the terms of the Consulting Agreement, Mr. Ramsey provided consulting services to ZGP, ZAIS Group's senior management team and ZAIS, from time to time during the 24-month period beginning on the closing of the Business Combination and expiring on March 17, 2017. Mr. Ramsey agreed not to compete against ZGP during the term of the Consulting Agreement, and for two years following its termination. In consideration for his undertakings under the Consulting Agreement, ZGP agreed to pay Mr. Ramsey a consulting fee of \$500,000 per annum payable in monthly installments. The Consulting Agreement terminated on March 17, 2017.

The Company has recorded the following expense related to the Consulting Agreement:

Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,					
2017 2016			2017 2016					
		(Dollars in	thousands)					
\$	\$	125	\$	105	\$		250	

The expense is included in General, administrative and other expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

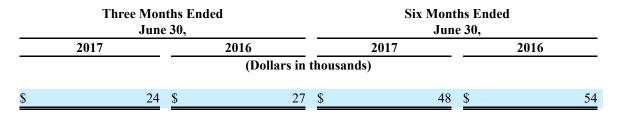
There were no amounts payable to Mr. Ramsey pursuant to the Consulting Agreement at June 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

ZAIS Group has agreed to use certain statistical data generated by RQSI, Ltd. models. ZAIS Group may use this information for trading futures on behalf of the ZAIS Managed Entities.

ZAIS Group entered into a month to month lease agreement with an affiliate of RQSI, Ltd dated February 1, 2016 to occupy space in the Company's London office. The agreement was terminable upon 30 days' notice. There was no charge to RQSI, Ltd. or its affiliate for use of the space prior to March 1, 2017. From March 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017, the date the lease was terminated, the monthly rate was 4,167 GBP.

# Ms. Tracy Rohan

ZAIS Group is a party to a consulting agreement with Ms. Tracy Rohan ("Ms. Rohan"), Mr. Zugel's sister-in-law, pursuant to which Ms. Rohan provides services to ZAIS Group relating to event planning, promotion, web and print branding and related services. Pursuant to the consulting agreement, Ms. Rohan earns 76,000 GBP annually. The Company recognized the following amounts for her services:



The expense is included in General, administrative and other expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Amounts payable to Ms. Rohan pursuant to the consulting agreement are as follows:

June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016					
(Dollars in	thousands)					
\$ 8	\$ 16					

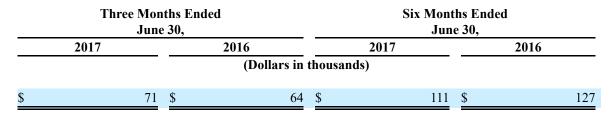
Such amounts are included in Other liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

# 11. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	une 30, 2017		ember 31, 2016		
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Office equipment	\$ 3,246	\$	3,098		
Leasehold improvements	692		684		
Furniture and fixtures	572		572		
Software	412		409		
	 4,922		4,763		
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,603)		(4,489)		
Total	\$ 319	\$	274		

The Company recognized depreciation and amortization expense as follows:

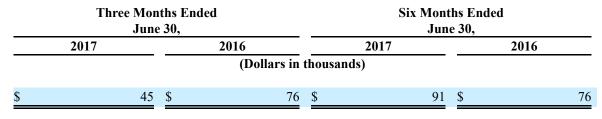


#### 12. Commitments and Contingencies

# Engagement Agreement with Berkshire Capital

On April 22, 2016, the Company entered into an investment banking engagement agreement with Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC ("Berkshire Capital"), an affiliate of Mr. R. Bruce Cameron, a former director of the Company, pursuant to which Berkshire Capital will provide financial advisory services in connection with the Company's strategic planning. Pursuant to the engagement letter, Berkshire Capital received a \$100,000 retainer and is entitled to receive a monthly retainer of \$15,000 beyond the initial three month term of the engagement, reimbursements for its expenses and a success fee in the event of covered transactions equal to no more than the greater of \$750,000 and 2% of the total consideration paid.

The Company incurred the following expenses pursuant to the engagement agreement:



# Legal Advisor Agreement

On February 27, 2017, ZAIS Group entered into an agreement (the "Legal Advisor Agreement") with Howard Steinberg, the Company's former General Counsel, pursuant to which Mr. Steinberg resigned as General Counsel effective March 31, 2017 and was retained as Senior Legal Advisor to the Company effective April 1, 2017. Under the Legal Advisor Agreement, which was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, Mr. Steinberg receives \$150,000 per calendar quarter for his services, plus additional compensation of \$900 per hour if he is requested to devote more than 20 hours during any week to advising the Company. In addition, under the Legal Advisor Agreement, Mr. Steinberg is entitled to reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with performing services for the Company, an allowance or reimbursement for the reasonable cost of suitable office space in Manhattan should Mr. Steinberg require it, 70% of the premiums for COBRA health and medical insurance coverage for Mr. Steinberg and his spouse, for as long as he provides legal advisory services to the Company, capped at \$3,450 per quarter. Pursuant to the Legal Advisor Agreement, Mr. Steinberg also received a payment of \$450,000 on February 28, 2017. The Legal Advisor Agreement is terminable by the Company or Mr. Steinberg on 30 days' prior written notice. If the Legal Advisor Agreement is terminable by the Company or Mr. Steinberg's failure to perform services, Mr. Steinberg is entitled to a payment of \$300,000.

The Company incurred the following expenses pursuant to the Legal Advisor Agreement:

	Three Mon June			Six Months Ended June 30,						
2017 2016			2	017	2016					
		(De	ollars in thousands)							
\$	192	\$	\$	642 \$						

#### Capital Commitments

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company has committed \$51.0 million of equity capital to Zephyr A-6, a Consolidated Fund, which has been established to invest in ZAIS Group managed CLOs and thereby satisfy the risk retention requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Company's cumulative contributions to Zephyr A-6 were as follows:

June 30, 2017	December 3 2016	1,
 (Dollars in t	housands)	
\$ 26,597	\$	20,477

There is no assurance that the full commitments will be required to be funded by ZAIS Group or as to the period of time during which these commitments may be required to be funded. ZAIS Group serves as the investment manager to these ZAIS Managed Entities and determines when, and to what extent, capital will be called.

In February 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which focuses on investing in non-ZAIS managed CLOs, none of which has been called as of August 14, 2017.



#### Lease Obligations

ZAIS Group currently leases office space in New Jersey and London under operating lease agreements. On June 9, 2017, ZAIS Group extended its existing lease agreement for its office space in New Jersey until July 2018. On June 5, 2017, ZAIS Group (UK) Limited, the Company's London subsidiary, provided notice that the lease of its London office premises would terminate on September 7, 2017. On July 26, 2017, ZAIS Group (UK) Limited entered into an agreement to lease office space in London, commencing on September 11, 2017 and which may be cancelled on each anniversary subject to the provision of at least 3 months' notice. The Company recognizes rent expense related to its operating leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is included in General, administrative and other in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). The Company incurred rent expense as follows:

Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,					
2017 2016			2017 2016					
			(Dollars in	thousands	)			
\$	222	\$	263	\$	437	\$		507

Aggregate future minimum annual rental payments for the period from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and the period subsequent to December 31, 2017 are approximately as follows:

Period	(Dollars in thousands)
Six months ended December 31, 2017	310
January 2018 through September 2018	278

Effective September 30, 2016, the Company terminated a portion of its lease and reduced its office space in New Jersey by approximately 2,600 square feet. In connection with the lease termination, the Company paid a lease termination fee of approximately \$20,000 pursuant to the terms of the lease.

#### Litigation

From time to time, ZAIS Group may become involved in various claims, formal regulatory inquiries and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. The Company discloses information regarding such inquiries if disclosure is required pursuant to accounting and financial reporting standards.

#### Other Contingencies

In the normal course of business, ZAIS Group enters into contracts that provide a variety of indemnifications. Such contracts include those with certain service providers, brokers and trading counterparties. Any exposure to ZAIS Group under these arrangements could involve future claims that may be made against ZAIS Group. Currently, no such claims exist or are expected to arise and, accordingly, the Company has not accrued any liabilities in connection with such indemnifications.

#### Gain Contingencies

In April 2016 the Company received notification from one of its insurance providers that its claim for reimbursement of certain legal and other costs relating to a formal regulatory inquiry had been approved.

The Company had paid approximately \$0.02 million and \$3,000 during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, and \$0.04 million and \$0.2 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, for legal and other costs incurred in excess of its insurance deductible.

The cumulative insurance reimbursements that the Company has received through June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were approximately \$0.9 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. Pursuant to the guidance under ASC 450, "Contingencies – Gain Contingencies", approximately \$0.55 million of the insurance reimbursements received was recorded in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2016 for the portion that related to 2015.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the remaining amount submitted to the insurance provider for reimbursement was approximately \$0.02 million and \$0.02 million, respectively and is included in Other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

#### **13. Segment Reporting**

The investment management segment is currently the Company's only reportable segment, and represents the Company's core business, as substantially all of the Company's operations are conducted through this segment. The investment management segment provides investment advisory and asset management services to the ZAIS Managed Entities.

# 14. Stockholders' Equity

# Preferred Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share with such designation, rights and preferences as may be determined time to time by the Board of Directors. No shares of preferred stock have been issued or are outstanding.

#### Class A Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 180,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. Holders of record of Class A Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

The Company issued the following Class A Common Stock related to RSUs which vested:

Three Month June 3		Six Months Ended June 30,					
2017	2016	2017	2016				
30,942	30,000	579,865	30,000				

#### Class B Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 20,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock with a par value of \$0.000001 per share. The Class B Common Stock has no economic rights and therefore is not considered participating securities for purposes of allocation of net income (loss). Holders of record of Class B Common Stock are entitled to ten votes for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, 20,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock are held by an irrevocable voting trust of which Mr. Zugel is the sole trustee (the "ZGH Class B Voting Trust"). There were no shares of Class B Common Stock issued during the three or six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016. Consequently, in his capacity as trustee of the ZGH Class B Voting Trust, Mr. Zugel has effective voting control over the election of directors and generally on all other matters submitted for approval by the Company's stockholders.

#### Class A Units

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, ZAIS' ownership of the Class A Units was 67.4% and 66.5%, respectively. The remaining Class A Units of ZGP are held by the ZGP Founder Members.

During the first five years following the closing of the Business Combination, ZGP will release up to an additional 2,800,000 Class A Units to the ZGP Founder Members if the sum of the average per share closing price over any 20 trading-day period of the Class A Common Stock plus cumulative dividends paid on the Class A Common Stock between the closing of the Business Combination and the day prior to such 20 trading-day period meets or exceeds specified thresholds, ranging from \$12.50 to \$21.50.

There were 30,942 Class A Units issued to ZAIS during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 30,000 Class A Units issued during the three months ended June 30, 2016. There were 579,865 Class A Units issued to ZAIS during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 30,000 Class A Units issued during the six months ended June 30, 2016.

# Class B Units

ZGP may issue up to 6,800,000 Class B units ("Class B Units") at any time during the five year period following the closing of the Business Combination, a portion of which (the Class B-0 Units) were awarded but subsequently cancelled (see Note 8 – "Compensation"). These units are still available for re-issuance. The remaining 5,200,000 Class B Units are designated as Class B-1, Class B-2, Class B-3 and Class B-4 Units (together the "Additional Employee Units"), which, once issued, vest in three equal installments only if the Class A Common Stock of ZAIS achieves certain average closing price thresholds within five years after the closing of the Business Combination ranging from \$12.50 to \$21.50 as follows: one-third of such award vests upon the first anniversary of such achievement and the final one-third of such award vests upon the second anniversary of such achievement, unless otherwise provided in the restricted unit agreement granting the Class B unit. Although the Class B Units are outstanding when issued, the Class B Units are not entitled to any distributions from ZGP (and thus will not participate in, or be allocated any, income or loss) or other material rights until such Class B Units vest.

Subject to certain restrictions, the ZGP Founder Members' Class A Units and, if any, all of the vested Class B Units (but not any unvested Class B Units) may be exchanged for shares of Class A Common Stock of ZAIS on a one-for-one basis (subject to certain, if any, adjustments to the exchange ratio) or, at ZAIS's option, cash or a combination of Class A Common Stock and cash, pursuant to the Exchange Agreement that ZAIS entered into with ZGP, the ZGP Founder Members and the other parties thereto.

There were no Class B-1, Class B-2, Class B-3 or Class B-4 Units awarded for the three or six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016 and no Class B Units currently are issued and outstanding.

On December 1, 2016, the Board of Directors authorized ZGP to offer the employees who agreed to the cancellation of their unvested Class B-0 Units the right to receive in substitution for the cancellation of their Class B-0 Units, at the holder's option, either (a) RSUs of ZAIS, on a one-for-one basis, or (b) an amount of cash per Class B-0 Unit cancelled (See Note 8 – "Compensation"). Both were subject to vesting requirements.

#### 15. Earnings Per Share

Shares of Class B Common Stock have no impact on the calculation of consolidated net income (loss) per share of Class A Common Stock as holders of Class B Common Stock do not participate in net income or dividends, and thus, are not participating securities.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the earnings and shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			_	Ended			
		2017		2016		2017		2016
		(Dollars in	tho	usands, excep	t sh	ares and per	sha	re data)
Numerator:								
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Class A common stockholders (Basic)	\$	(652)	\$	(4,076)	\$	(4,814)	\$	(8,910)
Effect of dilutive securities:								
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP		(315)		(1,911)		(2,398)		(4,210)
Less: Consolidated Net (Income) Loss, net of tax, attributable to ZAIS REIT Management Class B interests <sup>(1)</sup>		—		(142)		—		(284)
Income tax (benefit) expense $(2)$		_		_		_		
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to stockholders, after effect of dilutive securities	\$	(967)	\$	(6,129)	\$	(7,212)	\$	(13,404)
Denominator:			_		_			
Weighted average number of shares of Class A Common Stock		14,473,642		13,892,016		14,231,320		13,881,466
Effect of dilutive securities:								
Weighted average number of Class A Units		7,000,000		7,000,000		7,000,000		7,000,000
Dilutive number of Class B-0 Units and RSUs $^{(3)}$		—		—		—		
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding <sup>(4)</sup>		21,473,642		20,892,016		21,231,320		20,881,466
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A common share – Basic	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.64)
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A common share – Diluted	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(0.34)	\$	(0.64)

(1) Amount represents portion of the management fee income received from ZFC REIT that was payable to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management.

Income tax (benefit) expense is calculated using an assumed tax rate of 41.73% and 38.56% for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, and (0.64)% and 39.29% for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, which is fully offset by a 100% valuation allowance in each year. See Note 9 – "Income Taxes" for details surrounding income taxes.

(3) The treasury stock method is used to calculate incremental Class A common shares on potentially dilutive Class A common shares resulting from unvested Class B-0 Units granted in connection with and subsequent to the Business Combination and unvested RSUs granted to non-employee directors of ZAIS and employees of ZAIS Group. These Class B-0 Units and RSUs are anti-dilutive and, consequently, have been excluded from the computation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding.

(4) Number of diluted shares outstanding takes into account non-controlling interests of ZGP that may be exchanged for Class A Common Stock under certain circumstances.

# 16. Supplemental Financial Information

The following supplemental financial information illustrates the consolidating effects of the Consolidated Funds on the Company's financial condition and results of operations:

		June 3	0, 2017		
	ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated	
	( Dollars in thousands )				
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,970			16,970	
Income and fees receivable	2,198	—	(329)	1,869	
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	42,986	_	(32,698)	10,288	
Due from related parties	1,101	—	—	1,101	
Property and equipment, net	319	_		319	
Prepaid expenses	1,907	—	—	1,907	
Other assets	385	—		385	
Assets of Consolidated Funds					
Cash and cash equivalents		13,416	_	13,416	
Investments, at fair value		459,416	(12,709)	446,707	
Due from broker		12,095		12,095	
Other assets		1,320	(313)	1,007	
Total Assets	\$ 65,866	486,247	(46,049)	506,064	
Liabilities and Equity	 				
Liabilities					
Compensation payable	\$ 4,594	_		4,594	
Due to related parties	31			31	
Fees payable	289	_	(289)		
Other liabilities	1,147	_		1,147	
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds	,			,	
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO		397,229	(12,710)	384,519	
Due to broker		21,974		21,974	
Other liabilities		2,930	(351)	2,579	
Total Liabilities	 6,061	422,133	(13,350)	414,844	
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)					
Equity					
Preferred Stock					
Class A Common Stock	1			1	
Class B Common Stock					
Additional paid-in-capital	64,210			64,210	
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(23,779)			(23,779)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(44)			(44)	
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	 40,388			40,388	
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC	19,417			19,417	
Non-controlling interests in Zirus Group Furent, ELC		64,114	(32,699)	31,415	
Total Equity	59,805	64,114	(32,699)	91,220	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 65,866	486,247	(46,049)	506,064	
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	December 31, 2016							
		ZAIS	Co	onsolidated Funds		iminations	Co	nsolidated
Annaka				( Dollars in	thou	isands )		
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	¢	20 710	¢		¢		¢	20 712
Income and fees receivable	\$	38,712 8,805	\$		\$		\$	38,712 8,805
						(24.291)		
Investments in affiliates, at fair value Due from related parties		29,554				(24,281)		5,273
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Property and equipment, net						_		274
Prepaid expenses		906		—				906
Other assets		348						348
Assets of Consolidated Funds				27.000				27.000
Cash and cash equivalents				37,080		(10.500)		37,080
Investments, at fair value		—		423,871		(19,506)		404,365
Due from broker				16,438				16,438
Other assets				1,254		(44)		1,210
Total Assets	\$	79,333	\$	478,643	\$	(43,831)	\$	514,145
Liabilities and Equity								
Liabilities								
Notes payable	\$	1,263	\$	—	\$		\$	1,263
Compensation payable		7,836						7,836
Due to related parties		31		—				31
Fees payable		2,439						2,439
Other liabilities		1,127		—				1,127
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds								
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO				404,407		(19,506)		384,901
Due to broker				24,462				24,462
Other liabilities				2,165		(44)		2,121
Total Liabilities		12,696		431,034		(19,550)		424,180
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)								
Faults								
Equity Preferred Stock								
Class A Common Stock		1						1
		1						1
Class B Common Stock		(2.412						(2.412
Additional paid-in-capital		63,413						63,413
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)		(18,965)						(18,965)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(70)						(70)
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.		44,379						44,379
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC		22,258						22,258
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds			_	47,609		(24,281)		23,328
Total Equity		66,637		47,609		(24,281)		89,965
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	79,333	\$	478,643	\$	(43,831)	\$	514,145

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017					
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated	
			( Dollars in	thousands )		
Revenues						
Management fee income	\$	4,018		(329)	3,689	
Incentive income		2,884			2,884	
Reimbursement revenue		383			383	
Other revenues		77			77	
Income of Consolidated Funds			3,413	(3,009)	404	
Total Revenues		7,362	3,413	(3,338)	7,437	
Expenses						
Compensation and benefits		5,609			5,609	
General, administrative and other		4,169		(290)	3,879	
Depreciation and amortization		71			71	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds			30		30	
Total Expenses		9,849	30	(290)	9,589	
Other Income (loss)						
Net gain (loss) on investments		1,493		(1,454)	39	
Other income (expense)		32			32	
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments			(532)	2,139	1,607	
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity		—		909	909	
Total Other Income (Loss)		1,525	(532)	1,594	2,587	
Income (loss) before income taxes		(962)	2,851	(1,454)	435	
Income tax (benefit) expense		5		_	5	
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		(967)	2,851	(1,454)	430	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax				/	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Foreign currency translation adjustment		9			9	
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	(958)	2,851	(1,454)	439	

	Three months Ended June 30, 2016						
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated		
			( Dollars in	Thousands )			
Revenues							
Management fee income	\$	3,571	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,571		
Incentive income		143	—	—	143		
Other revenues		79			79		
Total Revenues		3,793			3,793		
Expenses							
Compensation and benefits		7,999	—	—	7,999		
General, administrative and other		2,950	—	—	2,950		
Depreciation and amortization		64	—	—	64		
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		_	29		29		
Total Expenses		11,013	29		11,042		
Other Income (loss)							
Net gain (loss) on investments		1,150		(1,095)	55		
Other income (expense)		87		—	87		
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments			2,176	—	2,176		
Total Other Income (Loss)		1,237	2,176	(1,095)	2,318		
Income (loss) before income taxes		(5,983)	2,147	(1,095)	(4,931)		
Income tax (benefit) expense		4			4		
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		(5,987)	2,147	(1,095)	(4,935)		
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax							
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(147)	_	_	(147)		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	(6,134)	\$ 2,147	\$ (1,095)	\$ (5,082)		

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2017					
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated	
			( Dollars in			
Revenues						
Management fee income	\$	7,125	—	(329)	6,796	
Incentive income		3,181	—		3,181	
Reimbursement revenue		877	—		877	
Other revenues		170	_		170	
Income of Consolidated Funds			3,618	(3,214)	404	
Total Revenues		11,353	3,618	(3,543)	11,428	
Expenses						
Compensation and benefits		13,033			13,033	
General, administrative and other		7,838		(290)	7,548	
Depreciation and amortization		111	_		111	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		_	73		73	
Total Expenses		20,982	73	(290)	20,765	
Other Income (loss)				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Net gain (loss) on investments		2,411		(2,297)	114	
Other income (expense)		16			16	
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments			960	1,754	2,714	
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity		—	—	1,498	1,498	
Total Other Income (Loss)		2,427	960	955	4,342	
Income (loss) before income taxes		(7,202)	4,505	(2,298)	(4,995)	

Income tax (benefit) expense	10	_		10
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	 (7,212)	4,505	(2,298)	(5,005)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	39			39
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ (7,173)	4,505	(2,298)	(4,966)

	Six months Ended June 30, 2016						
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminations	Consolidated		
			( Dollars in	Thousands )			
Revenues							
Management fee income	\$	7,140	\$	\$	\$ 7,140		
Incentive income		295	—		295		
Other revenues		159			159		
Total Revenues		7,594			7,594		
Expenses							
Compensation and benefits		17,006	—		17,006		
General, administrative and other		6,160			6,160		
Depreciation and amortization		127	—	—	127		
Expenses of Consolidated Funds			48		48		
Total Expenses		23,293	48		23,341		
Other Income (loss)							
Net gain (loss) on investments		1,896	—	(1,859)	37		
Other income (expense)		692	—		692		
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments			3,693		3,693		
Total Other Income (Loss)		2,588	3,693	(1,859)	4,422		
Income (loss) before income taxes		(13,111)	3,645	(1,859)	(11,325)		
Income tax (benefit) expense		9			9		
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		(13,120)	3,645	(1,859)	(11,334)		
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax							
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(201)			(201)		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	(13,321)	\$ 3,645	\$ (1,859)	\$ (11,535)		

# 17. Subsequent Events

In July 2017, ZAIS began the liquidation of the ZAIS Atlas Master Fund, LP and its feeder fund (together, the "Atlas Fund"), a ZAIS Managed Entity. At June 30, 2017, the Atlas Fund had AUM of \$32.8 million. Additionally, ZAIS earned the following management fees and incentive income from Atlas Fund:

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	T	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			
	20	2017 2016			2017			2016
				(Dollars in	thous	ands)		
Management fees	\$	14	\$	12	\$	27	\$	33
Incentive income								
Total	\$	14	\$	12	\$	27	\$	33

ZAIS's aggregate investment in the Atlas Fund was \$0.1 million at June 30, 2017. Such amount is included in Investment in affiliates, at fair value in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

On August 10, 2017, Zephyr A-6 sold all of its interests in ZAIS CLO 5 for a sale price of approximately \$12.1 million. The sale is expected to settle on August 15, 2017.

# Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, references to (i) the "Company" refer to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. ("ZAIS"), together, as the context may require, with its consolidated subsidiaries, (ii) "ZAIS Group" refer to ZAIS Group, LLC, and (iii) "ZGP" refer to ZAIS Group Parent, LLC.

This discussion contains forward-looking statements and involves numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those described in "Risk Factors" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (the "Annual Report on Form 10-K") and in other reports filed with the U.S Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including those in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other SEC reports describing key risks associated with ZAIS and its subsidiaries' business, operations and industry. Amounts and percentages presented throughout this management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations may reflect rounding adjustments and as a result, totals may not appear to sum. The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes of the Company included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

#### Overview

#### General

ZAIS is a holding company conducting substantially all of its operations through ZAIS Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ZAIS's majority-owned subsidiary, ZGP. ZAIS is the managing member of ZGP. ZAIS Group commenced operations in July 1997 and is headquartered in Red Bank, New Jersey. ZAIS Group also maintains an office in London.

ZAIS Group is an investment advisory and asset management firm focused on specialized credit. ZAIS Group is an investment advisor registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as a Commodity Pool Operator and Commodity Trading Advisor. ZAIS Group provides investment advisory and asset management services to private funds, separately managed accounts, structured vehicles (collateralized debt obligation vehicles and collateralized loan obligation vehicles, together referred to as "CLOs") and, through October 31, 2016, ZAIS Financial Corp. ("ZFC REIT"), a publicly traded mortgage real estate investment trust (collectively, the "ZAIS Managed Entities"). The ZAIS Managed Entities predominantly invest in a variety of specialized credit instruments including corporate credit instruments such as CLOs, securities backed by residential mortgage loans, bank loans and various securities and instruments backed by these asset classes. ZAIS Group also serves as the general partner to certain ZAIS Managed Entities, which are generally organized as pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

ZAIS Group had approximately \$3.752 billion of assets under management ("AUM") at June 30, 2017 which is primarily comprised of (i) total assets for mark-to-market funds and separately managed accounts; (ii) uncalled capital commitments, if any, for funds that are not in liquidation; and (iii) for issued structured vehicles, all assets being managed calculated per the management fee basis methodology defined in the respective vehicles' indenture, although in certain circumstances some or all of the referenced management fees may be waived. AUM also includes assets in the warehouse phase for new structured credit vehicles and is based on actual assets managed without reductions for leverage and most other liabilities and includes all assets regardless of whether management fees are being earned.



ZAIS REIT Management, LLC ("ZAIS REIT Management"), a majority owned consolidated subsidiary of ZAIS Group, was the external investment advisor to ZFC REIT. On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated upon completion of the merger between ZFC REIT and Sutherland Asset Management Corp. pursuant to a termination agreement (the "Termination Agreement"). The Termination Agreement resulted in a decrease of \$0.589 billion to ZAIS Group's AUM during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016. In addition, the Termination Agreement will result in a decrease in management fees of approximately \$2.8 million annually on a run-rate basis. Pursuant to the Termination Agreement, ZAIS REIT Management received a termination payment in the amount of \$8.0 million.

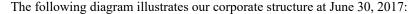
On February 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company established a Special Committee of independent and disinterested directors to consider any proposals by management or third parties for strategic transactions. The Company's Board of Directors has been undertaking a strategic review of the Company's business in order to enhance shareholder value, and has engaged a financial advisor for this purpose. Various alternatives have been and are being considered, including a possible sale or combination or other similar transaction, or a going private transaction which would result in the termination of the registration of our Class A Common Stock so as to cease periodic and other public company compliance and reporting. The Company has received from and provided to potential counterparties certain due diligence information. In addition, the Company's management and financial advisor have held and expect to continue to hold preliminary discussions with potential counterparties and participants. There is no assurance that any of the preliminary discussions which have taken place or may in the future take place will result in any transaction or that any of the strategic alternatives under consideration will be implemented. The Company does not intend to provide periodic public updates on any of these matters except as required by law or regulation.

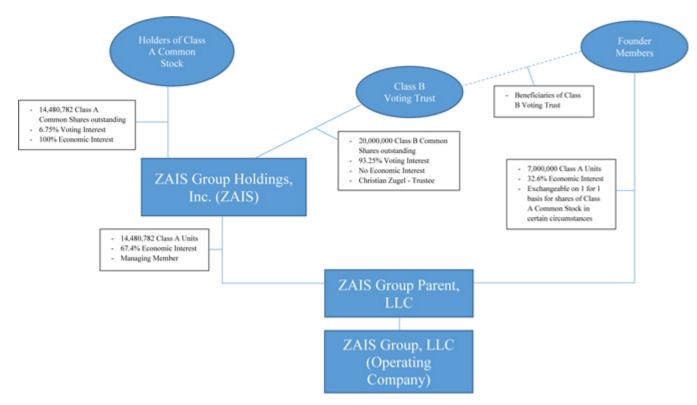
Pursuant to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), we are required to consolidate certain of the ZAIS Managed Entities in which we hold a variable interest and are deemed to be the primary beneficiary (the "Consolidated Funds").

Our primary sources of revenues are (i) management fee income, which is based predominantly on the net asset values of the ZAIS Managed Entities and (ii) incentive income, which is based on the investment performance of the ZAIS Managed Entities. Any management fee income and incentive income earned by ZAIS Group from the Consolidated Funds is eliminated in consolidation.

Additionally, a significant source of our revenues and other income is derived from income of Consolidated Funds, net gains of Consolidated Funds' investments and net gains on beneficial interests in collateralized financing entities which invest in bank loans. A portion of income of Consolidated Funds and net gains of Consolidated Funds' investments are allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds.

#### **Organization Structure**





#### **Recapitalization as a Result of a Business Combination**

On October 5, 2012, ZAIS, formerly known as HF2 Financial Management Inc. ("HF2") was formed as a blank check company whose objective was to acquire, through a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or similar business combination, one or more businesses or entities. On September 16, 2014, HF2 entered into an Investment Agreement with ZGP and the members of ZGP (including Christian Zugel, the former managing member of ZGP and the founder and Chief Investment Officer of ZAIS Group, and certain related parties, collectively, the "ZGP Founder Members"), under which HF2 agreed to contribute cash to ZGP in exchange for newly issued Class A Units of ZGP ("Class A Units") representing a majority financial interest in ZGP (the "Business Combination") and to cause the transfer of all of its outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.000001 (the "Class B Common Stock") to the ZGP Founder Members. All Class B Common Stock was then immediately deposited into a newly created irrevocable voting trust (the "ZGH Class B Voting Trust"), of which Mr. Zugel is the sole trustee. The Class B Common Stock has no economic rights and therefore is not considered a participating security for purposes of allocation of net income (loss) of the Company.

On March 9, 2015, the stockholders of HF2 approved the Business Combination and the transaction closed on March 17, 2015 (the "Closing"). In connection with the Closing, HF2 changed its name to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Refer to Note 2 - "Business Combination" of the Company's consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information. Prior to the Closing, HF2 was a shell company with no operations. Upon the Closing, ZAIS became a holding company whose assets primarily consisted of a then approximate 66.5% interest in its majority-owned subsidiary, ZGP. Prior to the Closing, Christian Zugel served as the managing member of ZGP. Upon the Closing, ZAIS became the managing member of ZGP.

#### **Investments in ZAIS Managed Entities**

Investment activity during the six months ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

In February 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which focuses on investing in non-ZAIS managed CLOs, none of which has been called as of August 14, 2017.

In June 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which carries first loss risk. ZAIS Group funded its total commitment on June 29, 2017.

#### **Consolidation of ZAIS Managed Entities**

Pursuant to ASU 2015-02 *Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis* ("ASU 2015-02"), we are required to consolidate the Consolidated Funds. Generally when a ZAIS Managed Entity is consolidated, the assets, liabilities and cash flows are reflected on a gross basis. Except for CLOs, the consolidated financial statements reflect the investment income and expenses on a gross basis. For Consolidated Funds that are CLOs, our share of the net income of the CLOs is reported in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). The consolidation has no effect on our net income since our share of the earnings from these Consolidated Funds is included in equity. Additionally, the presentation of compensation expense and other expenses associated with generating such reclassified revenue is not affected by the consolidation process.

The Dodd-Frank credit risk retention rules, which became effective on December 24, 2016, apply to any newly issued CLOs or certain cases in which an existing CLO is refinanced, issues additional securities or is otherwise materially amended. The rules specify that for each CLO, the collateral manager of the CLO must purchase and hold, unhedged, directly or through a majority-owned affiliate, either (i) 5% of the face amount of each tranche of the CLO's securities, (ii) an amount of the CLO's equity equal to 5% of the aggregate fair value of all of the CLO's securities or (iii) a combination of the two for a total of 5%. The required risk must be retained until the later of (i) the date that the CLO has paid down its securities to 33% of their original principal amount, (ii) the date that the CLO has sold down its assets to 33% of their original principal amount and (iii) the date that is two years after closing. The Company will continue to assess its investments in the CLOs to determine whether or not the Company will be required to consolidate the CLOs in its financial statements.

ZAIS Group owns 51% of ZAIS Zephyr A-6, LP, ("Zephyr A-6"), a majority-owned affiliate, which was established to invest in collateralized loan obligation vehicles, including during the related warehouse stage of such vehicles. Zephyr A-6 is a Consolidated Fund. The investments of Zephyr A-6 are as follows:

ZAIS CLO 5, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 5")

ZAIS CLO 5 closed on October 26, 2016. ZAIS CLO 5 invests primarily in first lien, senior secured bank loans and had a total capitalization of \$408.5 million at the time of closing, which consisted of senior and mezzanine notes with an aggregate par amount of \$368.0 million and subordinated notes of \$40.5 million. ZAIS CLO 5 matures in October 2028. Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$12.7 million and \$19.5 million in ZAIS CLO 5, at fair value, at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. These investments represent approximately a 0.6% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 5 at June 30, 2017. These investments represent approximately a 2.1% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 5 at December 31, 2016. The Company has consolidated ZAIS CLO 5 in its consolidated financial statements in accordance with ASU 2015-02.



#### ZAIS CLO 6, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 6")

ZAIS CLO 6, which priced on May 3, 2017 and closed on the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date, invests primarily in first lien senior secured bank loans and had a total capitalization of \$512.0 million on the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date, which consisted of senior and mezzanine notes with an aggregate par amount of \$460.0 million and subordinated notes of \$52.0 million. The CLO matures in July 2029. In connection with the closing, Zephyr A-6 recognized a dividend of \$2.7 million which represents gains that were realized under the terms of the CLO Warehouse agreement. Zephyr A-6's initial investment of \$29.0 million in ZAIS CLO 6 represented approximately a 5.0% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine note tranches and approximately a 13.5% economic interest in the equity tranche.

In May 2017 Zephyr A-6 sold a portion of its interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 6 for a sale price of approximately \$3.9 million and recognized a gain of approximately \$223,500. Such amount is included in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Zephyr A-6's initial investment in ZAIS CLO 6 was \$29.0 million (\$30.0 million par), which represented approximately a 5.0% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes based on notional value and approximately a 13.5% economic interest in the subordinated notes based on notional value. The Company determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of ZAIS CLO 6 based on Zephyr A-6's minimal investment in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 6. Therefore, the Company did not consolidate ZAIS CLO 6 in its financial statements at June 30, 2017 or for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017. Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$29.0 million in ZAIS CLO 6, at fair value, at June 30, 2017.

ZAIS CLO 6 was in the warehouse phase from its inception date through the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date (the "ZAIS CLO 6 Warehouse Period"). During this time ZAIS CLO 6 continued to finance the majority of its loan purchases using its warehouse facility. The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 6 during the ZAIS CLO 6 Warehouse Period.

# ZAIS CLO 7, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 7")

ZAIS CLO 7 was formed in June 2017 and was in the warehouse phase at June 30, 2017. Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$25.0 million in ZAIS CLO 7, at fair value, at June 30, 2017.

During the warehouse phase, ZAIS CLO 7 continues to finance the majority of its loan purchases using its warehouse facility. The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 7 during the ZAIS CLO 7 Warehouse Period (the "ZAIS CLO 7 Warehouse Period").

#### **Core Business**

#### Revenues

Our principal sources of revenues are management fee income and incentive income for investment advisory services provided to the ZAIS Managed Entities. For any given period, our revenues are influenced by the amount of AUM, the investment performance and the timing of when incentive income is recognized for certain of the ZAIS Managed Entities, as discussed below.

Management fee income. Management fees earned by ZAIS Group for funds and accounts are generally based on net asset value of these funds and accounts prior to the accrual of incentive fees/allocations or drawn capital during the investment period.

Management fees earned for the CLOs which are managed by ZAIS Group are generally based on the par value of the collateral and cash held in the CLOs. Additionally, subordinated management fees may be earned from CLOs for which ZAIS Group and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries act as collateral manager. The subordinated management fee is an additional payment for the same collateral management service, but has a lower priority in the CLOs' cash flows and is contingent upon the economic performance of the respective CLO. If the CLOs experience a certain level of asset defaults, these subordinated management fees may not be paid. There is no recovery by the CLOs of previously paid subordinated fees.

Prior to October 31, 2016, management fee income earned by ZAIS Group from ZFC REIT, was based on ZFC REIT's stockholders' equity, as defined in the amended and restated investment advisory agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT. Twenty percent of the management fee income received from ZFC REIT was paid to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management. The payment to the Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management was recorded as distributions to non-controlling interests in ZGP. On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated upon the completion of the merger between ZFC REIT and Sutherland Asset Management Corp. Pursuant to the Termination Agreement, ZAIS REIT Management received a termination payment of \$8.0 million.

Management fees are generally collected on a monthly or quarterly basis.

*Incentive income.* Incentive income is recognized when it is (i) contractually receivable, (ii) fixed or determinable, also referred to as crystallized and (iii) all related contingencies have been removed and collection is reasonably assured, which generally occurs in the quarter of, or the quarter immediately prior to, payment of the incentive income to ZAIS Group by the ZAIS Managed Entities. The criteria for revenue recognition are typically met only after any profits exceed a high-water mark for vehicles with hedge fund-style fee arrangements and only after all contributed capital and the preferred return, if any, have been distributed to the investors in vehicles with private equity-style fee arrangements and CLOs.

ZAIS Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are those that pay ZAIS Group, on an annual basis, an incentive fee/allocation based on a percentage of net realized and unrealized profits attributable to each investor, subject to a hurdle (if any) set forth in each respective entity's operative agreement. Additionally, ZAIS Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are subject to a perpetual loss carry forward, or perpetual "high-water mark," meaning that the funds and accounts will not pay incentive fees/allocations with respect to positive investment performance generated for an investor in any year following negative investment performance until that loss is recouped, at which point an investor's capital balance surpasses the high-water mark. ZAIS Managed Entities with private equity-style fee arrangements are those that pay an incentive fee/allocation based on a priority of payments under which investor capital must be returned and a preferred return, as specified in each fund's operative agreement, must be paid to the investor prior to any payments of incentive-based income to ZAIS Group. For CLOs, incentive income is earned based on a percentage of cumulative profits, subject to the return of contributed capital (and subordinate management fees, if any), and a preferred inception to date return as specified in the respective CLO's collateral management agreements. The advisory agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT did not provide for incentive fees.

The management fee income and incentive income from the Consolidated Funds are eliminated in consolidation, and therefore are not reflected as revenue in our consolidated financial statements. ZAIS Group's share of the earnings from the consolidated ZAIS Managed Entities is increased by the amount of the management fee income and incentive income that are eliminated in consolidation.

The following table presents the range of management and incentive fee rates on the ZAIS Managed Entities during the respective periods presented:

		nths ended e 30,		hs ended e 30,
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>				
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	0.50% - 1.25%	0.50% - 1.25%	0.50% - 1.25%
CLO's	0.15% - 0.50%	0.15% - 0.50%	0.15% - 0.50%	0.15% - 0.50%
ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	—	1.50%		1.50%
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>				
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	10% - 20%	10% - 20%	10% - 20%
CLO's	20%	20%	20%	20%

(1) Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fee rates may be lower than those reflected in the range.

(2) Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed Entities may be subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement.

<sup>(3)</sup> On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated pursuant to the Termination Agreement.

Other revenues. Fees for consulting, data, funding and analytical services provided to outside parties and affiliated funds are accrued as earned.

#### Expenses

*Compensation and benefits.* Compensation and benefits expense is comprised of salaries, payroll taxes, employer contributions to welfare plans and discretionary and guaranteed cash bonuses, stock compensation, severance and other contractual compensation programs payable to employees and non-employee directors. Compensation and benefits expense is generally recognized over the related service period. On an annual basis, compensation and benefits comprise a significant portion of total expenses. Discretionary and guaranteed cash bonuses, stock compensation and other contractual compensation programs generally comprise a significant portion of total expenses. Discretionary and guaranteed cash bonuses, stock compensation and other contractual compensation programs generally comprise a significant portion of total compensation and benefits. Levels of incentive compensation will vary to the extent they are tied to financial and operating performance of the Company and in some cases, to the performance of certain ZAIS Managed Entities.

Our compensation plans include the following:

#### Cash and Equity Based Awards

Compensation and benefits relating to the issuance of cash-based and equity-based awards to certain employees and non-employee directors is measured at fair value on the grant date. Compensation expense for awards that vest over a future service period is recognized over the relevant service period on a straight-line basis, adjusted for estimated forfeitures of awards not expected to vest. The compensation expense for awards that do not require future service is recognized immediately. Upon the end of the service period, compensation expense is adjusted to account for actual forfeiture rates.

On March 29, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of ZAIS adopted a retention payment plan for certain employees of ZAIS Group (the "Retention Payment Plan"). The Retention Payment Plan applied to approximately 60 employees of ZAIS Group all of whom had an annual base salary of less than \$300,000. The purpose of the Retention Payment Plan was to enable ZAIS Group to retain the services of its employees in order to ensure that ZAIS Group was not disrupted or adversely affected by the possible loss of personnel or their commitment to ZAIS Group. Under the Retention Payment Plan, the participating employees were entitled to receive cash retention payments on each of April 15, 2016, August 15, 2016 and November 15, 2016, if the employee remained employed by ZAIS Group on such dates. The aggregate amount of retention payments paid to all participants under the Retention Payment Plan during 2016 was \$4.6 million. In addition, on March 1, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of ZAIS approved a retention payment of \$900,000 to Howard Steinberg, the Company's former General Counsel, which was paid on March 15, 2016.

On April 5, 2017, the Company provided a retention award (the "Retention Award") to Michael Szymanski, the Company's Chief Executive Officer in recognition of the importance of retaining his services as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its operating subsidiary, ZAIS Group, and in connection with the Company's review of strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value. Under the Retention Award, which has been approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, Mr. Szymanski received a cash retention payment of \$500,000 on June 30, 2017 and is entitled to receive cash retention payments each of \$500,000 on September 30, 2017 and a date within five business days following the closing date of a "Transaction" as defined in the Retention Award or otherwise as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. Mr. Szymanski would be entitled to such payments provided he remains employed by the Company on such dates, or if he has been removed as the Company's Chief Executive Officer or his employment terminated for reasons other than for cause prior to such dates. The aggregate amount of retention payments that may be paid to Mr. Szymanski under the Retention Award is \$1.5 million.

On May 9, 2017, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Compensation Committee's charter to better enable the Company to retain its employees and to attract additional employees. The amendment removed the prior compensation guidelines set forth in the charter that applied to compensation paid through 2019. The compensation guidelines provided that, subject to modification or waiver by the Compensation Committee, the Company's total GAAP compensation expense on a consolidated basis for all cash and non-cash compensation paid to employees of the Company and its operating subsidiaries and affiliates for any given year would not exceed a certain percentage of the Company's consolidated GAAP revenue for such year.

#### Compensation Directly Related to Incentive Income (also referred to as "Points")

ZAIS Group previously entered into agreements with employees to share with them a percentage of income generated from certain ZAIS Managed Entities ("Points Agreements"). Under existing Points Agreements, ZAIS Group has an obligation to pay a fixed percentage of the incentive income earned from the referenced entities, to certain employees and former employees. Amounts payable pursuant to the Points Agreements are recorded as compensation expense when they become probable and reasonably estimable. The determination of when the Points become probable and reasonably estimable so that Points expense should be recorded is based on the assessment of numerous factors, particularly those related to the profitability, realizations, distribution status, investment profile and commitments or contingencies of certain ZAIS Managed Entities for which Points Agreements have been awarded. Points are expensed no later than the period in which the underlying income is recognized. Payment of the Points generally occurs later than when the related income is received. Recipients' rights to receive payments related to their Points Agreement are subject to forfeiture risks. ZAIS Group does not anticipate entering into additional Points Agreements. We did not incur any compensation expense relating to the Points Agreements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016.

General, administrative and other. General, administrative and other expenses are related to professional services, research services, occupancy and equipment, technology, travel and entertainment, insurance and other miscellaneous expenses.

Net gain (loss) on investments. Net gain (loss) on investments primarily consists of net gains and losses on our investments in the ZAIS Managed Entities.

Allocation of consolidated net income (loss) to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds. Portion of consolidated net income (loss) attributable to investors in the Consolidated Funds that do not have the right to redeem their interests.

#### Consolidated Funds

Income of Consolidated Funds. Income consists of interest income on investments held by Zephyr A-6.

*Expenses of Consolidated Funds.* Expenses consist of interest expense, fund operating expenses and other miscellaneous expenses of Zephyr A-6.

Net gains of Consolidated Funds' investments. Net gains consist of net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments held by Zephyr A-6.

#### **Trends Affecting Our Business**

AUM has been trending downward since 2007. This trend results from the wind-up and liquidation of a number of private equitystyle and structured vehicles as well as certain withdrawals by investors from the ZAIS Managed Entities, that were either voluntary or driven by regulatory constraints, combined with challenges ZAIS Group has faced in raising new capital in the recent investment environment of lower interest rates and changing regulations. Structured credit products have been disfavored by many investors and European investors have generally reduced investments in certain securitized investment vehicles due to increased regulatory capital requirements.

The reduction in AUM has decreased our management fee income and incentive income, which are our two principal sources of operating cash flow. As a result of this reduction, since 2015, revenues and operating cash flow have been insufficient to cover operating expenses and excess working capital needs were funded by the proceeds of the Business Combination. It is currently expected that this negative working capital trend is likely to continue through the end of 2017. ZAIS Managed Entities representing total AUM as of June 30, 2017 of approximately \$0.034 billion are winding down and are in liquidation. These liquidations are expected to occur within the next 12 to 24 months. Additionally, on April 19, 2017, ZAIS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. (the "Offshore Feeder") received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (value date of June 30, 2017). This redemption is expected to be effectuated on August 31, 2017.

In addition, ZAIS REIT Management, a majority owned consolidated subsidiary of ZAIS Group that was the external investment advisor to ZFC REIT, terminated its management agreement with ZFC REIT upon completion of the merger between ZFC REIT and Sutherland Asset Management Corp. The termination resulted in a decrease of \$0.589 billion to ZAIS Group's AUM during fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016 and will decrease the management fees earned by ZAIS Group by approximately \$2.8 million annually on a run-rate basis. Pursuant to the Termination Agreement, ZAIS REIT Management received a termination payment in the amount of \$8.0 million.

On February 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company established a Special Committee of independent and disinterested directors to consider any proposals by management or third parties for strategic transactions. The Company's Board of Directors has been undertaking a strategic review of the Company's business in order to enhance shareholder value, and has engaged a financial advisor for this purpose. Various alternatives have been and are being considered, including a possible sale or combination or other similar transaction, or a going private transaction which would result in the termination of the registration of our Class A Common Stock so as to cease periodic and other public company compliance and reporting. The Company has received from and provided to potential counterparties certain due diligence information. In addition, the Company's management and financial advisor have held and expect to continue to hold preliminary discussions with potential counterparties and participants. There is no assurance that any of the preliminary discussions which have taken place or may in the future take place will result in any transaction or that any of the strategic alternatives under consideration will be implemented. The Company does not intend to provide periodic public updates on any of these matters except as required by law or regulation.

See "Item 1A. Risk Factors" included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the risks to which our businesses are subject.

# Non-GAAP Financial Measures

# Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) and Adjusted EBITDA

Our management reviews its results on both a Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) and an Adjusted EBITDA basis. Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) and Adjusted EBITDA are key performance measures used by management when making operating decisions, assessing financial performance and allocating capital resources. Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial measures that exclude the adjustments described below that are required for presentation of our results on a GAAP basis. These measures supplement and should be considered in addition to and not in lieu of the results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Adjustments to Net income (loss) to derive Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group):

Consolidating effects of the Consolidated Funds. Amounts related to the Consolidated Funds, including the related eliminations of revenues, expenses and other income (loss).

Adjustments to Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) to derive Adjusted EBITDA:

• Equity-based compensation. Management does not consider these non-cash expenses to be reflective of operating performance.

Severance. Management does not consider severance costs to be reflective of ongoing operating performance. We incurred severance costs in 2016 primarily due to a reduction in force on March 8, 2016, which resulted in a decrease of 23 employees of ZAIS Group (see Item 1. Business – "General" in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for further discussion). We also incurred severance costs in 2017 unrelated to the reduction in force that occurred in 2016.

- Depreciation and amortization. Management does not consider these non-cash expenses to be reflective of operating performance.
- *Any applicable taxes, interest expense and foreign currency translation adjustments.* Management does not consider these amounts to be reflective of operating performance.

The calculations described above may not be directly comparable to other similar non-GAAP financial measures reported by other asset managers. We believe that these measures are a useful benchmark for measuring our performance. We also believe that investors should review the same supplemental non-GAAP financial measures that management uses to analyze the business in conjunction with our results of operation prepared in accordance with GAAP. See "Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

#### **Results of Operations**

# Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2016

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Change		
	2	017		2016		\$	%
	(I	Dollars in t	thou	sands)			
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	\$	430	\$	(4,935)	\$	5,365	109%
Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS	\$	(967)	\$	(5,987)	\$	5,020	84%
Group) – Non-GAAP	Ψ	(507)	Ψ	(3,507)	Ψ	5,020	0170
Adjusted EBITDA - Non-GAAP	\$	(835)	\$	(4,461)	\$	3,626	81%
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### Revenues

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Change					
		2017	2016		\$		%				
	(Dollars in thousands)										
Management fee income	\$	3,689	\$	3,571	\$	118	3%				
Incentive income		2,884		143		2,741	1,917%				
Reimbursement revenue		383				383	%				
Other revenues		77		79		(2)	-3%				
Income of Consolidated Funds		404				404	%				
Total Revenues	\$	7,437	\$	3,793	\$	3,644	96%				

Total revenues increased by \$3.6 million primarily due to:

A \$0.1 million net increase in management fee income primarily due to (i) an increase of \$0.5 million which was driven by fees recognized for certain ZAIS Managed CLOs which were not recognized in the comparable prior year period and (ii) an increase

- of \$0.6 million driven by increased performance of certain ZAIS Managed Entities, offset by a decrease of (i) \$0.8 million due to the termination of the management agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT and (ii) \$0.2 million due to the liquidation of certain managed accounts.
- A \$2.7 million increase in incentive income which was primarily driven by an increase of \$2.6 million due to fees which crystalized during the current quarter and an increase of \$0.1 million due to incentive fees relating to the liquidation of a ZAIS managed CLO.

A \$0.4 million increase in reimbursement revenue which relates to the reimbursement from certain ZAIS Managed Entities for research and data services expenses incurred by us and paid directly to vendors by us. The related expenses are included in

- General, administrative and other expenses. The net effect of the reimbursement revenue and related expenses has no impact on our Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax. The amounts for the three months ended June 30, 2016 were not material and therefore were not separately reported in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- A \$0.4 million increase in income of consolidated funds related to Zephyr A-6's investments in ZAIS CLO 6.

The following table details the changes to our AUM:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017								
	(Dollars in billions)								
		Corporate Credit Funds		Aortgage Related trategies	Multi-Strategy Funds and Accounts			Total	
Beginning of Period AUM <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	2.001	\$	0.564	\$	0.795	\$	3.360	
Contributions <sup>(2)</sup>		0.481 <sup>(3)</sup>				0.001		0.482	
Distributions <sup>(2)</sup>		(0.042)		(0.002)				(0.044)	
Redemptions <sup>(4)</sup>								_	
Profit & Loss <sup>(4)</sup>		0.005		0.016		0.008		0.029	
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		(0.073)		$(0.466)^{(6)}$		$0.464^{(6)}$		(0.075)	
End of Period AUM <sup>(7)</sup>	\$	2.372	\$	0.112	\$	1.268	\$	3.752	
Average AUM <sup>(8)</sup>	\$	2.187	\$	0.338	\$	1.032	\$	3.556	

		Three Months Ended June 30, 2016										
		(Dollars in billions)										
	С	Corporate Credit Funds			Multi-Strategy Funds and Accounts			Total				
Beginning of Period AUM <sup>(9)</sup>	\$	1.828	\$	1.479	\$	0.684	\$	3.991				
Contributions <sup>(2)</sup>		0.271(10)				0.001		0.272				
Distributions <sup>(2)</sup>		(0.004)		(0.004)		_		(0.008)				
Redemptions <sup>(4)</sup>		(0.023)						(0.023)				
Profit & Loss <sup>(4)</sup>		0.013		0.020		0.045		0.078				
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		(0.085)		(0.265)		(0.011)		(0.361)				
End of Period AUM <sup>(11)</sup>	\$	2.000	\$	1.230	\$	0.719	\$	3.949				
Average AUM <sup>(8)</sup>	\$	1.914	\$	1.354	\$	0.702	\$	3.970				

(1) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to March 31, 2017 based on the most recent trustee report received as of March 31, 2017 for each respective vehicle.

(2) Amounts are related to funds, managed accounts and structured vehicles.

(3) Amount represents the pricing of ZAIS CLO 6. In connection with the pricing of ZAIS CLO 6, the ZAIS CLO 6 warehouse was repaid resulting in approximately \$0.167 billion reduction in leverage, aggregate principal balance and other items. These amounts are included in the "Other" row in the table above.

(4) Amounts are related to funds and managed accounts.

(5) Other represents changes primarily related to (i) leverage and other operating liabilities for funds and managed accounts and (ii) leverage, aggregate principal balance and other items for structured vehicles. Change in aggregate principal balance is primarily due to defaults, write downs, pay downs and collateral purchase/sales.

(6) Includes \$.459 billion of AUM that changed strategies from mortgage related strategy to multi-strategy.

(7) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to June 30, 2017 based on the most recent trustee report received as of June 30, 2017 for each respective vehicle.

(8) Average is based on the beginning balance and ending balance for the period presented.

(9) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to March 31, 2016 based on the most recent trustee report received as of March 31, 2016 for each respective vehicle.

(10) Amount represents the pricing of ZAIS CLO 4, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 4"). In connection with the pricing of ZAIS CLO 4, the ZAIS CLO 4 warehouse was repaid resulting in approximately \$23 million of redemptions and a \$91 million reduction in leverage, aggregate principal balance and other items. These amounts are included in the Redemptions and Other rows in the table above.

(11) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to June 30, 2016 based on the most recent trustee report received as of June 30, 2016 for each respective vehicle.

# Expenses

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Change					
		2017 2016			\$	%					
	(Dollars in thousands)										
Compensation and benefits	\$	5,609	\$	7,999	\$	(2,390)	30%				
General, administrative and other		3,879		2,950		929	-31%				
Depreciation and amortization		71		64		7	-11%				
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		30		29		1	-3%				
Total Expenses	\$	9,589	\$	11,042	\$	(1,453)	<u>13</u> %				

Total expenses decreased by \$1.5 million primarily due to:

A \$2.4 million decrease in compensation and benefits which was primarily due to: a \$1.0 million decrease in salaries, bonuses and associated payroll taxes and other employee benefits primarily due to a reduction in force which occurred in 2016 and a \$1.3 million decrease in equity compensation expense primarily relating to the reduction in outstanding equity compensation units resulting from the cancellation in December 2016 of all of ZGP's Class B-0 Units held by certain employees in consideration of the receipt by such employees in substitution therefor (as elected by each employee) of RSUs (which fully vested on March 17, 2017) or the right to receive cash (which was paid on March 22, 2017).

A \$0.9 million increase in General, administrative and other expenses primarily due to (i) an increase of \$0.1 million in expenses relating to research and data services borne by us and paid directly to vendors by us relating to the management of the ZAIS Managed Entities, (ii) an increase of \$0.4 million due to research and data services borne by us and paid directly to vendors which are reimbursable from certain ZAIS Managed Entities (the related revenue is included in Reimbursement Revenue. The net effect of the expenses and related reimbursement revenue has no impact on our Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax. The amounts for the three months ended June 30, 2016 were not material and therefore were not separately reported in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)), (iii) an increase of \$0.2 million in legal fees, (iv) an increase of \$0.2 million in information technology costs primarily due to the relocation of servers to an offsite co-location and additional services added for enhancements under disaster recovery and business continuity plans and (v) an increase of \$0.2 million in accounting fees, offset by a net decrease in other general and administrative costs.

Our results of operations depend, in part, on the level of our expenses, which can vary from period to period. We currently anticipate that our expenses will exceed our revenues for the remainder of 2017, as they did during the three months ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015. While the Company is seeking to reduce the expense imbalance by increasing revenue with new business growth and reducing expenses, there can be no assurances that ZAIS Group will correct this expense imbalance in 2017 or beyond.

# **Other Income (Loss)**

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Change						
	2017			2016		\$	%				
	(Dollars in thousands)										
Net gain (loss) on investments	\$	39	\$	55	\$	(16)	-29%				
Other income (expense)		32		87		(55)	-63%				
Net gain (loss) on Consolidated Funds' investments		1,607		2,176		(569)	-26%				
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	_	909		_	_	909	%				
Total Other Income (Loss)	\$	2,587	\$	2,318	\$	269	12%				

Total other income increased by \$0.3 million primarily due to:

A \$0.6 million decrease in net gain (loss) on Consolidated Funds' investments related to Zephyr A-6, a Consolidated Fund. This Consolidated Fund primarily invests in CLOs and warehouses of CLOs managed by ZAIS Group, both of which are categorized as Level 3 assets in the fair value hierarchy. For more information on our valuation policy for Level 3 assets, see Note 4, "Fair Value

- of Measurements", to our consolidated financial statements.
- A \$0.9 million increase in net gain on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity which relates to Zephyr A-6's investment in ZAIS CLO 5. Zephyr A-6 is a Consolidated Fund.

### Income Taxes

	1	Three Months Ended June 30,			_	Change					
	2	2017	2016			\$		%			
	(Dollars in thousands)										
Income tax (benefit) expense	\$	5	\$	4	\$		1	25%			

There was an immaterial change in income tax (benefit) expense for the three months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the three months ended June 30, 2016. The amounts reported in both periods relate to our London subsidiary.

As of each reporting date, we consider new evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect our view of the future realization of deferred tax assets. As of June 30, 2017, we had determined that our current business forecasts do not support the realization of net deferred tax assets recorded for the Company. We recorded a book loss for the three months ended June 30, 2017, excluding income attributable to consolidated funds, and it is anticipated that expenses will continue to exceed revenues in 2017. Although we are evaluating certain alternatives which could alter the operating loss trend, there is no specific plan that has been implemented at this point in time that will alter the negative earnings trend. Accordingly, we continue to believe that it is not more likely than not that the Company's deferred tax asset will be realized, and we have continued to maintain a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset as of June 30, 2017. We have recorded a change in the Company's valuation allowance of approximately \$271,000 and \$1.6 million in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in connection with the net operating losses and other temporary differences related to the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively. We intend to maintain a full valuation allowance on the Company's deferred tax assets until there is sufficient evidence to support the reversal of all or some portion of these allowances.

See Note 9, "Income Taxes" to our consolidated financial statements for further information regarding the items affecting the Company's effective income tax.

### Foreign currency translation adjustment

	T	Three Months Ended June 30,				ge	
	20	)17		2016	\$		%
	(D	ollars in	thous	ands)			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$	9	\$	(147)	\$	156	106%

Changes in the foreign currency translation adjustment are due to fluctuations in the exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period that the Company uses to translate the assets and liabilities of its foreign subsidiaries.

### Net Income (Loss) Allocated to Non-controlling Interests

The following table presents the components of the net income (loss) allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds and to non-controlling interests in ZGP:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Change			
		2017	2016	\$	5	%	
	(	Dollars in tho	usands)				
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	\$	1,397 \$	1,052	\$	345	33%	
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC	\$	(315) \$	(1,911)	\$	1,596	84%	

The \$0.3 million increase in the net income allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds was primarily related to an increase in income and net gains allocated to investors that do not have the right to redeem their interests from Zephyr A-6, a Consolidated Fund. Zephyr A-6's net income for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 was approximately \$2.9 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, which was primarily due to gains recognized on its investment in ZAIS CLO 5 for the three

• The \$1.6 million decrease in net loss allocated to non-controlling interests in ZGP was driven primarily by the period-over-period decrease in our net loss.

months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 and ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 for the three months ended June 30, 2017.

### Net Income (Loss) Attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Stockholders' Equity

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Change		
		2017	2016	\$	%	
	(	Dollars in thou	isands)			
ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	\$	(652) \$	(4,076)	3,424	84%	

The decrease in net loss attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. stockholders' equity was driven primarily by the period-overperiod decrease in our net loss.

### **Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

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The following table presents the reconciliations of our consolidated GAAP net income, net of tax to our (i) non-GAAP financial measure of net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) and (ii) non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA:

	r	Fhree Month June 3	
	2	2017	2016
	(	Dollars in th	ousands)
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax (GAAP Net Income (Loss))	\$	430 \$	6 (4,935)
Add back: Elimination of Management fee income		329	
Less: Income of Consolidated Funds		(404)	_
Less: Elimination of rebate expense		(290)	
Add back: Elimination of Net gain (loss) on investments		1,454	1,095
Add back: Expenses of Consolidated Funds		30	29
Net (gain) loss on Consolidated Funds' investments		(1,607)	(2,176)
Net (gain) loss on beneficial interest in collateralized financing entity		(909)	_
Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) – Non-GAAP		(967)	(5,987)
Add back: Tax expense		5	4
Add back: Compensation attributable to equity compensation		56	1,339
Add back: Severance costs			119
Add back: Depreciation and amortization		71	64
Adjusted EBITDA – Non-GAAP	\$	(835) \$	6 (4,461)

### Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2016

	Six Months Ended June 30,				e	
		2017	2016		\$	%
		(Dollars in tho	usands)			
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	\$	(5,005) \$	(11,334)	\$	6,329	56%
Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS	\$	(7,212) \$	(13,120)	\$	5,908	45%
Group) – Non-GAAP	Ψ	(7,212) Φ	(13,120)	Ψ	5,500	1570
Adjusted EBITDA - Non-GAAP	\$	(5,851) \$	(10,540)	\$	4,689	44%

#### Revenues

	Six Months Ended June 30,				Change						
		2017	2016		\$		%				
	(Dollars in thousands)										
Management fee income	\$	6,796	\$	7,140	\$	(344)	-5%				
Incentive income		3,181		295		2,886	978%				
Reimbursement revenue		877		—		877	%				
Other revenues		170		159		11	7%				
Income of Consolidated Funds		404		—		404	%				
Total Revenues	\$	11,428	\$	7,594	\$	3,834	50%				

Total revenues increased by \$3.8 million primarily due to:

- A \$0.3 million decrease in management fee income primarily due to a decrease of \$1.5 million due to the termination of the
  management agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT, offset by (i) an increase of \$0.6 million which was
  driven by fees recognized for ZAIS CLO 6 which closed in June 2017 and another ZAIS managed CLO which previously had its
  fees waived and (ii) an increase of \$0.6 million driven by increased performance of certain ZAIS Managed Entities.
- A \$2.9 million increase in incentive income which was primarily driven by an increase of \$2.6 million due to fees which crystalized during the current period and an increase of \$0.1 million due to incentive fees relating to the liquidation of a ZAIS managed CLO.

A \$0.9 million increase in reimbursement revenue which relates to the reimbursement from certain ZAIS Managed Entities for research and data services expenses incurred by us and paid directly to vendors by the Company. The related expenses are

- included in General, administrative and other expenses. The net effect of the reimbursement revenue and related expenses has no impact on our Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax. The amounts for the six months ended June 30, 2016 were not material and therefore were not separately reported in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- A \$0.4 million increase in income of consolidated funds related to Zephyr A-6's investments in ZAIS CLO 6.

The following table details the changes to our AUM for six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016. The methodology for calculating AUM is described in the Overview section.

		Six 1	Months Endec	l June	e 30, 2017		
	orporate Credit Funds	R	(Dollars in ortgage Related rategies	l Si Fu	ns) Multi- trategy nds and ccounts		Total
Beginning of Period AUM <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2.072	\$	0.576	\$	0.796	\$	3.444
Contributions <sup>(2)</sup>	0.495 <sup>(3)</sup>		—		0.001		0.496
Distributions <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.356)		(0.004)				(0.360)
Redemptions <sup>(4)</sup>					(0.001)		(0.001)
Gain & Loss <sup>(4)</sup>	0.011		0.034		0.041		0.086
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	0.150		$(0.494)^{(6)}$		0.431(6)	)	0.087
End of Period AUM <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 2.372	\$	0.112	\$	1.268	\$	3.752
Average AUM <sup>(8)</sup>	\$ 2.148	\$	0.418	\$	0.953	\$	3.519

	S	ix N	Ionths Ende	d Jı	une 30, 2016	
	orporate Credit Funds		(Dollars in Mortgage Related Strategies	I	lions) Multi- Strategy Funds and Accounts	Total
Beginning of Period AUM <sup>(9)</sup>	\$ 1.914	\$	1.494	\$	0.749	\$ 4.157
Contributions <sup>(2)</sup>	$0.284^{(10)}$				0.002	0.286
Distributions <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.026)		(0.020)		—	(0.046)
Redemptions <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.127)				(0.010)	(0.137)
Gain & Loss <sup>(4)</sup>	0.010		0.014		0.023	0.047
Other <sup>(5)</sup>	(0.055)		(0.258)		(0.045)	(0.358)
End of Period AUM <sup>(11)</sup>	\$ 2.000	\$	1.230	\$	0.719	\$ 3.949
Average AUM <sup>(8)</sup>	\$ 1.959	\$	1.362	\$	0.734	\$ 4.053

(1) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to December 31, 2016 based on the most recent

<sup>(1)</sup> trustee report received as of December 31, 2016 for each respective vehicle.

(2) Amounts are related to funds, managed accounts and structured vehicles.

Amount represents the pricing of ZAIS CLO 6. In connection with the pricing of ZAIS CLO 6, ZAIS CLO 6 warehouse was repaid
 (3) resulting in approximately \$0.167 billion reduction in leverage, aggregate principal balance and other items. These amounts are included in the Other row in the table above.

- (4) Amounts are related to funds and managed accounts. Other represents changes primarily related to (i) leverage and other operating liabilities for funds and managed accounts and (ii)
- (5) leverage, aggregate principal balance and other items for structured vehicles. Change in aggregate principal balance is primarily due to defaults, write downs, pay downs and collateral purchase/sales.
- (6) Includes \$.459 billion of AUM that changed strategies from mortgage related strategy to multi-strategy.
- AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to June 30, 2017 based on the most recent trustee
- (7) report received as of June 30, 2017 for each respective vehicle.
- (8) Average is based on the beginning balance, quarterly balances and ending balance for the period presented.
- (9) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to December 31, 2015 based on the most recent
- <sup>(5)</sup> trustee report received as of December 31, 2015 for each respective vehicle.

Amount represents the pricing of ZAIS CLO 4. In connection with the pricing of ZAIS CLO 4, the ZAIS CLO 4 warehouse was (10) repaid resulting in approximately \$23 million of redemptions and a \$93 million reduction in leverage, aggregate principal balance and other items. These amounts are included in the Redemptions and Other rows in the table above.

(11) AUM uses values for certain structured vehicles that have been determined prior to June 30, 2016 based on the most recent trustee report received as of June 30, 2016 for each respective vehicle.

# Expenses

	Six Months Ended June 30,			Change		
		2017		2016	 \$	%
		(Dollars in	thou	sands)	 	
Compensation and benefits	\$	13,033	\$	17,006	\$ (3,973)	23%
General, administrative and other		7,548		6,160	1,388	23%
Depreciation and amortization		111		127	(16)	13%
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		73		48	25	-52
Total Expenses	\$	20,765	\$	23,341	\$ (2,576)	<u>-11</u> %

Total expenses decreased by \$2.6 million primarily due to:

A \$4.0 million decrease in compensation and benefits which was primarily due to: a \$2.8 million decrease in salaries, bonuses and associated payroll taxes and other employee benefits primarily due to a reduction in force which occurred in 2016, a \$0.7 million decrease in severance costs due to the reduction in force and a \$0.5 million decrease in equity compensation expense

 primarily relating to the reduction in outstanding equity compensation units resulting from the cancellation in December 2016 of all of ZGP's Class B-0 Units held by certain employees in consideration of the receipt by such employees in substitution therefor (as elected by each employee) of RSUs (which fully vested on March 17, 2017) or the right to receive cash (which was paid on March 22, 2017)

A \$1.4 million increase in General, administrative and other expenses primarily due to (i) an increase of \$1.1 million in expenses relating to research and data services borne by us and paid directly to vendors by us relating to the management of the ZAIS

• Managed Entities, (ii) an increase of \$0.3 million in information technology costs primarily due to the relocation of servers to a an offsite co-location, (iii) an increase of \$0.1 million relating to legal fees and (iv) an increase of \$0.2 million in accounting fees, offset by a net decrease in other general and administrative costs.

Our results of operations depend, in part, on the level of our expenses, which can vary from period to period. We currently anticipate that our expenses will exceed our revenues for the remainder of 2017, as they did during the six months ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015. While the Company is seeking to reduce the expense imbalance by increasing revenue with new business growth and reducing expenses, there can be no assurances that ZAIS Group will correct this expense imbalance in 2017 or beyond.

# **Other Income**

	Six Months Ended June 30,			Chan	ıge		
		2017		2016	\$	%	
		(Dollars in	thou	usands)			
Net gain (loss) on investments	\$	114	\$	37	\$ 77		208%
Other income (expense)		16		692	(676)		-98%
Net gain (loss) on Consolidated Funds' investments		2,714		3,693	(979)		-27%
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity		1,498			1,498		%
Total Other Income (Loss)	\$	4,342	\$	4,422	\$ (80)	\$	-2%
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Total other income (loss) decreased by \$0.1 million primarily due to:

- A \$0.08 million increase in net gain (loss) on investments primarily due to better performance relating to one of the ZAIS Managed Entities in which the Company has a first loss position.
- A \$0.7 million decrease in other income (expense) primarily due to a decrease of \$0.5 million relating to an insurance
  reimbursement, which was received during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and recorded as other income since the reimbursement related to legal costs previously incurred during the year ended December 31, 2015.
- A \$1.0 million decrease in net gain (loss) on Consolidated Funds' investments related to Zephyr A-6, a Consolidated Fund. This
  Consolidated Fund primarily invests in CLOs and warehouses of CLOs managed by ZAIS Group, both of which are categorized
  as Level 3 assets in the fair value hierarchy. For more information on our valuation policy for Level 3 assets, see Note 4, "Fair
  Value of Measurements", to our consolidated financial statements.
- A \$1.5 million increase in net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity which relates to Zephyr A-6's investment in ZAIS CLO 5. Zephyr A-6 is a Consolidated Fund.

### Income Taxes

		Six Months Ended June 30,				C	Change		
		2017	2	016		\$		%	
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Income tax (benefit) expense	\$	10	\$	9	\$		1	-11%	

There was an immaterial change in income tax (benefit) expense for the six months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2016. The amounts reported in both periods relate to our London subsidiary.

As of each reporting date, management considers new evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect its view of the future realization of deferred tax assets. As of June 30, 2017, the Company has determined that the most recent management business forecasts do not support the realization of net deferred tax assets recorded for the Company. The Company has recorded a book loss for the six months ended June 30, 2017, excluding income attributable to consolidated funds, and it is anticipated that expenses will continue to exceed revenues in 2017 Although management intends to pursue various initiatives with potential to alter the operating loss trend, there is no specific plan that has been implemented at this point in time that will alter the negative earnings trend.

Accordingly, management continues to believe that it is not more likely than not that its deferred tax asset will be realized and the Company has continued to maintain the full valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset of as of June 30, 2017. We have recorded a change in the Company's valuation allowance of approximately \$(31,000) and \$3.5 million in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) in connection with the net operating losses and other temporary differences related to the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively. The Company intends to continue maintaining a full valuation allowance on its deferred tax assets until there is sufficient evidence to support the reversal of all or some portion of these allowances.

See Note 9 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for further information regarding the items affecting the Company's effective income tax.

As of and for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, the Company was not required to establish a liability for uncertain tax positions.

### Foreign currency translation adjustment

		Six Months Ended June 30,			_	Change		
	2	2017		2016	\$		%	
	()	Dollars in	thous	ands)				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$	39	\$	(201)	\$	240	119%	

Changes in the foreign currency translation adjustment are due to fluctuations in the exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period that the Company uses to translate the assets and liabilities of its foreign subsidiaries.

### Net Income (Loss) Allocated to Non-controlling Interests

The following table presents the components of the net income (loss) allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds and to non-controlling interests in ZGP:

	Six Months Ended June 30,			 Change	
		2017	2016	\$	%
		(Dollars in th	ousands)	 	
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	\$	2,207 \$	1,786	\$ 421	24%
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC	\$	(2,398) \$	(4,210)	\$ 1,812	43%

The \$0.4 million increase in the net income allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds was primarily related to an increase in income and net gains allocated to investors that do not have the right to redeem their interests from Zephyr A-6, a

- Consolidated Fund. Zephyr A-6's net income for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 was approximately \$4.5 million and \$3.6 million, respectively, which was primarily due to gains recognized on its investment in ZAIS CLO 5 for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 and ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 for the six months ended June 30, 2017.
- A \$1.8 million decrease in net loss allocated to non-controlling interests in ZGP driven primarily by the period-over-period decrease in our net loss.

### Net Income (Loss) Attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Stockholders' Equity

	Six Months E June 30,		Cha	nge
	2017	2016	\$	%
	(Dollars in tho	usands)		
ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Stockholders' Equity	\$ (4,814) \$	(8,910)	\$ 4,096	46%

The decrease in net loss attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. stockholders' equity was driven primarily by the period-overperiod decrease in our net loss.

### **Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

The following table presents the reconciliations of our consolidated GAAP net income, net of tax to our (i) non-GAAP financial measure of net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) and (ii) non-GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA:

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2017 2016		
		(Dollars in thou	sands)
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax (GAAP Net Income (Loss))	\$	(5,005) \$	(11,334)
Add back: Elimination of Management fee income		329	_
Less: Income of Consolidated Funds		(404)	
Less: Elimination of fee rebate expense		(290)	_
Add back: Elimination of Net gain (loss) on investments		2,297	1,859
Add back: Expenses of Consolidated Funds		73	48
Net (gain) loss on Consolidated Funds' investments		(2,714)	(3,693)
Net (gain) loss on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity		(1,498)	
Net income (loss) (excluding Consolidated Funds of ZAIS Group) – Non-GAAP		(7,212)	(13,120)
Add back: Tax expense		10	9
Add back: Compensation attributable to equity compensation		1,168	1,682
Add back: Severance costs		72	762
Add back: Depreciation and amortization		111	127
Adjusted EBITDA – Non-GAAP	\$	(5,851) \$	(10,540)

# Performance of ZAIS Group's Funds

ZAIS Group currently manages various funds and managed accounts. The below table sets forth unaudited net performance returns for the month ended June 30, 2017, year-to-date ("YTD") and inception-to-date ("ITD") through June 30, 2017 for the following funds.

			Net		
Fund Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Net Asset I Value as of June 30, 2017 (Dollars in thousands)		Return for the Month Ended June 30, 2017 <sup>(2)</sup>	Net YTD Return through June 30, 2017 <sup>(2)</sup>	Net ITD Return through June 30, 2017 <sup>(2)</sup>
ZAIS Opportunity Fund <sup>(3) (4) (5)</sup>	\$	474,308,327	0.53%	4.89%	469.85%
ZAIS INARI Fund <sup>(6)</sup>	\$	443,079,972	1.04%	7.06%	53.93%

The performance data in the table above reflect unaudited net returns as of the close of business on the last day of the relevant period. These net returns reflect performance after taking into account management fees, expenses, and incentive fees/allocations, as applicable. Results reflect the reinvestments of dividends, interest and earnings. Past performance is not a guarantee, prediction

(1) as appreaded. Results references in conversion of dividends, increase and carrings, rust performance is not a guarantee, prediction or indicator of future returns and no representation is made that any investor will or is likely to achieve results comparable to those shown or will make any profit or will be able to avoid incurring substantial losses. An individual investor's return may vary based on timing of capital transactions, differences in fund expenses and lower or no management fees and incentive fees/allocations.

The month end, YTD and ITD net returns represent unaudited actual returns as of the date hereof, for performance of the above(2) referenced funds through the date indicated. The YTD and ITD net returns represent the cumulative effect of compounding the monthly returns for the relevant time period.

The month end, YTD and ITD net returns reflect an investment in ZAIS Opportunity Domestic Feeder Fund, LP ("Domestic Feeder") Series A Interests that are subject to advisory fees and incentive allocation. Returns would differ for an investment in Domestic Feeder Series B and the Offshore Feeder Series A and Series B. Effective April 1, 2012, management fee rates were reduced from 1.50% to 1.25% for Series A and from 1.00% to 0.75% for Series B. Effective January 1, 2013, incentive fees or

- (3) reduced from 1.50% to 1.25% for series A and from 1.00% to 0.75% for series B. Encenve sandary 1, 2015, incentive reces of allocation rates were reduced from 25% to 20% for Series A and from 20% to 15% for Series B. The Domestic Feeder's returns for January 2009 and February 2011 have been adjusted to account for an increase of capital resulting from redemption penalties retained in the fund for the benefit of the remaining investors. Due to this adjustment, inception-to-date GAAP returns for years after 2008 would be lower than the adjusted returns presented.
- (4) The net asset value includes the net assets of the Domestic Feeder and Offshore Feeder.

On April 19, 2017, the Offshore Feeder received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (value date of
(5) June 30, 2017). This redemption was from a European investor impacted by regulatory constraints and is expected to be effectuated on August 31, 2017. The Net Asset Value presented has not been reduced for this redemption request.

(6) Actual Net YTD return is based on a calendar year end, although this fund operates on a September 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year end.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

# Historical Liquidity and Capital Resources

ZAIS Group has managed its historical liquidity and capital requirements by focusing on cash flows before giving effect to consolidation of the Consolidated Funds. ZAIS Group's primary cash flow activities on an unconsolidated basis involve: (1) generating cash flow from operations, which largely includes management fee income and incentive income, offset by operating expenses; (2) realizations generated from investments in ZAIS Managed Entities; (3) funding capital commitments that ZAIS Group has made to the ZAIS Managed Entities; and (4) making distributions to its members. At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our Cash and cash equivalents, on an unconsolidated basis, were \$17.0 million and \$38.7 million, respectively, including United States government obligations.

Our material sources of cash from ZAIS Group's operations include: (1) management fee income, which is collected monthly or quarterly; (2) incentive income, which can be less predictable as to amount and timing; and (3) distributions related to investments in certain ZAIS Managed Entities. ZAIS Group primarily uses cash flow from operations to pay compensation and benefits, general, administrative and other expenses and foreign taxes. ZAIS Group's cash flows are also used to fund investments in limited partnerships, property and equipment and other capital items. If cash flow from operations continues to be insufficient to fund operating expenses or such investments, ZAIS Group will continue to fund its business requirements with the proceeds from the Business Combination. For the six months ended June 30, 2017 the Company's stand-alone (excluding the activities of the Consolidated Funds) net cash used in operations was \$8.4 million. The sources of operating cash flow were insufficient to cover operating expenses, and the excess working capital needs were funded by operating cash balances and the proceeds of the Business Combination. The 2017 quarterly results generated negative working capital, and we expect to continue to draw from operating cash balances and the proceeds from the Business Combination to fund our operations and working capital for the foreseeable future.

The six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 reflect the cash flows of ZAIS's operating businesses and the Consolidated Funds required to be consolidated under ASU 2015-02. The assets of ZAIS Group's Consolidated Funds have an effect on ZAIS Group's reported cash flows. The primary cash flow activities of the Consolidated Funds vary depending on the activities of the Consolidated Funds. These activities may include: (1) raising capital from third party investors, which is reflected as non-controlling interests in the Consolidated Funds when required to be consolidated into the Company's consolidated financial statements; (2) purchasing and selling investment securities or bank loans; (3) generating cash through the realization of certain investments; and (4) distributing cash to investors or note holders. The Consolidated Funds, except for consolidated CLOs, are treated as investment companies under GAAP; therefore, the character and classification of all Consolidated Fund transactions are presented as operating cash flows.

As of June 30, 2017, \$36.6 million of the proceeds of the Business Combination had been deployed to expand existing product lines. This amount includes \$26.6 million of capital contributed to Zephyr A-6, a majority owned subsidiary of ZAIS Group, which was formed to invest in ZAIS Group managed CLOs and thereby satisfy the risk retention requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act and a \$5.0 million equity investment in the first-loss equity tranche of a ZAIS Managed Entity focused on investing in high-yield bonds. ZAIS Group's total commitment to the equity capital of Zephyr A-6 is \$51.0 million. Additionally, in February 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which focuses on investing in non-ZAIS managed CLOs, none of which has been called as of August 14, 2017. ZAIS Group also made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Group funded its entire \$5.0 million commitment on June 29, 2017. There is no assurance that the full commitments will be required to be funded by ZAIS Group or as to the period of time during which these commitments may be required to be funded. ZAIS Group serves as the investment manager to these ZAIS Managed Entities and determines when, and to what extent, capital will be called.

We continually review our business and fund activities with a view towards improving our profitability. As a result of concluding that a planned expansion in our capabilities in the residential whole loan market would no longer be a part of our future strategy, a reduction in expenses related to infrastructure staffing was made by completing a reduction in force on March 8, 2016 which resulted in a decrease of 23 employees of ZAIS Group. This reduction resulted in an annualized run rate savings of approximately \$3.5 million in base compensation and benefits. At June 30, 2017, the Company had 61 employees compared with 60 employees at December 31, 2016 and 95 employees at December 31, 2015.

On October 31, 2016, the management agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT was terminated upon completion of the merger between ZFC REIT and Sutherland Asset Management Corp. which resulted in a decrease of \$0.589 billion to ZAIS Group's AUM during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2016. As a result, management fees earned by ZAIS Group will decrease by approximately \$2.8 million annually on a run-rate basis. Pursuant to the Termination Agreement, ZAIS REIT Management received a termination payment in the amount of \$8.0 million.



### **Debt Obligations**

On March 17, 2015, in conjunction with the closing of the Business Combination, ZAIS issued two promissory notes with an aggregate principal balance of \$1.25 million to EarlyBirdCapital, Inc. and Sidoti & Company, LLC. The notes accrued interest at an annual rate equal to the annual applicable federal rate as published by the Internal Revenue Service ("AFR") until the principal amount of, and all accrued interest on, the notes were paid in full. The notes matured on March 17, 2017 at which time the principal balance and accrued interest was repaid. The notes were issued in lieu of paying certain underwriting costs at the closing of the Business Combination and, accordingly, treated as a direct cost attributable to the Business Combination and capitalized to equity.

### Cash Flows

The significant amounts from our consolidated financial statements, which include the effects of the Consolidated Funds in accordance with GAAP, are summarized below. Negative amounts represent a net outflow, or use of cash.

	Six Months Ended June 30,		
		2017	2016
	(Dollars in thousand		
Statements of cash flows data			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(20,441) \$	(24,956)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(5,152)	8,233
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		3,816	4,623
Change in cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currency		35	(187)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(21,742) \$	(12,287)

#### **Operating** Activities

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities is primarily driven by ZAIS Group's earnings in the respective periods after adjusting for non-cash compensation and fee income, net realized (gain) loss on investments and net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments that are included in net income. Cash used to purchase investments and the proceeds from the sale of such investments are also reflected in our operating activities as investing activities of the Consolidated Funds.

Our net cash used in operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2017 was \$20.4 million, compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$25.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016. The reduction in cash flow used in operating activities of \$4.5 million was primarily due to the following:

- An increase in cash receipts of \$6.9 million related to incentive fee income primarily due to higher incentive fee income
  earned from certain ZAIS Managed Entities and accrued at December 31, 2016 and collected in 2017 compared to amounts accrued at December 31, 2015 and collected in 2016;
- A net increase in cash paid for compensation expense of \$0.6 million primarily due to an increase in cash paid for incentive compensation of \$2.1 million primarily due to an increase in guaranteed bonuses and incentive compensation awards accrued at December 31, 2016 and paid in February 2017, offset by a reduction in salary expense of \$1.5 million primarily due to the reduction in force which occurred on March 8, 2016;
- A decrease in cash paid for general, administrative and other expenses of \$1.5 million due to a focused expense reduction; and
- A decrease in cash receipts of \$0.5 million related to proceeds received from our insurance providers for our claim for reimbursement of certain legal and other costs relating to a formal regulatory inquiry which had been approved; and

• A net increase of \$2.9 million in cash used in the activities of the Consolidated Funds.

#### **Investing** Activities

Our net cash used in investing activities was \$5.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and was primarily due to the contribution of \$5.0 million in June 2017 to a ZAIS Managed Entity which carries first loss risk and the purchase of information technology hardware and software of \$.2 million.

Our net cash provided by investing activities was \$8.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and was primarily due to the proceeds from the sale of our investment in a mutual fund of \$8.1 million.

#### **Financing** Activities

Our net cash provided by financing activities was \$3.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2017. This amount includes contributions from non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds of \$5.9 million, partially offset by the repayment of our notes payable of \$1.3 million and the payment of employee taxes of \$0.8 million relating to the issuance of Class A Common Stock, on a net basis, to employees who elected to cancel their B-0 Units in substitution for RSUs which vested on March 17, 2017.

Our net cash provided by financing activities was \$4.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016 which was due to contributions from non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds of \$4.9 million, partially offset by distributions to non-controlling interests in ZGP of \$0.3 million which represent distributions to Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management.

#### Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity

Our current sources of liquidity are (1) cash on hand, including a portion of the net proceeds from the Business Combination; (2) cash flows from operations, including management fee income and incentive income and (3) realizations on our investments in ZAIS Managed Entities. ZAIS believes that these sources of liquidity will be sufficient to fund our working capital requirements and to meet our commitments. Our primary liquidity needs will be comprised of cash to (1) fund our operations; (2) provide capital to facilitate the growth of ZAIS Group's existing investment advisory and asset management business; (3) fund ZAIS Group's potential commitments to new and existing ZAIS Managed Entities; (4) provide capital to facilitate our expansion into businesses that are complimentary to ZAIS Group's existing investment business; and (5) pay income taxes.

### **Gain Contingencies**

In 2016, the Company received notification from one of its insurance providers that its claim for reimbursement of certain legal and other costs relating to a formal regulatory inquiry had been approved. The Company had paid approximately \$0.02 million and \$0.2 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, for legal and other costs incurred in excess of our insurance deductible. The cumulative insurance reimbursements that the Company has received through June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were approximately \$0.9 million and \$0.9 million, respectively. Pursuant to the guidance under ASC 450, *"Contingencies – Gain Contingencies"*, approximately \$0.55 million of the insurance reimbursements received was recorded in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2016 for the portion that related to 2015. At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the remaining amount submitted to the insurance carrier for reimbursement was approximately \$0.02 and \$0.02 million, respectively, and is included in Other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements at June 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Critical accounting policies are those that require us to make significant judgments, estimates or assumptions that affect amounts reported in its consolidated financial statements or the notes thereto. We base our judgments, estimates and assumptions on current facts, historical experience and various other factors that it believes to be reasonable and prudent. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates. See Note 2, "Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," to our consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for a description of our accounting policies.

A summary of what we believe to be our critical accounting policies and estimates are as follows:

#### Fair Value Measurements

The valuation of investments held by the ZAIS Managed Entities includes critical estimates made by management which impacts the Company's results. The valuation of investments held by the ZAIS Managed Entities has a significant impact on our results, as our management fee income and incentive income are generally determined based on the fair value of these investments. Additionally, the investments and related notes payable, if applicable, of the Consolidated Funds are also carried at their fair values in our consolidated financial statements and are subject to our valuation process.

### Evaluation of our interests in Variable Interest Entities ("VIE") and/or Voting Interest Entities ("VOE")

The determination of whether or not to consolidate a VIE or a VOE under GAAP requires a significant amount of judgment.

These judgments include first determining whether or not an entity is a VIE or VOE. We consider our contractual relationship with the entity being evaluated, the legal structure of the entity, whether or not the entity has enough equity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, the voting power of the at-risk equity holders, the obligation of the at-risk equity holders to absorb losses of the entity and their rights to receive any expected residual returns. We also evaluate whether or not we have control over the significant operating, financial and investing decisions of the entity and whether or not third-party investors have substantive rights to participate in the ongoing governance and operating activities or substantive kick-out rights.

Upon completion of our analysis, we then determine whether or not we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE or have a controlling financial interest in a VOE and, if so, consolidate the entity in the Company's financial statements.

Each subsequent reporting period, we reassess our conclusions from the previous reporting period based on capital transactions, modifications to legal agreements and other factors.

#### Income Taxes

We use the asset and liability method of accounting for deferred income taxes. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. A valuation allowance is established when management believes it is more likely than not that a deferred income tax asset will not be realized.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2 "Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," to our consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for a description of recent accounting pronouncements and their impact on the Company.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive and financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that during the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in our Exchange Act reports 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 principal executive officer and principal financial officer or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter of 2017 covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

On March 6, 2017, a complaint was filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, entitled Parsifal Partners B, LP against Christian Zugel, Michael Szymanski, R. Bruce Cameron (a former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HF2 and former director of the Company), ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. and Berkshire Capital Securities LLC. The complaint contains claims alleging breaches of fiduciary duties and contract, tortious interference, fraudulent concealment and unjust enrichment. The plaintiff's allegations include that, in connection with the Business Combination, the defendants unlawfully decreased the plaintiff's equity interest in the Company and unlawfully restricted the alienation of plaintiff's remaining equity interest in the Company and Messrs. Zugel and Szymanski moved to dismiss the claims asserted against them. On April 21, 2017, R. Bruce Cameron and Berkshire Capital Securities LLC moved to dismiss the claims asserted against them. Briefing on both motions to dismiss was completed on June 19, 2017, and the parties are awaiting a ruling. The Company believes that the allegations in the complaint against the Company and Messrs. Zugel and Szymanski are completely without merit and intends to defend this case vigorously.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in this Report are any of the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 24, 2017. Any of these factors could result in a significant or material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. Additional risk factors not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business or results of operations.

As of the date of this Report, there have been no identified material changes in the risk factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.



### **Item 5. Other Information**

The Company has established November 7, 2017 as the date of the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders ("2017 Annual Meeting"). Stockholders who wish to have a proposal considered for inclusion into the Company's proxy statement, to bring business before the 2017 Annual Meeting, or to nominate a person for election at the 2017 Annual Meeting, must submit such proposal to the Secretary of the Company no later than the close of business on August 24, 2017.

# Item 6. Exhibits

The Exhibit index that appears following the signature page is incorporated herein by reference.

### 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.

ZAIS GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael F. Szymanski Michael F. Szymanski Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

By: /s/ Nisha Motani

Nisha Motani Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: August 14, 2017

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
10.1	Award Letter, dated as of April 5, 2017, from ZAIS Group, LLC to Michael Szymanski (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35848), filed with the SEC on April 7, 2017).
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

# EXHIBIT 31.1 CERTIFICATIONS

I, Michael Szymanski, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. (the "registrant");

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact

2. 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;

Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in allmaterial respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures 4. (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:

Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our a. 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;

Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed b. 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;

Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions c. 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

Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the d. 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

The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over 5. financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which a. 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: August 14, 2017

By: /s/ Michael Szymanski

Name: Michael Szymanski Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

# EXHIBIT 31.2 CERTIFICATIONS

I, Nisha Motani, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. (the "registrant");

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact 2. 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;

Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all3. material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures 4. (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a–15(e) and 15d–15(e) 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:

Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our a. 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;

Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed b. 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;

Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions c. 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

Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the d. 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

The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over 5. financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which a. 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: August 14, 2017

By: /s/ Nisha Motani

Name: Nisha Motani Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

# **EXHIBIT 32.1** CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002, 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof (the "report"), I, Michael Szymanski, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

1. The report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

2. The information contained in the report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

It is not intended that this statement be deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Date: August 14, 2017

By: /s/ Michael Szymanski

Name: Michael Szymanski Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

# **EXHIBIT 32.2** CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002, 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof (the "report"), I, Nisha Motani, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- 1. The report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2. The information contained in the report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

It is not intended that this statement be deemed to be filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Date: August 14, 2017

By: /s/ Nisha Motani

Name: Nisha Motani Title Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

<b>Document And Entity</b> <b>Information - shares</b>	6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017	Aug. 14, 2017
<b>Document Information [Line Items]</b>		
Document Type	10-Q	
Amendment Flag	false	
Document Period End Date	Jun. 30, 2017	
Document Fiscal Year Focus	2017	
Document Fiscal Period Focus	Q2	
Entity Registrant Name	ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	
Entity Central Index Key	0001562214	
Current Fiscal Year End Date	12-31	
Entity Filer Category	Smaller Reporting Company	7
Trading Symbol	ZAIS	
Common Class A [Member]		
<b>Document Information</b> [Line Items]		
Entity Common Stock, Shares Outstanding		14,480,782
Common Class B [Member]		
<b>Document Information</b> [Line Items]		
Entity Common Stock, Shares Outstanding	<u>)</u>	20,000,000

Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition - USD (\$)	Jun. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
\$ in Thousands		
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,970	\$ 38,712
Income and fees receivable	1,869	8,805
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	10,288	5,273
Due from related parties	1,101	734
Property and equipment, net	319	274
Prepaid expenses	1,907	906
Other assets	385	348
Total Assets	506,064	514,145
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Notes payable	0	1,263
Compensation payable	4,594	7,836
Due to related parties	31	31
Fees payable	0	2,439
Other liabilities	1,147	1,127
Total Liabilities	414,844	424,180
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)		
<u>Equity</u>		
Preferred Stock, \$0.0001 par value; 2,000,000 shares authorized; 0 shares issued and	0	0
outstanding.		
Additional paid-in capital	64,210	63,413
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(23,779)	(18,965)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(44)	(70)
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	40,388	44,379
Total Equity	91,220	89,965
Total Liabilities and Equity	506,064	514,145
Common Class A [Member]		
<u>Equity</u>		_
Common Stock	1	1
Common Class B [Member]		
Equity		
Common Stock	0	0
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	13,416	37,080
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	446,707	404,365
Due from broker	12,095	16,438
Other assets	1,007	1,210
Liabilities	004 540	204.001
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value	384,519	384,901

Due to broker Other liabilities	21,974 2,579	24,462 2,121
Equity <u>Non-controlling interests</u> ZAIS Group Parent, LLC [Member]	31,415	23,328
Equity Non-controlling interests	\$ 19,417	\$ 22,258

Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (Parenthetical) - \$ / shares	Jun. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Preferred stock, par value (in dollars per share)	\$ 0.0001	\$ 0.0001
Preferred Stock, Shares Authorized	2,000,000	2,000,000
Preferred Stock, Shares Issued	0	0
Preferred Stock, Shares Outstanding	0	0
Common Class A [Member]		
Common stock, par value (in dollars per share)	\$ 0.0001	\$ 0.0001
Common Stock, Shares Authorized	180,000,000	180,000,000
Common Stock, Shares, Issued	14,480,782	13,900,917
Common Stock, Shares, Outstanding	14,480,782	13,900,917
Common Class B [Member]		
Common stock, par value (in dollars per share)	\$ 0.000001	\$ 0.000001
Common Stock, Shares Authorized	20,000,000	20,000,000
Common Stock, Shares, Issued	20,000,000	20,000,000
Common Stock, Shares, Outstanding	20,000,000	20,000,000

<b>Consolidated Statements of</b>	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Month	s Ended
Comprehensive Income (Loss) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 201	7 Jun. 30, 2016
Revenues				
Management fee income	\$ 3,689	\$ 3,571	\$ 6,796	\$ 7,140
Incentive income	2,884	143	-	,[2] 295
Reimbursement revenue	383	0	877	0
Other revenues	77	79	170	159
Total Revenues	7,437	3,793	11,428	7,594
Expenses	,	,	,	,
Compensation and benefits	5,609	7,999	13,033	17,006
General, administrative and other	3,879	2,950	7,548	6,160
Depreciation and amortization	71	64	111	127
Total Expenses	9,589	11,042	20,765	23,341
Other income (loss)				
Net gain (loss) on investments	39	55	114	37
Other income (expense)	32	87	16	692
Total Other Income (Loss)	2,587	2,318	4,342	4,422
Income (loss) before income taxes	435	(4,931)	(4,995)	(11,325)
Income tax (benefit) expense	5	4	10	9
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	430	(4,935)	(5,005)	(11,334)
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:</b>				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	9	(147)	39	(201)
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	439	(5,082)	(4,966)	(11,535)
Allocation of Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of				
	((70))	$(A \cap \overline{A})$	$(A \cap 1 A)$	(0,010)
Stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	(652)	(4,076)	(4,814)	(8,910)
Allocation of Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	¢ ((A())	¢ (1 171)	¢ (1 700)	¢ (0,044)
Stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	\$ (646)	\$ (4,174)	\$ (4,788)	\$ (9,044)
<u>Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax per Class A</u> <u>common share applicable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc</u>	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.64)
Basic	\$ (0.05)	$ \oplus (0.27) $	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.04)
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax per Class A				
common share applicable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.64)
Diluted				
Weighted average shares of Class A common stock				
outstanding:				
Basic	14,473,642	213,892,01	614,231,320	13,881,466
Diluted	<sup>3]</sup> 21,473,64	2 20,892,01	621,231,320	20,881,466
Consolidated Funds [Member]				
Revenues				
Income of Consolidated Funds	\$ 404	\$ 0	\$ 404	\$ O
Expenses				

Expenses of Consolidated Funds	30	29	73	48
Other income (loss)				
Net gain (loss) on investments	1,607	2,176	2,714	3,693
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	909	0	1,498	0
Allocation of Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of				
<u>tax</u>				
Non-controlling interests	1,397	1,052	2,207	1,786
Allocation of Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)				
Non-controlling interests	1,397	1,052	2,207	1,786
ZAIS Group Parent, LLC [Member]				
Allocation of Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of				
tax				
Non-controlling interests	(315)	(1,911)	(2,398)	(4,210)
Allocation of Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)				
Non-controlling interests	\$ (312)	\$ (1,960)	\$ (2,385)	\$ (4,277)

[1] Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fees rates may be lower than those reflected in the range.

[2] Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed entities is subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement.

[3] Number of diluted shares outstanding takes into account non-controlling interests of ZGP that may be exchanged for Class A Common Stock under certain circumstances.

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity and Non- controlling Interests - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Total	Class A	Common Class B [Member]	Additional Paid-in Capital [Member]	earnings / (Accumulated	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) [Member]	Non- controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC [Member]	controlling Interests in Consolidated Funds [Member]
Beginning of the period at Dec. 31, 2015	\$ 85,803	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 60,817	\$ (13,805)	\$ 158	\$ 23,716	\$ 14,916
Beginning of the period (in shares) at Dec. 31, 2015		13,870,917	20,000,000	)				
Settlement of RSU awards	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	30	0	0	(30)	0
Settlement of RSU awards (in shares)		30,000	0					
Capital contributions	4,907	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0	4,907
Capital distributions	(284)	0	0	0	0	0	(284)	0
Equity-based compensation charges	1,682	0	0	1,118	0	0	564	0
Consolidated net income (loss)	(11,334)	)0	0	0	(8,910)	0	(4,210)	1,786
Other Comprehensive income (loss)	(201)	0	0	0	0	(134)	(67)	0
End of the period at Jun. 30, 2016	80,573	\$ 1	\$ 0	61,965	(22,715)	24	19,689	21,609
End of the period (in shares) at Jun. 30, 2016	<u>t</u>	13,900,917	20,000,000	)				
Beginning of the period at Dec. 31, 2016	89,965	\$ 1	\$ 0	63,413	(18,965)	(70)	22,258	23,328
Beginning of the period (in shares) at Dec. 31, 2016		13,900,917	20,000,000	)				
Settlement of RSU awards	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	447	0	0	(447)	0
Settlement of RSU awards (in shares)		579,865	0					
Payment of employee taxes in connection with net settlement of RSUs	(801)			(801)			0	
Modification of equity awards to liability awards	(26)	\$ 0	\$ 0	(17)	0	0	(9)	0
Capital contributions	5,880	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,880
Equity-based compensation	1,168	0	0	1,168	0	0	0	0
<u>charges</u>								
<u>Consolidated net income (loss)</u> Other Comprehensive income		0	0	0	(4,814)	0	(2,398)	2,207
<u>(loss)</u>	39	0	0	0	0	26	13	0
End of the period at Jun. 30, 2017	\$ 91,220	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 64,210	\$ (23,779)	\$ (44)	\$ 19,417	\$ 31,415
End of the period (in shares) at Jun. 30, 2017	<u>t</u>	14,480,782	20,000,000	)				

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands <u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>	6 Mont Jun. 30, 2017	hs Ended Jun. 30, 2016
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$ (5,005)	\$ (11,334)
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used		Φ(11,551)
in) operating activities:	<u>-</u>	
Depreciation and amortization	111	127
Net (gain) loss on investments	(114)	(37)
Non-cash stock-based compensation	1,168	1,682
Interest expense on notes payable	0	4
<b>Operating cash flows due to changes in:</b>		
Income and fees receivable	6,936	874
Due from related parties	(367)	(634)
Prepaid expenses	(1,001)	(1,170)
Other assets	(27)	(1)
Compensation payable	(3,269)	728
Due to related parties	0	(33)
Fees payable	(2,439)	(754)
Other liabilities	19	(748)
Proceeds from investments in affiliates	90	0
Items related to Consolidated Funds:		
Change in unrealized (gain) loss on investments	0	(3,693)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	(20,441)	(24,956)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of fixed assets	(152)	(17)
Distributions from investments in affiliates	0	87
Purchases of investments in affiliates	(5,000)	0
Purchases of investments, at fair value	0	(11)
Proceeds from sales of investments, at fair value	0	8,174
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	(5,152)	8,233
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Contributions from non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	5,880	4,907
Distributions to non-controlling interests in ZGP	0	(284)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	3,816	4,623
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currency	35	(187)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(21,742)	(12,287)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	38,712	44,351
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	16,970	32,064
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used	<u>1</u>	
in) operating activities:		
Net (gain) loss on investments	(2,714)	(3,693)
Items related to Consolidated Funds:		

Purchases of investments and investments in affiliated securities	(295,989)	(10,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments	201,635	0
Proceeds from sale of beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	54,262	0
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	(1,498)	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents	23,665	33
Change in other assets	223	0
Change in due from broker	4,343	0
Change in due to broker	(2,488)	0
Change in other liabilities	437	0
Net realized (gain) loss on investments	(4,130)	0
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Payment of employee taxes in connection with net settlement of RSUs	(801)	0
Repayment of notes payable	(1,263)	\$ 0
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	37,080	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 13,416	

#### Organization

### Organization, Consolidation and Presentation of Financial Statements [Abstract] Organization, Consolidation and Presentation of Financial Statements Disclosure [Text Block]

#### 1. Organization

6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. ("ZAIS", and collectively with its consolidated subsidiaries, as the context may require, the "Company") is a he substantially all of its operations through ZAIS Group, LLC ("ZAIS Group"), an investment advisory and asset management firm focused of commenced operations in July 1997 and is headquartered in Red Bank, New Jersey. ZAIS Group also maintains an office in London. ZAIS consolidated subsidiary of ZAIS Group Parent, LLC ("ZGP"), a majority-owned consolidated subsidiary of ZAIS. ZAIS is the managing member

ZAIS Group is registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 and with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as a and Commodity Trading Advisor. ZAIS Group provides investment advisory and asset management services to private funds, separately may vehicles (collateralized debt obligation vehicles and collateralized loan obligation vehicles, together referred to as "CLOS") and, through Octobe Corp. ("ZFC REIT"), a publicly traded mortgage real estate investment trust (collectively, the "ZAIS Managed Entities").

On February 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board of Directors") established a Special Committee of independent as consider any proposals by management or third parties for strategic transactions. The Board of Directors has been undertaking a strategic review in order to enhance shareholder value, and has engaged a financial advisor for this purpose. Various alternatives have been and are being consider or combination or other similar transaction, or a going private transaction which would result in the termination of the registration of ZAIS Class A Common Stock") so as to cease periodic and other public company compliance and reporting. The Company has received from and provided certain due diligence information. In addition, the Company's management and financial advisor have held and expect to continue to hold pr potential counterparties and participants. There is no assurance that any of the preliminary discussions which have taken place or may in the fut any transaction or that any of the strategic alternatives under consideration will be implemented. The Company does not intend to provide period these matters except as required by law or regulation.

The ZAIS Managed Entities predominantly invest in a variety of specialized credit instruments including corporate credit instruments such by residential mortgage loans, bank loans and various securities and instruments backed by these asset classes. ZAIS Group had the following ("AUM"):

Reporting Period	Approxima (in billion	•
As of June 30, 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3.7	752
As of December 31, 2016	\$ 3.4	444

<sup>(1)</sup> On April 19, 2017, the ZAIS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (v from a European investor impacted by regulatory constraints. This redemption is expected to be effectuated on August 31, 2017. The AUM amore reduced for this redemption request.

ZAIS Group also serves as the general partner to certain ZAIS Managed Entities, which are generally organized as pass-through entities a purposes.

The Company's primary sources of revenues are (i) management fee income, which is based predominantly on the net asset values of the ZAI incentive income, which is based on the investment performance of the ZAIS Managed Entities. Any management fee income and incentive income from the consolidated ZAIS Managed Entities (the "Consolidated Funds") is eliminated in consolidation.

Additionally, a significant source of the Company's revenues and other income is derived from income of Consolidated Funds, net gai investments and net gains on beneficial interests in collateralized financing entities which invest in bank loans. A portion of income of Consolidated Consolidated Funds' investments are allocated to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds.

## Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies [Abstract] Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies [Text Block]

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

#### 2. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited, interim, consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted a GAAP") as contained within the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") and the rules and interim reporting. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position, re flows have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature. The operating results presented for the interim periods are not necessarily indice be expected for any other interim period or for the entire year. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements acc regulations. The information and disclosures contained in these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and notes should the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Certain comparative amounts i statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

#### Segment Reporting

The Company currently is comprised of one reportable segment, the investment management segment, and substantially all of the Company through this segment. The investment management segment provides investment advisory and asset management services to the ZAIS Managed I

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumpt amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the rep and expenses during the reporting period. While management believes that the estimates used in preparing the consolidated financial statements actual results may ultimately materially differ from those estimates.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements included herein are the financial statements of ZAIS, its subsidiaries and the Consolidated Funds. All transactions are eliminated in consolidation, including ZAIS's investment in ZGP and ZGP's investment in ZAIS Group. The Company's fiscal years

The consolidated financial statements include non-controlling interests in ZGP which is comprised of Class A Units of ZGP ("Class A Units the former managing member of ZGP and the founder and Chief Investment Officer of ZAIS Group, and certain related parties (collectively, the "

The Company's consolidated financial statements also include variable interest entities for which ZAIS Group is considered the primary ben that are considered voting interest entities in which ZAIS Group has a controlling financial interest.

The Consolidated Funds include the following entities for the reporting periods presented:

	A	As of	Three Mo Jun	Siz	
Entity	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	2017	2016	2017
ZAIS Zephyr A-6, LP ("Zephyr A-6")	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓
ZAIS CLO 5, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 5")	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	_	~

The Consolidated Funds, except for consolidated CLOs, are deemed to be investment companies under U.S. GAAP, and therefore, the specialized investment company accounting of these consolidated entities in its consolidated financial statements. The economic interests wh investors are reflected as non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds.

The Company has elected the fair value option for the assets and liabilities held by the Consolidated Funds that otherwise would not have be Notes 4 and 5 for further disclosure on the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Funds for which the fair value option has been elected.

For consolidated CLOs, the Company uses the measurement alternative included in the collateralized financing entity guidance (the "Meas Company measures both the financial assets and financial liabilities of the consolidated CLO in its consolidated financial statements using the fair of the consolidated CLO, which are more observable than the fair value of the financial liabilities of the consolidated CLO. As a result, the financial CLO are measured at fair value and the financial liabilities are measured in consolidation as: the sum of the fair value of the financial assets any non-financial assets that are incidental to the operations of the CLO less (ii) the sum of the fair value of any beneficial interests retained by than those that represent compensation for services) and the Company's carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation amount is allocated to the individual financial liabilities (other than the beneficial interest retained by the Company) using a reasonable and con the Measurement Alternative, the Company's consolidated net income reflects the Company's own economic interests in the consolidated CLO fair value of the beneficial interests retained by the Company and (ii) beneficial interests that represent compensation for collateral management presented in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Los The majority of the economic interests in the CLOs are held by outside parties, and are reported as notes payable of consolidated CLOs in statements. The notes payable issued by the CLOs are backed by diversified collateral asset portfolios consisting primarily of loans or struct managing the collateral for the CLOs, ZAIS Group may earn investment management fees, including, in some cases, subordinated management fees. All of the management fee income, incentive income and Net gain (loss) on investments earned by ZAIS Group from the Consolidate consolidation.

#### Reimbursement Revenue

ZAIS Group may pay research and data services expenses relating to the management of the ZAIS Managed Entities directly to vendors are these costs to the respective ZAIS Managed Entities per the terms of the related agreements (the "Research Costs"). These amounts may be rein ZAIS Managed Entities and are recorded as Reimbursement revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the primary obligor for such expenses and if the costs are charged back to the respective funds. The amounts for the three and six months ended June and therefore were not separately reported in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### Income of Consolidated Funds

Income of Consolidated Funds reflects the interest income recognized by Zephyr A-6 related to its investments in unconsolidated CLOs. Any fixed income securities purchased are accreted or amortized into income or expense using the effective interest rate method over the lives of su interest rates are calculated using projected cash flows including the impact of paydowns on each of the aforementioned securities.

#### Non-Controlling Interests

The non-controlling interests within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition may be comprised of (i) redeemable non-controllir of the permanent capital section when investors have the right to redeem their interests from a Consolidated Fund or ZAIS Group, (ii) equity att interests in Consolidated Funds (excluding CLOs) reported inside the permanent capital section when the investors do not have the right to red equity attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP inside the permanent capital section, if applicable.

The Company records non-controlling interests in the Consolidated Funds (excluding CLOs) to reflect the economic interests in those funds interests attributable to ZAIS Group. Income allocated to non-controlling interests in ZGP includes the portion of management fee income receive payable to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management, LLC ("ZAIS REIT Management"), a majority owned subsidiary of ZAIS Gradviser to ZFC REIT prior to October 31, 2016 (see Note 6 - "Management Fee Income and Incentive Income").

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Since May 2014, the FASB has issued ASU Nos. 2014-09, 2015-14, 2016-08, 2016-10 and 2016-12, *Revenue from Contracts with Custo* guidance is to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-species is to be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented or through a cumulative adjustment in the year of adoption, for interim and ann December 15, 2017. The Company currently recognizes incentive income subject to contingent repayment once all contingencies have been a guidance requires an entity to recognize such revenue when it concludes that it is probable that a significant reversal in the cumulative amount of a occur when the uncertainty is resolved. As such, the adoption of the new guidance may require the Company to recognize incentive income earlie current guidance. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, *Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Fin Liabilities* ("ASU 2016-01"). The amendments, among other things, (i) requires equity investments (except those accounted for under the equit those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income; (ii) requires use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; (iii) requires separate presentation of fi liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (i.e., securities or loans and receivables) and (iv) eliminates the requirement to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments for ASU 2016-01 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fis currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard. The adoption of ASU 2016-01 is not expected to have a material effect on the Comp statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)* ("ASU 2016-02"). Under the new guidance, lessees are required to lease liabilities on the balance sheet for those leases previously classified as operating leases. The amendments in ASU No. 2016-02 are effective to beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period with early adoption permitted. The Company is curren adopting this new standard.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash P* This ASU addresses the following eight specific cash flow issues: Debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; settlement of zero-coupon del instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing; contingent consideration payr combination; proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies (including policies); distributions received from equity method investees; beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and separately identifiable cash for predominance principle. ASU 2016-15 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim years. Early application is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The adoption of ASU 2016-15 is not expected to have a materi consolidated financial statements.

In December 2016 the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, *Technical Corrections and Improvements*. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amend the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been a valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company has adopted ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and d ASU 2016-19 has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

### **Investments in Affiliates**

## Investments in and Advances to Affiliates, Schedule of Investments [Abstract]

Investments in and Advances to Affiliates, Schedule of Investments [Text Block]

#### 3. Investments in Affiliates

In February 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which focuses on investing in non-ZAIS manage been called as of August 14, 2017.

In June 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which carries first loss risk. ZAIS Group fur commitment on June 29, 2017.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company held investments in six and five unconsolidated ZAIS Managed Entities (excludin Managed Entity for which no capital has been called as of August 14, 2017), respectively.

The Company applied the Fair Value Option to its investments in the ZAIS Managed Entities that are not consolidated. The Company bel value of these investments is more indicative of the Company's financial position than historical cost.

The fair value of these investments was as follows:

June 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
 (	Dollars in	thousands)	
\$	10,288	\$	5,273

The Company recorded a change in unrealized gain (loss) associated with the investments still held at the end of each respective period as fol

 Three Mo	onths	Ended	Six Months Ended					
June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016	June 30, 201	7	June 30, 2016			
	_	(Dollars in	thousands)					
\$ 2	\$	25	\$	15	\$			

Such amounts are included in Net gain (loss) on investments in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, no equity investment, individually or in the aggregate, held by the Company exceeded 20% of it Additionally, the Company did not have any income related to these investments, individually or in the aggregate, which exceeded 20% of its tot net of tax for the six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016. As such, the Company did not present separate or summarized financial statem

6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

## Fair Value Disclosures [Abstract] Fair Value Disclosures [Text Block]

#### 4. Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and requires certain disclosures about under U.S. GAAP. Specifically, this guidance defines fair value based on exit price, or the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value under U.S. GAAP represents an exit price in the norm forced liquidation price. If the Company was forced to sell assets in a short period to meet liquidity needs, the prices it receives could be substantifair values.

The Company follows the fair value measurement and disclosure guidance under U.S. GAAP, which establishes a hierarchical disclosure f prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments at fair value. Market price observability is affected by a r the type of investment, the characteristics specific to the investment and the state of the marketplace including the existence and transparency of t participants. Investments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices in an or have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. In all cases, an instrument's le based upon the market pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Company's perceived risk or liquidity of

The Company considers observable data to be market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and veri provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fal fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the determination of which category within the fair value hierarchy is appropriate for any given investment is input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measure significant judgment and considers factors specific to the investment.

Assets and liabilities that are measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 – Fair value is determined based on quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market at measurement date. Assets and 1 include listed securities. As required in the fair value measurement and disclosure guidance under U.S. GAAP, the Company does not adjust investments. The hierarchy gives highest priority to Level 1.

Level 2 – Fair value is determined based on inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirect Assets and liabilities which are generally included in this category include corporate bonds and loans, less liquid and restricted equity securities a derivatives, including foreign exchange forward contracts whose values are based on the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets.
- Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- · Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term o

Level 3 – Fair value is determined based on inputs that are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, nor liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation and the Company may use methodologies to arrive at fair value. Investments that are included in this category generally include distressed debt, less liquid corporate deb grade residual interests in securitizations, collateralized debt obligations and certain derivative contracts. The hierarchy gives the lowest priority t

The Company has established a valuation process that applies for all levels of investments in the valuation hierarchy to ensure that the valuation and verifiable. The valuation process includes discussions between the valuation team, portfolio management team and the valuation committee (the Valuation Committee consists of senior members of ZAIS Group and is chaired by the Chief Financial Officer of ZAIS Group. The Valuation and approve the results of the valuation process which are used in connection with the preparation of quarterly and annual financial statements. The responsible for oversight and review of the written valuation policies and procedures and ensuring that they are applied consistently.

The lack of an established, liquid secondary market for some of the Company's holdings may have an adverse effect on the market value o Company's ability to dispose of them. Additionally, the public markets for the Company's holdings may experience periods of volatility and p and the Company's holdings may be subject to certain other transfer restrictions that may further contribute to illiquidity. Such illiquidity may ad timing of liquidations of the Company's holdings.

The following is a description of the valuation techniques used to measure fair value:

#### Investments in Bank Loans

The Company uses a nationally recognized pricing source to provide pricing for the bank loans held by the Consolidated Funds.

#### Investments in CLOs

ZAIS determined the fair value of the investments in CLOs generally with input from a third party pricing source. ZAIS verifies that th valuation source are reflective of fair value as defined in U.S. GAAP, generally by comparing trading activity for similar asset classes, pricing and brokers, indicative broker quotes and results from an external cash flows analytics tool.

Collateralized Loan Obligation - Warehouses

A Collateralized Loan Obligation Warehouse ("CLO Warehouse") is an entity organized for the purpose of holding syndicated bank loans, also prior to the issuance of securities from that same vehicle. During the warehouse period, a CLO Warehouse will secure investments and build a port loans and other debt obligations. The warehouse period terminates when the collateralized loan obligation vehicle issues various tranches of securities, financing through the issuance of debt and equity securities is used to repay the bank financing.

The fair value of a CLO Warehouse is determined by adding the excess spread (accrued interest plus interest received less financing cost) to contribution made by the Consolidated Funds, unless ZAIS Group determines that the securitization will not be achieved, in which case, the fair will be established based on the fair value of the underlying bank loan positions which are valued in a manner consistent with ZAIS Group's valua CLO warehouses can be exposed to credit events, mark to market changes, rating agency downgrades and financing cost changes. Changes Warehouse are reported in Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### Investment in Affiliates

Under U.S. GAAP, the Company is permitted, as a practical expedient, to estimate the fair value of its investments in other investment co value (or its equivalent) of the related investment company. Accordingly, the Company utilizes the net asset value in valuing its investments is Managed Entities, which is an amount equal to the sum of the Company's proportionate interest in the capital accounts of the affiliated entities of the assets and liabilities of the ZAIS Managed Entities are determined by the Company in accordance with its valuation policies described abov fair value using the practical expedient are not required to be categorized within the fair value hierarchy. The resulting net gains or losses on invegain (loss) on investments in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The valuation of the Company's investments in unconsolidated ZAIS Managed Entities represents the amount the Company would receive at J 31, 2016, respectively, if it were to liquidate its investments in these entities. ZAIS Group has the ability to liquidate its investments according respective entities' operative agreements.

#### Notes payable of Consolidated CLO

The fair value of notes payable of Consolidated CLO is determined by applying the Measurement Alternative.

The following tables summarize the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the fair value hiera asset values, as applicable:

				J	une 30, 2017		
				(Dolla	rs in thousands	)	
1	Level 1	1	Level 2		Level 3		Net Asset Value
\$	16,103	\$	-	- \$	-	\$	
							10
	-		-	-	-		10,
	_		-	_	396.408		
					570,400		
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	-		-	-	384.519		
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		14					
				Dece	ember 31, 2016		
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							Net Asset
1	Level 1	]	Level 2		Level 3		Value
\$	36,971	\$	-	- \$	-	\$	
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	_		-	_	389,329		
	\$ <u>\$</u> 	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	\$ 16,103 \$ -                                	(Dolla Level 1 Level 2 \$ 16,103 \$ - \$   	Level 1         Level 2         Level 3           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         -           -         -         \$         -         -         -           -         -         -         \$         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         396,408         -         -         -         396,408           -         -         -         3,950         -         3,950         -         -         3,950         -         2,346         -         -         2,5,005         -         -         2,5,005         -         446,707         5         16,103         5         -         5         384,519         -         14         -         14         -         14         -         14         -         -         14         -         -         -         14         -         14 <t< td=""><td>(Dollars in thousands)         Level 1       Level 2       Level 3         \$       16,103       \$       -       \$       -       \$         -       -       \$       -       \$       -       \$       \$         -       -       -       \$       -       \$       \$       \$       \$       \$         -       -       -       \$       -       \$</td></t<>	(Dollars in thousands)         Level 1       Level 2       Level 3         \$       16,103       \$       -       \$       -       \$         -       -       \$       -       \$       -       \$       \$         -       -       -       \$       -       \$       \$       \$       \$       \$         -       -       -       \$       -       \$

Warehouse	 _	 -	 15,036	
Total - investments, at fair value	 -	 -	 404,365	
Total assets, at fair value	\$ 36,971	\$ _	\$ 404,365	\$ 5,2
Liabilities, at fair value:				
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds				
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value	-	-	384,901	
Total liabilities, at fair value	\$ _	\$ -	\$ 384,901	\$

The following tables summarize the changes in the Company's Level 3 assets:

					1	Siz	x Months Ended	Ju	ne 30, 2017				
	 						(Dollars in the	ous	ands)				
	Beginning Balance January 1, 2017		Purchases/ Issuances		Sales/ Redemptions/ Settlements		Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)		Amortization of Discounts/ Premiums		Transfers to (from) Level 3		Jur
Assets:													
Bank loans	\$ 389,329	\$	211,967	\$	(201,635)	\$	(3,939)	\$	686	\$	-	\$	
CLOs:			10.000				(100)		104				
Senior notes	-		19,000		-		(106)		104		-		
Mezzanine			2.050				(44)		44				
notes Subordinated	_		3,950		_		(44)		44		_		
notes	_		6,072		(3,872)		113		33		_		
Warehouse	15,036		55,000		(45,000)		(31)		-		_		
Total investments, at	 15,050	-	55,000	_	(13,000)	-	(31)	-		_		-	_
fair value	\$ 404,365	\$	295,989	\$	(250,507)	\$	(4,007)	\$	867	\$		\$	_
Liabilities:													
Notes payable of													
Consolidated CLO,													
at fair value	\$ 384,901	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(382)		\$	\$	-	\$	
Total liabilities, at	 	-		_		-		-		-			
fair value	\$ 384,901	\$		\$		\$	(382)	_	\$	\$		\$	
	 	-		_		-		-		-		·	-
					f	Siv	Months Ended	Juz	ne 30-2016				

Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 (Dollars in thousands)

	eginning Balance anuary 1, 2016	Purchases/ Issuances	Rede	Sales/ emptions/ tlements	Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Transfers to (from) Level 3		Ending Balance June 30, 2016
CLOs:								
Warehouse	\$ 30,509	\$ 10,000	\$	-	\$ 3,692	\$ -	-	\$ 44
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 30,509	\$ 10,000	\$	_	\$ 3,692	\$ -	-	\$ 44

The Company's policy is to record transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3, if any, at the beginning of the period. There were no trans Level 2 and Level 3 during the six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016.

The tables below summarize information about the significant unobservable inputs used in determining the fair value of the Level 3 asset Consolidated Funds:

Investment Type	Fair Va at June 30, 201	9 17	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Amount/ Percentage	Min	
	(Dollars in Th	iousands)					
Assets of Consolidated Funds:							
Bank loans	\$	396,408	Third party pricing source	Not applicable	Not applicable	_	

CLOs:							
Senior notes			18,998	Third party pricing source	Not applicable	Not applicable	_
Mezzanine notes			3,950	Third party	Not	1.5t applicable	
Mezzamie notes			5,750	pricing source	applicable	Not applicable	_
Subordinated notes			2,346	Third party	Not		
			,- ·	pricing source	applicable	Not applicable	-
Warehouse			25,005	Cost plus excess	11	11	
			- )	spread	spread	0.02%	_
Total - Investments,	at fair value	\$	446,707	-	-		
			<u> </u>				
Liabilities of Consolidat	ted Funds:						
Notes payable of Consoli	dated CLO, at fair	\$	384,519	Measurement	Not		
value				Alternative	applicable	Not applicable	-
Total - Notes payable	e of Consolidated	\$	384,519				
CLO, at fair value							
	Fair Value						
	at						
	December		Valuation	Unobservable	Amount/		
Investment Type	31, 2016		Technique	Input	Percentage	Min	Max
	(Dollars in Thous	sands)					
Assets of Consolidated	(Dollars in Thous	sands)					
Funds:	<b>`</b>	,					
	<b>`</b>	sands) 89,329	Third party				
<b>Funds:</b> Bank loans	<b>`</b>	,	Third party valuation source	Not applicable	Not applicable	_	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs:	\$ 31	89,329	valuation source	Not applicable	Not applicable	_	
<b>Funds:</b> Bank loans	\$ 31	,	valuation source Cost plus excess			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warchouse	\$ 31	89,329	valuation source	Not applicable Excess spread	Not applicable	-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments,	\$ 31	89,329	valuation source Cost plus excess			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warchouse	\$ 31	89,329	valuation source Cost plus excess			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value	\$ 31	89,329	valuation source Cost plus excess			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of	\$ 31	89,329	valuation source Cost plus excess			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds:	\$ 3i \$ 4i	89,329 15,036 <b>04,365</b>	valuation source Cost plus excess			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds: Notes payable of	\$ 3i \$ 4i	89,329	valuation source Cost plus excess spread			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds: Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at	\$ 3i \$ 4i	89,329 15,036 <b>04,365</b>	valuation source Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.2%	-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds: Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value	\$ 31 <b>\$ 4</b> <b>\$ 3</b>	89,329 15,036 <b>04,365</b> 84,901	valuation source Cost plus excess spread			-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds: Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value Total - Notes	\$ 31 <b>\$ 4</b> <b>\$ 3</b>	89,329 15,036 <b>04,365</b>	valuation source Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.2%	-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds: Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value Total - Notes payable of	\$ 31 <b>\$ 4</b> <b>\$ 3</b>	89,329 15,036 <b>04,365</b> 84,901	valuation source Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.2%	-	
Funds: Bank loans CLOs: Warehouse Total - Investments, at fair value Liabilities of Consolidated Funds: Notes payable of Consolidated CLO, at fair value Total - Notes	\$ 31 <b>\$ 4</b> <b>\$ 3</b>	89,329 15,036 <b>04,365</b> 84,901	valuation source Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.2%	-	

#### Variable Interest Entities

## Organization, Consolidation and Presentation of Financial Statements [Abstract] Variable Interest Entity Disclosure [Text Block]

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

#### 5. Variable Interest Entities

In the ordinary course of business, ZAIS Group sponsors the formation of variable interest entities ("VIEs") that can be broadly classified in hedge funds, hybrid private equity funds and CLOs. ZAIS Group generally serves as the investment advisor or collateral manager with certain in making authority for these entities. The Company has not recorded any liabilities with respect to VIEs that are not consolidated.

#### Funds

The Company has determined that the fee it receives from several of the hedge funds and hybrid private equity funds ZAIS Group manages interest, because ZAIS Group's fee arrangements are commensurate with the level of effort performed and include only customary terms that interests. The Company considered investments its related parties have in these entities when determining if ZAIS Group's fee represented a varia

ZAIS Group owns 51% of a majority-owned affiliate, Zephyr A-6, which was formed to invest in collateralized loan obligation vehicles, i warehouse period of such vehicles. The Company has determined that ZAIS Group is the primary beneficiary of Zephyr A-6 and therefore has a its consolidated financial statements at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30 primary beneficiary since it is deemed to have (i) the power to direct activities of the entity that most significantly impact its economic performant absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the entity.

Zephyr A-6's investments are as follows:

#### ZAIS CLO 5

ZAIS CLO 5, which priced on September 23, 2016 and closed on October 26, 2016, invests primarily in first lien senior secured bank loans a of \$408.5 million at the time of closing, which consisted of senior and mezzanine notes with an aggregate par amount of \$368.0 million and s million. The CLO matures in October 2028. In connection with the closing, Zephyr A-6 recognized a dividend of \$8.8 million which represents gat the terms of the CLO Warehouse agreement.

Zephyr A-6's initial investment in ZAIS CLO 5 was \$20.3 million (\$20.5 million par), which represented approximately a 2.1% economic mezzanine notes and approximately 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes. The Company determined that it is the primary beneficiar (i) its ability to impact the activities which most significantly impact ZAIS CLO 5's economic performance as collateral manger and (ii) Zephyr A in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 5. Therefore, the Company consolidated ZAIS CLO 5 in its financial statements at June 30, 2017 and Dec three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

In February 2017 Zephyr A-6 sold its interest in the Class A-1 tranche of ZAIS CLO 5 for a sales price of approximately \$5.4 million approximately \$81,000. Such amount is included in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Sta Income (Loss).

Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$12.7 million and \$19.5 million in ZAIS CLO 5, at fair value, at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, resp represent approximately a 0.6% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest in the subordinated notes of 2017. These investments represent approximately a 2.1% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine notes and a 31.8% economic interest i ZAIS CLO 5 at December 31, 2016.

ZAIS CLO 5 was in the warehouse phase during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and continued to finance the majority of warehouse facility (the "ZAIS CLO 5 Warehouse Period"). The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 5 during the ZAIS CLO 5 W

#### ZAIS CLO 6, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 6")

ZAIS CLO 6, which priced on May 3, 2017 and closed on June 1, 2017 (the "ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date"), invests primarily in first lien ser had a total capitalization of \$512.0 million on the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date, which consisted of senior and mezzanine notes with an aggregate pa and subordinated notes of \$52.0 million. The CLO matures in July 2029. In connection with the closing, Zephyr A-6 recognized a dividend of \$2 gains that were realized under the terms of the CLO Warehouse agreement. Zephyr A-6's initial investment of \$29.0 million in ZAIS CLO 6 re 5.0% economic interest in the senior and mezzanine note tranches and approximately a 13.5% economic interest in the equity tranche.

In May 2017 Zephyr A-6 sold a portion of its interest in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 6 for a sales price of approximately \$3.9 milliapproximately \$223,500. Such amount is included in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Sta Income (Loss).

Zephyr A-6's investment in ZAIS CLO 6 was \$25.3 million at fair value, at June 30, 2017 (\$25.6 million par), which represented approximate in the senior, mezzanine and subordinated notes based on notional value. The Company determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of ZA A-6's minimal investment in the subordinated notes of ZAIS CLO 6. Therefore, the Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 6 in its 30, 2017 or for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017.

ZAIS CLO 6 was in the warehouse phase from its inception date through the ZAIS CLO 6 Closing Date (the "ZAIS CLO 6 Warehouse Perio CLO 6 continued to finance the majority of its loan purchases using its warehouse facility. The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 6 Warehouse Period.

#### ZAIS CLO 7, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 7")

ZAIS CLO 7 was formed in June 2017 and is in the warehouse phase at June 30, 2017. During the warehouse phase, ZAIS CLO 7 continue its loan purchases using its warehouse facility (the "ZAIS CLO 7 Warehouse Period").

Zephyr A-6 had an investment of \$25.0 million in ZAIS CLO 7, at fair value, at June 30, 2017.

The Company was not required to consolidate ZAIS CLO 7 during the ZAIS CLO 7 Warehouse Period.

Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' Investments

Net gain (loss) related to Zephyr A-6's investments in ZAIS CLO 5, ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 for the period which the investments w Company includes the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six	
	2017			2016		2017	
				(Dollars in	thousa	nds)	
ZAIS CLO 5:							
Change in unrealized gain or loss	\$	-	\$	2,176	\$		
ZAIS CLO 6:							
Change in unrealized gain or loss		(1,370)		-			
Realized gains		2,972		-		2.	
Total - ZAIS CLO 6	_	1,602		-		2.	
				·			
ZAIS CLO 7:							
Change in unrealized gain or loss		5		-			
Ŭ Ŭ							
Total - Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments	\$	1,607	\$	2,176	\$	2.	

#### Securitized Structures

ZAIS Group and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries act as collateral manager for CLOs that are VIEs. These CLOs are entities that issu offer investors the opportunity for returns that vary commensurately with the risks they assume. The notes issued by the CLOs are generally consisting of loans, other debt or other derivatives. For acting as the collateral manager for these structures, ZAIS Group receives collateral n of senior collateral management fees, subordinated collateral management fees and incentive collateral management fees (subject to hurdle rate collateral management fees are waived as a result of certain ZAIS Managed Entities owning equity tranches of the related CLO.

For CLOs in which the Company has no economic interests other than its fee arrangement, the Company has determined that the fee it renot represent a variable interest because ZAIS Group's fee arrangements are commensurate with the level of effort performed and include only or represent variable interests. The Company considered investments its related parties have in the CLOs when determining if ZAIS Group's fee rep The Company will continue to assess its investments in the CLOs to determine whether or not the Company is required to consolidate the CLOs i

The Dodd-Frank credit risk retention rules, which became effective on December 24, 2016, apply to any newly issued CLOs or certain cases refinanced, issues additional securities or is otherwise materially amended. The risk retention rules specify that for each CLO, the relevant collate and hold, unhedged, directly or through a majority-owned affiliate, either (i) 5% of the face amount of each tranche of the CLO's securities, ( equity equal to 5% of the aggregate fair value of all of the CLO's securities or (ii) a combination of the two for a total of 5%. The required ris latest of (i) the date that the CLO has paid down its securities to 33% of their original principal amount, (ii) the date that the CLO has sold dow original principal amount or (iii) the date that is two years after closing.

The Company determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of CLO Warehouses, which are VIEs, because the financing counterparty r financing requests and, as a result, the Company does not have the power to direct activities of the entity that most significantly impacts its econo

#### VIEs

#### Consolidated VIEs

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 the Consolidated Funds consist of Zephyr A-6 and ZAIS CLO 5. Both entities are VIEs.

The assets and liabilities of the consolidated VIEs are presented on a gross basis prior to eliminations in the tables in Note 16 - "Suppleme under the columns titled "Consolidated Funds."

The assets presented belong to the investors in Zephyr A-6 and ZAIS CLO 5, are available for use only by the entity to which they belong a by the Company. The Consolidated Funds have no recourse to the general credit of ZAIS Group with respect to any liability.

#### Unconsolidated VIEs

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company's unconsolidated VIEs consisted of the Company's investments in certain ZAIS Mar Consolidated Fund's investments in certain collateralized financing entities.

The carrying amounts of the unconsolidated VIEs are as follows:

Investment In	Financial Statement Line Item	 June 30, 2017	Decen 20
		(Dollars in	thousan
Certain ZAIS Managed Entities	Investment in affiliates, at fair value	\$ 288	\$
CLOs	Assets of Consolidated Funds - Investments at fair value	25,294	
CLO Warehouses	Assets of Consolidated Funds - Investments at fair value	25,005	
	Total	\$ 50,587	\$

Such amounts are included in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

ZAIS Group has a minimal direct ownership, if any, in the unconsolidated VIEs and its involvement is generally limited to providing asset r Group's exposure to loss from these entities is limited to a decrease in the management fee income and incentive income that has been earned a change in fair value of its direct equity ownership in the VIEs.

Zephyr A-6, one of the Consolidated Funds, contributed the following amounts to ZAIS CLO 5, ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 during the w

		Three Mon June		Six
	2	017	2016	2017
			(Dollars in	thousands)
ZAIS CLO 5	\$	-	\$ -	\$
ZAIS CLO 6		-	-	30,
ZAIS CLO 7		25,000	-	25.
Total	\$	25,000	<u>\$                                    </u>	\$ 55

Notes Payable of Consolidated CLO

Notes payable of ZAIS CLO 5, the consolidated CLO, are collateralized by the assets held by the ZAIS CLO 5. This collateral primarily cons

The fair value of the assets and liabilities of ZAIS CLO 5 and the eliminations for the Consolidated Fund's investment in ZAIS CLO 5 are as

		June 30, 2017 (Dollars in	Decem 20
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,634	
Investments, at fair value	Ψ	396,407	φ 3
	-	409,041	2
Other assets (liabilities), net		(11,488)	
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value		397,553	4
Elimination of Consolidated Funds' investments in CLO		(13,034)	
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value (net of eliminations)	\$	384,519	\$ 3

The Company has elected to carry these notes at fair value in its Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition. Accordingly, the Compa of the notes payable (as a group including both the senior and subordinated notes) as (1) the sum of the fair value of the financial assets and the financial assets, less (2) the sum of the fair value of any beneficial interests retained by the Company (other than those that represent compen Company's carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation for services. The Company allocated the resulting amount to the based on the CLO's waterfall on an as liquidated basis.

The tables below present information related to ZAIS CLO 5's notes payable outstanding. The subordinated notes have no stated interest excess cash flows after contractual payments are made to the senior notes.

			 June 30, 2017 (Dollars in thousands)					
	I	Unpaid Principal ıtstanding	Fair Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)			
Senior and Mezzanine Secured Notes	\$	365,745	\$ 357,507	3.35 %	11.33			
Subordinated Notes		27,635	27,012	N/A	11.33			
Total	\$	393,380	\$ 384,519					
			(	December 31, 2016 Dollars in thousands)				
	0	Unpaid Principal Itstanding	 Fair Value	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)			
Senior and Mezzanine Secured Notes	\$	360,395	\$ 357,489	2.97 %	11.83			

Subordinated Notes	27,635	27,412	N/A	11.83
Total	\$ 388,030	\$ 384,901		

### Management Fee Income and Incentive Income

### Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Abstract]

Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Text Block]

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

## Management Fee Income and 6. Management Fee Income and Incentive Income

ZAIS Group earns management fees for the funds and accounts which are generally based on (i) the net asset value of these funds and account incentive fees/allocations or (ii) drawn capital during the investment period.

Management fee income earned for the CLOs which ZAIS Group manages are generally based on the par value of the collateral and cash held subordinated management fees may be earned from CLOs for which ZAIS Group and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries act as collateral management fee is an additional payment for the same collateral management service, but has a lower priority in the CLOs' cash flows and is co performance of the respective CLO. If the CLOs experience a certain level of asset defaults, these fees may not be paid. There is no recovery by t subordinated fees.

Prior to October 31, 2016, ZAIS Group earned management fee income from ZFC REIT, quarterly, based on ZFC REIT's stockholders' equity and restated investment advisory agreement between ZAIS REIT Management and ZFC REIT. Twenty percent of the management fee income rec paid to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management. The payment to the Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management was record controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC. The income was recorded as Management fee income in the Consolidated Statements of Con and the portion of the management fees allocated to the holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management was included in the Allocation of (Loss) to Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC. On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was termina the merger between ZFC REIT and Sutherland Asset Management Corp (the "Termination Agreement"). Pursuant to the Termination Agreemen received a termination payment in the amount of \$8.0 million.

Management fees are generally collected on a monthly or quarterly basis.

ZAIS Group manages certain ZAIS Managed Entities from which it may earn incentive income based on hedge fund-style and private equ ZAIS Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are those that pay ZAIS Group, on an annual basis, an incentive fee/allocation net realized and unrealized profits attributable to each investor, subject to a hurdle (if any) set forth in each respective entity's operative agreement Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are subject to a perpetual loss carry forward, or a perpetual "high-water mark," mean Managed Entities with hedge fund-style fee arrangements are subject to a perpetual loss carry forward, or a perpetual "high-water mark," mean Managed Entity will not pay incentive fees/allocations with respect to positive investment performance generated for an investor in any year fol performance until that loss is recouped, at which point an investor's capital balance surpasses the high-water mark. ZAIS Managed Entities wa arrangements are those that pay an incentive fee/allocation based on a priority of payments under which investor capital must be returned and paid, as specified in each related ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement, to the investor prior to any payments of incentive-based income incentive income is earned based on a percentage of cumulative profits, subject to the return of contributed capital, payment of subordinate ma a preferred inception to date return as specified in the respective CLOS' collateral management agreements. The advisory agreement between Z/A ZFC REIT did not provide for incentive fees.

The following tables represent the gross amounts of management fee income and incentive income earned prior to eliminations due to consol Funds and the net amount reported in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

			Gross	June	onths Ende 30, 2017 n thousand
	Fee Range		Amount	Elin	nination
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	2,745	\$	(329
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		1,273		-
Total		\$	4,018	\$	(329
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	2,784	\$	-
CLOs	20%		100		
Total		\$	2,884	\$	-
				June	onths Ende 30, 2016
	Foo Dango		Gross	June (Dollars i	30, 2016 n thousand
Mercoverent Fee Incover (1)	Fee Range		Gross Amount	June (Dollars i	30, 2016
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>	0		Amount	June (Dollars i Elin	30, 2016 n thousand
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	<b>Amount</b> 2,373	June (Dollars i Elin	30, 2016 n thousand
Funds and accounts CLOs	0.50% - 1.25% 0.15% - 0.50%	\$	Amount 2,373 425	June (Dollars i Elin	30, 2016 n thousand
Funds and accounts CLOs ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	0.50% - 1.25%		Amount 2,373 425 773	June (Dollars i <u>Elin</u> \$	30, 2016 n thousand
Funds and accounts CLOs	0.50% - 1.25% 0.15% - 0.50%	\$ <b>\$</b>	Amount 2,373 425	June (Dollars i Elin	30, 2016 n thousand
Funds and accounts CLOs ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	0.50% - 1.25% 0.15% - 0.50%		Amount 2,373 425 773	June (Dollars i <u>Elin</u> \$	30, 2016 n thousand

CLOs	20%		-		-
Total		\$	143	\$	
					onths Ended e 30, 2017
					in thousand
	Fac Dange		Gross	EI:	•
м (р. н. (l)	Fee Range		Amount	<u></u> Enr	nination
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup> Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	5,358	¢	(329
CLOs	0.50% - 1.25% 0.15% - 0.50%	\$	5,358 1,767	2	(34)
Total	0.1370 - 0.3070	\$	7,125	•	(329
		φ			
Incentive Income <sup>(1) (2)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	3,071	\$	
CLOs	20%	ψ	110	ψ	
Total		\$	3,181	\$	
		_			
				Six Mc	onths Ended
					e 30, 2016
				(Dollars	in thousand
			Gross		<u>.</u>
	Fee Range		Amount	Elir	nination
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	4,769	\$	
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		830		
ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	1.50%		1,541		
Total		\$	7,140	\$	
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
	10% - 20%	\$	295	\$	
Funds and accounts					
Funds and accounts CLOs	20%	\$	295	\$	

(1) Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fees rates may be lower than the

(2) Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed entities is subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS agreement.

(3) On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated pursuant to the Termination Agreement.

The Company may give credits for management fee income and/or incentive income to investors which invest in ZAIS Managed Entitie Managed Entities where fees are also charged. The Company recorded all credits relating to management fee income and incentive income as Fees Statements of Financial Condition and a reduction of either Management fee income or Incentive income in the Consolidated Statements (Loss). The management fee income and incentive income amounts above are net of the following credits:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				
	 2017	-	2016		2017
			(Dollars in	thous	ands)
Management fee income credit	\$ 63	\$	50	\$	12
Incentive income credit	-		-		
Total	\$ 63	\$	50	\$	12

Zephyr A-6 invests in certain CLOs managed by ZAIS. ZAIS earns fees from these CLOs. Any Senior Fee in excess of 0.15%, the Subord Fee (collectively, the "Rebated Fees") paid to the Company by these CLOs are subsequently paid to Zephyr A-6 by the Company and allocated are Zephyr A-6 pro rata based on their percentage interests in Zephyr A-6. As a result of its interest in Zephyr A-6, ZAIS is allocated a substantial p The fee rebate income and related expense are eliminated in consolidation. The amounts allocable to the non-ZAIS partner of Zephyr A-6 are i interest in Consolidated Funds in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The following table presents the gross amount of the rebated fees prior to eliminations due to the consolidation of Zephyr A-6 and the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

		Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2017				
		( D	ollars in t	thousand	s )	
	G	ross			Net	
	An	nount	Elimin	ation	Amount	
Rebated Fees	\$	290	\$	(290)	5 -	-

Total	\$	290	\$ (290)	\$ _	-
Management fee income and incentive income which was accrued, but not receiv	ed is as	s follows:			

	 une 30, 2017	De
	(Dollars in	tho
Management fee income	\$ 1,278	\$
Incentive income	591	
Total	\$ 1,869	\$

Such amounts are included in Income and fees receivable in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

The Company did not recognize any bad debt expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016. The Company b receivable balances are fully collectible.

#### **Notes Payable**

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

## Debt Disclosure [Abstract] Debt Disclosure [Text Block]

#### 7. Notes Payable

On March 17, 2015, in conjunction with the contribution of cash by HF2 Financial Management, Inc. to ZGP in exchange for newly issued C majority financial interest in ZGP (the "Business Combination"), ZAIS issued two promissory notes with an aggregate principal balance of \$1.25 n Inc. and Sidoti & Company, LLC. The notes accrued interest at an annual rate equal to the annual applicable federal rate as published by the Interna until the principal amount of, and all accrued interest on, the notes were paid in full. The notes matured on March 17, 2017 at which time the principal amount of full. The notes were issued in lieu of paying certain underwriting costs at the closing of the Business Combination and, acc cost attributable to the Business Combination and capitalized to equity.

The carrying amount of the Company's notes payable approximates their fair value at December 31, 2016.

Total interest expense is included in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) and was as fol

Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,						
2017		2016	2017	2016					
	(Dollars in thousands)								
\$	- \$	2 \$	3	\$					

#### Compensation

## Share-based Compensation [Abstract]

Disclosure of Compensation Related Costs, Share-based Payments [Text Block]

#### 8. Compensation

The following table presents a detailed breakout of the Company's compensation expense:

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Mo Ji	
		2017	,	2016		2017
				(Dollars in	thous	ands)
Salaries	\$	2,293	\$	2,593	\$	4,629
Bonus		2,966		3,502		6,143
Severance		-		119		72
Equity-Based Compensation		56		1,339		1,168
Payroll taxes and benefits		294		443		1,021
Commissions		-		3		-
Total	\$	5,609	\$	7,999	\$	13,033

6 Months Ended

Jun. 30, 2017

A summary of the Company's compensation arrangements are as follows:

#### Bonus

#### Incentive Cash Compensation

Employees are eligible to receive discretionary incentive cash compensation (the "Bonus Award") on an annual basis and certain employ receive guaranteed incentive compensation (the "Guarantees"). The amount of the Bonus Award is based on, among other factors, both indiv financial results of ZAIS Group. For certain employees, as documented in an underlying agreement (the "Bonus Agreements"), the Bonus Award retention-based payout schedule that generally provides for 30% of the Bonus Award to vest and be paid incrementally over a three-year period. current cash incentive compensation award payments ratably in the first year. All future payments are amortized equally over the required service term of the Bonus Award as defined in the Bonus Agreements. Any Guarantees that are paid upon an employee commencing employment are ex Company. All future payments related to Guarantees are amortized equally over the required service period over the remaining term as defined Guarantees ("Guarantee Agreement"). In the event an award is forfeited pursuant to the terms of the Bonus Agreement or Guarantee Agreement, will be reversed.

Levels of incentive compensation will vary to the extent they are tied to the performance of certain ZAIS Managed Entities or the financial and the Company. The compensation payable balance includes accrued incentive compensation and severance.

During the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Company paid approximately \$9.0 million related to year-end Bonus Aw Awards that vested through February of 2017 pursuant to the Bonus Agreements related to a prior year and Guarantees that vested through Guarantee Agreements related to a prior year and the current year. A portion of these amounts had been accrued at December 31, 2016.

On May 9, 2017, the Board of Directors approved an amendment to the Compensation Committee's charter to better enable the Company to attract additional employees. The amendment removed the prior compensation guidelines set forth in the charter that by its terms applied to 2019. These compensation guidelines had provided that, subject to modification or waiver by the Compensation Committee, the Company's tota a consolidated basis calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP for all cash and non-cash compensation paid to employees of the Company and it affiliates for any given year would not exceed a certain percentage of the Company's consolidated revenue for such year calculated in accordance

#### Retention Payment Plan

On March 29, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors adopted a retention payment plan for certain employees of Z Payment Plan"). The Retention Payment Plan applied to approximately 60 employees of ZAIS Group all of whom had an annual base salary purpose of the Retention Payment Plan was to enable ZAIS Group to retain the services of its employees in order to ensure that ZAIS Group wa affected by the possible loss of personnel or their commitment to ZAIS Group. Under the Retention Payment Plan, the participating employees w retention payments on each of April 15, 2016, August 15, 2016 and November 15, 2016, if the employee remained employed by ZAIS Group of paid an aggregate amount of approximately \$4.6 million to all participants pursuant to the Retention Payment Plan during the year ended Decemb

There were no amounts payable under the Retention Payment Plan at June 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

Other

On March 1, 2016, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved a retention payment of \$900,000 to Howard Steinb General Counsel, which was paid on March 15, 2016. This retention payment is included in Compensation and benefits in the Consolidated Sta Income (Loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2016.

On April 5, 2017, the Company provided a retention award (the "Retention Award") to Michael Szymanski, the Company's Chief Executive of importance of retaining his services as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its operating subsidiary, ZAIS Group, and in connection of strategic alternatives to enhance shareholder value. Under the Retention Award, which has been approved by the Compensation Committee of the Company, Mr. Szymanski is entitled to receive a cash retention payment of \$500,000 on each of June 30, 2017, September 30, 2017 and days following the closing date of a "Transaction" as defined in the Retention Award or otherwise as determined by the Board of Directors of the

would be entitled to such payments provided he remains employed by the Company on such dates, or if he has been removed as the Company's his employment terminated for reasons other than for cause prior to such dates. The aggregate amount of retention payments that may be paid to Retention Award is \$1.5 million.

#### Points

ZAIS Group had entered into agreements with certain of its employees whereby certain current and former employees were granted rights t the incentive income received from certain ZAIS Managed Entities (referred to as "Points Agreements"). There are currently outstanding Points ZAIS Managed Entity and ZAIS Group does not anticipate awarding additional Points Agreements. The Company did not incur any compensate Points Agreements for the three or six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016.

#### Severance

On March 8, 2016, the Company commenced a reduction in force which resulted in a decrease of 23 employees of ZAIS Group. The C severance charges of approximately \$762,000 related to this reduction in force which was recognized and paid during the year ended December 3

#### Equity-Based Compensation

#### Class B-0 Units

ZGP authorized 1,600,000 Class B-0 Units eligible to be granted to certain employees of ZAIS Group. The Class B-0 Units were subject provision, whereby all Class B-0 Units granted to an employee would be forfeited if the employee resigned or was terminated prior to March 1 date, an employee would only forfeit vested Class B-0 Units if the employee was terminated for cause. Until the time that such Class B Units be Units were not entitled to any distributions from ZGP (and thus would not participate in, or be allocated any, income or loss) or other material rigl B-0 Units would have had the same rights as Class A Units and were exchangeable on a one for one basis for shares of Class A Common Stocl of shares and cash), at the Company's election, subject certain restrictions. This compensation expense was amortized equally over the two-y cumulatively adjusted for changes in estimated forfeitures at each reporting date.

On December 1, 2016, the Board of Directors authorized ZGP to offer the 28 employees holding unvested Class B-0 Units the right to rece cancellation of their Class B-0 Units, at the holder's option, either (a) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") of ZAIS, on a one-for-one basis, or (b) a B-0 Unit cancelled (the "Cash Amount") equal to \$1.92, which was the average of the daily closing prices of Class A Common Stock of ZAIS for ended November 30, 2016 (the "Proposal"). The RSUs and the Cash Amount were both subject to vesting requirements and, collectively, are Consideration". The offer period expired on December 30, 2016.

All holders of Class B-0 Units decided to accept the Proposal to receive either RSUs or the Cash Amount. Upon the expiration of the offe B-0 Units were cancelled. For those holders of Class B-0 Units who elected to receive RSUs, ZAIS granted the RSUs under the ZAIS 2015 Stoc Stock Plan"). The RSUs vested on March 17, 2017, the same date that the Class B-0 Units were scheduled to vest. The RSUs entitled the holder Common Stock, which was issued, subject to applicable wage withholding requirements, immediately upon the vesting of the RSUs. In considera stock by ZAIS to the employees of ZGP's subsidiary, ZAIS Group, ZGP issued a number of Class A Units to ZAIS equal to the number of shar to the holders of RSUs. If the B-0 Unit holder elected to receive the Cash Amount, provided the holder remained employed by ZAIS Group or date of vesting, the Cash Amount was paid by ZAIS Group to the holder, subject to applicable wage withholding requirements, on March 22, 2 for additional information relating to the issuance of the RSUs in exchange for the cancellation of the B-0 Units.

The number of Class B-0 Units cancelled and Election Consideration provided as a result of the Proposal is as follows:

Total number of Class B-0 Units cancelled in substitution for:	
RSUs	8
Cash	1
Total number of Class B-0 Units cancelled	1,0
_	
Class B-0 Units not cancelled	
Total Cash Amount paid in March 2017 (in thousands) \$	

The Company accounted for the cancellation of B-0 Units as follows:

#### RSUs Provided as a Replacement for the Cancellation of B-0 Units

The Company accounted for the issuance of RSUs as a modification of the award pursuant to ASC 718, "Compensation - Stock Com cancellation of the limited liability company units accompanied by the concurrent grant of RSUs. The Company determined that the fair value B-0 Units at the modification date were equal and therefore there was no incremental compensation cost required to be recognized. ZAIS compl related compensation expense equally over the two-year vesting period subject to cumulative adjustment for changes in estimated forfeitures at ear

#### Cash Provided as a Replacement for the Cancellation of Class B-0 Units

The Company accounted for the cash payment to be made in consideration for the cancellation of certain B-0 Units described above as a pursuant to ASC 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation". However the modification of these awards changed the classification from equity a The fair value of the modified award at the time of the modification was approximately \$256,000. The Company recognized a liability of approxima 31, 2016 which reflects the vested amount of the modified award's measurement date fair value. The remaining fair value of approximately \$26 over the remaining vesting period which ended on March 17, 2017.

Three Months Ended June 30,

	20	2017		)16
	Number of B-0 Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	Number of B-0 Units	Wei Av Grai Fair per
Balance at beginning of period	-	\$ -	1,288,778	\$
Forfeited	-	-	(156,565)	
Balance at end of period		<u>\$</u>	1,132,213	\$
	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	20	2017		
		Weighted Average Grant Date		Wei Av Grai
	Number of B-0 Units	Fair Value per Unit	Number of B-0 Units	Fair per
Balance at beginning of period	-	\$ -	1,337,486	\$
Granted	_	-	100,000	
Forfeited	-	-	(305,273)	
Balance at end of period		\$ -	1,132,213	\$

The Company incurred compensation expense relating to the Class B-0 Units (including Class B-0 Units cancelled in consideration for the follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,					
2	(Dollars in thousands) 2017 2016		(Dollars in thousands) 2017 2016			nds) 2016			
\$	-	\$	1,296	\$	1,059	\$	1,566		

The estimated forfeiture rates of Class B-0 Units, including those cancelled in exchange for Class A Common Stock, were as follows:

Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months E June 30,		
(Dollars in th 2017	ousands) 2016	(Dollars in thousands) 2017 2016		
%	29.6 %	- %	29.6 %	

The expense relating to the Class B-0 Units (pre-modification of the award) is included in Compensation and benefits in the Consolidated St Income (Loss).

#### <u>RSUs</u>

The Company may grant up to 2,080,637 shares of Class A Common Stock pursuant to the 2015 Stock Plan.

Non-employee directors of ZAIS receive RSUs pursuant to the 2015 Stock Plan as a component of compensation for their service as directo unvested at the time they are granted and, as such, are not entitled to any dividends or distributions from ZAIS or other material rights until such in full on the one-year anniversary of the grant date. Upon vesting ZAIS will issue the recipient shares of Class A Common Stock equal to the accordance with ASC 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation", the Company is measuring the expense associated with these awards based or date adjusted for estimated forfeitures. This expense is being amortized equally over the one-year vesting period and adjusted on a cumulative ba forfeitures at each reporting date. The weighted average grant date fair value of these RSUs is based on the market value of the Company's shares

On April 21, 2016, the Company issued 30,942 RSUs to the Company's non-employee directors with a grant date fair value of \$3.22 per April 21, 2017.

On November 1, 2016, the Company issued 74,331 RSUs to the Company's non-employee directors with a grant date fair value of \$1.7 scheduled to vest on November 1, 2017.

On May 9, 2017, the Company issued 63,219 RSUs to the Company's non-employee directors with a grant date fair value of \$2.19 per share. vest on May 9, 2018.

Additionally, pursuant to the Proposal (see "Class B-0 Units" above), the Company issued 899,674 RSUs on December 30, 2016. The weig value of these RSUs is equal to the fair value of the related B-0 Units at the time the units were issued.

On March 17, 2017, the 899,674 RSUs granted in connection with the Proposal vested. The fair value of the consideration was \$2.1 millior price of the Company's Class A Common Stock on March 17, 2017 and the gross amount of RSUs that vested. The Company issued 548,923 sha Stock, on a net basis (to account for applicable wage withholding requirements), to the holders who elected to cancel their Class B-0 Units in

applicable wage withholding requirement of approximately \$0.8 million was recorded as a reduction of Additional paid-in-capital and Non-contro Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity and Non-controlling Interests.

Additionally, ZAIS Group paid the Cash Amount of approximately \$256,000 to the holders who elected the Cash Amount (subject to aprequirements) on March 22, 2017.

The following table presents the RSU activity for non-employees as well as employees that agreed to the cancellation of their Class B-0 Unit

		,	Three Mon June	ths Ended e 30,	
	2017			2016	
	Number of RSUs	A Gra Fai	eighted verage ant Date ir Value er Unit	Number of RSUs	Wei Ave Gran Fair per
Balance at beginning of period:	105,273	\$	2.17	30,000	\$
Grants during period to:					
Non-employee directors	63,219		2.19	30,942	
Vested	(30,942)		3.22	(30,000)	
Balance at end of period	137,550	\$	1.94	30,942	\$

		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	20	17		20	)16	
	Number of			Number of	Wei Ave Gran Fair	
	RSUs			RSUs	per	
Balance at beginning of period:	1,004,947	\$	8.60	30,000	\$	
Grants during period to:						
Non-employee directors	63,219		2.19	30,942		
Vested	(930,616)		9.13	(30,000)		
Balance at end of period	137,550	\$	1.94	30,942	\$	

The Company incurred compensation expense relating to the non-employee RSUs as follows:

	Six Month June			nths End 1e 30,	Three Mo Jun	
2016	017		2016		2017	
		thousands)	(Dollars in			
\$	109	\$	43	\$	56	\$
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The expense relating to these RSUs is included in Compensation and benefits on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Lo

#### **Income Taxes**

## Income Tax Disclosure [Abstract] Income Tax Disclosure [Text 9. In Block]

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

#### 9. Income Taxes

ZAIS is taxable as a corporation for U.S. tax purposes while ZGP and its subsidiaries operate as pass-through entities for U.S. income tax pullevel taxes. Accordingly, the Company's consolidated financial statements include U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on ZAIS' allocab results of operations, as well as taxes payable to jurisdictions outside the U.S related to the foreign subsidiaries.

The Company recorded an income tax (benefit) expense of \$5,000 and \$10,000 for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2017, reforeign taxes payable to jurisdictions outside the U.S. related to Company's foreign subsidiaries. The Company recorded income tax expense of three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, related solely to foreign taxes.

As a result of the variations each quarter in the relationship between pre-tax income and income tax expense, the Company utilizes the actual interim period being presented to calculate the tax (benefit) or expense. The following is a reconciliation of the U.S. statutory federal income tax tax:

		Three Month June 3	Six	
		2017	2016	2017
			(Dollars in the	ousands)
Income tax (benefit) expense at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate	\$	148	(1,676)	(1
State and local income tax, net of federal benefit		(37)	(242)	
Foreign tax		5	4	
Effect of permanent differences		2	56	
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds not subject to tax		(475)	(358)	
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP not subject to tax		107	649	
Equity Compensation "Shortfall" DTA Adjustment		(16)		1
Valuation allowance		271	1,571	
Total	-	5	4	

The Company's effective tax for the periods presented above includes a rate benefit attributable to the fact that the Company's subsidiaries companies and limited partnerships which are treated as pass-through entities for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes. Accordingly, the financial statements include U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations related to the partnership income or loss not allocable to the Company rests with the equity holders owning such non-controlling interests in ZAIS

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, the net effective tax represents the taxes accrued related to the Company's outside the U.S. as a full valuation allowance has been established for the tax benefit related to U.S. federal, state and local income taxes on the of the consolidated results of operations as well as Company's net operating losses and development stage start-up expenses incurred during the p prior to the closing of the Business Combination with ZGP. Additionally, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the net effective tax is adjustment for equity compensation primarily related to the exchange of the Class B-0 Units discussed in Note 8 - "Compensation".

Deferred income taxes are provided for the effects of temporary differences between the tax basis of an asset or liability and are reported in to of Financial Condition. These temporary differences result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years.

As of each of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had total deferred tax assets ("DTA") of approximately \$7.0 million, rel and other temporary differences related to the Company's allocable share of the consolidated results of operations as well as Company's net operat stage start-up expenses incurred during the period from its inception and prior to the closing of the Business Combination with ZGP. The Comvaluation allowance on the DTA at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

As of June 30, 2017, the Company has estimated federal and state income tax net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$13.4 m follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)
2032	\$ 1
2033	83
2034	122
2035	5,990
2036	1,640
2037	5,569
Total	\$ 13,405

As of each reporting date, management considers new evidence, both positive and negative, that could affect its view of the future realizat 2017, the Company has determined that the most recent management business forecasts do not support the realization of net DTA recorded for the has recorded a book loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 excluding income attributable to Consolidated Funds, and it is an continue to exceed revenues in 2017. Although management intends to pursue various initiatives with potential to alter the operating loss trend, thas been implemented at this point in time that will alter the negative earnings trend.

Accordingly, management continues to believe that it is not more likely than not that its DTA will be realized and the Company has continue allowance against the DTA at June 30, 2017. The Company has recorded a change in valuation allowance of approximately \$271,000 and \$(3) Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, and approximately \$1.6 million an and six months ended June 30, 2016 respectively. The Company intends to continue maintaining a full valuation allowance on its deferred tax as evidence to support the reversal of all or some portion of these allowances.

The Company does not believe it has any significant uncertain tax positions. Accordingly, the Company did not record any adjustments or re uncertain tax positions for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively. In the future, if uncertain tax positions will be accrued and included in Income tax (benefit) expense in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

#### **Related Party Transactions**

## Related Party Transactions [Abstract] Related Party Transactions Disclosure [Text Block]

#### **10. Related Party Transactions**

#### ZAIS Managed Entities

ZAIS Group offers a range of alternative and traditional investment strategies through the ZAIS Managed Entities. ZAIS Group earns all of and incentive income from the ZAIS Managed Entities, which are considered related parties as the Company manages the operations of, and mak these entities. The Company considers ZAIS Group's principals, executives, employees and all ZAIS Managed Entities to be affiliates and related

ZAIS Group invests in its subsidiaries and some of the ZAIS Managed Entities. Investments in subsidiaries and certain ZAIS Managed Entit eliminated. Investments in certain ZAIS Managed Entities that are not consolidated are further described in Note 3.

ZAIS Group did not charge management fees or earn incentive income on investments made in the ZAIS Managed Entities (excluding CLC Group's principals, executives, employees and other related parties. The total amount of investors' capital balances that are not being charged follows:

June 30, 2017		December 31, 2016			
(Dollars in thousands)					
\$	22,934	\$	21,713		

Additionally, certain ZAIS Managed Entities, with existing fee arrangements, have investments representing 100% of the equity tranche of ZA CLO 2") at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 and ZAIS CLO 1, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 1") for the period from January 1, 2017 through Jun 31, 2016. Therefore, ZAIS Group did not earn management fees or incentive fees from certain ZAIS managed CLOs for the period which certa with existing fee arrangements held investments representing 100% of the equity tranche of such CLOs. The total amounts of AUM that are n approximately as follows:

June 30,		December 31,			
	2017	2016			
(Dollars in thousands)					
\$	296,452	\$	560,272		

The amounts due from the ZAIS Managed Entities for Research Costs and other costs paid to vendors by ZAIS on behalf of the ZAIS Ma Direct Costs") are as follows:

	 June 30, 2017	Dee
	(Dollars in	thou:
Research Costs	\$ 788	\$
Other Direct Costs	313	
Total	\$ 1,101	\$

These amounts are included in Due from related parties in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

#### Consulting Agreements

#### RQSI, Ltd.

Certain affiliates of Mr. Neil Ramsey ("Mr. Ramsey") are significant stockholders of ZAIS.

ZGP entered into a two-year Consulting Agreement (the "Consulting Agreement") with Mr. Ramsey through RQSI, Ltd., an entity control the terms of the Consulting Agreement, Mr. Ramsey provided consulting services to ZGP, ZAIS Group's senior management team and ZAIS, fn 24-month period beginning on the closing of the Business Combination and expiring on March 17, 2017. Mr. Ramsey agreed not to compete as of the Consulting Agreement, and for two years following its termination. In consideration for his undertakings under the Consulting Agreement Ramsey a consulting fee of \$500,000 per annum payable in monthly installments. The Consulting Agreement terminated on March 17, 2017.

The Company has recorded the following expense related to the Consulting Agreement:

	Three Months June 30,			Six Mont June		ł
20	17	2016		2017		2016
	(Dollars in thousands)					
\$	- \$	125	\$	105	\$	250

6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017 The expense is included in General, administrative and other expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

There were no amounts payable to Mr. Ramsey pursuant to the Consulting Agreement at June 30, 2017 or December 31, 2016.

ZAIS Group has agreed to use certain statistical data generated by RQSI, Ltd. models. ZAIS Group may use this information for trading fu Managed Entities.

ZAIS Group entered into a month to month lease agreement with an affiliate of RQSI, Ltd dated February 1, 2016 to occupy space in the Cor agreement was terminable upon 30 days' notice. There was no charge to RQSI, Ltd. or its affiliate for use of the space prior to March 1, 2017. F May 31, 2017, the date the lease was terminated, the monthly rate was 4,167 GBP.

#### Ms. Tracy Rohan

ZAIS Group is a party to a consulting agreement with Ms. Tracy Rohan ("Ms. Rohan"), Mr. Zugel's sister-in-law, pursuant to which Ms. ZAIS Group relating to event planning, promotion, web and print branding and related services. Pursuant to the consulting agreement, Ms. Rohan The Company recognized the following amounts for her services:

Three Mont June		Six Months Ended June 30,						
 2017 20			2017 201			2016	016	
(Dollars in thousands)								
\$ 24	\$	27	\$	48	\$		54	

The expense is included in General, administrative and other expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Amounts payable to Ms. Rohan pursuant to the consulting agreement are as follows:

June 30,	D	ecember 31,
2017		2016
(D	ollars in thousands)	
\$	8 \$	16

Such amounts are included in Other liabilities in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

## **Property and Equipment**

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

## Property, Plant and Equipment [Abstract] Property, Plant and Equipment 11. Property and Equipment Disclosure [Text Block]

Property and equipment consist of the following:

		June 30, 2017	Decemi 20
	_	(Dollars in	thousand
Office equipment	\$	3,246	\$
Leasehold improvements		692	
Furniture and fixtures		572	
Software		412	
		4,922	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(4,603)	
Total	\$	319	\$

The Company recognized depreciation and amortization expense as follows:

	Three Months End June 30,	ed		ths Ended e 30,
2017		2016	2017	2016
		(Dollars in t	housands)	
\$	71 \$	64	\$ 111	\$

### Commitments and Contingencies

## <u>Commitments and</u> <u>Contingencies Disclosure</u> [Abstract]

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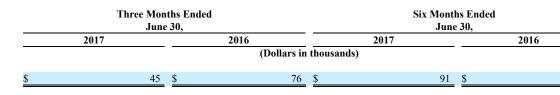
## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

#### 12. Commitments and Contingencies

#### Engagement Agreement with Berkshire Capital

On April 22, 2016, the Company entered into an investment banking engagement agreement with Berkshire Capital Securities, LLC ("Berl of Mr. R. Bruce Cameron, a former director of the Company, pursuant to which Berkshire Capital will provide financial advisory services in comstrategic planning. Pursuant to the engagement letter, Berkshire Capital received a \$100,000 retainer and is entitled to receive a monthly retainer of three month term of the engagement, reimbursements for its expenses and a success fee in the event of covered transactions equal to no more than 2% of the total consideration paid.

The Company incurred the following expenses pursuant to the engagement agreement:



#### Legal Advisor Agreement

On February 27, 2017, ZAIS Group entered into an agreement (the "Legal Advisor Agreement") with Howard Steinberg, the Company's former to which Mr. Steinberg resigned as General Counsel effective March 31, 2017 and was retained as Senior Legal Advisor to the Company effecti Legal Advisor Agreement, which was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, Mr. Steinberg receives \$150,000 services, plus additional compensation of \$900 per hour if he is requested to devote more than 20 hours during any week to advising the Comp Legal Advisor Agreement, Mr. Steinberg is entitled to reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with performin an allowance or reimbursement for the reasonable cost of suitable office space in Manhattan should Mr. Steinberg require it, 70% of the premiu medical insurance coverage for Mr. Steinberg and his spouse paid for by the Company and, after COBRA coverage lapses, up to 70% of the costs health insurance coverage for Mr. Steinberg and his spouse, for as long as he provides legal advisory services to the Company, capped at \$3,450 Legal Advisor Agreement, Mr. Steinberg also received a payment of \$450,000 on February 28, 2017. The Legal Advisor Agreement is termina Steinberg on 30 days' prior written notice. If the Legal Advisor Agreement is terminated by the Company other than due to Mr. Steinberg's failt Steinberg is entitled to a payment of \$300,000.

The Company incurred the following expenses pursuant to the Legal Advisor Agreement:

Three Mon June			Six Months Ended June 30,			
2017	20	016	2017	2016		
		(Dollars in thousands)				
\$ 192	\$	- \$	642	\$		

#### Capital Commitments

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company has committed \$51.0 million of equity capital to Zephyr A-6, a Consolidated Fund, to invest in ZAIS Group managed CLOs and thereby satisfy the risk retention requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Company's cumulative of were as follows:

June 30, 2017		December 31, 2016		
		(Dollars in	thousands)	
\$		26,597	\$	20,477

There is no assurance that the full commitments will be required to be funded by ZAIS Group or as to the period of time during which required to be funded. ZAIS Group serves as the investment manager to these ZAIS Managed Entities and determines when, and to what extent, of

In February 2017, ZAIS Group made a \$5.0 million commitment to a ZAIS Managed Entity which focuses on investing in non-ZAIS manage been called as of August 14, 2017.

#### Lease Obligations

ZAIS Group currently leases office space in New Jersey and London under operating lease agreements. On June 9, 2017, ZAIS Group agreement for its office space in New Jersey until July 2018. On June 5, 2017, ZAIS Group (UK) Limited, the Company's London subsidiary, pr of its London office premises would terminate on September 7, 2017. On July 26, 2017, ZAIS Group (UK) Limited entered into an agreement to le commencing on September 11, 2017 and which may be cancelled on each anniversary subject to the provision of at least 3 months' notice. The

expense related to its operating leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is included in General, administrative and other in the Comprehensive Income (Loss). The Company incurred rent expense as follows:

	net 30, Six Months Ended Six Months Ended June 30, June 30,				d	
2017		2016		2017		2016
		(Dollars in	thousand	ls)		
\$ 222	\$	263	\$	437	\$	

Aggregate future minimum annual rental payments for the period from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and the period subsequent approximately as follows:

Period	(Dollars in thousands)
Six months ended December 31, 2017	310
January 2018 through September 2018	278

Effective September 30, 2016, the Company terminated a portion of its lease and reduced its office space in New Jersey by approximately 2,60 with the lease termination, the Company paid a lease termination fee of approximately \$20,000 pursuant to the terms of the lease.

#### Litigation

From time to time, ZAIS Group may become involved in various claims, formal regulatory inquiries and legal actions arising in the ordinary course discloses information regarding such inquiries if disclosure is required pursuant to accounting and financial reporting standards.

#### Other Contingencies

In the normal course of business, ZAIS Group enters into contracts that provide a variety of indemnifications. Such contracts include those wi brokers and trading counterparties. Any exposure to ZAIS Group under these arrangements could involve future claims that may be made against such claims exist or are expected to arise and, accordingly, the Company has not accrued any liabilities in connection with such indemnifications.

#### Gain Contingencies

In April 2016 the Company received notification from one of its insurance providers that its claim for reimbursement of certain legal and other co regulatory inquiry had been approved.

The Company had paid approximately \$0.02 million and \$3,000 during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively. So 2 million during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, for legal and other costs incurred in excess of its insurance of the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively.

The cumulative insurance reimbursements that the Company has received through June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were approximation, respectively. Pursuant to the guidance under ASC 450, "Contingencies - Gain Contingencies", approximately \$0.55 million of the insurant was recorded in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2016 to 2015.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the remaining amount submitted to the insurance provider for reimbursement was approximate million, respectively and is included in Other assets in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

## **Segment Reporting**

## Segment Reporting [Abstract] Segment Reporting Disclosure 13. Segment Reporting [Text Block]

6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

The investment management segment is currently the Company's only reportable segment, and represents the Company's core business. Company's operations are conducted through this segment. The investment management segment provides investment advisory and asset management segment provides investment advisory and asset management segment.

#### Stockholders' Equity

## Stockholders' Equity Note [Abstract] Stockholders' Equity Note Disclosure [Text Block]

#### 14. Stockholders' Equity

#### Preferred Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share with such designation, rights determined time to time by the Board of Directors. No shares of preferred stock have been issued or are outstanding.

#### Class A Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 180,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. Holders of record are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

The Company issued the following Class A Common Stock related to RSUs which vested:

Three Month June 3		Six Months Ended June 30,			
2017	2016	2017	2016		
30,942	30,000	579,865			

#### Class B Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 20,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock with a par value of \$0.000001 per share. The Class B Comming rights and therefore is not considered participating securities for purposes of allocation of net income (loss). Holders of record of Class B Commitvees for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, 20,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock are held by an irrevocable voting trust of which Mr. 2 "ZGH Class B Voting Trust"). There were no shares of Class B Common Stock issued during the three or six months ended June 30, 2017 or June his capacity as trustee of the ZGH Class B Voting Trust, Mr. Zugel has effective voting control over the election of directors and generally on all approval by the Company's stockholders.

#### Class A Units

At June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, ZAIS' ownership of the Class A Units was 67.4% and 66.5%, respectively. The remaining Class the ZGP Founder Members.

During the first five years following the closing of the Business Combination, ZGP will release up to an additional 2,800,000 Class A Units to if the sum of the average per share closing price over any 20 trading-day period of the Class A Common Stock plus cumulative dividends paid on between the closing of the Business Combination and the day prior to such 20 trading-day period meets or exceeds specified thresholds, ranging f

There were 30,942 Class A Units issued to ZAIS during the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 30,000 Class A Units issued during the the 2016. There were 579,865 Class A Units issued to ZAIS during the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 30,000 Class A Units issued during the 2016.

#### Class B Units

ZGP may issue up to 6,800,000 Class B units ("Class B Units") at any time during the five year period following the closing of the Business which (the Class B-0 Units) were awarded but subsequently cancelled (see Note 8 - "Compensation"). These units are still available for re-issuanc Class B Units are designated as Class B-1, Class B-2, Class B-3 and Class B-4 Units (together the "Additional Employee Units"), which, once installments only if the Class A Common Stock of ZAIS achieves certain average closing price thresholds within five years after the closing of ranging from \$12.50 to \$21.50 as follows: one-third of such award vests upon achieving the applicable threshold, one-third of such award vests usuch achievement and the final one-third of such award vests upon the second anniversary of such achievement, unless otherwise provided in th granting the Class B unit. Although the Class B Units are outstanding when issued, the Class B Units are not entitled to any distributions from participate in, or be allocated any, income or loss) or other material rights until such Class B Units vest.

Subject to certain restrictions, the ZGP Founder Members' Class A Units and, if any, all of the vested Class B Units (but not any unves exchanged for shares of Class A Common Stock of ZAIS on a one-for-one basis (subject to certain, if any, adjustments to the exchange ratio) of a combination of Class A Common Stock and cash, pursuant to the Exchange Agreement that ZAIS entered into with ZGP, the ZGP Founder Me thereto.

There were no Class B-1, Class B-2, Class B-3 or Class B-4 Units awarded for the three or six months ended June 30, 2017 or June 30, currently are issued and outstanding.

On December 1, 2016, the Board of Directors authorized ZGP to offer the employees who agreed to the cancellation of their unvested Class E in substitution for the cancellation of their Class B-0 Units, at the holder's option, either (a) RSUs of ZAIS, on a one-for-one basis, or (b) an an Unit cancelled (See Note 8 - "Compensation"). Both were subject to vesting requirements.

#### **Earnings Per Share**

## Earnings Per Share [Abstract] Earnings Per Share [Text Block]

## **6** Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

## 15. Earnings Per Share

Shares of Class B Common Stock have no impact on the calculation of consolidated net income (loss) per share of Class A Common Stock as Stock do not participate in net income or dividends, and thus, are not participating securities.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the earnings and shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share:

	 Three Moi Jun				Six
	 2017		2016		2017
	 (Dollars	in	thousands, excep	t sha	res and p
Numerator:					
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.					
Class A common stockholders (Basic)	\$ (652)	\$	(4,076)	\$	(4
Effect of dilutive securities:					
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to non-controlling interests					
in ZGP	(315)		(1,911)		(2
Less: Consolidated Net (Income) Loss, net of tax, attributable to ZAIS REIT					
Management Class B interests <sup>(1)</sup>	-		(142)		
Income tax (benefit) expense <sup>(2)</sup>	-		-		
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to stockholders, after					
effect of dilutive securities	\$ (967)	\$	(6,129)	\$	(7,
Denominator:	 				
Weighted average number of shares of Class A Common Stock	14,473,642		13,892,016		14,231
Effect of dilutive securities:					
Weighted average number of Class A Units	7,000,000		7,000,000		7,000
Dilutive number of Class B-0 Units and RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>	-		-		
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding <sup>(4)</sup>	 21,473,642		20,892,016		21,231
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A common share - Basic	\$ (0.05)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A common share - Diluted	\$ (0.05)	\$	(0.29)	\$	(

(1) Amount represents portion of the management fee income received from ZFC REIT that was payable to holders of Class B interests in

Income tax (benefit) expense is calculated using an assumed tax rate of 41.73% and 38.56% for the three months ended June 30 (2) respectively, and (0.64)% and 39.29% for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, which is fully offset by a in each year. See Note 9 - "Income Taxes" for details surrounding income taxes.

The treasury stock method is used to calculate incremental Class A common shares on potentially dilutive Class A common shares re-(3) B-0 Units granted in connection with and subsequent to the Business Combination and unvested RSUs granted to non-employee direct of ZAIS Group. These Class B-0 Units and RSUs are anti-dilutive and, consequently, have been excluded from the computation of dilu outstanding.

(4) Number of diluted shares outstanding takes into account non-controlling interests of ZGP that may be exchanged for Class A Co circumstances.

## Supplemental Financial Information

## **Statement of Financial Position [Abstract]**

<u>Consolidated Funds on the</u> <u>Company's Financial Position</u> [Text Block] 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

## 16. Supplemental Financial Information

The following supplemental financial information illustrates the consolidating effects of the Consolidated Funds on the Company's financial operations:

				June 30, 2017		
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminatio		
			( Dollars in			
Assets			( 201110 11	(incustinus )		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	16,970	-			
Income and fees receivable		2,198	-			
Investments in affiliates, at fair value		42,986	-	(32		
Due from related parties		1,101	-	,		
Property and equipment, net		319	-			
Prepaid expenses		1,907	-			
Other assets		385	-			
Assets of Consolidated Funds						
Cash and cash equivalents		-	13,416			
Investments, at fair value		-	459,416	(12		
Due from broker		-	12,095	,		
Other assets		-	1,320			
Fotal Assets	\$	65,866	486,247	(40		
Liabilities and Equity				`		
Liabilities						
Compensation payable	S	4,594	-			
Due to related parties	Ť	31	_			
Fees payable		289	_			
Other liabilities		1,147	_			
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds		-,,				
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO		-	397,229	(12		
Due to broker		-	21,974	(		
Other liabilities		-	2,930			
Total Liabilities		6,061	422,133	(13		
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)						
Equity						
Preferred Stock		-	_			
Class A Common Stock		1	_			
Class B Common Stock		-	-			
Additional paid-in-capital		64,210	_			
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)		(23,779)	-			
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(44)	_			
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.		40,388				
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC		40,388	_			
		19,41/	64,114	()		
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds		50.905		(3		
Fotal Equity		59,805	64,114	(3		

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Other assets	 -		1,254		
Total Assets	\$ 79,333	\$	478,643	\$	(4
Liabilities and Equity					
Liabilities					
Notes payable	\$ 1,263	\$	-	\$	
Compensation payable	7,836		-		
Due to related parties	31		-		
Fees payable	2,439		-		
Other liabilities	1,127		-		
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds			404 407		(1
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO Due to broker	_		404,407		(1
Other liabilities	_		24,462 2,165		
Total Liabilities	 12,696		431,034		(1
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Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)					
communents and contingencies (rote 12)					
Equity					
Preferred Stock	_		-		
Class A Common Stock	1		-		
Class B Common Stock	-		-		
Additional paid-in-capital	63,413		-		
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(18,965)		-		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	 (70)		_		
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	44,379		-		
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC	22,258		-		
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	-		47,609		(2
Total Equity	66,637		47,609		(2
Fotal Liabilities and Equity	\$ 79,333	\$	478,643	\$	- (•
	 ZAIS		onsolidated Funds	Elim	ina
			( Dollars in	thousan	ds )
Revenues					
Management fee income	\$ 4,018		-		
Incentive income	2,884		-		
Reimbursement revenue	383		-		
Other revenues	77		-		
Income of Consolidated Funds	 7 262		3,413		
Total Revenues	 7,362		3,413		
Expenses Compensation and benefits	5 600				
General, administrative and other	5,609 4,169		_		
Depreciation and amortization	4,109				
Expenses of Consolidated Funds	/1		30		
Total Expenses	 9,849		30		
Other Income (loss)	 ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				-
Net gain (loss) on investments	1,493		-		
Other income (expense)	32		-		
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments	-		(532)		
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity	-		_		
Total Other Income (Loss)	 1,525		(532)		
Income (loss) before income taxes	 (962)		2,851		
Income tax (benefit) expense	5	_	-		
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	 (967)		2,851		
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax					
Foreign currency translation adjustment	 9		_		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ (958)		2,851		
			Three mor	the End	ьd
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	 ZAIS	С	onsolidated Funds	Elim	inst
			( Dollars in		
Revenues Management fee income	\$ 3,571	¢		\$	

		( Dollars in T	Thousands )
Revenues			
Management fee income	\$ 3,571	\$ -	\$
Incentive income	143	-	
Other revenues	 79		
Total Revenues	 3,793	-	

Expenses			
Compensation and benefits	7,999	-	
General, administrative and other	2,950	-	
Depreciation and amortization	64	-	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		29	
Total Expenses	11,013	29	
Other Income (loss)			
Net gain (loss) on investments	1,150	-	(1
Other income (expense)	87	-	
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments		2,176	
Total Other Income (Loss)	1,237	2,176	(1
Income (loss) before income taxes	(5,983)	2,147	(1
Income tax (benefit) expense	4		
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	(5,987)	2,147	(1
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(147)		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ (6,134)	\$ 2,147	\$ (1
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			Six months Ended June 30, 2016		
	ZAIS		Consolidated Funds	Eliminatio	
D			( Dollars i	n Thousands )	
Revenues	¢	7 1 40	¢	¢	
Management fee income	\$	7,140	\$ -	\$	
Incentive income		295	-	-	
Other revenues		159		·	
Total Revenues		7,594	-		
Expenses					
Compensation and benefits		17,006	-		
General, administrative and other		6,160	-		
Depreciation and amortization		127	-		
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		-	48	:	
Total Expenses		23,293	48		
Other Income (loss)					
Net gain (loss) on investments		1,896	-	· (1	
Other income (expense)		692	-		
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments		-	3,693	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
Total Other Income (Loss)	_	2,588	3,693	(1	
Income (loss) before income taxes		(13,111)	3,645	(1	
Income tax (benefit) expense		9	-		

Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	 (13,120)	3,645	(1
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(201)	-	
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ (13,321)	\$ 3,645	\$ (1

## **Subsequent Events**

# Subsequent Events [Abstract] Subsequent Events [Text Block]

## 17. Subsequent Events

In July 2017, ZAIS began the liquidation of the ZAIS Atlas Master Fund, LP and its feeder fund (together, the "Atlas Fund"), a ZAIS M 2017, the Atlas Fund had AUM of \$32.8 million. Additionally, ZAIS earned the following management fees and incentive income from Atlas Fund

**6** Months Ended

Jun. 30, 2017

		Three Months Ended June 30,		
		2017	2016	2017
	_		(Dollars in	thousands)
Management fees	\$	14	\$ 12	\$
Incentive income		-	-	
Total	\$	14	\$ 12	\$

ZAIS's aggregate investment in the Atlas Fund was \$0.1 million at June 30, 2017. Such amount is included in Investment in affiliates, at Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition.

On August 10, 2017, Zephyr A-6 sold all of its interests in ZAIS CLO 5 for a sale price of approximately \$12.1 million. The sale is expe 2017.

## Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Policies) <u>Accounting Policies</u> [<u>Abstract</u>] Basis of Accounting, Policy [Policy Text Block]

## 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited, interim, consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted a GAAP") as contained within the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") and the rules and interim reporting. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position, reflows have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature. The operating results presented for the interim periods are not necessarily indice be expected for any other interim period or for the entire year. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in financial statements of U.S. GAAP as contained in the ASC have been condensed or omitted from the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and notes should the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Certain comparative amounts i statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. *Segment Reporting* 

The Company currently is comprised of one reportable segment, the investment management segment, and substantially all of the Company through this segment. The investment management segment provides investment advisory and asset management services to the ZAIS Managed F Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumpt amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the rep and expenses during the reporting period. While management believes that the estimates used in preparing the consolidated financial statements actual results may ultimately materially differ from those estimates. *Principles of Consolidation* 

The consolidated financial statements included herein are the financial statements of ZAIS, its subsidiaries and the Consolidated Funds. All transactions are eliminated in consolidation, including ZAIS's investment in ZGP and ZGP's investment in ZAIS Group. The Company's fiscal years

The consolidated financial statements include non-controlling interests in ZGP which is comprised of Class A Units of ZGP ("Class A Units the former managing member of ZGP and the founder and Chief Investment Officer of ZAIS Group, and certain related parties (collectively, the

The Company's consolidated financial statements also include variable interest entities for which ZAIS Group is considered the primary ben that are considered voting interest entities in which ZAIS Group has a controlling financial interest.

The Consolidated Funds include the following entities for the reporting periods presented:

	As of		Three Mon Jun	Six	
Entity	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016	2017	2016	2017
ZAIS Zephyr A-6, LP ("Zephyr A-6")	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓
ZAIS CLO 5, Limited ("ZAIS CLO 5")	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	_	✓

The Consolidated Funds, except for consolidated CLOs, are deemed to be investment companies under U.S. GAAP, and therefore, the specialized investment company accounting of these consolidated entities in its consolidated financial statements. The economic interests we investors are reflected as non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds.

The Company has elected the fair value option for the assets and liabilities held by the Consolidated Funds that otherwise would not have be Notes 4 and 5 for further disclosure on the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Funds for which the fair value option has been elected.

For consolidated CLOs, the Company uses the measurement alternative included in the collateralized financing entity guidance (the "Meas Company measures both the financial assets and financial liabilities of the consolidated CLO in its consolidated financial statements using the fair of the consolidated CLO, which are more observable than the fair value of the financial liabilities of the consolidated CLO. As a result, the financi CLO are measured at fair value and the financial liabilities are measured in consolidation as: the sum of the fair value of the financial assets any non-financial assets that are incidental to the operations of the CLO less (ii) the sum of the fair value of any beneficial interests retained by than those that represent compensation for services) and the Company's carrying value of any beneficial interests that represent compensation amount is allocated to the individual financial liabilities (other than the beneficial interest retained by the Company) using a reasonable and con the Measurement Alternative, the Company's consolidated net income reflects the Company's own economic interests in the consolidated CLO fair value of the beneficial interests retained by the Company and (ii) beneficial interests that represent compensation for collateral management presented in Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Los

The majority of the economic interests in the CLOs are held by outside parties, and are reported as notes payable of consolidated CLOs in statements. The notes payable issued by the CLOs are backed by diversified collateral asset portfolios consisting primarily of loans or struct managing the collateral for the CLOs, ZAIS Group may earn investment management fees, including, in some cases, subordinated management fe fees. All of the management fee income, incentive income and Net gain (loss) on investments earned by ZAIS Group from the Consolidate consolidation.

Segment Reporting, Policy
[Policy Text Block]

Use of Estimates, Policy [Policy Text Block]

Consolidation, Policy [Policy Text Block]

#### Revenue Recognition, Policy [Policy Text Block]

#### Reimbursement Revenue

ZAIS Group may pay research and data services expenses relating to the management of the ZAIS Managed Entities directly to vendors are these costs to the respective ZAIS Managed Entities per the terms of the related agreements (the "Research Costs"). These amounts may be rein ZAIS Managed Entities and are recorded as Reimbursement revenue in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) to the primary obligor for such expenses and if the costs are charged back to the respective funds. The amounts for the three and six months ended June and therefore were not separately reported in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Income of Consolidated Funds Income of Consolidated Funds [Policy Text Block]

Non-Controlling Interests, Policy [Policy Text Block]

New Accounting Pronouncements, Policy [Policy Text Block] Income of Consolidated Funds reflects the interest income recognized by Zephyr A-6 related to its investments in unconsolidated CLOs. Any fixed income securities purchased are accreted or amortized into income or expense using the effective interest rate method over the lives of su interest rates are calculated using projected cash flows including the impact of paydowns on each of the aforementioned securities. *Non-Controlling Interests* 

The non-controlling interests within the Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition may be comprised of (i) redeemable non-controllir of the permanent capital section when investors have the right to redeem their interests from a Consolidated Fund or ZAIS Group, (ii) equity att interests in Consolidated Funds (excluding CLOs) reported inside the permanent capital section when the investors do not have the right to red equity attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP inside the permanent capital section, if applicable.

The Company records non-controlling interests in the Consolidated Funds (excluding CLOs) to reflect the economic interests in those funds interests attributable to ZAIS Group. Income allocated to non-controlling interests in ZGP includes the portion of management fee income receive payable to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management, LLC ("ZAIS REIT Management"), a majority owned subsidiary of ZAIS Gradviser to ZFC REIT prior to October 31, 2016 (see Note 6 - "Management Fee Income and Incentive Income"). *Recent Accounting Pronouncements* 

Since May 2014, the FASB has issued ASU Nos. 2014-09, 2015-14, 2016-08, 2016-10 and 2016-12, *Revenue from Contracts with Custo* guidance is to clarify the principles for recognizing revenue and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-species to be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented or through a cumulative adjustment in the year of adoption, for interim and ann December 15, 2017. The Company currently recognizes incentive income subject to contingent repayment once all contingencies have been guidance requires an entity to recognize such revenue when it concludes that it is probable that a significant reversal in the cumulative amount of occur when the uncertainty is resolved. As such, the adoption of the new guidance may require the Company to recognize incentive income earl current guidance. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-01, *Financial Instruments-Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Fin Liabilities* ("ASU 2016-01"). The amendments, among other things, (i) requires equity investments (except those accounted for under the equit those that result in consolidation of the investee) to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income; (ii) requires use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; (iii) requires separate presentation of fi liabilities by measurement category and form of financial asset (i.e., securities or loans and receivables) and (iv) eliminates the requirement to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments for ASU 2016-01 is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fis currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new standard. The adoption of ASU 2016-01 is not expected to have a material effect on the Comp statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)* ("ASU 2016-02"). Under the new guidance, lessees are required t lease liabilities on the balance sheet for those leases previously classified as operating leases. The amendments in ASU No. 2016-02 are effective beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within that reporting period with early adoption permitted. The Company is curren adopting this new standard.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash F* This ASU addresses the following eight specific cash flow issues: Debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs; settlement of zero-coupon de instruments with coupon interest rates that are insignificant in relation to the effective interest rate of the borrowing; contingent consideration pay combination; proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims; proceeds from the settlement of corporate-owned life insurance policies (including policies); distributions received from equity method investees; beneficial interests in securitization transactions; and separately identifiable cash predominance principle. ASU 2016-15 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim years. Early application is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The adoption of ASU 2016-15 is not expected to have a materic consolidated financial statements.

In December 2016 the FASB issued ASU 2016-19, *Technical Corrections and Improvements*. As part of this guidance, ASU 2016-19 amend the difference between a valuation approach and a valuation technique. The amendment also requires an entity to disclose when there has been valuation approach and/or a valuation technique. ASU 2016-19 is effective on a prospective basis for financial statements issued for fiscal years, those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company has adopted ASU 2016-19 on its consolidated financial statements and d ASU 2016-19 has not had a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

# **Organization (Tables)**

Organization, Consolidation and Presentation of Financial Statements [Abstract] Schedule Of Assets Under Management [Table Text Block] 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

ZAIS Group had the following assets under management ("AUM"):

Reporting Period	11	oroximately 1 billions)
As of June 30, 2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	3.752
As of December 31, 2016	\$	3.444

<sup>(1)</sup> On April 19, 2017, the ZAIS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (v. from a European investor impacted by regulatory constraints. This redemption is expected to be effectuated on August 31, 2017. The AUM amore reduced for this redemption request.

# Investments in Affiliates (Tables)

# Investments in and Advances to Affiliates, Schedule of Investments [Abstract]

Schedule of Investments in and Advances to Affiliates, Schedule of Investments [Table Text Block]

# 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

The fair value of these investments was as follows:

June 30, 2017		Decemb 201	· ·
	(Dollars in	thousands)	
\$	10,288	\$	5,273

The Company recorded a change in unrealized gain (loss) associated with the investments still held at the end of each respective period as for

 Three Mo	onths	Ended	Six Months Ended					
June 30, 2017		June 30, 2016	June 30,	2017	June 30, 2016			
 (Dollars in thousands)								
\$ 2	\$	25	\$	15	\$			

Schedule of Unrealized Loss on Investments [Table Text Block]

# Fair Value Measurements (Tables)

# Fair Value Disclosures [Abstract]

Schedule of Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring Basis [Table Text Block]

The following tables summarize the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the fair value hiera asset values, as applicable:

**6** Months Ended

Jun. 30, 2017

					e 30, 2017 s in thousands	)	
I	evel 1	Lev	el 2	]	Level 3		Net Asset Value
\$	16,103	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
	-		-		-		10
	-		-		396,408		
					10.000		
	-		-				
	_		-				
	-		-				
	-		-				
	-				,	_	
\$	16,103	\$		\$	446,707	\$	10
	-		-				
\$		\$	_	\$	384,519	\$	
		14					
	December 31, 2016						
				Dollars	s in thousands	)	
<u> </u>	evel 1	Lev	el 2	]	Level 3		Net Asset Value
\$	36,971	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
\$	36,971	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,
\$	36,971 –	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5
\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,
\$	36,971 –	\$	-	\$	- - 389,329	\$	5,
\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	5,
\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,036	\$	5.
			-		15,036 404,365		
\$ 	-	\$ 		\$ 	15,036	\$ 	5.
			- - - - - -		15,036 404,365		
			-		15,036 404,365 <b>404,365</b>		
			-		15,036 404,365		
			-		15,036 404,365 <b>404,365</b>		
	\$ <u>\$</u> <u>\$</u>	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	$\frac{16,103}{5}$ $\frac{16,103}{-}$ $\frac{1}{-}$ $\frac{-}{-}$ $\frac{-}$	Level 1       Level 2         \$       16,103       \$       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       - <td< td=""><td>Level 1       Level 2         \$       16,103       \$       -       \$         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -         5       16,103       \$       -       \$       -       -       -       -         14       -       -       -       -       \$       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -</td><td>Level 1         Level 2         Level 3           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         -           -         -         -         \$         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         3,950           -         -         -         3,950         -         -         3,950           -         -         -         2,5,005         -         446,707           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         384,519           \$         -         -         -         3,84,519         -           14         -         -         -         3,016         -</td><td>Level 1         Level 2         Level 3           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         -         \$           -         -         -         \$         -         \$         -         \$           -         -         -         -         -         \$         -         \$           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         \$           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         \$           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         \$         3950         -         -         -         3950         -         -         2,346         -         -         2,5005         -         -         -         2,5005         -</td></td<>	Level 1       Level 2         \$       16,103       \$       -       \$         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -       -       -         -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -         5       16,103       \$       -       \$       -       -       -       -         14       -       -       -       -       \$       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -       -	Level 1         Level 2         Level 3           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         -           -         -         -         \$         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         -           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         3,950           -         -         -         3,950         -         -         3,950           -         -         -         2,5,005         -         446,707           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         384,519           \$         -         -         -         3,84,519         -           14         -         -         -         3,016         -	Level 1         Level 2         Level 3           \$         16,103         \$         -         \$         -         \$           -         -         -         \$         -         \$         -         \$           -         -         -         -         -         \$         -         \$           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         \$           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         \$           -         -         -         396,408         -         -         -         \$         3950         -         -         -         3950         -         -         2,346         -         -         2,5005         -         -         -         2,5005         -

Schedule of Changes in Fair
Value of Assets and Liabilities
[Table Text Block]

				(Dollars in t	housands)		
				Total			
				Realized			
				and			
	Beginning			Change in			
	Balance		Sales/	Unrealized	Amortization	Transfers	
	January 1,	Purchases/	<b>Redemptions</b> /	Gains	of Discounts/	to (from)	1
	2017	Issuances	Settlements	(Losses)	Premiums	Level 3	Jun
Assets:							

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Bank loans	\$ 389,329	\$ 211,967	\$ (201,635)	\$	(3,939)	\$	686	\$	-	\$
CLOs:										
Senior notes	-	19,000	-		(106)		104		-	
Mezzanine										
notes	-	3,950	-		(44)		44		-	
Subordinated										
notes	-	6,072	(3,872)		113		33		-	
Warehouse	 15,036	 55,000	 (45,000)		(31)		-	_	-	
Total investments, at										
fair value	\$ 404,365	\$ 295,989	\$ (250,507)	\$	(4,007)	\$	867	\$	-	\$
Liabilities:										
Notes payable of										
Consolidated CLO,										
at fair value	\$ 384,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$	(382)		\$	\$	-	\$
Total liabilities, at				_		_		_		
fair value	\$ 384,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$	(382)		\$	\$	-	\$
	 									 1
				~.		-				

Six Months Ended June 30, 2016

(Dollars in thousands)

	eginning Balance anuary 1, 2016	urchases/ ssuances	Rede	ales/ mptions/ lements	Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)		Transfers to (from) Level 3	Ending Balance June 30, 2016
CLOs:						_		
Warehouse	\$ 30,509	\$ 10,000	\$	-	\$ 3,692	\$	-	\$ 44
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 30,509	\$ 10,000	\$	_	\$ 3,692	\$	_	\$ 44

The tables below summarize information about the significant unobservable inputs used in determining the fair value of the Level 3 asset Consolidated Funds:

Fair Value

Fair Value Assets and liabilities Measured On Recurring Basis Unobservable Input Reconciliation [Table Text Block]

Investment Type	Investment Type		at June 30, 2017	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Amount/ Percentage	Min
		(Doll	ars in Thousands)				
Assets of Consolidated	Funds:	Φ	207 400	ani ' 1	N. (		
Bank loans		\$	396,408	Third party	Not	NT 4	
CLOs:				pricing source	applicable	Not applicable	_
Senior notes			18,998	Third party	Not		
Semon notes			10,220	pricing source	applicable	Not applicable	_
Mezzanine notes			3,950	Third party	Not	Not applicable	
WICZZamine notes			5,750	pricing source	applicable	Not applicable	_
Subordinated notes			2,346	Third party	Not	Not applicable	
Suborumated notes			2,540	pricing source	applicable	Not applicable	_
Warehouse			25,005	Cost plus excess	11	Not applicable	
Warenouse			25,005	spread	spread	0.02%	_
Total - Investments,	at fain value	۰ ۲	446 707	spicau	spicad	0.0270	
Total - Investments,	at fair value	\$	446,707				
Liabilities of Consolida							
Notes payable of Consoli	idated CLO, at fair	\$	384,519	Measurement	Not		
value				Alternative	applicable	Not applicable	-
Total - Notes payabl CLO, at fair value	e of Consolidated	\$	384,519				
	Fair Value at December		Valuation	Unobservable	Amount/		
Investment Type	31, 2016 (Dollars in Thousa	ands)	Technique	Input	Percentage	Min	Max
Assets of Consolidated Funds:							
Bank loans	\$ 389	9,329	Third party valuation source	Not applicable	Not applicable	-	-
CLOw							

CLOs:

Warehouse	15,036	Cost plus excess spread	Excess spread	0.2%	_
Total - Investments, at fair value	\$ 404,365				
Liabilities of					
<b>Consolidated Funds:</b>					
Notes payable of	\$ 384,901				
Consolidated CLO, at		Measurement			
fair value	 	Alternative	Not applicable	Not applicable	-
Total - Notes	\$ 384,901				
payable of					
Consolidated CLO,					
at fair value	 				

# Variable Interest Entities (Tables) **Organization**, Consolidation and Presentation of

#### **Financial Statements** [Abstract]

Gain (Loss) on Investments [Table Text Block]

Net gain (loss) related to Zephyr A-6's investments in ZAIS CLO 5, ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 for the period which the investments w Company includes the following:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2017 2016					Six
	2		2016		2017	
				(Dollars in	thousa	nds)
ZAIS CLO 5:						
Change in unrealized gain or loss	\$	-	\$	2,176	\$	
ZAIS CLO 6:						
Change in unrealized gain or loss		(1,370)		-		
Realized gains		2,972		-		2
Total - ZAIS CLO 6		1,602		-		2
ZAIS CLO 7:						
Change in unrealized gain or loss		5				
Total - Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments	\$	1,607	\$	2,176	\$	2
The carrying amounts of the unconsolidated VIEs are as follows:						

#### Investments [Text Block]

Investment In	Financial Statement Line Item		June 30, 2017	Decem 20
			(Dollars in	thousan
Certain ZAIS Managed Entities	Investment in affiliates, at fair value	\$	288	\$
CLOs	Assets of Consolidated Funds - Investments at fair value		25,294	
CLO Warehouses	Assets of Consolidated Funds - Investments at fair value		25,005	
	Total	\$	50,587	\$
Zephyr A-6, one of the Consolidated Fun	ds. contributed the following amounts to ZAIS CLO 5. ZAIS CLO 6 a	nd ZA	IS CLO 7 dur	ing the w

Zephyr A-6, one of the Consolidated Funds, contributed the following amounts to ZAIS CLO 5, ZAIS CLO 6 and ZAIS CLO 7 during the v

Schedule of Variable Interest Entities [Table Text Block]

Schedule of Components of CDO Assets and Liabilities

Investments in CDOs [Table

and Eliminations for

Consolidated Fund's

Text Block]

		Three Months Ended June 30,			
		2017	2016	2017	
	—		(Dollars in	thousands)	
ZAIS CLO 5	\$	_	\$ -	\$	
ZAIS CLO 6		-	-	30	
ZAIS CLO 7		25,000	-	25	

Total

The fair value of the assets and liabilities of ZAIS CLO 5 and the eliminations for the Consolidated Fund's investment in ZAIS CLO 5 are as

	June 30 2017 (Dollar	, Decen 2 rs in thousa
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,6	534 \$
Investments, at fair value	396,4	407
	409,0	)41
Other assets (liabilities), net	(11,4	488)
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value	397,5	553
Elimination of Consolidated Funds' investments in CLO	(13,0	034)

Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value (net of eliminations) 384,519

The tables below present information related to ZAIS CLO 5's notes payable outstanding. The subordinated notes have no stated interest Schedule of Long-term Debt Instruments [Table Text Block] excess cash flows after contractual payments are made to the senior notes.

		June 30, 2017	
		(Dollars in thousand	ls)
		Weighted	Weighted
Unpaid		Average	Average
Principal	Fair	Interest	Maturity
Outstanding	Value	Rate	(in Years)

25.000

\$

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\$

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**6** Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

Senior and Mezzanine Secured Notes	\$	365,745	\$	357,507	3.35 %	11.33
Subordinated Notes		27,635		27,012	N/A	11.33
Total	\$	393,380	\$	384,519		
			-			
					December 31, 2016	
				(	(Dollars in thousands)	
		Unpaid			Weighted Average	Weighted
	1	Principal		Fair	Interest	Average Maturity
		itstanding		Value	Rate	(in Years)
Senior and Mezzanine Secured Notes	\$	360,395	\$	357,489	2.97 %	11.83
Subordinated Notes		27,635		27,412	N/A	11.83
Total	\$	388,030	\$	384,901		
			_			

# Management Fee Income and Incentive Income (Tables) Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Abstract]

Schedule of Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Table Text Block]

# 6 Months Ended

# Jun. 30, 2017

The following tables represent the gross amounts of management fee income and incentive income earned prior to eliminations due to consol Funds and the net amount reported in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss):

	*				
					Months Ende 1e 30, 2017
					s in thousands
			Gross	( Dona	5 In mousuna.
	Fee Range		Amount	El	imination
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	2,745	\$	(329
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		1,273	•	-
Total		\$	4,018	\$	(329
			,		`````
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	2,784	\$	_
CLOs	20%	-	100	Ŧ	-
Total		\$	2,884	\$	-
Iotai		4	-,001	÷	
				Jur	Months Ende 1e 30, 2016
				(Dollar:	s in thousand
			Gross		
-	Fee Range		Amount	El	imination
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	2,373	\$	-
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		425		-
ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	1.50%		773		-
Total		\$	3,571	\$	-
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	143	\$	-
CLOs	20%		-		-
Total		\$	143	\$	-
					onths Ended
					ne 30, 2017
			C	( Dollar	s in thousand
	Fac Dange		Gross	FI	imination
(1)	Fee Range	·	Amount	EI	imination
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.500/ 1.050/	¢	5 2 5 9	¢	(22)
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	5,358	\$	(329
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%	\$	1,767 7,125	\$	(22)
Total		3	7,125	\$	(329
(1)(2)					
Incentive Income <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>		<i>•</i>	2.051	¢	
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$		\$	-
CLOs	20%	¢	110	¢	-
Total		\$	3,181	\$	-
				<b>c</b> : <b>1</b>	
					onths Ended
					ne 30, 2016
			Gross	(Dollars	s in thousand
	Ess Dangs		Gross Amount	FI	imination
	Fee Range		Amount	£1	miliation
Management Fee Income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.500/ 1.050/	¢	4.770	¢	
Funds and accounts	0.50% - 1.25%	\$	4,769	\$	-
CLOs	0.15% - 0.50%		830		-
ZFC REIT <sup>(3)</sup>	1.50%		1,541	-	-
Total		\$	7,140	\$	
Incentive Income <sup>(1)(2)</sup>					
Funds and accounts	10% - 20%	\$	295	\$	-

	CLOs <b>Total</b>			20%	\$	295	\$	-
	(1)	Certain management and incentive fees have been and may range.	y in the future b	be waived and	d therefore	e the actual fe	es rates ma	y be lower
	(2)	Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed operative agreement.	l entities is subj	ject to a hurd	lle rate of	return as spec	cified in ea	ch respecti
Schedule Of Management Fee Income And Incentive Income Net Of Credit [Table Text Block]	т.,	On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC e management fee income and incentive income amounts above tive income in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive	e are net of the f	following crea : Three Mor	dits, which	h are recorded	-	on either o Six Mo Ju
			2	2017		2016 (Dollars in	2 thousands)	017
	U	ment fee income credit re income credit	\$	63	\$	50	\$	126
	Total		\$	63	\$	50	\$	120
Schedule Of Rebate Fees [Table Text Block]		e following table presents the gross amount of the rebated fe ny's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)		ninations due	to the co	nsolidation of	Zephyr A-	6 and the

	Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2017				
	( Dollars in thousands )				
Gross					Net
Amount	t	Elimir	nation		Amount
2	290	\$	(290)	\$	-
-	290	\$	(290)	\$	-
		290			

Schedule Of Management fee Income And Incentive Income Receivable [Table Text Block]

Management fee income and incentive income which was accrued, but not received is as follows:

	June 30, 2017	
	 (Dollars in	ı tho
Management fee income	\$ 1,278	\$
Incentive income	591	
Total	\$ 1,869	\$

# Notes Payable (Tables)

# **Debt Disclosure [Abstract]**

Interest Income and Interest Expense Disclosure [Table Text Block]

# 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

Total interest expense is included in Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) and was as fol

Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,					
2017	2	2016	2017	2016				
	(Dollars in thousands)							
\$	- \$	2 \$	3	\$				

# Compensation (Tables)

# Schedule Of Compensation Expense And Employee Benefit [Table Text Block]

# Jun. 30, 2017

The following table presents a detailed breakout of the Company's compensation expense:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Mo Ju		
		2017		2016		2017
				(Dollars in	thousa	unds)
Salaries	\$	2,293	\$	2,593	\$	4,629
Bonus		2,966		3,502		6,143
Severance		-		119		72
Equity-Based Compensation		56		1,339		1,168
Payroll taxes and benefits		294		443		1,02
Commissions		-		3		-
Total	\$	5,609	\$	7,999	\$	13,033

Summary of Cancelled Stock Awards [Table Text Block] The number of Class B-0 Units cancelled and Election Consideration provided as a result of the Proposal is as follows:

Total number of Class B-0 Units cancelled in substitution for:	
RSUs	
Cash	
Total number of Class B-0 Units cancelled	1,
Class B-0 Units not cancelled	
Total Cash Amount paid in March 2017 (in thousands)	\$

**6** Months Ended

# Schedule of Nonvested Share Activity [Table Text Block]

		Three Months Ended June 30,						
	20	17	2016					
		Weighted		Wei				
		Average		Ave				
		Grant Date		Gran				
	Number of	Fair Value	Number of	Fair				
	B-0 Units	per Unit	<b>B-0</b> Units	per				
Balance at beginning of period	_	\$ -	1,288,778	\$				
Forfeited	-	-	(156,565)					
Balance at end of period		\$ -	1,132,213	\$				

		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	20	)17	20	2016		
	Number of B-0 Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit	Number of B-0 Units	Wei Ave Gran Fair per		
Balance at beginning of period	-	\$ -	1,337,486	\$		
Granted	-	-	100,000			
Forfeited	-	-	(305,273)			
Balance at end of period	-	<b>\$</b> –	1,132,213	\$		

- %

29.6 %

# Schedule of Unrecognized Compensation Cost, Nonvested Awards [Table Text Block]

The Company incurred compensation expense relating to the Class B-0 Units (including Class B-0 Units cancelled in consideration for the follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,			
	(Dollars in	thousands)		(Dollars in	thousands)		
	2017	2016	2016		2017 2016		
	<u>\$                                    </u>	\$ 1,	,296 \$	1,059	<u>\$</u>	1,566	
The	estimated forfeiture rates of	Class B-0 Units, inclue	ding those	e cancelled in exchange f	for Class A Com	mon Stock, we	ere as follows:
	Three Mor Jun	nths Ended e 30,			ths Ended ne 30,		
	(Dollars in thousands)			(Dollars in thousands)			
	2017	2016		2017	2010	5	

29.6 %

Schedule of Share Based Compensation Estimated Forfeiture Percentage [Table Text Block]

- %

The following table presents the RSU activity for non-employees as well as employees that agreed to the cancellation of their Class B-0 Unit

# Schedule of Nonvested Restricted Stock Units Activity [Table Text Block]

	Three Months Ended June 30,					
	2017			20	)16	
	Number of RSUs			Number of RSUs	Wei Ave Gran Fair per	
Balance at beginning of period:	105,273	\$	2.17	30,000	\$	
Grants during period to:	,				·	
Non-employee directors	63,219		2.19	30,942		
Vested	(30,942)		3.22	(30,000)		
Balance at end of period	137,550	\$	1.94	30,942	\$	

		Six Months Ended June 30,					
	20	2017			16		
	Number of RSUs	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit		Number of RSUs	Wei Ave Gran Fair per		
Balance at beginning of period:	1,004,947	\$	8.60	30,000	\$		
Grants during period to:							
Non-employee directors	63,219		2.19	30,942			
Vested	(930,616)		9.13	(30,000)			
Balance at end of period	137,550	\$	1.94	30,942	\$		

# Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) [Member]

Schedule of Compensation Cost for Share-based Payment Arrangements, Allocation of Share-based Compensation Costs by Plan [Table Text Block]

The Company incurred compensation expense relating to the non-employee RSUs as follows:

	nths Ended e 30,		ths Ended e 30,
2017	2016	2017	2016
	(Dollars in	thousands)	
\$ 56	<u>\$ 43</u>	\$ 109	\$

# **Income Taxes (Tables)**

# 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

Schedule of Effective Income As a result of the variations each quarter in the relationship between pre-tax income and income tax expense, the Company utilizes the actuary federal income tax income tax expense, the Company utilizes the actuary federal income tax expense. The following is a reconciliation of the U.S. statutory federal income tax tax:

	Three Months June 30	Six	
	 2017	2016	2017
	 	(Dollars in the	ousands)
Income tax (benefit) expense at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate	\$ 148	(1,676)	(1
State and local income tax, net of federal benefit	(37)	(242)	
Foreign tax	5	4	
Effect of permanent differences	2	56	
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds not subject to tax	(475)	(358)	
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP not subject to tax	107	649	
Equity Compensation "Shortfall" DTA Adjustment	(16)		1
Valuation allowance	271	1,571	
Total	5	4	

Summary of Operating Loss Carryforwards [Table Text Block] As of June 30, 2017, the Company has estimated federal and state income tax net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$13.4 n follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)
2032	\$ 1
2033	83
2034	122
2035	5,990
2036	1,640
2037	5,569
Total	\$ 13,405

Related Party Transactions	j				1s Ended			
(Tables)	The total amount of i		that are no	Jun. 30		fallower		
<u>Schedule of Capital Units</u> [Table Text Block]	The total amount of i	investors' capital balances	that are no	June 30,	December	r 31,		
				2017 (Dollars in t	2016 thousands)			
				`	,			
~ 1 1 0 t t 1			\$	22,934		21,713		
Schedule of Asset Under Management [Table Text]	The total amounts of	f AUM that are not being c	narged tees	s were approximately as	follows:			
<u>Block]</u>	June 30,	Deceml						
Diotaj	(Do	201 Dollars in thousands)	16					
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,						
~ 1 1 1 (D 1 - 1D -	\$ 29	\$96,452	560	0,272				
Schedule of Related Party Transactions [Table Text]	The Company incurr	red the following expenses	pursuant t	to the engagement agreer	ment:			
<u>Block</u>			-			<u>.</u>		
Dioti		Three Mon June		1		Six Month June		
		2017		2016	2017		/	016
				(Dollars in t	thousands)			
	\$	45	\$	76	\$	91	\$	
Mr. Ramsey [Member]								
Schedule Of Consulting Fee	The Company has recorde	led the following expense r	elated to the	ne Consulting Agreemen	ıt:			
Expenses [Table Text Block]		Three	Months E	Inded		Six Months E	Inded	
			June 30,			June 30,	,	
		2017		2016 (Dollars in t			2016	<b> </b>
					*			
		\$	- \$	125	\$	105 \$		250
Ms. Rohan [Member]	Amounts novable to Ma	D-1 an automation to the ear	Iting og	and the second fallows				
Schedule of Related Party Transactions [Table Text	Amounts payable to lvis.	Rohan pursuant to the con-	sulting agr	eement are as ionows:				
<u>Block</u>				June 30,	December	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
<u></u>				<u>2017</u> (Dollars in t	2016 thousands)			
			\$	8	,	16		
Schedule Of Consulting Fee	The Company recognized	d the following amounts fo				<u>~</u>		
Expenses [Table Text Block]		Three	Months E June 30,	Inded		Six Months E June 30,		
		2017		2016	2017		2016	
				(Dollars in t	thousands)			
		\$	24 \$	27	\$	48 \$		54
ZAIS Managed Entities								
[Member]								
Schedule of Related Party	The amounts due fro Direct Costs") are as follo	om the ZAIS Managed En	tities for R	kesearch Costs and other	r costs paid to vend	ors by ZAIS or	n behalf of the	ZAIS M
<u>Transactions [Table Text</u> <u>Block]</u>	Diffect Costs j are as tone	Jws.						
BIOCKJ							June 30, 2017	Dee
							(Dollars	in thou:

Total	φ 1	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	•
Total	<u>\$</u>	1.101	\$
Other Direct Costs		313	
Research Costs	\$	788	\$

# Property and Equipment (Tables) Property, Plant and Equipment [Abstract] Property, Plant and Equipment [Table Text Block]

### Property and equipment consist of the following:

# 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

	June 30, 2017	Decem 20		
	(Dollars in thous			
\$	3,246	\$		
	692			

Office equipment	\$ 3,246	\$
Leasehold improvements	692	
Furniture and fixtures	572	
Software	412	
	4,922	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (4,603)	
Total	\$ 319	\$

Schedule Of Depreciation Expense Related To Fixed Assets [Table Text Block] The Company recognized depreciation and amortization expense as follows:

	nths Ended e 30,			Six Mont Jun	
2017	2016	5	20	17	2016
(Dollars in thousands)					
\$ 71	\$	64	\$	111	\$

Commitments and Contingencies (Tables) Commitments and Contingencies Disclosure [Abstract] Schedule of Related Party Transactions [Table Text Block]	Ju	Jun. es pursuant to the engagement agre- onths Ended ne 30,	Six Mont Jun	hs Ended e 30,
	2017	2016 (Dollars in	2017 <u>2017</u> 1 thousands)	2016
	¢			<b>A</b>
Schedule Of Expenses For Legal Advisor Agreement [Table Text Block]			greement: Six Mont	hs Ended e 30,
	2017	2016	2017	2016
		(Dollars in	1 thousands)	
	<u>\$ 19</u>	2 \$ -	\$ 642	\$
<u>Capital Commitments [Table</u> <u>Text Block]</u>	The Company's cumulative contributions to	June 30, 2017	December 31, 2016 1 thousands)	
	¢	26,597	¢	20,477
Schedule of Rent Expense [Table Text Block]		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Six Mont	hs Ended e 30,
	2017	2016	2017	2016
		(Dollars in	1 thousands)	
Schedule of Future Minimum Rental Payments for Operating <sup>ap</sup> Leases [Table Text Block]	Aggregate future minimum annual rental poproximately as follows:		1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 an	d the period subsequent
Leases [Table Text Block]	Period		(Dollars in thousands)	_
	Six months ended December 31, 2017		310	

January 2018 through September 2018	278

# **Stockholders' Equity** (Tables)

# **Stockholders' Equity Note** [Abstract] Schedule Of Shares Issued

6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

From Vesting Of Restricted Stock Units [Table Text Block] The Company issued the following Class A Common Stock related to RSUs which vested:

Three Month June 3		Six Months Ended June 30,		
2017	2016	2017	2016	
30,942	30,000	579,865		

#### **Earnings Per Share (Tables)**

# Earnings Per Share

[Abstract] Schedule of Earnings Per

Share, Basic and Diluted [Table Text Block]

### 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

The following table presents a reconciliation of the earnings and shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six	
		2017	2016	2017
		(Dollars	in thousands, excep	ot shares and p
Numerator:				
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.				
Class A common stockholders (Basic)	\$	(652)	\$ (4,076)	\$ (4
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to non-controlling interests				
in ZGP		(315)	(1,911)	(2
Less: Consolidated Net (Income) Loss, net of tax, attributable to ZAIS REIT				
Management Class B interests <sup>(1)</sup>		-	(142)	
Income tax (benefit) expense <sup>(2)</sup>		-	_	
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to stockholders, after				
effect of dilutive securities	\$	(967)	\$ (6,129)	\$ (7
Denominator:				
Weighted average number of shares of Class A Common Stock		14,473,642	13,892,016	14,231
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Weighted average number of Class A Units		7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000
Dilutive number of Class B-0 Units and RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>		_	_	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding <sup>(4)</sup>		21,473,642	20,892,016	21,231
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A common share - Basic	\$	(0.05)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (
Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A common share - Diluted	\$	(0.05)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (

(1) Amount represents portion of the management fee income received from ZFC REIT that was payable to holders of Class B interests in

(2) Income tax (benefit) expense is calculated using an assumed tax rate of 41.73% and 38.56% for the three months ended June 30 respectively, and (0.64)% and 39.29% for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, which is fully offset by a in each year. See Note 9 - "Income Taxes" for details surrounding income taxes.

(3) The treasury stock method is used to calculate incremental Class A common shares on potentially dilutive Class A common shares res B-0 Units granted in connection with and subsequent to the Business Combination and unvested RSUs granted to non-employee direct of ZAIS Group. These Class B-0 Units and RSUs are anti-dilutive and, consequently, have been excluded from the computation of dilut outstanding.

(4) Number of diluted shares outstanding takes into account non-controlling interests of ZGP that may be exchanged for Class A Co circumstances.

#### Supplemental Financial Information (Tables)

# **Statement of Financial Position [Abstract]**

Schedule Of Consolidated Funds on the Company's Financial Position [Table Text]

Block]

The following supplemental financial information illustrates the consolidating effects of the Consolidated Funds on the Company's financial operations:

**6** Months Ended

Jun. 30, 2017

	 June 30, 2017		
		Consolidated	
	 ZAIS	Funds	Eliminatio
		( Dollars in t	housands )
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,970	-	
Income and fees receivable	2,198	-	1
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	42,986	-	(32
Due from related parties	1,101	-	
Property and equipment, net	319	-	
Prepaid expenses	1,907	-	
Other assets	385	-	
Assets of Consolidated Funds			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	13,416	
Investments, at fair value	-	459,416	(12
Due from broker	-	12,095	
Other assets	-	1,320	(
Total Assets	\$ 65,866	486,247	(46)
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Compensation payable	\$ 4,594	-	
Due to related parties	31	-	
Fees payable	289	-	(
Other liabilities	1,147	-	
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds			
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO	-	397,229	(12
Due to broker	-	21,974	
Other liabilities	-	2,930	
Total Liabilities	 6,061	422,133	(13

# Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)

Equity			
Preferred Stock	-	-	
Class A Common Stock	1	-	
Class B Common Stock	-	-	
Additional paid-in-capital	64,210	-	
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(23,779)	-	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(44)		
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	40,388	_	
Non-controlling interests in ZAIS Group Parent, LLC	19,417	-	
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	-	64,114	(32
Total Equity	59,805	64,114	(32
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 65,866	486,247	(46

		December 31, 2016			
	7.10		Consolidated	<b>FI</b> • •	
	ZAIS		Funds	Eliminati	
			( Dollars in	thousands )	
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,712	2 \$	-	\$	
Income and fees receivable	8,80	5	-		
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	29,55	1	-	(2-	
Due from related parties	73-	1	-		
Property and equipment, net	27-	1	-		
Prepaid expenses	90	5	-		
Other assets	34	3	-		
Assets of Consolidated Funds					
Cash and cash equivalents		-	37,080		
Investments, at fair value		-	423,871	(1)	
Due from broker		-	16,438		
Other assets		-	1,254		
Total Assets	\$ 79,33	3 \$	478,643	\$ (4	

Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Notes payable	\$ 1,263	\$ –	\$
Compensation payable	7,836	-	
Due to related parties	31	-	
Fees payable	2,439	-	
Other liabilities	1,127	-	
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds			
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO	-	404,407	(19
Due to broker	-	24,462	
Other liabilities		2,165	
Total Liabilities	12,696	431,034	(19

# Commitments and Contingencies (Note 12)

-	-	
1	-	
-	-	
63,413	-	
(18,965)	-	
(70)	-	
44,379	-	
22,258	-	
-	47,609	(24
66,637	47,609	(24
\$ 79,333	\$ 478,643	\$ (43
	(18,965) (70) 44,379 22,258 - 66,637	$\begin{array}{c ccccc} 63,413 & - \\ (18,965) & - \\ \hline (70) & - \\ \hline 44,379 & - \\ 22,258 & - \\ \hline - & 47,609 \\ \hline 66,637 & 47,609 \\ \hline \end{array}$

	_			Three Months Ended June 30, 2017	
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminatio	
			( Dollars in	thousands )	
Revenues					
Management fee income	\$	4,018	-		
Incentive income		2,884	-		
Reimbursement revenue		383	-		
Other revenues		77	-	10	
Income of Consolidated Funds		-	3,413	(3	
Total Revenues		7,362	3,413	(3	
Expenses					
Compensation and benefits		5,609	-		
General, administrative and other		4,169	-		
Depreciation and amortization		71	-		
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		9,849	30		
Total Expenses		9,849	30		
Other Income (loss) Net gain (loss) on investments		1,493		(1	
Other income (expense)		32		(1	
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments		52	(532)	2.	
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity		_	(552)	۷,	
Total Other Income (Loss)		1,525	(532)	1.	
Income (loss) before income taxes		(962)	2,851	(1	
Income tax (benefit) expense		5	-	(1	
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		(967)	2,851	(1	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax		(307)	2,001	(1	
Foreign currency translation adjustment		9	_		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	(958)	2,851	(1	

			Three mon June 3(	
	 ZAIS	Co	onsolidated Funds	Eliminatio Thousands )
Revenues			( Donars in	i nousanus j
Management fee income	\$ 3,571	\$	-	\$
Incentive income	143		-	
Other revenues	 79		-	
Total Revenues	3,793		-	
Expenses				
Compensation and benefits	7,999		-	

Depreciation and amortization		64	-	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		-	<u> </u>	
Total Expenses Other Income (loss)		11,013	29	
Net gain (loss) on investments		1,150	-	(
Other income (expense)		87	-	
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments		-	2,176	
Total Other Income (Loss)		1,237	2,176	
Income (loss) before income taxes		(5,983)	2,147	
Income tax (benefit) expense Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		(5,987)	2,147	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax		(3,707)	2,177	
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(147)	-	
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	(6,134)	\$ 2,147	\$
			June 3	hs Ended 0, 2017
		ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Eliminati
		LAIS	( Dollars in	
Revenues			(201111511	(incustinus )
Management fee income	\$	7,125	-	
Incentive income		3,181	-	
Reimbursement revenue Other revenues		877	-	
Income of Consolidated Funds		170	3,618	
Total Revenues		11,353	3,618	
Expenses				
Compensation and benefits		13,033	-	
General, administrative and other		7,838	-	
Depreciation and amortization		111	- 73	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds Total Expenses		20,982	73	
Other Income (loss)		20,702		
Net gain (loss) on investments		2,411	-	(
Other income (expense)		16	-	
Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments		-	960	
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of collateralized financing entity Total Other Income (Loss)		2,427	960	. <u> </u>
Income (loss) before income taxes		(7,202)	4,505	
Income tax (benefit) expense		10	-	
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		(7,212)	4,505	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustment		39		
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	(7,173)	4,505	(
			June 3	hs Ended 0, 2016
	,	ZAIS	Consolidated Funds	Fliminati
				<u>Eliminati</u> Thousands )
Revenues			( 2 chur s III	
Management fee income	\$	7,140	\$ –	\$
Incentive income		295	-	
Other revenues		159		
Total Revenues Expenses		7,594		
Compensation and benefits		17,006	_	
General, administrative and other		6,160	-	
Depreciation and amortization		127	-	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		-	48	
Total Expenses		23,293	48	
		1.906	_	
		1,896	_	
Net gain (loss) on investments		602	—	
Net gain (loss) on investments Other income (expense)		692	3,693	
Net gain (loss) on investments		692 - 2,588	3,693	
Other income (expense) Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments		-		(
Net gain (loss) on investments Other income (expense) Net gains (losses) of Consolidated Funds' investments Total Other Income (Loss)		2,588	3,693	

Foreign currency translation adjustment	 (201)		-	
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ (13,321)	\$ 3	3,645	\$ (1

# **Subsequent Events (Tables)**

# Subsequent Events [Abstract] Schedule Of Management

Fees Revenue [Table Text Block] 6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017

Additionally, ZAIS earned the following management fees and incentive income from Atlas Fund:

		Three Months Ended June 30,			Six
	20	)17		2016	2017
				(Dollars in	thousands)
Management fees	\$	14	\$	12	\$
Incentive income		-		-	
Total	\$	14	\$	12	\$

<b>Organization (Details) - USD</b>			
(\$)	Jun. 30,	2017	Dec. 31, 2016
\$ in Millions			
Assets under Management, Carrying Amount	\$ 3,752	[1]	\$ 3,444

[1] On April 19, 2017, the ZAIS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (value date of June 30, 2017) from a European investor impacted by regulatory constraints. This redemption is expected to be effectuated August 31, 2017. The AUM amount presented has not been reduced for this redemption request.

Organization (Details Textual) \$ in Millions	Apr. 19, 2017 USD (\$)
ZAIS Opportunity Fund Master Fund [Member]	l
Redemption Value of Investments	\$ 68.3

Investments in Affiliates (Details) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands

Jun. 30, 2017 Dec. 31, 2016

Investments in and Advances to Affiliates, at Fair Value \$ 10,288 \$ 5,273

<b>Investments in Affiliates</b>		3 Months Ended		6 Months Ended	
(Details 1) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun.	30, 2017 Jun. 30, 2	2016 Jun.	30, 2017 Jun. 30, 2016	
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$2	\$ 25	\$15	\$ (22)	

Investments in Affiliates	1 Months Ended		hs Ended
(Details Textual) - USD (\$) \$ in Millions	Jun. Jun. Feb. 30, 29, 28, 201720172017	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016
<b>Investments in and Advances</b>	<u>8</u>		
to Affiliates [Line Items]			
Equity Method Investment,		no equity investment,	no equity investment,
Additional Information		individually or in the aggregate,	individually or in the aggregate,
		held by the Company exceeded	held by the Company exceeded
		10% of its total consolidated	20% of its total consolidated
		assets.	assets.
Financial Support, Capital			
Contributions [Member]			
<b>Investments in and Advances</b>	<u>è</u>		
to Affiliates [Line Items]			
Nonconsolidated Legal Entity,	Ф <b>Б</b> О Ф <b>Б</b> О Ф <b>Б</b> О		
Financial Support Amount	\$ 3.0\$ 3.0\$ 3.0	1	

Fair Value Measurements (Details) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring and Nonrecurring Basis [Line		
Items]	¢ 1 ( 10)	¢ 26 071
Cash equivalents	\$ 16,103	\$ 36,971
Investments, at fair value:	10 200	5 272
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	10,288	3,275
Net Asset Value [Member] Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Measured on Resurring and Nonresurring Pasis II in		
Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring and Nonrecurring Basis [Line Items]		
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	10,288	5 273
<u>Cash equivalents</u>	0	0
Investments, at fair value:	0	0
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	10,288	5 273
Consolidated Funds [Member]	10,200	5,215
Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring and Nonrecurring Basis [Line		
Items]		
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	473,098	446,609
Investments, at fair value:	,	
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	446,707	404,365
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
<u>Liabilities, at fair value:</u>		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Net Asset Value [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	0
Liabilities, at fair value:		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
<u>Liabilities, at fair value:</u>		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]   Net Asset		
Value [Member]		
<u>Liabilities, at fair value:</u>		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	25,005	15,036
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Senior Notes		
[Member]		
Investments, at fair value:	10.000	
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	18,998	

Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Mezzanine Note [Member]	<u>s</u>	
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	3,950	
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Subordinated	5,950	
Debt [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	2,346	
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Net Asset Value	_,0 10	
[Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Net Asset Value		
[Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Net Asset Value		
[Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Net Asset Value		
[Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	396,408	
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure		389,329
Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Net Asset Value [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]		
Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring and Nonrecurring Basis [Line		
<u>Items</u> ]		
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	,	36,971
Cash equivalents	16,103	36,971
Investments, at fair value:	_	_
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Liabilities, at fair value:	_	_
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of		
Consolidated CLOs [Member]		

Liabilities, at fair value:		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 1 [Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure		0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]		
Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring and Nonrecurring Basis [Line		
<u>Items</u> ]	_	_
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
<u>Cash equivalents</u>	0	0
Investments, at fair value:	_	_
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Liabilities, at fair value:		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of		
Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Liabilities, at fair value:		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:	0	•
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
<u>Consolidated Funds [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]</u> Investments, at fair value:		

Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:	0	
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	0	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 2 [Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure		0
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]		
Fair Value, Assets and Liabilities Measured on Recurring and Nonrecurring Basis [Line		
<u>Items</u> ]		
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Cash equivalents	0	0
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	0	0
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Liabilities, at fair value:		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of		
Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Liabilities, at fair value:		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	25,005	15,036
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	18,998	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	3,950	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		

Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	2,346	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Investments, at fair value:		
Investments in affiliates, at net asset value	\$	
	396,408	
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure		\$
		389,329

Fair Value Measurements (Details 1) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation	6 Months Ended Jun. 30, Jun. 30, 2017 2016
[Line Items]	
Total investments, at fair value (Begainning Balance)	\$ 404,365 \$ 30,509
Total investments, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	295,989 10,000
Total investments, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	(250,507)0
Total investments, at fair value, Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(4,007) 3,692
Total investments, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	867
Total investments, at fair value, Transfers to (from) Level 3	0 0
Total investments, at fair value (Ending Balance)	446,707 44,201
Total investments, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized	(2,021) 2,602
Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held	(2,921) 3,692
Total liabilities, at fair value (Beginning Balance)	384,901
Total liabilities, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	0
Total liabilities, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	0
Total liabilities, at fair value, Realized and Unrealized Gains/Losses	(382)
Total liabilities, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	0
Total liabilities, at fair value, Transfers	0
Total liabilities, at fair value (Ending Balance)	384,519
Total liabilities, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized	(382)
Gain (Loss)	(362)
Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]	
Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation	
[Line Items]	
Total liabilities, at fair value (Beginning Balance)	384,901
Total liabilities, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	0
Total liabilities, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	0
Total liabilities, at fair value, Realized and Unrealized Gains/Losses	(382)
Total liabilities, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	0
Total liabilities, at fair value, Transfers	0
Total liabilities, at fair value (Ending Balance)	384,519
Total liabilities, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized	(382)
Gain (Loss)	( )
Bank loans [Member]	
Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation	
[Line Items] Total investments, at fair value (Bassinning Balance)	280.220
<u>Total investments, at fair value (Begainning Balance)</u> Total investments, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	389,329
	211,967
Total investments, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	(201,635)
Total investments, at fair value, Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(3,939)
Total investments, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	686

<u>Total investments, at fair value, Transfers to (from) Level 3</u> <u>Total investments, at fair value (Ending Balance)</u> Total investments, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized	0 396,408	
Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]	(2,655)	
Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation		
[Line Items] Total investments, at fair value (Begainning Balance)	15,036	30,509
Total investments, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	55,000	10,000
Total investments, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	(45,000)	-
Total investments, at fair value, Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(31)	3,692
Total investments, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	0	5,072
Total investments, at fair value, Transfers to (from) Level 3	0	0
Total investments, at fair value (Ending Balance)	25,005	44,201
Total investments, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized		-
Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held	(5)	\$ 3,692
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation		
[Line Items]		
Total investments, at fair value (Begainning Balance)	0	
Total investments, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	19,000	
Total investments, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	0	
Total investments, at fair value, Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(106)	
Total investments, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	104	
Total investments, at fair value, Transfers to (from) Level 3	0	
Total investments, at fair value (Ending Balance)	18,998	
Total investments, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held	(106)	
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation		
[Line Items]	0	
Total investments, at fair value (Begainning Balance)	0	
Total investments, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	3,950	
Total investments, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	0	
Total investments, at fair value, Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(44)	
Total investments, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	44 0	
<u>Total investments, at fair value, Transfers to (from) Level 3</u> Total investments, at fair value (Ending Balance)	0 3,950	
Total investments, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized	3,930	
Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held	(44)	
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Fair Value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Unobservable Input Reconciliation		
[Line Items]		
Total investments, at fair value (Begainning Balance)	0	
Total investments, at fair value, Purchases/Issuances	6,072	

Total investments, at fair value, Sales/Redemptions/Settlements	(3,872)
Total investments, at fair value, Total Realized and Change in Unrealized Gains (Losses)	113
Total investments, at fair value, Amortization of Discounts/Premiums	33
Total investments, at fair value, Transfers to (from) Level 3	0
Total investments, at fair value (Ending Balance)	2,346
Total investments, at fair value, Assets Measured on Recurring Basis, Change in Unrealized Gains/Losses Relating to Assets and Liabilities Still Held	\$ (111)

Fair Value Measurements (Details 2) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017	12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2016
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 473,098	\$ 446,609
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	25,005	15,036
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Senior		
Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	18,998	
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	3,950	
Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	2,346	
Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure		389,329
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	446,707	404,365
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	384,519	384,901
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes		
Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Liabilities Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 384,519	\$ 384,901
Fair Value Measurements, Valuation Techniques	Measuremen Alternative	t Measurement Alternative

Fair Value Measurements Unobservable Input Description	Not	Not
Fair Value Input Reinvestment Spread Percentage Description	applicable Not applicable	applicable Not applicable
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]]	applicable	applicable
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 25,005	\$ 15,036
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 18,998	
Fair Value Measurements, Valuation Techniques	Third party	
	pricing	
	source	
Fair Value Measurements Unobservable Input Description	Not	
	applicable	
Fair Value Input Reinvestment Spread Percentage Description	Not	
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Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]           Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
<u>Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]</u>		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 3,950	
Fair Value Measurements, Valuation Techniques	Third party	
<u>Pair value intersurements, valuation reeninques</u>	pricing	
	source	
Fair Value Measurements Unobservable Input Description	Not	
	applicable	
Fair Value Input Reinvestment Spread Percentage Description	Not	
	applicable	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 2,346	
Fair Value Measurements, Valuation Techniques	Third party	
	pricing	
	source	
Fair Value Measurements Unobservable Input Description	Not	
	applicable	
Fair Value Input Reinvestment Spread Percentage Description	Not	
Fein Wahren Lementen Lement 2 DM auch and De eta Lemen DM (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1	applicable	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member] Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure		\$ 389,329
		ψ 507,549

Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Minimum [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Minimum [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Minimum [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Minimum [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Subordinated Debt		
[Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Consolidated Funds	0.0070	010070
[Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Mezzanine Notes [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Consolidated Funds		
[Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Subordinated Debt		
[Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Weighted Average [Member]   Consolidated		
Funds [Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Weighted Average [Member]   Consolidated		
Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Senior Notes		
[Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	
Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Weighted Average [Member]   Consolidated		
Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Mezzanine Notes		
[Member]		

Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]Fair Value Input Interest RateFair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Weighted Average [Member]   ConsolidatedFunds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Subordinated Debt[Member]	0.00%	
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]         Fair Value Input Interest Rate         Broker quoted [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Bank loans         [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]	0.00%	
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]	<b><b>• • • • • • • • • •</b></b>	<b># 200 220</b>
Assets, Fair Value Disclosure Fair Value Measurements, Valuation Techniques	\$ 396,408 Third party pricing source	\$ 389,329 Third party valuation source
Fair Value Measurements Unobservable Input Description	Not applicable	Not applicable
Fair Value Input Reinvestment Spread Percentage Description	Not applicable	Not applicable
Broker quoted [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Minimum		
[Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]	0.000/	0.000/
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Broker quoted [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Broker quoted [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Weighted Average [Member]   Bank loans [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Cost plus excess spread [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]	<b>• • •</b> • • • •	<b>•</b> 1 <b>•</b> • • • • •
Investments, Fair Value Disclosure	\$ 25,005	\$ 15,036
Fair Value Measurements, Valuation Techniques	Cost plus excess spread	Cost plus excess spread
Fair Value Measurements Unobservable Input Description	Excess	Excess
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.02%	0.20%
Cost plus excess spread [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Minimun [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]	<u>1</u>	
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%

Cost plus excess spread [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]		
Maximum [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan		
Obligations [Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%
Cost plus excess spread [Member]   Fair Value, Inputs, Level 3 [Member]   Weighted	<u>l</u>	
Average [Member]   Consolidated Funds [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligation	<u>s</u>	
[Member]		
Fair Value Assets and Liabilities Significant Unobservable Inputs [Line Items]		
Fair Value Input Interest Rate	0.00%	0.00%

Variable Interest Entities	3 Mont	ths Ended	6 Months Ended		
(Details) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Change in unrealized gain or loss	\$ 2	\$ 25	\$ 15	\$ (22)	
Total - Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds' investments	39	55	114	37	
ZAIS CLO 5 [Member]					
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Change in unrealized gain or loss	0	2,176	0	3,693	
ZAIS CLO 6 [Member]					
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Change in unrealized gain or loss	(1,370)	0	(263)	0	
Realized gains	2,972	0	2,972	0	
Total - Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds'	1,602	0	2,709	0	
investments	1,002	0	2,709	0	
Consolidated Entities [Member]					
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Total - Net gain (loss) of Consolidated Funds'	1,607	2,176	2,714	3,693	
investments	1,007	2,170	2,711	5,075	
ZAIS CLO 7 [Member]					
<b>Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]</b>					
Change in unrealized gain or loss	\$ 5	\$ 0	\$ 5	\$ 0	

Variable Interest Entities (Details 1) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017 Dec. 31, 2016			
Schedule of Investments [Line Items]				
Investment in affiliates, at fair value	\$ 10,288	\$ 5,273		
Variable Interest Entity, Not Primary Beneficiary, Aggregated Disclosure [Member	·]			
Schedule of Investments [Line Items]				
Investment in affiliates, at fair value	288	273		
Total	50,587	15,309		
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]				
Schedule of Investments [Line Items]				
Assets of Consolidated Funds - Investments at fair value	25,294	0		
Collateralized Financing Entity Warehouse [Member]				
Schedule of Investments [Line Items]				
Assets of Consolidated Funds - Investments at fair value	\$ 25,005	\$ 15,036		

Variable Interest Entities	3 Mont	ths Ended	6 Months Ended		
(Details 2) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Payments to Acquire Interest in Subsidiaries and Affiliates	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	
ZAIS CLO 5, Limited [Member]					
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Payments to Acquire Interest in Subsidiaries and	0	0	0	10,000	
Affiliates	0	0	0	10,000	
ZAIS CLO 6, Limited [Member]					
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Payments to Acquire Interest in Subsidiaries and Affiliates	0	0	30,000	0	
ZAIS CLO 7, Limited [Member]					
Gain (Loss) on Investments [Line Items]					
Payments to Acquire Interest in Subsidiaries and	\$ 25,000	¢ 0	\$ 25,000	¢ 0	
Affiliates	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	

Variable Interest Entities (Details 3) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016	Jun. 30, 2016	Dec. 31, 2015
Debt Instrument [Line Items]				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,970	\$ 38,712	\$ 32,064	\$ 44,351
ZAIS CLO 5 [Member]				
Debt Instrument [Line Items]				
Cash and cash equivalents	12,634	23,987		
Investments, at fair value	396,407	389,329		
Total	409,041	413,316		
Other assets (liabilities), net	(11,488)	(8,909)		
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value	397,553	404,407		
Elimination of Consolidated Funds' investments in CLO	(13,034)	(19,506)		
Notes payable of consolidated CLO, at fair value (net of eliminations)	\$ 384,519	\$ 384,901		

Variable Interest Entities (Details 4) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	6 Months Ended Jun. 30, 2017	12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2016
Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Debt Instrument [Line Items]		
Unpaid Principal Outstanding	\$ 393,380	\$ 388,030
Fair Value	384,519	384,901
Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]   Subordinated		
Notes [Member]		
Debt Instrument [Line Items]		
Unpaid Principal Outstanding	27,635	27,635
Fair Value	\$ 27,012	\$ 27,412
Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)	11 years 3 months 29 days	11 years 9 months 29 days
Stated Maturity Dates		Oct. 31, 2028
Senior Secured Notes [Member]		
Debt Instrument [Line Items]		
Weighted Average Interest Rate	3.35%	
Senior Secured Notes [Member]   Subordinated Notes [Member]		
Debt Instrument [Line Items]		
Stated Maturity Dates	Oct. 31, 2028	Oct. 31, 2028
Senior Secured Notes [Member]   Notes Payable of Consolidated CLOs [Member]		
Debt Instrument [Line Items]		
Unpaid Principal Outstanding	\$ 365,745	\$ 360,395
Fair Value	\$ 357,507	\$ 357,489
Weighted Average Interest Rate	,	2.97%
Weighted Average Maturity (in Years)	11 years 3 months 29	11 years 9 months 29
<u>00</u>	days	days
Stated Maturity Dates	Oct. 31, 2028	-

Variable Interest Entities			onths ded	3 Months Ended		6 Months Ended		
(Details Textual) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	May 03, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017	Sep. 23, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Dec. 31, 2016
Variable Interest Entity								
[Line Items] Variable Interest Entity,						(i) $50/$ of the face emerged of		
Qualitative or Quantitative						(i) 5% of the face amount of each tranche of the CLOs		
Information, Ownership						securities, (ii) an amount of		
Percentage Description						the CLOs equity equal to 5%		
						of the aggregate fair value of		
						all of the CLOs securities or		
						(iii) a combination of the two		
						for a total of 5%.		
Variable Interest Entity,						The required risk must be		
Qualitative or Quantitative Information, Risk Percentage						retained until the latest of (i) the date that the CLO has		
Description						paid down its securities to		
<u> </u>						33% of their original		
						principal amount, (ii) the date		
						that the CLO has sold down		
						its assets to 33% of their		
						original principal amount or		
						(iii) the date that is two years after closing.		
ZAIS CLO 5 [Member]						arter erosnig.		
Variable Interest Entity								
[Line Items]								
Capitalization, Long-term			\$					
Debt and Equity			408,500					
Equity Method Investment,				0.60%		0.60%		
Interest Percentage In Debt						0.0070		
Equity Method Investments			711 41111	\$ 12,700		\$ 12,700		\$ 19,500
Senior Notes			368,000					
Subordinated Debt			40,500					
Equity Method Investment,			\$					
Aggregate Cost			20,500					
Equity Method Investment				••••		<b>21</b> 0.00/		
Interest Percentage In				31.80%	)	31.80%	-	31.80%
Subordinated Notes								
ZAIS CLO 5 [Member]   Senior Notes [Member]								
Variable Interest Entity								
[Line Items]								
t <u>-me reems</u>								

Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage ZAIS CLO 5 [Member]   Subordinated Debt [Member] Variable Interest Entity			2.10%					
[Line Items] Equity Method Investment, Ownership Percentage Zephyr A-6 [Member]			31.80%					
<u>Variable Interest Entity</u>								
[Line Items]								
<u>Dividends</u>	\$ 2,700		\$ 8,800					
<u>Proceeds from Sale of</u> <u>Beneficial Interest in</u> <u>Collateralized Financing</u> <u>Entity</u>	3,900	\$ 5,400						
Consolidated Funds [Member]								
Variable Interest Entity								
[Line Items]								
Proceeds from Sale of								
Beneficial Interest in						\$ 54,262	<b>\$</b> 0	
Collateralized Financing Entity								
Net Gain Loss on Beneficial								
Interest of Collateralized	223,500	)\$		\$ 909	<b>\$</b> 0	1,498	<b>\$</b> 0	
Financing Entity	,	81,000	)	φ y cy	ψü	1,120	Ψ Ŭ	
Investments, Fair Value				116 707	,	446 707		\$
Disclosure				446,707		446,707		404,365
ZAIS CLO 7, Limited								
[Member]								
Variable Interest Entity								
[Line Items]				<b>A</b>				
Investments, Fair Value				\$		\$ 25,000		
Disclosure ZAIS CLO 6, Limited				25,000				
[Member]								
Variable Interest Entity								
[Line Items]								
Capitalization, Long-term	<b>510</b> 000							
Debt and Equity	512,000	)						
Equity Method Investment,				5.00%		5.00%		
Interest Percentage In Debt						5.0070		
Equity Method Investments	29,000			\$		\$ 25,300		
Soniar Natas	460,000	J		25,300		·		
Senior Notes	400,000	J						

Subordinated Debt	\$ 52,000		
ZAIS CLO 6, Limited			
[Member]   Senior Notes			
[Member]			
<u>Variable Interest Entity</u>			
[Line Items]			
Equity Method Investment,	5.00%		
Ownership Percentage	5.0070		
ZAIS CLO 6, Limited			
[Member]   Subordinated Deb	<u>t</u>		
[Member]			
Variable Interest Entity			
[Line Items]			
Equity Method Investment,	13.50%		
Ownership Percentage	15.5070		
ZAIS Zephyr A-6, LP			
[Member]			
Variable Interest Entity			
[Line Items]			
Equity Method Investment,		51.00%	51.00%
Ownership Percentage		51.0070	51.0070

Management Fee Income and Incentive Income		3 Months Ended		6 Months End	
(Details) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands		Jun. 30 2017	, Jun. 30 2016	, Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fee Income		\$ 3,689	\$ 3,571	\$ 6,796	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue		2,884	143	3,181 [1],[2	2]295
Asset Management Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fee Income	[1]	3,689	3,571	6,796	7,140
Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2	2]2,884	143		295
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Asset Management		-			
Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fee Income	[1]	1,273	425	1,767	830
Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Incentive Fee Income					
[Member]					
<u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u> Income [Line Items]					
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2	2]\$ 100	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 110	<b>\$</b> 0
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,	F 1 1 F 7				
Percentage	[1],[2	2]20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Maximum [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]					
Asset Management Income [Member]					
Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive					
Income [Line Items]					
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,	[1]	0 50%	0.50%	0 50%	0.50%
Percentage		0.3070	0.3070	0.3070	0.3070
Minimum [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,	[1],[2	2]	10.00%		
Percentage					
Minimum [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]					
Asset Management Income [Member]					
Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive					
Income [Line Items]					

Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value, Percentage	[1]	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Funds and accounts [Member]   Asset Management Income					
[Member]					
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u></b>					
Income [Line Items]	543				
Management Fee Income	[1]	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,373	\$ 5,029	\$ 4,769
Funds and accounts [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u> <u>Income [Line Items]</u>					
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1][2	20 2 701	¢ 142	¢ 2.071	¢ 205
	[1];[2	2]\$ 2,784	\$ 145	\$ 3,071	\$ 295
Funds and accounts [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Asset					
Management Income [Member]					
<u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u> Income [Line Items]					
<u>Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,</u>					
Percentage	[1]	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%
Funds and accounts [Member]   Maximum [Member]   Incentive					
Fee Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
<u>Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,</u> <u>Percentage</u>	[1],[2	2]20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Funds and accounts [Member]   Minimum [Member]   Asset Management Income [Member]					
<u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u>					
Income [Line Items]					
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value, Percentage	[1]	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Funds and accounts [Member]   Minimum [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,	[1],[2	[]10.00%		10.00%	10.00%
Percentage		- 10:00 / 0		10.0070	10.0070
ZFC REIT [Member]   Asset Management Income [Member]					
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u></b>					
Income [Line Items]	513.50	-			
Management Fee Income	[1],[3		\$ 773		\$ 1,541
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value,	[1],[3	5]	1.50%		1.50%
Percentage			1.0070		1.0070
Gross Amount [Member]   Asset Management Income [Member]					
<u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u>					
Income [Line Items]	[1]	<b>•</b> • • • • •		<b>• • • • •</b>	<b>• -</b> • • •
Management Fee Income	[1]	\$ 4,018	\$ 3,571	\$ 7,125	\$ 7,140

Gross Amount [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive					
Income [Line Items]	[1][2		1.42	2 101	205
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2	212,884	143	3,181	295
Gross Amount [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations					
[Member]   Asset Management Income [Member]					
Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive					
Income [Line Items] Management Fee Income	[1]	1 072	425	1 7 ( 7	020
	[1]	1,2/3	425	1,767	830
<u>Gross Amount [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations</u> [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2	<sup>2</sup> ]100	0	110	0
Gross Amount [Member]   Funds and accounts [Member]   Asset					
Management Income [Member]					
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u></b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fee Income	[1]	2,745	2,373	5,358	4,769
Gross Amount [Member]   Funds and accounts [Member]					
Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u></b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2	<sup>2]</sup> 2,784	143	3,071	295
Gross Amount [Member]   ZFC REIT [Member]   Asset					
Management Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fee Income	[1],[3	3]	773		1,541
Elimination [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]					
Management Fee Income		(329)	0	(329)	0
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue		0	0	0	0
Elimination [Member]   Asset Management Income [Member]					
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u></b>					
Income [Line Items]	F 1 3				
Management Fee Income	[1]	(329)	0	(329)	0
Elimination [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]					
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>					
Income [Line Items]	F 1 7 F				
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2	210	0	0	0
Elimination [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member	1				
Asset Management Income [Member]					

<u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</u> <u>Income [Line Items]</u>				
Management Fee Income	[1] 0	0	0	0
Elimination [Member]   Collateralized Loan Obligations [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]	1			
Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive				
Income [Line Items]				
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2]0	0	0	0
Elimination [Member]   Funds and accounts [Member]   Asset Management Income [Member]				
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>				
Income [Line Items]				
Management Fee Income	[1] (329)	0	(329)	0
Elimination [Member]   Funds and accounts [Member]   Incentive Fee Income [Member]				
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>				
Income [Line Items]				
Management Fees, Incentive Revenue	[1],[2] \$ 0	0	<b>\$</b> 0	0
Elimination [Member]   ZFC REIT [Member]   Asset Managemen Income [Member]	<u>t</u>			
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive</b>				
Income [Line Items]				
Management Fee Income	[1],[3]	<b>\$</b> 0		<b>\$</b> 0

[1] Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fees rates may be lower than those reflected in the range.

[2] Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed entities is subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement.

[3] On October 31, 2016, the management agreement with ZFC REIT was terminated pursuant to the Termination Agreement.

Management Fee Income	3 Mont	ths Ended 6 Months End		
and Incentive Income (Details 1) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016
Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive				
Income [Line Items]				
Management fee income credit	\$ 63	\$ 50	\$ 126	\$ 104
Incentive income credit	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>	\$ 63	\$ 50	\$ 126	\$ 104

Management Fee Income	6 Months Ended
and Incentive Income	
(Details 2) - Reabte Fee	Jun. 30, 2017
[Member]	USD (\$)
<b>\$</b> in Thousands	
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Line Items]</b>	
Rebated Fees	\$ 0
Total	0
Operating Segments [Member]	
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Line Items]</b>	
Rebated Fees	290
Total	290
Intersegment Eliminations [Member]	
<b>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Line Items]</b>	
Rebated Fees	(290)
Total	\$ (290)

# Management Fee Income and Incentive Income (Details 3) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands

# Jun. 30, 2017 Jun. 30, 2016

### **Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Line Items]**

Management fee income	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,284
Incentive income	591	7,521
Total	\$ 1,869	\$ 8,805

Management Fee Income and Incentive Income	6 Months Ended	
(Details Textual) - USD (\$) \$ in Millions	Jun. 30, 2017	Oct. 31, 2016
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Line Items]</u></b>		
Management Fees Receivable Subject To Compromise Early Contract Termination		\$ 8.0
Fees		\$ 8.0
Zephyr A-6 [Member]		
<b><u>Components of Management Fee Income and Incentive Income [Line Items]</u></b>		
Conditional Management Fees, Based on Net Asset Value, Percentage	0.15%	

Notes Payable (Details) -	<b>3</b> Months Ended		6 ]	6 Months Ended		
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30,	2017 Jun. 30,	2016 Jun. 30	, 2017 Jun. 30, 2	016	
Interest Expense, Debt	<b>\$</b> 0	\$ 2	<b>\$</b> 0	\$4		

Notes Payable (Details Textual) \$ in Thousands	Mar. 17, 2015 USD (\$)
Notes Payable, Other Payables [Member]	
Debt Instrument [Line Items]	
Debt Instrument, Face Amount	\$ 1,250

Compensation (Details) -	3 Mont	ths Ended	6 Mont	hs Ended
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 201	7 Jun. 30, 201	6 Jun. 30, 201	7 Jun. 30, 2016
<u>Salaries</u>	\$ 2,293	\$ 2,593	\$ 4,629	\$ 5,873
Bonus	2,966	3,502	6,143	7,400
<u>Severance</u>	0	119	72	762
Equity-Based Compensation	56	1,339	1,168	1,682
Payroll taxes and benefits	294	443	1,021	1,286
Commissions	0	3	0	3
<u>Total</u>	\$ 5,609	\$ 7,999	\$ 13,033	\$ 17,006

<b>Compensation (Details 1) -</b>	6 Months Ended	
USD (\$)	Jun. 30, 2017	Mar. 24, 2017
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award		
[Line Items]		
Number of Class B-0 Units cancelled	1,033,233	
Class B-0 Units not cancelled	0	
Total Cash Amount payable in March 2017	\$ 256,000	\$ 256,000
Cash [Member]		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award		
[Line Items]		
Number of Class B-0 Units cancelled	133,559	
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) [Member]		
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award		
[Line Items]		
Number of Class B-0 Units cancelled	899,674	

<b>Compensation (Details 2) - \$</b>	3 Montl	ns Ended	6 Months Ended		
/ shares	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based					
Payment Award [Line Items]					
B-0 Units, Beginning Balance	0	1,288,778	0	1,337,486	
B-0 Units, Granted			0	100,000	
B-0 Units, Forfeited	0	(156,565)	0	(305,273)	
B-0 Units, Ending Balance	0	1,132,213	0	1,132,213	
<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit, Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	\$ 0	\$ 9.40	\$ 0	\$ 9.67	
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit, Granted			0	6.34	
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit, Forfeited	0	9.70	0	9.7	
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit, Ending Balance	\$ 0	\$ 9.36	\$ 0	\$ 9.36	

Compensation (Details 3) -	3 Mont	ths Ended	6 Moi	nths Ended
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 201	017 Jun. 30, 2016		
Class B-O Units [Member] Share-based Compensation	\$ 0	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,059	\$ 1,566

	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Months Ended		
<b>Compensation (Details 4)</b>	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	
Capital Unit, Class B [Member]					
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based					
Payment Award [Line Items]					
Estimated forfeiture rate	0.00%	29.60%	0.00%	29.60%	

Compensation (Details 5) - Restricted Stock Units			1 Months Ended	s 3 Month	s Ended	6 M En	12 Months Ended	
(RSUs) [Member] - \$ / shares	May 09, 2017	Nov. 01, 2016	Apr. 21, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30 2016	, Jun. 30 2017	, Jun. 30, 2016	, Dec. 31, 2016
Share-based Compensation								
Arrangement by Share-based Payment								
Award [Line Items]								
RSUs, Beginning Balance				1,004,947	7 30,000	105,273	30,000	30,000
RSUs, Granted	63,219	74,331	30,942					
RSUs, Vested				(930,616)	(30,000	)(30,942)	(30,000)	)
RSUs, Ending Balance				137,550	30,942	137,550	30,942	105,273
Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Unit, Beginning Balance				\$ 8.60	\$ 9.85	\$ 2.17	\$ 9.85	\$ 9.85
<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> per Unit, Vested				9.13	9.85	3.22	9.85	
<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> per Unit, Ending Balance	\$ 2.19	\$ 1.73	\$ 3.22	\$ 1.94	\$ 3.22	\$ 1.94	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.17
Non Employee Directors [Member]								
Share-based Compensation								
Arrangement by Share-based Payment								
Award [Line Items]								
RSUs, Granted				63,219	30,942	63,219	30,942	
<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> per Unit, Granted				\$ 2.19	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.19	\$ 3.22	

<b>Compensation (Details 6) -</b>	3 Mon	ths Ended	6 Mor	6 Months Ended		
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 201	17 Jun. 30, 201	6 Jun. 30, 20	17 Jun. 30, 2016		
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) [Member	1					
Share-based Compensation	\$ 56	\$ 43	\$ 109	\$ 116		

			1 Mont	ths Ended	3 Montl	ns Endec	l 6 Month	s Ended	12 Months Ended						
Compensation (Details Textual)		Nov. 01, 2016 \$/ shares shares		2016 Ma	Jun. 30 ar. 2017 3, USD (\$ 16\$ / share shares	2016 ) USD es (\$)	Jun. 30, 2017 USD (\$) \$ / shares shares	2016 USD	shares	Apr. 05, 2017 USD (\$)	Mar. 31, 2017 \$/ shares	Mar. 24, 2017 USD (\$)	Mar. 31, 2016 \$ / shares	Mar. 29, 2016 USD (\$)	Dec. 31, 2015 \$/ shares
Share-based Compensation						shares	)	shares							
Arrangement by Share- based Payment Award [Line Items] Restructuring and Related Cost, Number of Positions Eliminated	2			23											
Severance Costs					\$ 0	\$ 119.00	0 <sup>\$ 72,000</sup>	\$ 762.000	)						
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Plan Modification, Fair Value of Awards Modified Share-based Compensation						119,000	•	,02,000	\$ 256,000						
Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Plan Modification, Liability Recognized									\$ 230,000						
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Plan Modification, Incremental Compensation Cost							26,000								
Cash Amount Payable					256,000		256,000					\$			
Adjustments to Additional Paid in Capital, Wage Withholding Requirement from Share-based Compensation Retention Payable			\$ 800,000	)	\$ 500,000	0	\$ 500,000	)		\$	:	256,000			
ZAIS Group Parent, LLC										1,500,000					
[Member] Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share- based Payment Award [Line Items] Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Equity Instruments Other than Options, Grants in Period   shares Annual Base Salary	2		899,674										5	5 300,000	
Class B-0 Units [Member] Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share- based Payment Award [Line Items]	2												2	500,000	)
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Number of Shares Authorized   shares Share-based Compensation					1,600,00	0	1,600,000	)	20						
Arrangement by Share-based									28						

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Payment Award, Plan Modification, Number of Employees Affected Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Plan Modification, Description and Terms

#### **Share-based Compensation** Arrangement by Sharebased Payment Award [Line **Items** Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Equity Instruments Other than Options, Grants in Period | shares Stock Issued During Period, Value, New Issues Retention Payment Plan [Member] **Share-based Compensation** Arrangement by Sharebased Payment Award [Line **Items** Payments to Employees

Common Class A [Member]

Severance Costs 2015 Stock Plan [Member] Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Sharebased Payment Award [Line Items] Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based Payment Award, Number of Shares Authorized | shares

#### 548,923

\$ 2,100,000

> \$ 4,600,000 \$ 762,000

either (a)

Restricted

(RSUs) of ZAIS, on a one-forone basis, or (b) an amount of cash per Class B-0 Unit cancelled (the Cash Amount) equal to \$1.92, which was the average of the daily closing prices of Class A Common Stock of ZAIS for the three calendar months ended November 30, 2016 (the Proposal)

Stock

Units

2,080,637

2,080,637

Destricted Steels Units (DSUs)											
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) [Member]	1										
Share-based Compensation											
<u>Arrangement by Share-</u>											
based Payment Award [Line											
Items]											
Share-based Compensation											
Arrangement by Share-based											
Payment Award, Equity											
Instruments Other than	63,219	974,331	30,942								
Options, Grants in Period											
shares											
Share-based Compensation											
Arrangement by Share-based											
Payment Award, Equity											
Instruments Other than	\$ 2.19	\$ 1 73	\$ 3.22	\$ 1.94	\$ 3 77	\$ 1.94	\$ 3.22	\$ 2 17	\$ 8.60	\$ 9.85	\$ 9.85
Options, Nonvested, Weighted	\$ 2.19	\$ 1.75	\$ 3.22	φ 1.9 <del>4</del>	\$ 3.22	φ 1.9 <del>4</del>	\$ 3.22	\$ 2.17	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.85	\$ 9.05
Average Grant Date Fair											
Value, Beginning Balance   \$ /											
shares											
Share-based Compensation	May	Nov.									
Arrangement by Share-based		01,									
Payment Award, Award	2018										
Vesting Date											
Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) [Member]   Class B-0 Units	2										
[Member]											
Share-based Compensation											
Arrangement by Share-											
based Payment Award [Line											
Items]											
Share-based Compensation											
Arrangement by Share-based											
Payment Award, Equity								000 (51			
Instruments Other than								899,674			
Options, Grants in Period											
shares											
2016 Bonus Awards [Member	1										
Share-based Compensation											
Arrangement by Share-											
based Payment Award [Line											
<u>Items]</u>											
Deferred Compensation Share	-			\$		\$					
based Arrangements, Liability				9,000,00	0	9,000,00	0				
Current and Noncurrent				. , , , , , 0		,,					
Bonus Agreement [Member]											
Share-based Compensation											
Arrangement by Share-											
based Payment Award [Line											
Items] Bonus Award Percentage						30.00%					
Bonus Award Percentage						30.00%					

Income Taxes (Details) -	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Months Ended			
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016		
Income tax (benefit) expense at the US federal statutory income tax	\$ 148	\$ (1,676)	\$ (1,698)	\$ (3,850)		
rate						
State and local income tax, net of federal benefit	(37)	(242)	(270)	(529)		
<u>Foreign tax</u>	5	4	10	9		
Effect of permanent differences	2	56	3	58		
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in Consolidated	(475)		(750)			
Funds not subject to tax	(473)		(750)			
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP not subject	107		814			
to tax	107		014			
Equity Compensation "Shortfall" DTA Adjustment	(16)		1,932			
Valuation allowance	271	1,571	(31)	3,498		
Total	5	4	10	9		
Consolidated Funds [Member]						
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP not subject		(258)		(607)		
to tax		(358)		(607)		
ZAIS Group, LLC [Member]						
Income attributable to non-controlling interests in ZGP not subject		649		1,430		
to tax		049		1,430		
Total	\$5	\$4	\$ 10	\$9		

# **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration \$ 13,405 Expiration Date One [Member] **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration 1 Expiration Date Two [Member] **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration 83 Expiration Date Three [Member] **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration 122 Expiration Date Four [Member] **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration 5,990 Expiration Date Five [Member] **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration 1,640 Expiration Date Six [Member] **Income Tax [Line Items]** Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration \$ 5,569

Incomo Toxos (Dotails	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Month		
Income Taxes (Details Textual) - USD (\$)	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Dec. 31, 2016
Income Tax [Line Items]					
Deferred Tax Assets, Net	\$ 7,000,000		\$ 7,000,000		\$ 7,000,000
Deferred Tax Assets, Operating Loss Carryforwards, Subject to Expiration	13,405,00	0	13,405,000	)	
<u>Valuation Allowance, Deferred Tax Asset, Increase</u> (Decrease), Amount Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	271,000 \$ 5,000	\$ 1,600,000 \$ 4,000	(31,000) \$ 10,000	\$ 3,500,000 \$ 9,000	

Related Party Transactions (Details) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 20	17 Dec. 31, 2016
ZAIS Managed Entities [Member]		
<b>Related Party Transaction</b> [Line Items	8	
Capital	\$ 22,934	\$ 21,713
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Related Party Transactions (Details 1) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	7 Dec. 31, 2016
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>		
Due from Related Parties	\$ 1,101	\$ 734
Zais Clo 1 Zais Clo 2 [Member]		
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>		
Due from Related Parties	\$ 296,452	\$ 560,272

Related Party Transactions (Details 2) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 201	7 Dec. 31, 2016
<b><u>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</u></b>		
Due from Related Parties	\$ 1,101	\$ 734
ZAIS Managed Entities [Member]		
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>		
Due from Related Parties	1,101	698
ZAIS Managed Entities [Member]   Research Costs [Member]		
<b><u>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</u></b>		
Due from Related Parties	788	581
ZAIS Managed Entities [Member]   Other Direct Costs [Member]	c]	
<b><u>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</u></b>		
Due from Related Parties	\$ 313	\$ 117

<b>Related Party Transactions</b>	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Mont	hs Ended
(Details 3) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016
Mr. Ramsey [Member]   General and Administrative Expense [Member]				
Related Party Transaction [Line Items] Consulting Fees Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 125	\$ 105	\$ 250

<b>Related Party Transactions</b>	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Months Ended	
(Details 4) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016
Ms. Rohan [Member]   General and Administrative Expense [Member]				
<b><u>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</u></b> <u>Consulting Fees Expenses</u>	\$ 24	\$ 27	\$ 48	\$ 54

Related Party Transactions (Details 5) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	7 Dec. 31, 2016
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>	L	
Due from Related Parties	\$ 1,101	\$ 734
Zais Employee Loans [Member]		
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>	L	
Due from Related Parties	\$ 8	\$ 16

<b>Related Party Transactions</b>	3 Months Endee	d 6 Mont	6 Months Ended		
(Details Textual)	May 31, 2017	Jun. 30, 201'	7 Jun. 30, 2017		
(Details Textual)	GBP (£)	USD (\$)	GBP (£)		
<b><u>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</u></b>					
Operating Leases, Rent Expense, Minimum Rentals	£ 4,167				
ZAIS Managed Entities [Member]   Mr. Ramsey [Member]	·]				
<b>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</b>					
Consulting Fees   \$		\$ 500,000			
ZAIS Managed Entities [Member]   Ms. Rohan [Member]					
<b><u>Related Party Transaction [Line Items]</u></b>					
Consulting Fees			£ 76,000		

<b>Property and Equipment</b>
(Details) - USD (\$)
<b>\$</b> in Thousands

Jun. 30, 2017 Dec. 31, 2016

## Property, Plant and Equipment [Line Items]

Office equipment	\$ 3,246	\$ 3,098
Leasehold improvements	692	684
Furniture and fixtures	572	572
Software	412	409
Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross	4,922	4,763
Less accumulated depreciation and amortizati	<u>ion</u> (4,603)	(4,489)
Total	\$ 319	\$ 274

<b>Property and Equipment</b>		<b>3</b> Months Ended		6 Months Ended	
(Details 1) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun.	30, 2017 Jun. 30, 20	016 Jun. 3	30, 2017 Jun. 30, 2016	
Property, Plant and Equipment [Line Items	1				
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	\$ 71	\$ 64	\$ 111	\$ 127	

<b>Commitments and</b>		3 Month	s Ended	l	6 Months	Ended
<b>Contingencies (Details) -</b>						
USD (\$)	Jun.	30, 2017	Jun. 30,	2016 Jun.	30, 2017 J	un. 30, 2016
\$ in Thousands						
Related Party Transaction, Expenses	\$ 45		\$ 76	\$ 91	\$	5 76

Commitments and Contingencies (Details 1) -		hs Ended	6 Mont	hs Ended
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands		7 Jun. 30, 201	6 Jun. 30, 201	7 Jun. 30, 2016
Legal Fees	\$ 192	\$ 0	\$ 642	\$ O

Commitments and Contingencies (Details 2) -USD (\$) 5 in Thousands Capital Contribution To Subsidiary \$ 26,597 \$ 20,477

<b>Commitments and</b>	<b>3</b> Months Ended			6 Months Ended		
<b>Contingencies (Details 3) -</b>						
USD (\$)	Jun. 30, 2	017 Jun. 30, 2	2016 Jun. 30, 20	017 Jun. 30, 2016		
<b>\$</b> in Thousands						
Operating Leases, Rent Expense	\$ 222	\$ 263	\$ 437	\$ 507		

Commitments and Contingencies (Details 4) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017 USD (\$)					
Future Minimum Rental Payments For Operating Leases [Line Items]						
Six months ended December 31, 2017	\$ 310					
January 2018 through September 2018	\$ 278					

		1 M	onths Ende	ed		3 Mon Ende		6 Month	s Ended	12 Months Ended
Commitments and Contingencies (Details Textual)	Feb. 28, 2017 USD (\$)	Feb. 28, 2017 USD (\$)	Feb. 27, 2017 USD (\$)	Sep. 30, 2016 USD (\$) a	Apr. 22, 2016 USD (\$)	Jun. 30, 2017 USD (\$)	2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016 USD (\$)	Dec. 31, 2016 USD (\$)
Future Minimum RentalPayments For OperatingLeases [Line Items]Other Commitment, TotalLegal Fees						\$ 51,000,000 192,000	0 \$ 0	\$ 51,000,000 642,000	) \$ 0	\$ 51,000,000
Insurance Settlements Receivable						20,000	ΨŪ	20,000	φ σ	
<u>Proceeds from Insurance</u> <u>Settlement, Operating</u> <u>Activities</u>								900,000		900,000
Payments For Lease Termination Fee Net Rentable Area   a Payments For Legal And Other Costs				\$ 20,000 2,600	)	20,000	\$ 3.000	40,000	200,000	)
Other Assets [Member] Future Minimum Rental Payments For Operating Leases [Line Items]							3,000	,		
Insurance Settlements Receivable Berkshire Capital Securities,						\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
LLC [Member] Future Minimum Rental Payments For Operating										
Leases [Line Items]           Reimbursement Expenses           Maximum Limit					\$ 750,000	)				
Reimbursement Expenses Maximum Limit Percentage Related Party Transaction,					2.00% \$					
<u>Amounts of Transaction</u> <u>Management Fee Expense</u>					\$ 100,000 \$ 15,000	)				
Howard Steinberg [Member] Future Minimum Rental Payments For Operating										
Leases [Line Items] Legal Fees Medicare Supplementary			\$ 3,450							
<u>Health Insurance Coverage</u> , <u>Percentage</u>		,	70.00%							

## Payments for Other Fees

Additional Officer Compensation Description

Legal Advisor Agreement, Termination Benefits

Other Nonoperating Income (Expense) [Member] Future Minimum Rental Payments For Operating Leases [Line Items] Legal Fees

Non ZAIS Managed CLOs [Member] Future Minimum Rental Payments For Operating Leases [Line Items] 450,000 \$150,000 per calendar quarter for his services, plus additional compensation of \$900 per hour if he is requested to devote more than 20 hours during any week to advising the Company. The Legal Advisor Agreement is terminable by the Company or Mr. Steinberg on 30 days' prior written notice. If the Legal Advisor Agreement is terminated by the Company other than due to Mr. Steinberg's failure to perform services, Mr. Steinberg is entitled to a payment of \$300,000.

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\$ 550,000 Loss Contingency, Loss in Period

\$ 5,000,000

Stockholders' Equity		hs Ended	6 Months Ended	
(Details) - shares	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016
Common Class A [Member]				
Stock Issued During Period, Shares, Restricted Stock Award, Net of Forfeitures	30,942	30,000	579,865	30,000

	3 Months	Ended	6 Months		
Stockholders' Equity (Details Textual) - \$ / shares	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Dec. 31, 2016
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Preferred Stock, Shares Authorized	2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000
Preferred Stock, Par or Stated Value Per Share	\$ 0.0001		\$ 0.0001		\$ 0.0001
Capital Unit, Class A [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based	2,800,000		2,800,000		
Payment Award, Number of Shares Authorized	2,000,000		2,000,000		
ZAIS Group Parent, LLC [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Noncontrolling Interest, Ownership Percentage by Parent	67.40%		67.40%		66.50%
Minimum [Member]   Capital Unit, Class A [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Average Closing Price Per Share	\$ 12.50		\$ 12.50		
Maximum [Member]   Capital Unit, Class A [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Average Closing Price Per Share	\$ 21.50		\$ 21.50		
Common Class A [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Common Stock, Shares Authorized	180,000,000	)	180,000,000	)	180,000,000
Common Stock, Par or Stated Value Per Share	\$ 0.0001		\$ 0.0001		\$ 0.0001
Common Class A [Member]   ZAIS [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Stock Issued During Period, Shares, New Issues	30,942	30,000	579,865	30,000	
Common Class B [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Common Stock, Shares Authorized	20,000,000		20,000,000		20,000,000
Common Stock, Par or Stated Value Per Share	\$ 0.000001		\$ 0.000001		\$ 0.000001
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based	6,800,000		6,800,000		
Payment Award, Number of Shares Authorized	, ,		, ,		
Common Class B [Member]   Minimum [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]	¢ 10 50		Φ 1 <b>0 5</b> 0		
Average Closing Price Per Share	\$ 12.50		\$ 12.50		
Common Class B [Member]   Maximum [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]	¢ 21.50		¢ 21.50		
Average Closing Price Per Share	\$ 21.50		\$ 21.50		
Common Class B [Member]   Share-based Compensation Award, Tranche Two [Member]					
Stockholder Equity [Line Items]					
Share-based Compensation Arrangement by Share-based					
Payment Award, Number of Shares Authorized	5,200,000		5,200,000		
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Earnings Per Share (Details)		3 Montl	hs Ended	6 Months Ended		
- USD (\$) \$ / shares in Units, \$ in Thousands		Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	
Numerator:						
<u>Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to</u> <u>ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc. Class A common stockholders</u> (Basic)		\$ (652)	\$ (4,076)	\$ (4,814)	\$ (8,910)	
Effect of dilutive securities:						
Income tax (benefit) expense	[1]	0	0	0	0	
<u>Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to</u> <u>stockholders, after effect of dilutive securities</u>		\$ (967)	\$ (6,129)	\$ (7,212)	\$ (13,404)	
<b>Denominator:</b>						
Weighted average number of shares of Class A Common Stock		14,473,642	213,892,016	514,231,320	013,881,466	
Effect of dilutive securities:						
Weighted average number of Class A Units			7,000,000		, ,	
Dilutive number of Class B-0 Units and RSUs	[2]	0	0	0	0	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	[3]	21,473,642	220,892,016	521,231,320	020,881,466	
<u>Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A</u> <u>common share - Basic</u>		\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.64)	
<u>Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, per Class A</u> <u>common share - Diluted</u>		\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.64)	
ZAIS Group Parent, LLC [Member]						
Effect of dilutive securities:						
<u>Consolidated Net Income (Loss), net of tax, attributable to non-</u> <u>controlling interests in ZGP</u>	-	\$ (315)	\$ (1,911)	\$ (2,398)	\$ (4,210)	
ZAIS REIT Management, LLC [Member]						
Effect of dilutive securities:						
Less: Consolidated Net (Income) Loss, net of tax, attributable to ZAIS REIT Management Class B interests	[4]	\$ 0	\$ (142)	\$ 0	\$ (284)	

- [1] Income tax (benefit) expense is calculated using an assumed tax rate of 41.73% and 38.56% for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, and (0.64)% and 39.29% for the six months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016, respectively, which is fully offset by a 100% valuation allowance in each year. See Note 9 "Income Taxes" for details surrounding income taxes.
- [2] The treasury stock method is used to calculate incremental Class A common shares on potentially dilutive Class A common shares resulting from unvested Class B-0 Units granted in connection with and subsequent to the Business Combination and unvested RSUs granted to non-employee directors of ZAIS and employees of ZAIS Group. These Class B-0 Units and RSUs are anti-dilutive and, consequently, have been excluded from the computation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding.
- [3] Number of diluted shares outstanding takes into account non-controlling interests of ZGP that may be exchanged for Class A Common Stock under certain circumstances.
- [4] Amount represents portion of the management fee income received from ZFC REIT that was payable to holders of Class B interests in ZAIS REIT Management.

Earnings Per Share (Details	3 Ma	onths Ended	6 Mor	ths Ended
Textual)	Jun. 30, 2	017 Jun. 30, 20	)16 Jun. 30, 20	17 Jun. 30, 2016
Earnings Per Share [Line Items]				
Income Tax Expense Benefit Percentag	<u>e</u> 41.73%	38.56%	(0.64%)	39.29%
Valuation Allowance Percentage			100.00%	

Supplemental Financial Information (Details) - USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016	Jun. 30, 2016	Dec. 31, 2015
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,970	\$ 38,712	\$ 32,064	\$ 44,351
Income and fees receivable	3 10,970 1,869	\$ 38,712 8,805	\$ 52,00 <del>4</del>	\$ 77,331
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	10,288	5,273		
Due from related parties	1,101	5,275 734		
Property and equipment, net	319	274		
Prepaid expenses	1,907	274 906		
Other assets	385	348		
Total Assets	506,064	548 514,145		
Liabilities	500,004	514,145		
<u>Compensation payable</u>	4,594	7,836		
Notes payable	4,394 0	1,263		
Due to related parties	0 31	31		
Fees payable	0	2,439		
Other liabilities	0 1,147	1,127		
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds	1,17/	1,127		
Total Liabilities	414,844	424,180		
Commitments and Contingencies	-1-,0	727,100		
Equity				
Preferred Stock	0	0		
Additional paid-in-capital	64,210	63,413		
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(23,779)	(18,965)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(44)	(70)		
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	40,388	(70)		
Total Equity	91,220	89,965		
Total Liabilities and Equity	506,064	514,145		
Intersegment Eliminations [Member]	200,001	51 1,1 15		
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	0	0		
Income and fees receivable	(329)			
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	· /	(24,281)		
Due from related parties	0	0		
Property and equipment, net	0	0		
Prepaid expenses	0	0		
Investments, at fair value	(12,709)	(19,506)		
Receivable for securities sold	0	0		
Other assets	(313)	(44)		
Total Assets	(46,049)			
Liabilities		× • • •		
Compensation payable	0	0		

Notes payable		0
Due to related parties	0	0
Fees payable	(289)	0
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO	(12,710)	(19,506)
Due to broker	0	0
Other liabilities	(351)	(44)
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds	(331)	(++)
Total Liabilities	(13,350)	(19,550)
Commitments and Contingencies	(15,550)	(19,550)
Equity		
Preferred Stock	0	0
Additional paid-in-capital	0	0
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	0	0
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	0	0
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	0	0
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	(32,699)	(24,281)
Total Equity		(24,281)
Total Liabilities and Equity	(46,049)	
ZAIS [Member]	(,)	(,)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	16,970	38,712
Income and fees receivable	2,198	8,805
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	42,986	29,554
Due from related parties	1,101	734
Property and equipment, net	319	274
Prepaid expenses	1,907	906
Investments, at fair value	0	0
Receivable for securities sold	0	0
Other assets	385	348
Total Assets	65,866	79,333
Liabilities	,	,
Compensation payable	4,594	7,836
Notes payable	,	1,263
Due to related parties	31	31
Fees payable	289	2,439
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO	0	
Due to broker	0	0
Other liabilities	1,147	1,127
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds	,	
Total Liabilities	6,061	12,696
Commitments and Contingencies		
Equity		
Preferred Stock	0	0
Additional paid-in-capital	64,210	63,413
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Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.Non-controlling interests in Consolidated FundsTotal EquityTotal Liabilities and EquityConsolidated Funds, Before Eliminations [Member]Assets	(23,779) (44) 40,388 19,417 59,805 65,866	-
Cash and cash equivalents	13,416	37,080
Income and fees receivable	0	0
Investments in affiliates, at fair value	0	0
Due from related parties	0	0
Property and equipment, net	0	0
Prepaid expenses	0	0
Investments, at fair value	459,416	423,871
Receivable for securities sold	12,095	-
Other assets	1,320	-
Total Assets	486,247	478,643
Liabilities		
Compensation payable	0	0
Notes payable		0
Due to related parties	0	0
Fees payable	0	0
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO	397,229	404,407
Due to broker	21,974	24,462
Other liabilities	2,930	2,165
Liabilities of Consolidated Funds		
Total Liabilities	422,133	431,034
Commitments and Contingencies		
<u>Equity</u>		
Preferred Stock	0	0
Additional paid-in-capital	0	0
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	0	0
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	0	0
Total stockholders' equity, ZAIS Group Holdings, Inc.	0	0
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	64,114	47,609
Total Equity	64,114	-
Total Liabilities and Equity	486,247	478,643
ZAIS Group Parent, LLC [Member]		
<u>Equity</u>		
Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds	19,417	22,258
Consolidated Funds [Member]		
Assets	10.41.5	<b>37</b> 000
Cash and cash equivalents	13,416	37,080

Investments in affiliates, at fair value Investments, at fair value Receivable for securities sold Other assets Liabilities	446,707 446,707 12,095 1,007	
Notes payable of Consolidated CLO Due to broker Other liabilities	384,519 21,974 2,579	384,901 24,462 2,121
Equity Non-controlling interests in Consolidated Funds Common Class A [Member]	31,415	23,328
Equity <u>Common stock</u> <u>Common Class A [Member]   Intersegment Eliminations</u> [Member]	1	1
Equity <u>Common stock</u> <u>Common Class A [Member]   ZAIS [Member]</u>	0	0
Equity <u>Common stock</u> <u>Common Class A [Member]   Consolidated Funds, Before</u> Eliminations [Member]	1	1
Eliminations [Member] Equity Common stock Common Class B [Member]	0	0
Equity <u>Common stock</u> <u>Common Class B [Member]   Intersegment Eliminations</u> Discrete:	0	0
[Member] Equity Common stock Common Class B [Member]   ZAIS [Member]	0	0
Equity <u>Common stock</u> <u>Common Class B [Member]   Consolidated Funds, Before</u> Eliminations [Member]	0	0
Equity Common stock	\$ 0	\$ 0

Supplemental Financial Information (Details 1) -		1 Months Ended	3 Mont	hs Ended	6 Months Ended		
USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	May 03, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	
Revenues							
Management fee income			\$ 3,689	\$ 3,571	\$ 6,796	\$ 7,140	
Incentive income			2,884	143	3,181 [1],[2	2]295	
Reimbursement revenue			383	0	877	0	
Other revenues			77	79	170	159	
Total Revenues			7,437	3,793	11,428	7,594	
<u>Expenses</u>							
Compensation and benefits			5,609	7,999	13,033	17,006	
General, administrative and other			3,879	2,950	7,548	6,160	
Depreciation and amortization			71	64	111	127	
Total Expenses			9,589	11,042	20,765	23,341	
Other Income (loss)							
Net gain (loss) on investments			39	55	114	37	
Other income (expense)			32	87	16	692	
Total Other Income (Loss)			2,587	2,318	4,342	4,422	
Income (loss) before income taxes			435	(4,931)	(4,995)	(11,325)	
Income tax (benefit) expense			5	4	10	9	
<b>Discontinued Operations</b>							
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax			430	(4,935)	(5,005)	(11,334)	
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of							
<u>tax</u>							
Foreign currency translation adjustment			9	(147)	39	(201)	
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)			439	(5,082)	(4,966)	(11,535)	
Intersegment Eliminations [Member]							
Revenues							
Management fee income			(329)	0	(329)	0	
Incentive income			0	0	0	0	
Other revenues			0	0	0	0	
Total Revenues			(3,338)	0	(3,543)	0	
Expenses			_	_	_	_	
Compensation and benefits			0	0	0	0	
General, administrative and other			(290)	0	(290)	0	
Depreciation and amortization			0	0	0	0	
Expenses of Consolidated Funds			0	0	0	0	
Total Expenses			(290)	0	(290)	0	
Other Income (loss)			(1 4 - 1)	(1.00-)		(1.0.50)	
Net gain (loss) on investments			(1,454)	(1,095)	(2,297)	(1,859)	
Other income (expense)			0	0	0	0	

Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of				
<u>collateralized financing entity</u>	909		1,498	
Total Other Income (Loss)	1,594	(1,095)	955	(1,859)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(1,454)	(1,095)	(2,298)	(1,859)
Income tax (benefit) expense	0	0	0	0
Discontinued Operations	-	-	•	-
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	(1,454)	(1,095)	(2,298)	(1,859)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of	(-,)	(-,)	(_,_, ))	(-,,)
tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(1,454)	(1,095)	(2,298)	(1,859)
Consolidation, Eliminations [Member]				
Revenues				
Reimbursement revenue	0		0	
Income of Consolidated Funds	(3,009)		(3,214)	
Other Income (loss)				
Net gain (loss) on investments	2,139	0	1,754	0
ZAIS [Member]	,		,	
Revenues				
Management fee income	4,018	3,571	7,125	7,140
Incentive income	2,884	143	3,181	295
Reimbursement revenue	383		877	
Other revenues	77	79	170	159
Income of Consolidated Funds	0		0	
Total Revenues	7,362	3,793	11,353	7,594
Expenses			,	
Compensation and benefits	5,609	7,999	13,033	17,006
General, administrative and other	4,169	2,950	7,838	6,160
Depreciation and amortization	71	64	111	127
Expenses of Consolidated Funds	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	9,849	11,013	20,982	23,293
Other Income (loss)				
Net gain (loss) on investments	1,493	1,150	2,411	1,896
Other income (expense)	32	87	16	692
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of	0		0	
collateralized financing entity	0		0	
Total Other Income (Loss)	1,525	1,237	2,427	2,588
Income (loss) before income taxes	(962)	(5,983)	(7,202)	(13,111)
Income tax (benefit) expense	5	4	10	9
Discontinued Operations				
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax	(967)	(5,987)	(7,212)	(13,120)
<b>Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of</b>				
<u>tax</u>				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	9	(147)	39	(201)
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(958)	(6,134)	(7,173)	(13,321)

Consolidated Funds, Before Eliminations					
[Member]					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Management fee income		0	0	0	0
Incentive income		0	0	0	0
Reimbursement revenue		0		0	
Other revenues		0	0	0	0
Income of Consolidated Funds		3,413		3,618	
Total Revenues		3,413	0	3,618	0
Expenses					
Compensation and benefits		0	0	0	0
General, administrative and other		0	0	0	0
Depreciation and amortization		0	0	0	0
Expenses of Consolidated Funds		30	29	73	48
Total Expenses		30	29	73	48
Other Income (loss)					
Net gain (loss) on investments		(532)	2,176	960	3,693
Other income (expense)		0	0	0	0
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of		0		0	
collateralized financing entity				-	
Total Other Income (Loss)		(532)	2,176	960	3,693
Income (loss) before income taxes		2,851	2,147	4,505	3,645
Income tax (benefit) expense		0	0	0	0
Discontinued Operations		• • • • •			
Consolidated net income (loss), net of tax		2,851	2,147	4,505	3,645
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of					
tax Examine a second strength time to second		0	0	0	0
Foreign currency translation adjustment		0	0	0	0
<u>Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)</u>		2,851	2,147	4,505	3,645
Consolidated Funds [Member]					
Revenues		404	0	404	0
Income of Consolidated Funds		404	0	404	0
<u>Expenses</u> Expenses of Consolidated Funds		30	29	73	48
Other Income (loss)		30	29	75	40
Net gain (loss) on investments		1 607	2 176	2 714	2 602
Net gain (loss) on beneficial interest of	\$	1,607	2,176	2,714 \$	3,693
collateralized financing entity	\$ (223,500) <sup>\$</sup> (81,000)	\$ (909)	\$ 0	ه (1,498)	\$ 0
<u>conatoranzou manonig ontry</u>	(223,500)			(1,170)	

[1] Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fees rates may be lower than those reflected in the range.

[2] Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed entities is subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement.

Subsequent Events (Details)	3 Mont	6 Months Ended			
- USD (\$) \$ in Thousands	Jun. 30, 2017	Jun. 30, 2016	Jun. 30, 2	2017	Jun. 30, 2016
Management fees	\$ 3,689	\$ 3,571	\$ 6,796		\$ 7,140
Incentive income	2,884	143	3,181 [1	1],[2]	295
Atlas Master Fund [Member]					
Management fees	14	12	27		33
Incentive income	0	0	0		0
Total	\$ 14	\$ 12	\$ 27		\$ 33

[1] Certain management and incentive fees have been and may in the future be waived and therefore the actual fees rates may be lower than those reflected in the range.

[2] Incentive income earned for certain of the ZAIS Managed entities is subject to a hurdle rate of return as specified in each respective ZAIS Managed Entity's operative agreement.

Aug. 10, 2017	May 03, 2017	1 Months Ended Feb. 28, 2017	Jun. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
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[1] On April 19, 2017, the ZAIS Opportunity Fund, Ltd. received a redemption request for a redemption of approximately \$68.3 million (value date of June 30, 2017) from a European investor impacted by regulatory constraints. This redemption is expected to be effectuated August 31, 2017. The AUM amount presented has not been reduced for this redemption request.