

Marathon Capital Markets, LLC

Exemption Report
December 31, 2023

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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: Marathon Capital Markets, LLC

TYPE OF REGISTRANT (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ Broker-dealer ☐ Security-based swap dealer ☐ Major security-based swap participant
☐ Check here if respondent is also an OTC derivatives dealer

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use a P.O. box no.)

200 W Madison St, Suite 3700

(No. and Street)

Chicago

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60606

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

PERSON TO CONTACT WITH REGARD TO THIS FILING

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose reports are contained in this filing*

RSM US LLP

(Name – if individual, state last, first, and middle name)

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(State)

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09/24/2003

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(Date of Registration with PCAOB)(if applicable)

(PCAOB Registration Number, if applicable)

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* Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual reports be covered by the reports of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis of the exemption. See 17 CFR 240.17a-5(e)(1)(ii), if applicable.

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Robert J. Braasch, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial report pertaining to the firm of Marathon Capital Markets, LLC, as of December 31, 2023, is true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, officer, director, or equivalent person, as the case may be, has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.



Signature: *Robert J. Braasch*
Title: President and CCO

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Notary Public

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

- ☐ (a) Statement of financial condition.
- ☐ (b) Notes to consolidated statement of financial condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of income (loss) or, if there is other comprehensive income in the period(s) presented, a statement of comprehensive income (as defined in § 210.1-02 of Regulation S-X).
- ☐ (d) Statement of cash flows.
- ☐ (e) Statement of changes in stockholders' or partners' or sole proprietor's equity.
- ☐ (f) Statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of creditors.
- ☐ (g) Notes to consolidated financial statements.
- ☐ (h) Computation of net capital under 17 CFR 240.15c3-1 or 17 CFR 240.18a-1, as applicable.
- ☐ (i) Computation of tangible net worth under 17 CFR 240.18a-2.
- ☐ (j) Computation for determination of customer reserve requirements pursuant to Exhibit A to 17 CFR 240.15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) Computation for determination of security-based swap reserve requirements pursuant to Exhibit B to 17 CFR 240.15c3-3 or Exhibit A to 17 CFR 240.18a-4, as applicable.
- ☐ (l) Computation for Determination of PAB Requirements under Exhibit A to § 240.15c3-3.
- ☐ (m) Information relating to possession or control requirements for customers under 17 CFR 240.15c3-3.
- ☐ (n) Information relating to possession or control requirements for security-based swap customers under 17 CFR 240.15c3-3(p)(2) or 17 CFR 240.18a-4, as applicable.
- ☐ (o) Reconciliations, including appropriate explanations, of the FOCUS Report with computation of net capital or tangible net worth under 17 CFR 240.15c3-1, 17 CFR 240.18a-1, or 17 CFR 240.18a-2, as applicable, and the reserve requirements under 17 CFR 240.15c3-3 or 17 CFR 240.18a-4, as applicable, if material differences exist, or a statement that no material differences exist.
- ☐ (p) Summary of financial data for subsidiaries not consolidated in the statement of financial condition.
- ☒ (q) Oath or affirmation in accordance with 17 CFR 240.17a-5, 17 CFR 240.17a-12, or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (r) Compliance report in accordance with 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☒ (s) Exemption report in accordance with 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (t) Independent public accountant's report based on an examination of the statement of financial condition.
- ☐ (u) Independent public accountant's report based on an examination of the financial report or financial statements under 17 CFR 240.17a-5, 17 CFR 240.18a-7, or 17 CFR 240.17a-12, as applicable.
- ☐ (v) Independent public accountant's report based on an examination of certain statements in the compliance report under 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☒ (w) Independent public accountant's report based on a review of the exemption report under 17 CFR 240.17a-5 or 17 CFR 240.18a-7, as applicable.
- ☐ (x) Supplemental reports on applying agreed-upon procedures, in accordance with 17 CFR 240.15c3-1e or 17 CFR 240.17a-12, as applicable.
- ☐ (y) Report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit, or a statement that no material inadequacies exist, under 17 CFR 240.17a-12(k).
- ☐ (z) Other: _____

**To request confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see 17 CFR 240.17a-5(e)(3) or 17 CFR 240.18a-7(d)(2), as applicable.



RSM US LLP

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Managers and Member
Marathon Capital Markets, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which Marathon Capital Markets, LLC (the Company) stated that:

1. The Company does not claim an exemption under Paragraph (k) of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3;
2. The Company did not handle cash or securities, directly or indirectly, on behalf of customers and did not carry any customer or PAB accounts without any exceptions throughout the year ended December 31, 2023, since its business was limited to financial advisory services in connection with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures and placement agent services in connection with the private placement of securities.

The Company's management is responsible for its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence that the Company did not handle cash or securities, directly or indirectly, on behalf of customers and did not carry any customer or PAB accounts without any exceptions throughout the year ended December 31, 2023 since its business was limited to financial advisory services in connection with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures and placement agent services in connection with the private placement of securities. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois
February 28, 2024

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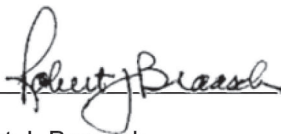
Marathon Capital Markets, LLC's Exemption Report

To the best of our knowledge and belief, Marathon Capital Markets, LLC, CRD 103767, ("Marathon") states the following:

Marathon does not claim an exemption under paragraph (k) of 17 C.R.F. §240.15c3-3. Marathon did not handle cash or securities, directly or indirectly, on behalf of customers and did not carry any customer or PAB accounts without any exceptions throughout the year ending December 31, 2023 since its business was limited to financial advisory services in connection with mergers, acquisitions and divestitures and placement agent services in connection with the private placement of securities.

Marathon Capital Markets, LLC

I, Robert J. Braasch, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By: _____

Robert J. Braasch
President and CCO

February 20, 2024