

Blackstone Group L.P.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Finley John G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP, 345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Blackstone Group L.P. [BX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/13/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Legal Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common units representing limited partner interests | 01/13/2017 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 50,811 A | \$ 0 141,556 | D | |
| Common units representing limited partner interests | | | | | 50,000 | I | See footnote <u>(2)</u> |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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345 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10154

Chief Legal Officer

Signatures

Tabea Y. Hsi as
Attorney-In-Fact

01/13/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- Granted under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, these deferred restricted common units will vest ratably over a three-year period, with 16,937 units vesting on January 13, 2018, 16,937 units vesting on January 13, 2019, and 16,937 units vesting on January 13, 2020,
- (1) subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with Blackstone. As these deferred restricted common units vest, the underlying common units will be delivered to the Reporting Person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the units may be delivered earlier upon a change in control of Blackstone.
 - (2) These units are held by a limited liability company, of which the Reporting Person is the manager.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported on this form except to the extent of his pecunia

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