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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: FIDUS SECURITIES, 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.)

4201 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 250

(No. and Street)

CHARLOTTE

NC

28209

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

PERSON TO CONTACT WITH REGARD TO THIS FILING

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(Name)

(Area Code – Telephone Number)

(Email Address)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose reports are contained in this filing*

Plante & Moran, PLLC

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

10 South Riverside Plaza, 9th Floor Chicago

IL

60606

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

October 20, 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, Patrick C. Clark, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial report pertaining to the firm of Fidus Securities, LLC, as of 12/31, 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.


Notary Public



Signature:

Patrick C. Clark

Title:

Designated Principal

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.

Financial Statement and Report of Independent
Registered Public Accounting Firm

Fidus Securities, LLC

December 31, 2023

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Member
Fidus Securities, LLC

Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Fidus Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2023 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 the Company as of December 31, 2023 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 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.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

We have served as Fidus Securities, LLC's auditor since 2015.
Chicago, Illinois
February 22, 2024

Statement of financial condition

December 31	2023
	\$
Assets:	
Cash	136,377
Prepaid expenses	3,366
Total assets	139,743
Liabilities and member's equity:	
Due to member	29,005
Accrued expenses	862
Total liabilities	29,867
Member's equity	109,876
Total liabilities and member's equity	139,743

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

Notes to financial statement

1 Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

Operations

Fidus Securities, LLC (the Company) is a limited liability company that operates as a registered broker-dealer. As a registered broker-dealer, the Company primarily represents clients in merger and acquisition-related activities composed principally of sell-side transactions structured as the sale of corporate stock or other securities to institutional or corporate acquirers. The Company operates offices in North Carolina and New York. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

Use of Accounting Estimates in Preparation of Financial Statement

The preparation of the financial statement in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and disclosures. Accordingly, the actual amounts could differ from those estimates. Any adjustments applied to estimated amounts are recognized in the year in which such adjustments are determined.

Cash

The Company maintains cash deposits with financial institutions which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company considers liquid financial instruments with original maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents. The Company had no cash equivalents as of December 31, 2023.

Income Taxes

The Company is organized as a limited liability company and is considered to be a disregarded entity for income tax purposes. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statement, as the member includes the Company's taxable income or loss in its income tax returns.

US GAAP requires management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Company and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Company has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. As of December 31, 2023 there were no uncertain positions taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statement.

2 Related-party Transactions

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fidus Partners, LLC (the Member) and was established to process certain transactions initiated by itself or its parent company that require the services of a registered broker-dealer. Only transactions that relate specifically to broker-dealer activities result in revenue being recognized by the Company. Expenses covered by the Member but directly related to broker-dealer activities are billed to the Company. During 2023, the Member covered certain direct expenses on behalf of the Company. The Company had a payable for these expenses of \$1,841 as of December 31, 2023. In accordance with regulatory requirements, the Member allocates a certain amount of its common office overhead costs to the Company in the form of an office services charge. This allocation is an amount equal to the total of all common office expenses and employee costs multiplied by the revenues recognized by the Company as a percentage of all revenue recognized by the Company and its Member combined. Allocations are made on a quarterly basis and are typically paid to the Member within 30 days. The Company had an intercompany payable balance from the Member in the amount of \$27,164 as of December 31, 2023, representing amounts due from the Member's monthly allocation of expenses.

3 Securities and Exchange Commission Matters

Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's 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. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had net capital of \$106,510, which was \$101,510 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000.

Reserve Requirements

The Company does not claim an exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3, in reliance on footnote 74 to SEC Release 34-70073, and as discussed in Q&A 8 of the related FAQ issued by SEC staff. The Company does not (1) directly or indirectly receive, hold, or otherwise owe funds or securities for or to customers, (2) does not carry accounts of or for customers and (3) does not carry PAB accounts.

Aggregate Indebtedness

At December 31, 2023, the Company had aggregate indebtedness of \$29,867.

4 Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated events that occurred subsequent to year-end through February 22, 2024, the date the financial statement was issued, to determine whether any events required recognition or disclosure in the 2023 financial statement as required by authoritative guidance.