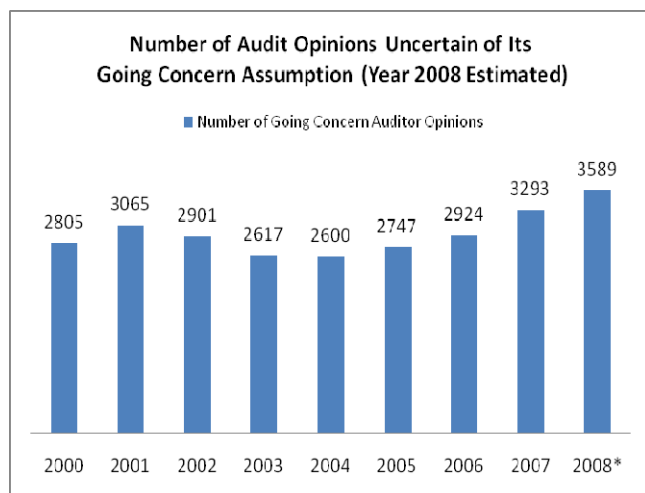


2008 Going Concerns: An Nine Year Review

Introduction

Audit Analytics reviewed the population of auditor opinions filed with the Securities Exchange Commission as of March 26, 2009 to determine the number of going concerns (opinions qualified by an uncertainty regarding the going concern assumption). This analysis found that the 2007 year end experienced the highest number of going concerns so far during this decade. However, based on audit opinions filed for year end 2008 on or before March 26, 2009, Audit Analytics estimated that it will receive 3,589 going concerns. This figure exceeds 2007, which received 3,293 going concerns.

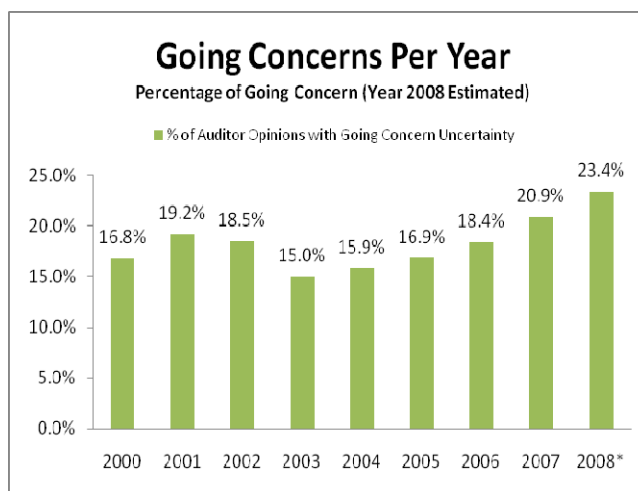


Year end 2007 experienced the highest number of going concerns so far this decade, but it is estimated to be surpassed by 2008.

To better compare 2008 with 2007, Audit Analytics identified how many going concerns were filed for year end 2007 on or before March 26, 2008. It was determined that 49.6% of the total 2007 going concerns were filed by that day. During the corresponding time period, year end 2008 received 1,780 going concerns. If the number received so far represents 49.6% of the total to be received in 2008, the ultimate number of going concerns will be 3,589. Therefore, the number of going concerns for 2008 is expected to surpass the amount received for 2007.

Moreover, a review of the audit opinions for 2007 and 2008 showed that the number of audit opinions filed in 2008 was smaller for the same time period. By the March 26 calendar day, the 2007 year end received 11,197 auditor opinions while the 2008 year end only received 10,895 opinions. These quantities demonstrate that the 2008 year end received 97.3% of the opinions, but experienced more going concerns.

Year end 2007 received a total of 15,773 auditor opinions. If the 2008 year end continues to receive 97.3% of the opinions filed for 2007, the final number of 2008 year end auditor opinions will be 15,346. Therefore, it is expected that the 2008 year end will receive 3,589 going concerns out of a total of 15,346 auditor opinions. In other words, 23.4% of the audit opinions filed for 2008 will contain an uncertainty with respect to the auditor's going concern assumption. This percentage value is higher than experienced for 2007 and continues an upward trend that began in 2003.



It is estimated that 23.4% of auditor opinions filed for year end 2008 will contain a going concern uncertainty, an increase in percentage that will continue the upward trend that began in 2003.