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FORM 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2011 Check here if Amendment [_]; Amendment Number: This Amendment (Check only one.): [_] is a restatement. [_] adds new holdings entries. Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

The Blackstone Group L.P. Name:

Address: 345 Park Avenue New York, NY 10154

Form 13F File Number: 28-13114

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

John G. Finley Name: Title: Authorized Person Phone: (212) 583-5000

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

/s/ John G. Finley New York, NY May 16, 2011 /s/ John G. Finley New York, NY May 16, 2011 [Signature] [City, State] [Date]

Report Type (Check only one):

[X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)

- [_] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- [_] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 2
Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 46
Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$5,630,729
------(thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report.

Number	Form 13F File Number	Name
1	28-13113	Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P.
2	28-12332	GSO Capital Partners LP

Explanatory Notes:

(1) The Blackstone Group L.P. is managed and operated by its general partner, Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., which is in turn wholly-owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman, one of its founders.

FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2011

Name of Issuer	Title of Class	CUSIP	Value (1000s)		SH/ PRN	Put/ Call I	
BANKUNITED, INC	COM	665216 10 3	\$393,934	13,721,131	SH		S
BEAZER HOMES USA INC	COM	07556Q 10 5	\$ 17,233	3,770,811	SH		5
BEAZER HOMES USA INC	COM	07556Q 10 5	\$ 35	7,610	SH	Call	5
BIOSCRIP, INC	COM	09069N 10 8	\$ 1,477	316,327	SH		5
BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON, INC	COM	099502 10 6	\$ 4,624	256,750	SH		5
CAMECO CORP	COM	13321L 10 8	\$ 9,012	300,000	SH		5
CENTRAL EUROPEAN DISTRIBUTION							
CORP	COM	153435 10 2	\$ 511	45,000	SH		5
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CORP	COM	153435 10 2	\$ 227	20,000	SH	Put	Š
CHENIERE ENERGY INC	COM	16411R 20 8	\$ 89,665	9,631,007	SH		Š
CHENIERE ENERGY INC	COM	16411R 20 8	\$ 1,089	116,929	SH		Š

CHINA DIGITAL TV HLDG CO LTD	SPON ADR	16938G 10 7	\$ 619	86,697	SH	
COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION	CL A	192446 10 2	\$ 773	9,500	SH	
CROSSTEX ENERGY LP	COM	22765U 10 2	\$ 16,967	1,002,800	SH	
CUMULUS MEDIA INC	CL A	231082 10 8	\$ 14,388	3,315,238	SH	
DELTA AIR LINES INC	COM	247361 70 2	\$ 66	6,776	SH	
DOLLAR THRIFTY AUTOMOTIVE GP	COM	256743 10 5	\$ 26,692	400,000	SH	
DOLLAR THRIFTY AUTOMOTIVE GP	COM	256743 10 5	\$ 267	4,000	SH	Call
DOLLAR THRIFTY AUTOMOTIVE GP	COM	256743 10 5	\$ 152	2,273	SH	Call
DR REDDYS LABS LTD	ADR	256135 20 3	\$ 2,768	74,200	SH	
DYNEGY HOLDINGS INC	COM	26817G 30 0	\$ 7,966	1,400,000	SH	
EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY	COM	277461 10 9	\$ 5,653	1,750,000	SH	
GENERAL GROWTH PROPERTIES, INC	COM	370023 103	\$764,005	49,354,326	SH ((a)
GENERAL MOTORS	COM	37045V 10 0	\$ 18,618	600,000	SH	
GRAHAM PACKAGING HOLDINGS COMPANY	COM	384701 10 8	\$702 , 351	40,295,506	SH ((b)
HDFC BANK LTD	ADR REPS 3 SHS	40415F 10 1	\$ 1,716	10,100	SH	
HOVNANIAN ENTERPRISES	COM	442487 20 3	\$ 5,297	1,500,664	SH	

	Title of				,	Value		SH	[/	Put/	In
Name of Issuer	Class	CUSIP			(1000s)		Shares	PR	RN	Call	Discr
HSBC HLDGS PLC	SPON ADR NEW	404280	40	6	\$	436	8,425	SH			SO
ICICI BK LTD	ADR	45104G	10	4	\$	194	3,900	SH			SO
ISHARES TR	MSCI EAFE										
	INDEX	464287	46	5	\$	1,202	20,000	SH		Put	SO
ISTAR FINANCIAL	COM	45031U	10	1	\$	6,450	702 , 593	SH			SO
LORAL SPACE & COMMUNICATNS I	COM	543881	10	6	\$	36,145	466,085	SH			SO
LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES	COM	N53745	10	0	\$	21,223	536,600	SH			SO
NIELSEN HOLDINGS N.V	COM	N63218	10	6	\$1	,504,654	55,095,361	SH			SO
ORBITZ WORLDWIDE INC	COM	68557K	10	9	\$	196,516	55,046,598	SH	(C)		SO
SANDRIDGE ENERGY INC	COM	80007P	30	7	\$	215	16,794	SH			SO
SEMGROUP CORP	COM	81663A	10	5	\$	12,095	429,500.00	SH			SO
SOHU COM INC	COM	83408W	10	3	\$	528	5,905	SH			SO
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR	TR UNIT	78462F	10	3	\$	1,326	10,000.00	SH		Call	SO
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR	TR UNIT	78462F	10	3	\$	1,326	10,000.00	SH		Put	SO
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR	TR UNIT	78462F	10	3	\$	796	6,000.00	SH		Put	SO
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR	TR UNIT	78462F	10	3	\$	2,121	16,000.00	SH		Call	SO
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TR	TR UNIT	78462F	10	3	\$	6,630	50,000.00	SH		Put	SO
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	COM	852061	10	0	\$	4,640	1,000,000.00	SH			SO
STANDARD PAC CORP NEW	COM	85375C	10	1	\$	11,233	3,011,484	SH			SO
TEAM HEALTH HOLDINGS, INC	COM	87817A	10	7	\$	635,163	36,336,563	SH			so
THE HOWARD HUGHES CORPORATION.	COM	44267D	10	7	\$	28,310	400,764	SH	(d)		SO
TRW AUTOMOTIVE HLDGS CORP	COM	87264S	10	6	\$1	,073,422	19,488,416	SH			SO

- (a) Includes 2,463,370 shares owned by Blackstone GGP Principal Transaction Partners L.P., a co-investment entity.
- (b) The shares reported herein are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment discretion of Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman.
- (c) The shares reported herein are not under the investment discretion of The Blackstone Group L.P. but are under the investment discretion of Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) V Ltd., of which Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman is a controlling person.

(d) Includes 20,004 shares owned by Blackstone GGP Principal Transaction Partners, L.P., a co-investment entity.