INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. Form 10-O October 22, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 Form 10-O QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES х **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015 or TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES 0 **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** Commission file number: 1-6686 THE INTERPUBLIC GROUP OF COMPANIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 13-1024020 Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.) 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (212) 704-1200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report) 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 ý No " 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 ý No " Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer ý Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No ý The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of October 15, 2015 was 406,348,017.

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This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. Statements in this report that are not historical facts, including statements about management's beliefs and expectations, constitute forward-looking statements. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, words such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "would," "estimate," "continue" or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current plans, estimates and projections, and are subject to change based on a number of factors, including those outlined under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. A number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

• potential effects of a challenging economy, for example, on the demand for our advertising and marketing services, on our clients' financial condition and on our business or financial condition;

our ability to attract new clients and retain existing clients;

our ability to retain and attract key employees;

risks associated with assumptions we make in connection with our critical accounting estimates, including changes in assumptions associated with any effects of a weakened economy;

potential adverse effects if we are required to recognize impairment charges or other adverse accounting-related developments;

risks associated with the effects of global, national and regional economic and political conditions, including counterparty risks and fluctuations in economic growth rates, interest rates and currency exchange rates; and developments from changes in the regulatory and legal environment for advertising and marketing and communications services companies around the world.

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Investors should carefully consider these factors and the additional risk factors outlined in more detail under Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K.

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(Unaudited)	Three months ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine months ended September 30, 2015 2014	
REVENUE	\$1,865.5	\$1,841.1	\$5,417.6	\$5,330.0
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Salaries and related expenses	1,202.2	1,195.2	3,622.6	3,554.0
Office and general expenses	471.4	474.6	1,379.5	1,420.6
Total operating expenses	1,673.6	1,669.8	5,002.1	4,974.6
OPERATING INCOME	191.9	171.3	415.5	355.4
EXPENSES AND OTHER INCOME:				
Interest expense	(21.3) (20.7	· · · · ·) (63.5)
Interest income	5.6	7.5	17.8	20.3
Other expense, net	(37.2) (0.6	· · · · · ·) (10.1)
Total (expenses) and other income	(52.9) (13.8) (81.1) (53.3)
Income before income taxes	139.0	157.5	334.4	302.1
Provision for income taxes	61.1	65.0	137.4	128.6
Income of consolidated companies	77.9	92.5	197.0	173.5
Equity in net income of unconsolidated affiliates	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.6
NET INCOME	78.0	92.8	197.6	174.1
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(3.1) (3.1) (3.3) (5.9)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO IPG COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	\$74.9	\$89.7	\$194.3	\$168.2
Earnings per share available to IPG common stockholders:				
Basic	\$0.18	\$0.21	\$0.47	\$0.40
Diluted	\$0.18	\$0.21	\$0.47	\$0.39
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	407.6	419.2	409.7	421.0
Diluted	415.5	426.4	417.0	427.2
Dividends declared per common share	\$0.120	\$0.095		