

CM-CIC MARKET SOLUTIONS, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/01/2018 AND ENDING 12/31/2018
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: CM-CIC Market Solutions, Inc

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

520 Madison Avenue, 37th Floor

New York (City) NY (No. and Street) 10022 (State) (Zip Code)

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

Alex J. Englese (212) 659-6292
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

EisnerAmper LLP

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

750 Third Avenue New York NY 10017
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

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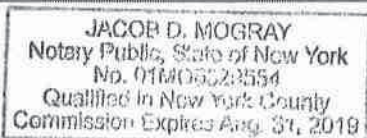
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I Alex J. Englese, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of CM-CIC Market Solutions, Inc, as of December 31, 2018, 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:

No Exceptions



Alex Englese
Signature
CEO/CCO
Title

Jacob D. Mogray
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) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.

****For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of
CM-CIC Market Solutions, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of CM-CIC Market Solutions, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2018 and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statement"). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statement 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 statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement. 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 statement. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.



We have served as the Company's auditor since 2013.

EISNERAMPER LLP
New York, New York
March 1, 2019

CM-CIC MARKET SOLUTIONS, INC.

**Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 2018**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,755,370
Due from clearing broker	246,608
Due from parent	137,030
Prepaid and other assets	41,973
Fail to deliver	16,629
	<u>\$ 2,197,610</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 135,622
Due to affiliate	364,464
Subordinated loan	1,000,000
Due to customer	16,629
Total liabilities	<u>1,516,715</u>
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 934 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	9
Additional paid-in capital	13,431,009
Accumulated deficit	<u>(12,750,123)</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>680,895</u>
	<u>\$ 2,197,610</u>

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Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2018

NOTE A - ORGANIZATION

CM-CIC Market Solutions, Inc. (formerly GSN North America, Inc or ESN North America, Inc.) (the "Company") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Crédit Industriel et Commercial (the "Parent" or "CIC"), a French company.

The Company is a registered broker and dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

The Company is engaged as an agent in the purchase and sale of equity securities of domestic and foreign corporate issuers including equity products (e.g., listed options on stocks, listed equity options on indexes, basket indexes and convertible securities).

The Company earns advisory fees for investment and research related services, along with the services income.

Effective March 24, 2017, CIC acquired the shares of the previous minority shareholders, and as a result, the Company became a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIC. The Company changed its name to CM-CIC Market Solutions, Inc. effective May 31, 2017 to acknowledge its full integration with its long-term majority shareholder, CIC.

Former shareholders, Banca Akros and GVC Gaesco have entered into a specific services agreements with the Company. At December 31, 2018, the Company was 100% held by the Parent.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S.GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

[2] Revenue Recognition

Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted ASC Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASC Topic 606"). The new revenue recognition guidance requires that an entity recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance requires an entity to follow a five step model to (1) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (b) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (c) determine the transaction price, (d) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (e) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

When the Company acts as a principal that satisfies a performance obligation, the Company recognizes revenue in the gross amount of consideration to which it expects to be entitled in exchange for the specified good or service transferred to the customer.

When the Company acts as an agent that satisfies a performance obligation, the Company recognizes revenue in the net amount of consideration to which it expects to be entitled in exchange for arranging for the specified good or service to be provided by the other party (after deducting costs or fees paid to the other party).

The company's revenues are derived from the following activities:

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Company passes all non U.S. equities to the Parent in Paris for execution with the Company's clearing broker and all U.S. equities orders are executed directly with the Company's clearing broker. The Company collects commissions from executing equities transactions for its customers.

Services income: In accordance with a services agreement with the Parent, effective April 1, 2018 the Company facilitates certain securities transactions between the Parent and major US institutional investors in accordance with Rule 15a-6. The Parent compensates the Company for all costs incurred in order to introduce and maintain the US/Canada clients to the Parent along with the compensation for its chaperoning functions under the agreement equal to 115% of monthly costs. The performance obligation is satisfied over time and the services are continuously provided and consumed.

Commissions: The Company buys and sells securities on behalf of its customers. Each time a customer enters into a buy or sell transaction, the Company charges a commission. Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on the trade date. The Company believes that the performance obligation is satisfied on the trade date because that is when the underlying financial instrument or purchaser is identified, the pricing is agreed upon and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to/from the customer.

Advisory fees: The Company's advisory fees include fees on investment and research services. The Company records advisory fees when the services for the transactions are completed. The Company believes that the performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time when research is provided.

[3] Translation of foreign currencies:

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year-end rates of exchange.

[4] Income taxes:

The amount of current and deferred taxes payable or refundable is recognized as of the date of the financial statements, utilizing currently enacted tax laws and rates. Deferred tax expenses or benefits are recognized in the financial statements for the changes in deferred tax liabilities or assets between years.

Net deferred tax assets, whose realization is dependent on taxable earnings of future years, are recognized when a greater than 50% probability exists that the tax benefits will actually be realized sometime in the future.

On December 22, 2017 the U.S. enacted comprehensive tax reform commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA"). Under GAAP, the effects of changes in tax rates and laws are recognized in the period which the new legislation is enacted. Among other things, the TCJA (1) reduced the U.S. statutory corporate income tax rate from 34% to 21% effective January 1, 2018, (2) eliminated the corporate alternative minimum tax, and (3) changed rules related to uses and limitations of net operating loss carryforwards beginning after December 31, 2017.

The SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") 118, which provides guidance on accounting for the tax effects of TCJA. SAB 118 provides a measurement period that should not extend beyond one year from the TCJA enactment date for companies to complete the accounting under GAAP. To the extent that a company's accounting for certain income tax effects of the TCJA is incomplete but is able to determine a reasonable estimate, it must record a provisional estimate in the financial statements.

The TCJA reduced the corporate tax rate to 21% effective January 1, 2018. We have recorded a provisional decrease in our deferred tax assets and related valuation allowance as of December 31, 2018. While we are able to make a reasonable estimate of the impact of the reduction in the corporate rate, it may be affected by other analyses related to the TCJA.

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[5] Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and a money market mutual fund. The Company considers all highly-liquid instruments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase and money market mutual funds to be cash equivalents. The Company at times maintains cash in deposit accounts in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") limits. The Company has not experienced any losses on such accounts.

[6] Due from clearing broker:

Due from clearing broker includes a \$250,000 required deposit.

[7] Fair value of financial instruments:

At December 31, 2018, the carrying value of the Company's financial instruments approximate their fair values due to the nature of their short term maturities.

The following table represents the carrying values and estimated fair values at December 31, 2018, of financial assets and liabilities, excluding financial instruments that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis, and information is provided on their classification within the fair value hierarchy.

	<i>Carrying Value</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Total Estimated Fair Value</i>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,755,370	\$ 1,755,370	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,755,370
Due from clearing broker	246,608	-	246,608	-	246,608
Due from parent	137,030	-	137,030	-	137,030
Fail to deliver	16,629	-	16,629	-	16,629
TOTALS	\$ 2,155,637	\$ 1,755,370	\$ 400,267	\$ -	\$ 2,155,637
LIABILITIES					
Due to affiliate	\$ 364,464	\$ -	\$ 364,464	\$ -	\$ 364,464
Subordinated loan	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Fail to receive	16,629	-	16,629	-	16,629
TOTALS	\$ 1,381,093	\$ -	\$ 1,381,093	\$ -	\$ 1,381,093

[8] Accounting standards updates:

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases, which replaces the existing guidance in ASC 840, Leases. The new standard establishes a right-of-use model that requires a lessee to record a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of income. The guidance will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and early adoption is permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of ASU 2016-02 and does not expect the adoption of such standard to have a material impact on the Company's financial condition, its results of operations or cash flows.

NOTE C - TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

The Parent has guaranteed to fund the ongoing operations of the Company through March 1, 2020.

In accordance with a services agreement with the Parent, effective April 1, 2018 the Company facilitates certain securities transactions between the Company and major US institutional investors in compliance with Rule 15a-6. The Parent compensates the Company for all costs incurred in order to introduce and maintain the US/Canada clients to the Parent along with the compensation for its chaperoning functions under the agreement equal to

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NOTE C - TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (CONTINUED)

115% of monthly costs.

The Company derives a portion of its revenue from acting as an agent for its stockholders in the purchase and sale of equity securities of domestic and foreign corporate issuers and related product sales.

The Company is a party to an administrative services agreement with an affiliate dated June 30, 2018, CIC (New York Branch) ("CIC-NY"). The affiliate provides the Company with certain services and allocates the expenses in the area of benefits administration; leasehold space, furniture and equipment; operational services; computers and related systems support; data and communication lines and equipment.

NOTE D - INCOME TAXES

The Company is subject to federal, state and local taxes. The Company complies with the provisions of U.S. GAAP, which requires the liability method of accounting for income taxes.

The Company recognizes tax benefits or expenses of uncertain tax positions in the year such determination is made when the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained, assuming examination by tax authorities. At December 31, 2018, the Company had no material unrecognized tax benefits.

At December 31, 2018, the Company recorded a full valuation allowance and did not recognize a deferred tax asset from net operating loss of approximately \$2,481,000, a decrease of approximately \$1,053,000 from prior year. Our valuation allowance decreased despite the increase in our net operating loss carryforwards as a result of the application of the lower federal tax rate under the TCJA. The Company has not determined it is "more likely than not" that it will be able to utilize these losses before they expire.

As of December 31, 2018, the Company has net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$9,808,000. The net operating loss carryforwards will expire through 2036. These net operating losses are limited by the IRC Section 382 loss limitation incurred as a result of an ownership change that took place during 2006 and 2007. Annual losses prior to 2007 are limited to approximately \$141,000 annually through 2036.

NOTE E - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company clears all of its securities transactions through a U.S. clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis and the Company does not carry securities accounts for its customers or perform custodial functions relating to the securities.

Pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Company and the clearing broker, the clearing broker has the right to charge the Company for losses that result from a counterparty's failure to fulfill its contractual obligations. As the right to charge the Company has no maximum amount and applies to all trades executed through the clearing broker, the Company believes there is no maximum amount assignable to this right. At December 31, 2018, the Company has recorded no liability with regard to this right. The Company paid the clearing broker no amounts related to these guarantees during the year.

In addition, the Company has the right to pursue collection or performance from the counterparties who do not perform under their contractual obligations.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties which provide general indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred.

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NOTE F- NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule ("Rule 15c3-1") of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined. At December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital approximately of \$1,501,892 which was approximately \$1,251,892 in excess of the amount required of \$250,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .33 to 1.

NOTE G- OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, settlement, and financing of various customer securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss.

The Company's customer securities activities are transacted on either a cash or margin basis. In margin transactions, the Company extends credit to its customers, subject to various regulatory and internal margin requirements, collateralized by cash and securities in the customers' accounts. In connection with these activities, the Company executes customer transactions involving the sale of securities not yet purchased, substantially all of which are transacted on a margin basis subject to individual exchange regulations. Such transactions may expose the Company to significant off-balance-sheet risk in the event margin requirements are not sufficient to fully cover losses that customers may incur. In the event the customer fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices to fulfill the customer's obligations. The Company seeks to control the risks associated with its customer activities by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. The Company monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, require the customer to deposit additional collateral or to reduce positions when necessary.

The Company is subject to credit risk should the clearing broker be unable to repay the amount due from the clearing broker on the statement of financial condition.

NOTE H- PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

The Company's U.S. affiliate maintains a 401(k) profit-sharing plan (the "Plan") covering substantially all of the employees of the Company. The Company contributes to the Plan 50% of up to the first 6% of the employees' contributions. Pursuant to the administrative services agreement with CIC-NY, the Company also participates in CIC-NY's Cash Balance Plan, a defined benefit plan. The company has a payable of \$364,464 related to its participation in the Cash Balance Plan at December 31, 2018 for the accumulated benefits payable which is due to affiliate on the accompanying statement of financial condition.