

# **Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC**

**(a wholly owned Subsidiary of BR Capital Markets, LLC)**

**(a Massachusetts limited liability company)**

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**Financial Report**

**December 31, 2017**

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

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MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

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

FIRM I.D. NO.

20 West 55th Street

(No. and Street)

New York City

(City)

NY

(State)

10019

(Zip Code)

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

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

Plante Moran, PLLC

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

1111 Michigan Avenue

(Address)

East Lansing

(City)

MI

(State)

48823

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:



Certified Public Accountant



Public Accountant



Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

STATE OF FLORIDA

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

COUNTY OF BROWARD

I, Paul Dunn, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC, as of December 31, 2017, 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:

This 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, provided a valid

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AN OATH

Paul Dunn

Signature

Executive Vice President

Title

See attached

Notary Public

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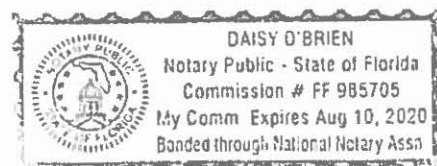
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- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
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- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims 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.

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Daisy O'Brien, Notary Public

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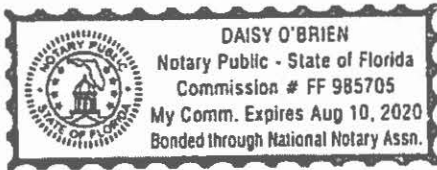
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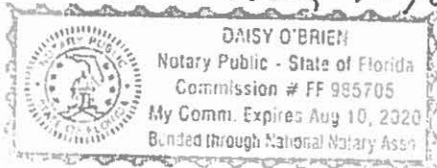
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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this

6<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2018.  
Day Month Year

by PAUL EDWARD DANN  
Name of Person Swearing or Affirming

Daisy O'Brien  
Signature of Notary Public — State of Florida

Daisy O'Brien  
Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped

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# **Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC as of December 31, 2017 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 Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC as of December 31, 2017 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Bluerock Capital Markets, 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 Bluerock Capital Markets, 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 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.

*Plante & Moran, PLLC*

We have served as Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC's auditor since 2013.  
East Lansing, Michigan  
February 23, 2018

**Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2017**

**Assets**

Cash	\$ 697,420
Accounts receivable	2,501
Prepaid expenses and other assets (Note 2)	694,741
Due from Related Party (Note 4)	16,853
Equipment and software - net (Note 5)	71,199
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,482,714</u>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable, accrued, and other liabilities	\$ 213,478
Payable to commissioned agents	368,615
Note payable (Note 8)	12,126
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 594,219</u>
 <b>Member's Equity</b>	 <u>\$ 888,495</u>
 Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	 <u>\$ 1,482,714</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

# Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2017

### Note 1 - Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

**Organization and Nature of Business** - Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC (the "Company"), is a Massachusetts limited liability company that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for the purpose of conducting business as a broker-dealer in securities. The Company is exempt from the reporting requirements under Rule 15c3-3(k)(1). The Company was formed on August 5, 2005 as Sunbelt New England Equities. It was then sold to Halcyon Holdings on June 15, 2009 and the name changed to Halcyon Capital Markets, LLC. BR Capital Markets, LLC (currently the Company's sole member) purchased 20 percent of the Company's LLC units on December 23, 2010. BR Capital Markets, LLC purchased the remaining LLC units in 60 percent and 20 percent increments on April 5, 2011 and October 21, 2011, respectively. Upon completion of these purchases, the Company's name was changed to Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC.

**Basis of Accounting** - The Company maintains its accounting records and prepares its financial statements on an accrual basis, which is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Business Cycle** - The financial affairs of the Company generally do not involve a business cycle since the realization of assets and the liquidation of liabilities are usually dependent on the Company's circumstances. Accordingly, the classification of current assets and current liabilities is not considered appropriate and has been omitted from the balance sheet.

**Cash** - For financial statement purposes, the Company considers all investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company periodically holds cash in excess of federally insured amounts.

**Accounts Receivable** - Accounts receivable are based on current contracts and stated at estimated net amounts due. The Company considers all accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. If amounts are determined to be uncollectible they are charged to operations at the time of such determination.

**Equipment and Software** - Equipment and software are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using straight-line methods for all assets over a period of three to five years.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** - The Company's financial instruments include cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying value of these instruments approximates their estimated fair value.

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets** - The Company reviews long-lived assets, including property and equipment, for impairment whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully



### **Note 1 - Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

recoverable. An impairment loss would be recognized when the estimated future cash flows from the use of the asset are less than the carrying amount of that asset. To date, there have been no such impairment losses.

**Commission Revenue and Expense** – The Company recognizes commission revenue on the trade-date as securities transactions occur. The related commission expense payable to independent agents is also recorded on the same trade-date basis.

**Income Taxes** - Income or loss of the Company is allocated wholly to its sole member. No income tax provision has been included in the financial statements since income or loss of the Company is required to be reported by the sole member on its income tax returns.

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** - In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." This ASU, as amended, provides comprehensive guidance on the recognition of revenue from customers arising from the transfer of goods and services, guidance on accounting for certain contract costs, and new disclosures.

The ASU is effective for the firm in January 2018 under a modified retrospective approach or retrospectively to all periods presented. The firm's implementation efforts include identifying revenues and costs within the scope of the ASU, reviewing contracts, and analyzing any changes to its existing revenue recognition policies. The firm adopted this ASU in January 2018 using a modified retrospective approach. Adoption did not have a material impact on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows on the date of adoption.

### **Note 2 – Commission Financing Agreement**

On September 30, 2015, the Company entered into a Commission Financing Agreement with Total Income+ Real Estate Fund, a Delaware Statutory Trust (the "Fund") and Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company (the "Distributor"). The Fund is a closed-end registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and in the case of certain share classes of the Fund, an investor pays no commission on its purchase, but the Distributor has agreed to pay commissions to the selling broker-dealer pursuant to the Fund's prospectus ("Advanced Commissions"). The Distributor is entitled to receive distribution and shareholder servicing plan fees ("Plan Fees") for a period of time, and contingent deferred sales charges ("CDSCs") as repayment of the Advanced Commissions. Pursuant to the terms of the Commission Financing

### **Note 2 – Commission Financing Agreement (Continued)**

Agreement, the Company is to assist the Distributor in its efforts by providing for the Advanced Commissions, and the Distributor has assigned its recoupment rights to the Company, such recoupment in the form of Plan Fees and CDSCs payable proportionally over the 12-month period succeeding each Advanced Commission payment. The Plan Fees are based on Fund Net Asset Value ("NAV") and can fluctuate from month to month.

The Company carries the balance of Advanced Commissions net of any recoupment related thereto as a component of "Prepaid expenses and other assets" on the balance sheet. The Advance Commissions are payable monthly on an arrearage basis, but are not included as a component of Accounts Payable, accrued or other liabilities as of the balance sheet date because the Advanced Commissions do not meet the true definition of a liability as it will be recouped over the course of the succeeding 12 months.

### **Note 3 - Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (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. The Rule 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, 2017, the Company had net capital of \$209,430, and net capital requirements of \$39,615. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital at December 31, 2017 was 2.84 to 1.

### **Note 4 - Related Party Transactions**

As of December 31, 2017, the Company is due reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$16,853 from a related entity through common ownership.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company's member, BR Capital Markets, LLC, made contributions of cash in the amount of \$10,225,000 to the Company.

These transactions are conducted in the normal course of business and are measured at their exchange value, which is the amount established and agreed to by the related parties.

# Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2017

### Note 5 - Equipment and Software

Major classes of property and equipment are as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Depreciable Life - Years</u>
Computer equipment	\$ 102,878	3-5
Furniture and fixtures	16,984	5
Leasehold improvements	4,455	5
Computer software	<u>163,463</u>	5
Total Cost	\$ 287,780	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(216,581)</u>	
Net equipment and software	<u>\$ 71,199</u>	

Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to expense as incurred. All repairs or maintenance that increases the value, capacity, or lives of assets are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

### Note 6 -Leases

The Company occupies office space at 4100 Newport Place, Suite 720 in Newport Beach, California and at 20 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street in New York, New York under operating agreements through January 31, 2019 and July 31, 2020, respectively.

The Company has entered into an agreement with Bluerock Real Estate, LLC ("BRRE") effective June 28, 2017 for the New York office space lease that commenced on July 1,

2017 and expires on July 31, 2020. Per the agreement, the Company agrees to reimburse the rental payments made by BRRE on behalf of the Company.

Minimum future rental payments under non-cancelable operating leases having the following payments are as follows:

# Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2017

### Note 6 – Leases (Continued)

<u>Years Ending</u>	<u>Rental Payments</u>
12/31/2018	\$ 240,829
12/31/2019	197,515
12/31/2020	114,308
Total future lease payments	<u>\$ 552,652</u>

### Note 7 – Economic Dependency

The Company is dependent on related entities, properties, and equity offerings, for revenue and equity contributions that are essential and critical, including but not limited to commission income, reimbursed costs, and member contributions. In the event that these related entities and properties are unable to provide substantial income and equity contributions, the Company would be required to seek revenue from other sources.

### Note 8 - Note Payable

The Company entered into a premium finance agreement in the amount of \$72,100 for an Error and Omissions ("E & O") Insurance Policy with a coverage period from April 1, 2017 through April 1, 2018. The loan carries an annual interest rate of 2.740%. As of December 31, 2017, the company has a remaining balance of \$12,126 on the note payable. The remaining balance will be paid in 2018. Total interest expense related to this note was \$825 and is presented as a component of General and Administrative expense on the Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2017.

### Note 9 – Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors

The Company had no liabilities subordinated to the claims of general creditors during the year. Therefore, no statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to the claims of general creditors is presented in these financial statements.

### Note 10 - Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 23, 2018, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

These transactions are conducted in the normal course of business and are measured at their exchange value, which is the amount established and agreed to by the related parties.



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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders  
Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC identified the following provision of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (k)(1) (the "exemption provision") and (2) Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC stated that Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC met the identified exemption provision throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provision 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 Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC's compliance with the exemption provision. 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 provision set forth in paragraph (k)(1) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

*Plante & Moran, PLLC*

East Lansing, Michigan  
February 23, 2018

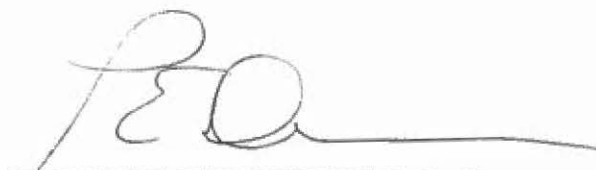


**BLUEROCK CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC EXEMPTION REPORT**  
**SEC Rule 17a-5(d)(4)**

February 20, 2018

The below information is designed to meet the Exemption Report criteria pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5(d)(4):

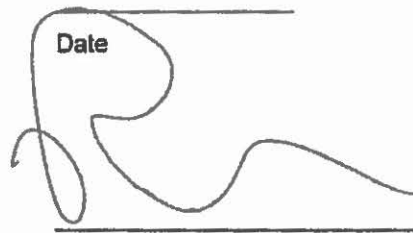
- Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC is a broker/dealer registered with the SEC and FINRA
- Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC claimed an exemption under paragraph (k)(1) of Rule 15c3-3 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017
- Bluerock Capital Markets, LLC has met the identified exemption provisions of paragraph (k)(1) of Rule 15c3-3 throughout the year ended December 31, 2017, without exception.



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Paul Dunn, Executive Vice President

2-20-18

Date



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Patrick Kendall, Director of Corporate Finance and Private Placements

02/20/2018

Date