

PARETO SECURITIES INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2017 AND ENDING 12/31/2017
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

PARETO SECURITIES INC.

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

150 EAST 52ND STREET, 29TH FLOOR

(No. and Street)

NEW YORK

NY

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

MR. AUDUN HOEN

(212) 829-4200

(Area Code -- Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

RGNC&S Certified Public Accountants, PLLC

(Name -- if individual, state last, first, middle name)

97 Froehlich Farm Blvd.

Woodbury

NY

11797

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant
☐ Public Accountant
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, AUDUN HOEN, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of PARETO SECURITIES INC., as of December 31, 2017, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

Audun Hoen
Signature

CEO & CCO
Title

Antonella Spaventa
Notary Public



This report** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- ☐ (o) Exemption report



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholder's
of Pareto Securities, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Pareto Securities, Inc. (the "Company") (a New York company), as of December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements. In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pareto Securities, Inc. as of December 31, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audit, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Raphael Goldberg Nikpour Cohen & Sullivan CPA's PLLC

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Certified Public Accountants PLLC

We have served as the Company's auditors since 2016.

Woodbury, New York
February 23, 2018

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A S S E T S

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,187,834
Due from brokers	360,413
Receivable from customers	148,248
Receivable from affiliates	70,688
Furniture, equipment and improvements, (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,178,555)	347,932
Prepaid taxes	11,258
Deferred tax asset	828,324
Security deposits	483,932
Other assets	<u>193,879</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ <u><u>8,632,508</u></u>

LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:	
Fails to receive	\$ 148,248
Accounts payable and other liabilities	<u>1,986,834</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>2,135,082</u>
 Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors	 <u>3,918,000</u>
Stockholder's Equity:	
Common stock, par value \$1 per share; 500,000 shares authorized; 360,000 shares issued and outstanding	360,000
Additional paid-in capital	2,044,054
Accumulated earnings/(deficit)	<u>175,372</u>
 TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	 <u>2,579,426</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	 \$ <u><u>8,632,508</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial condition.

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NOTE 1 BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business

Pareto Securities Inc. (F/K/A Nordic Partners, Inc.) (the "Company") was incorporated in October 1997. On June 12, 2009, Pareto Securities AS (the "Stockholder") acquired all the shares of common stock in Nordic Partners, Inc. and changed the Company's name to Pareto Securities, Inc. The Company was registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") in November 1998 and operates as a broker/dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

The business of the Company consists of the purchase and sale of publicly and privately traded Swedish, Finnish, and Norwegian corporate equity and debt securities for U.S. institutional customers. The Company has SEC Rule 15a-6 business agreements in place with Pareto Securities AS in Oslo, Norway, Pareto Securities AB, Stockholm Sweden, Pareto Securities Ltd, London and Pareto Securities Pte Ltd, Singapore. They are unregistered foreign broker-dealers who are not members of SIPC.

The Company has clearing agreements with all its clearing agents. Domestic security transactions are cleared and carried through a U.S. clearing agent on a fully-disclosed basis. The U.S. clearing agent also performs record keeping functions and consequently, the Company operates under the (k)(2)(i) exemptive provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3. The Company clears all foreign security transactions through its foreign clearing agents on an RVP/DVP basis. The Company does not hold customer funds or securities.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Securities transactions

Securities transactions and related commission revenue and expenses are recorded on the trade date basis.

Fee income

Fee income consists of consulting services and private placement fee income. Fee income and expenses are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting.

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NOTE 1 BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
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Furniture, equipment, and improvements

Furniture, equipment, and improvements are stated at cost. Depreciation provided on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of three to fifteen years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the term of the lease.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers highly-liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes pursuant to the asset and liability method, which requires deferred income tax assets and liabilities to be computed for temporary differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities, that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. The income tax provision is the tax payable or refundable for the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities. The Company has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions which require adjustments or disclosure on the financial statements. The tax years that remain subject to examination by taxing authorities are 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Fair value measurement

FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement has no material effect on these financial statements.

NOTE 2 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company enters into transactions with its Stockholder and its stockholder's subsidiaries in the normal course of business. Included in the financial statements is the following transaction with the Stockholder as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017:

Subordinated loans (Note 4)	<u>\$ 3,918,000</u>
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NOTE 2 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The Company bears foreign currency risk on fee income derived from the Stockholder and the stockholder's subsidiaries.

NOTE 3 401(k) PLAN

The Company has a defined contribution 401(k) plan (the "Plan"), with a 100% employer match, covering all eligible employees, as defined.

NOTE 4 LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

At December 31, 2017, the Company has subordinated loans with its Stockholder as follows:

Amount	Interest Rate	Date of Original Subordination Agreement	Date Due
\$ 850,000	5%	November 24, 1998	December 31, 2019
850,000	5%	November 24, 1998	December 31, 2019
850,000	5%	December 31, 1998	December 31, 2019
800,000	5%	August 28, 2001	December 31, 2019
<u>568,000</u>	5%	November 1, 2004	December 31, 2019
<u>\$ 3,918,000</u>			

The subordinated borrowings are available in computing net capital under the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (see Note 5). To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid.

NOTE 5 NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, as defined. The Company computes its net capital under the alternative method permitted by the net capital rule, which requires that minimum net capital shall not be less than the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items arising from customer transactions. At December 31, 2017, the Company has net capital of \$4,561,407, which was \$4,311,407 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000.

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NOTE 6 LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Company is leasing premises at 150 East 52nd Street in New York City under an operating lease agreement that expires on April 30, 2019. The first month of rent under this lease has been abated and is being amortized over the life of the lease. The lease is subject to escalations for the increases in the Company's pro rata share of real estate taxes and other operating expenses.

On April 7, 2015 the Company entered into a lease agreement for 8 Greenway Plaza, Suite 818 Houston, Texas with the lease commencing on April 6, 2015, expiring June 30, 2021.

The following is a summary of minimum future rental payments under these leases:

Year Ending December 31	150 E 52 nd St. New York, NY	Eight Greenway Plaza Houston, TX	Total
2018	639,331	31,238	670,569
2019	213,110	30,143	243,253
2020		31,012	31,012
2021		15,796	15,796
Total	<u>\$ 852,441</u>	<u>\$ 108,189</u>	<u>\$ 960,630</u>

The Company had no underwriting commitments, no contingent liabilities and had not been named as defendant in any lawsuit at December 31, 2017 or during the year then ended.

NOTE 7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK, AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company's securities activities involve the execution, clearance, and settlement of various transactions with its clearing brokers (the principal clearing broker is the Stockholder). These securities activities are transacted on a delivery or receipt versus payment basis and the Company reports such transactions on a trade date basis. The Company is exposed to risk of loss on these securities transactions in the event the counter-party fails to satisfy its obligations in which case the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the counter-party's obligations. All transactions that were carried out before December 31, 2017 pending settlement subsequently settled at transacted amounts.

The Company maintains cash deposits with banks and brokers. At times, such deposits exceed applicable insurance limits. The Company reduces its

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exposure to credit risk by maintaining such deposits with major financial institutions and monitoring their credit ratings.

NOTE 8 GUARANTEES

FASB ASC 460, *Guarantees*, requires the Company to disclose information about its obligations under certain guarantee arrangements. FASB ASC 460 defines guarantees as contracts and indemnification agreements that contingently require a guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on changes in an underlying value (such as an interest or foreign exchange rate, security or commodity price, an index or the occurrence or nonoccurrence of a specified event) related to an asset, liability, or equity security of a guaranteed party. This guidance also defines guarantees as contracts that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on another entity's failure to perform under an agreement, as well as indirect guarantees of the indebtedness of others.

The Company has issued no guarantees effective at December 31, 2017 or during the year then ended, except as described in Note 7 above.

NOTE 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated and no events have been identified which require disclosure.