

**GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC**

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Statement of Financial Condition

Year Ended December 31, 2018

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

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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
2828 CORAL WAY SUITE 106

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)  
MIAMI FL 33145  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
PUBLIO F VELASCO  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Kabat, Schertzer, De La Torre, Taraboulos & Co. LLC

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)  
9300 S Dadeland Blvd Miami FL 33156  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

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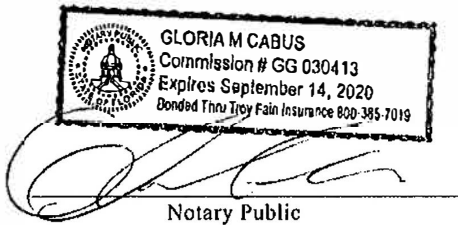
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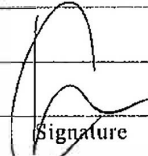
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I, CHRISTOPHER INFANTE, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC, as of DECEMBER 31, 2018, are true and 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:



  
Signature  
Chief Executive Officer  
Title

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

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- ☒ (b) 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 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.

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

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Members  
of Global Strategic Investments, LLC

**Opinion on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Global Strategic Investments, LLC as of December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statement"). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Global Strategic Investments, LLC 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 Global Strategic Investments, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Global Strategic Investments, LLC'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 Global Strategic Investments, LLC 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.

*KABAT, SCHERTZER, DE LA TORRE, TARABOULOS & CO.*

We have served as Global Strategic Investments, LLC's auditor starting in 2014.

Miami, Florida

March 15, 2019

# GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

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December 31, 2018

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### ASSETS

Cash in banks	\$ 33,552
Receivable from broker-dealers and clearing organizations	28,152
Deposits with clearing brokers	601,200
Marketable securities, at fair value	-
Due from affiliates	-
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	-
Security deposits	1,542
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>206,735</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 871,181</u>

### LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 208,548
Note payable to FINRA	40,158
Short position in marketable securities, at fair value	164
Accrued expenses	<u>182,386</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>431,256</u>

Members' Equity	<u>439,925</u>
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u>\$ 871,181</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

## GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC

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Notes to Financial Statements  
Year Ended December 31, 2018

### 1. ORGANIZATION

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Global Strategic Investments, LLC (the "Company") is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as a broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). The Company has been a registered broker dealer since 2002. The majority of the Company's customers are primarily from Latin America. The Company filed Articles of Amendment on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 changing its name to Gentem Capital, LLC.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accounting policies and reporting practices of the Company conform to the predominant practices in the broker-dealer industry and are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Government and Other Regulation**

The Company's business is subject to significant regulation by various governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations, including the SEC and FINRA. Such regulation includes, among other things, periodic examinations by these regulatory bodies to determine whether the Company is conducting and reporting its operations in accordance with the applicable requirements of these organizations. As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the SEC's net capital rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires that the Company maintain a minimum net capital, as defined.

#### **Cash in Banks**

The Company may, during the ordinary course of business, maintain account balances with banks in excess of federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced losses on these accounts, and management believes that the Company is not exposed to significant risks on such accounts.

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Fair values of financial instruments are estimated using relevant market information and other assumptions, as more fully disclosed in Note 6. Fair value estimates involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment regarding interest rates, credit risk, prepayments, and other factors, especially in the absence of broad markets for particular instruments. Changes in assumptions or in market conditions could significantly affect the estimates.

#### **Securities Transactions**

Revenues for executing customer securities transactions and proprietary securities transactions and associated expenses are recorded as earned and incurred, on a trade date basis. The Company believes that the performance obligation is satisfied on the trade date because that is when the underlying financial instrument or purchase is identified, the pricing is agreed upon and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to/from the customer.

## GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC

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### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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#### **Clearing Arrangements**

The Company has clearing agreements with Apex Clearing Corporation and had a clearing agreement with Cor Clearing until August of 2018 (the "Clearing Brokers") to provide execution and clearing services on behalf of its customers on a fully disclosed basis. All customer records and accounts are maintained by the Clearing Brokers. Pursuant to the respective clearing agreements, the Company is required to maintain a deposit of \$500,000 with the Apex Clearing and had a requirement of a \$100,000 deposit with Cor Clearing. In August of 2018, Cor Clearing terminated the clearing agreement.

#### **Marketable Securities, at Fair Value**

Securities owned are valued at fair value. Unrealized appreciation and depreciation is reflected in income.

#### **Furniture and Equipment**

Furniture and equipment are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method based upon estimated useful lives ranging from five to seven years.

Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. When furniture or equipment are retired, sold, or otherwise disposed of, the asset's carrying amount and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is included in the statement of operations.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at December 31, 2018 and revenues and expenses during the year then ended. The actual outcome of the estimates could differ from the estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and, accordingly, generally would not incur income taxes or have any unrecognized tax benefits. Instead, its earnings and losses are included in the tax return of its members and taxed depending on the members' tax situation. As a result, the financial statements do not reflect a provision for income taxes.

The Company recognizes and measures tax positions taken or expected to be taken in its tax return based on their technical merit and assesses the likelihood that the positions will be sustained upon examination based on the facts, circumstances and information available at the end of each period. Interest and penalties on tax liabilities, if any, would be recorded in expenses.

The United States Federal jurisdiction and Florida are the major tax jurisdictions where the Company files income tax returns. Generally, Federal, State and local authorities may examine the Company's tax returns for three years from the date of filing. Therefore, the current year and three preceding years remain subject to examination as of December 31, 2018.

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### 3. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

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Furniture and equipment, net, consisted of the following at December 31, 2018:

Office Equipment	\$ 62,582
Furniture and Fixtures	47,637
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Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(110,219)
	<hr/> \$ (0)

Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$15,788 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

### 4. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

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The Company, as a registered broker-dealer, is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires that the Company maintain Net Capital equal to the greater of \$100,000 or 6 2/3% of Aggregate Indebtedness, as defined, and requires that the ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company's Net Capital was \$131,722 and the Required Net Capital was \$100,000. At December 31, 2018, the Company's ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital was 3.27 to 1.

### 5. RECEIVABLE FROM BROKER-DEALERS AND CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS

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The Company clears its customers' transactions on a fully disclosed basis with the Clearing Brokers. Pursuant to respective clearing agreements, the Company is required to maintain a certain minimum capital with the Clearing Brokers, in the form of either cash or securities. The level is agreed upon from time to time based on the nature of the Company's clearing activities. The Company complies with the Clearing Brokers' requirements for obtaining collateral from customers. At December 31, 2018, the receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations and the deposits with clearing organizations, included in the accompanying statement of financial condition, are due from these brokers. At December 31, 2018, the Company had a net \$28,152 due from broker-dealers and clearing organizations, which is shown in the statement of financial condition as a separate item. Additionally, at December 31, 2018, the Company had \$601,200 in deposits with clearing brokers.

## 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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### Fair Value Measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASU 820"), establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level 1 Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

### Determination of Fair Value

The Company maintains policies and procedures to value its financial instruments using the highest level and most relevant data available. In addition, management reviews valuations, including independent price validation, for certain instruments.

The following describes the valuation methodologies the Company uses to measure different financial instruments at fair value, including an indication of the level in the fair value hierarchy in which each instrument is generally classified.

### Fair Value Measurements

For many financial instruments, fair value is based on independent sources such as quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. To the extent certain financial instruments trade infrequently or are not marketable, they may not have readily determinable fair values. In these instances, the Company estimates fair value using various pricing models and available information that management deems most relevant. Among the factors considered by the Company in determining the fair value of financial instruments are discounted anticipated cash flows, the cost, terms and liquidity of the instrument, the financial condition, operating results and credit ratings of the issuer or underlying company, the quoted market price of publicly traded securities with similar quality and yield, and other factors generally pertinent to the valuation of financial instruments.

Corporate bonds with a short position totaling \$164 as shown in the accompanying statement of financial condition are valued at market prices. Valuation adjustments are not applied. Accordingly, these securities are generally categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

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### Notes to Financial Statements (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

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##### Operating Leases

The Company is obligated under non-cancelable operating leases for office facilities through 2019. Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$131,153. This amount includes the forfeiture of a tenant deposit for \$24,824 for the cancellation of the lease of the previous facility in which The Company operated until September of 2018. Future minimum payments under the new non-cancelable operating lease as of December 31, 2018 is as follows:

Years ending December 31,

2019     \$    13,882

##### Litigation

The Company is exposed to various asserted and unasserted potential claims encountered in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, the resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

#### 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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The Company has relationships with affiliated companies through common ownership. During 2018, the Company earned \$478,254 in commissions and trading income and incurred \$182,621 in commission expenses related to transactions with such companies. At December 31, 2018, the Company had \$153,582 in commissions payable to certain affiliates, which is included in accounts payable in the Statement of Financial Position.

#### 9. NOTE PAYABLE TO FINRA

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During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with FINRA for \$200,000. This settlement resulted from a disciplinary proceeding with respect to certain matters alleged by FINRA. The settlement was fully paid in May 2018. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company entered into a new settlement agreement with FINRA for \$65,000. The settlement is being paid in equal monthly payments of \$1325, including interest at 7.25% per year, and will continue until June 2021.

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### 10. OFF BALANCE SHEET RISK

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Pursuant to a clearance agreement, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to a clearing broker on a fully-disclosed basis. All of the customers' money balances and long and short security positions are carried on the books of the clearing broker. In accordance with the clearance agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing broker for losses, if any, which the clearing broker may sustain from carrying securities transactions introduced by the Company.

In accordance with industry practice and regulatory requirements, the Company and the clearing broker monitor collateral on the customer's accounts. In addition, the receivable from the clearing broker is pursuant to the clearance agreement.

The maximum potential amount of future payments that the Company could be required to make under these indemnifications cannot be estimated. However, the Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statements for these indemnifications.

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.

### 11. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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#### *New Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted*

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-2, Leases, which creates ASC 842, Leases. This guidance requires a lessee to account for leases as finance or operating leases. Both types of leases will result in the lessee recognizing a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability on its Statement of Financial Condition. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted, provided they enter into a lease that extends beyond one year.

#### *Adoption of New Accounting Standard*

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted the new accounting standard ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* and all the related amendments ("new revenue standard") to all contracts using the full retrospective method. There were no adjustments required related to the adoption of the standard.

## GLOBAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, LLC

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### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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The Company has evaluated that the following subsequent events through March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, the date of these financial statements are the following:

In February of 2019, the Company filed articles of amendment before the Division of Corporations of the State of Florida changing its name to Gentem Capital LLC. The Company estimates that no additional disclosures are necessary.