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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2018 AND ENDING 12/31/2018  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC

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

3495 Coolidge

(No. and Street)

East Lansing

MI

48823

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Joe A. Romkema

517-337-8900

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

Phillip V. George, PLLC

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

5179 CR 1026

Celeste

TX

75423

(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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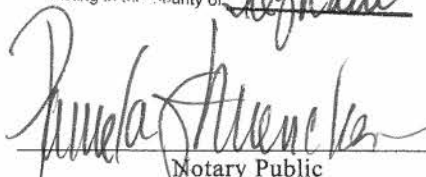
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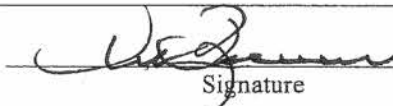
I, Joe A. Romkema, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC, as of December 31, 20 18, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the 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:

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**PAMELA J. MUENCHEN**  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF INGHAM  
My Commission Expires December 26, 2020  
Acting in the County of Ingham

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

  
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Signature  
Chief Compliance Officer and Designated Principal  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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.

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

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

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# PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members  
Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC as of December 31, 2018, the related statements of income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

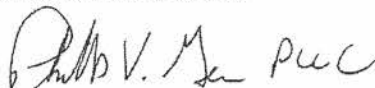
### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC'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 Hall & Romkema Financial Services, 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 statements are 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 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.

### Supplemental Information

The supplemental information contained in Schedule I has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplemental information contained in Schedule I is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC

We have served as Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC's auditor since 2017.

Celeste, Texas  
January 30, 2019

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2018**

**Assets**

Cash	\$ 103,865
Cash deposit with clearing organization	15,010
Advisory fees receivable	177,780
Prepaid expenses	17,997
Property and equipment, net	<u>322</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 314,974</u></u>

**Liabilities and Members' Equity**

Accounts payable	<u>\$ 5,969</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>5,969</u>
 Members' Equity	 <u>309,005</u>
 Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	 <u><u>\$ 314,974</u></u>

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

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Statement of Income**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

Revenues	
Advisory fees	\$ 729,368
Other	<u>31,194</u>
Total Revenues	<u>760,562</u>
Expenses	
Contracted services	120,300
Clearing charges	25,464
Communications	10,790
Professional fees and services	47,395
Occupancy and equipment	6,624
Regulatory fees	6,687
Other expenses	<u>9,355</u>
Total Expenses	<u>226,615</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 533,947</u>

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

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Statement of Changes in Members' Equity**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

Balance at December 31, 2017	\$ 320,058
Net income	533,947
Members' distributions	<u>(545,000)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2018	<u><u>\$ 309,005</u></u>

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

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

Net income	\$ 533,947
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	68
Changes in assets and liabilities	
Increase in cash deposit with clearing organization	(10)
Decrease in advisory fees receivable	9,539
Decrease in prepaid expenses	509
Increase in accounts payable	4,835
	<u>548,888</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>548,888</u>

**Cash Flows from Financing Activities**

Members' distributions	<u>(545,000)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(545,000)</u>

**Net Increase in Cash**

3,888

Cash, Beginning of Year

99,977

**Cash, End of Year**

\$ 103,865

**Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:**

There was no cash paid during the year for interest or income taxes.



**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2018**

**Note A - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

**Nature of Operations**

Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC (the Company), was organized in August 2002 as a Michigan limited liability company. The Company is a broker/dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC). The Company is also a registered investment advisor with the state of Michigan.

The Company operates pursuant to section (k)(2)(ii) exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that Rule. The Company, does not hold customer funds or securities, but as an introducing broker or dealer, will clear transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis through a clearing broker/dealer. The clearing broker/dealer carries accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker/dealer.

The Company's operations consist primarily of providing investment advisory services to individuals located in Michigan.

**Revenue Recognition**

*Advisory fees.* The Company provides investment advisory services on a daily basis. The Company believes the performance obligation for providing advisory services is satisfied over time because the customer is receiving and consuming the benefits as they are provided by the Company. Fee arrangements are based on a percentage applied to the customer's assets under management. Fees are received quarterly in arrears. Fees are recognized as revenue monthly as they relate specifically to the services provided in that period, which are distinct from the services provided in other periods.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Substantially all the Company's financial asset and liability amounts reported in the Statement of Financial Condition are short term in nature and approximate fair value.

**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 and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

**Property, Equipment and Depreciation**

Property and equipment consists of office equipment, is carried at cost and includes expenditures for new additions and those that substantially increase the useful lives of existing assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 5 years. Depreciation expense totaled \$68 for the year ended December 31, 2018. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2018**

**Note A - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued):**

**Income Taxes**

The Company is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Consequently, federal income taxes are not payable by, or provided for, the Company. Members are taxed individually on their share of the Company's earnings. The Company's net income or loss is allocated among the members in accordance with their ownership interest in the Company.

The Company is subject to state income taxes.

The Company's federal and state income tax returns for 2015 through 2017 are subject to examination by the applicable tax authorities, generally for three years after the later of the original or extended due date.

**Note B - Transactions with Clearing Broker/Dealer:**

The Company has a clearing agreement with a national clearing broker/dealer to provide clearing, execution and other related services for its advisory service clients and accounts. The clearing agreement requires minimum monthly charges of \$1,000. The clearing agreement requires the Company to maintain a minimum of \$15,000 in an account with the clearing broker/dealer.

**Note C - Related Party Transactions / Economic Dependency/ Concentration of Services:**

The three members of the Company, who are also registered securities representatives and officers of the Company, generated substantially all of the Company's revenue for the year ended December 31, 2018. In lieu of compensation, the members received distributions totaling \$545,000 during the year. The Company is economically dependent upon the members due to the concentration of services provided by them.

The Company's members are also owners of Coolidge Road Leasing, Inc., an employee leasing company (the leasing company). The Company leases administrative staff from the leasing company. A total of \$120,300 was incurred and paid by the Company to the leasing company for the year ended December 31, 2018, which is recorded as contracted services in the accompanying Statement of Income.

Two of the Company's members are also owners of Hall & Romkema PLC, a certified public accounting firm (the accounting firm). The Company shares office space with the accounting firm. A total of \$6,624 was incurred and paid by the Company to the accounting firm for office usage and occupancy expenses for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The Company incurred \$20,563 for professional advisory, accounting, insurance and postage from the accounting firm during the year ended December 31, 2018 which are recorded as professional fees and services in the accompanying Statement of Income. The Company recorded a prepaid asset of \$2,901 related to insurance costs paid to the accounting firm at December 31, 2018.

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2018**

**Note D - Concentration of Credit Risk:**

The Company's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and accounts receivable. The Company places its cash with two financial institutions. At times, such amounts may be in excess of the FDIC insured limit. The Company has not experienced any losses related to these balances. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers and, as a consequence, believes that its accounts receivable credit risk exposure is limited.

**Note E - Net Capital Requirements:**

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$113,679, which was \$108,679 in excess of its net capital requirement of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was 0.05 to 1.

**Note F – Off-Balance-Sheet Risk:**

As discussed in Note A, the Company's customers' securities transactions are introduced on a fully disclosed basis with its clearing broker/dealer. The clearing broker/dealer carries the accounts of the customers of the Company and is responsible for execution, collection and payment of funds, and receipt and delivery of securities relative to customer transactions. Off-balance-sheet risk exists with respect to these transactions due to the possibility that customers may be unable to fulfill their contractual commitments wherein the clearing broker/dealer may charge any losses it incurs to the Company. The Company seeks to minimize this risk through procedures designed to monitor the credit worthiness of its customers and that customer transactions are executed properly by the clearing broker/dealer.

**Note G - Statements of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors:**

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company did not have any subordinated liabilities subject to claims of general creditors. Therefore, no statements are required.

**Note H - Subsequent Events:**

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through January 30, 2019 the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

The Company made distributions to members totaling \$125,000 during January 2019.

**HALL & ROMKEMA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**Computation of Net Capital under Rule 15c3-1 of**  
**the Securities and Exchange Commission**  
**As of December 31, 2018**

**Net Capital**

Total members' equity qualified for net capital	\$ 309,005
Deductions and/or charges	
Non-allowable assets:	
Advisory fees receivable	177,007
Prepaid expenses	17,997
Property and equipment, net	322
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Total deductions and/or charges	195,326
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Net Capital	\$ 113,679
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**Aggregate Indebtedness**

Items Included in Statement of Financial Condition	
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,969
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Total Aggregate Indebtedness	\$ 5,969
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**Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement**

Minimum Net Capital Required	\$ 5,000
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Excess Net Capital	\$ 108,679
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Excess Net Capital at 1000%	\$ 107,679
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Ratio: Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital	0.05 to 1
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**Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital**

The above computation does not differ from the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 as of December 31, 2018 as filed by Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC on Form X-17A-5. Accordingly, no reconciliation is deemed necessary.

**Statement Regarding the Reserve Requirements and Possession or Control Requirements**

The Company operates pursuant to section (k)(2)(ii) exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under these exemptive provisions, the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to the Possession and Control Requirements are not required.

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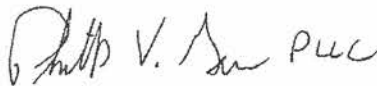
**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Members  
Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3(2)(ii) (exemption provisions) and (2) Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC stated that Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and 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 about Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC's compliance with the exemption provisions. 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 paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.



PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC

Celeste, Texas  
January 30, 2019

## **Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC.**

3495 Coolidge / East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-337-8900


### **Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC. Assertions**

**Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC.** (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provision in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

### **Hall & Romkema Financial Services, LLC.**

I, Joe A. Romkema, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

  
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Joe A. Romkema, Chief Compliance Officer and Designated Principal

January 4, 2019