

Carlyle Group L.P.  
Form 8-K  
May 15, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2012

**The Carlyle Group L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35538**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**45-2832612**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, D.C.**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(202) 729-5626**

**20004-2505**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ..  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ..  Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ..  Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations.**

On May 15, 2012, The Carlyle Group L.P. issued a press release announcing financial results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2012. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02 and the exhibit incorporated herein in this Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall they be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press release of The Carlyle Group L.P., dated May 15, 2012, announcing results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2012. |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE CARLYLE GROUP L.P.

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

Date: May 15, 2012

By: /s/ Adena T. Friedman  
Name: Adena T. Friedman  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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