

CLEARVIEW TRADING ADVISORS, INC.

Statement of Financial Condition

Including Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

As of June 30, 2020

As Restated

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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.

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.)

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(No. and Street)

Tenafly

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(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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(Area Code - Telephone Number)

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose reports are contained in this filing*

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

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Sugar Land

TX

77479

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

11/30/2016

6328

(Date of Registration with PCAOB)(if applicable)

(PCAOB Registration Number, if applicable)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Gregg Ettin, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial report pertaining to the firm of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc., as of June 30, 2020, 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: 

Title: CEO


Notary Public

Thomas J. Calabrese
Notary Public-State of New York
No. 01CA6141338
Qualified in New York County
My Commission Expires Aug 21, 2026

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.**

CLEARVIEW TRADING ADVISORS, INC.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To board members of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc. as of June 30, 2020, the related statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes and schedules. In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc. as of June 30, 2020 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended June 30, 2020 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the 2020 financial statements have been restated to correct a misstatement.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.'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 Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc. 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.

Auditor's Report on Supplemental Information

The supplementary information contained in Schedules I, II & III have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.'s financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.'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 Supplementary schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Jennifer Wray CPA PLLC



We have served as Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc.'s auditor since 2022.

Sugar Land, Texas

March 2, 2023

CLEARVIEW TRADING ADVISORS, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

JUNE 30, 2020

AS RESTATED

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 177,045
Prepaid expenses	<u>11,531</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 188,576</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 28,846
Commission payable	<u>197,689</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>226,535</u>

Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 4 and 7)

Stockholder's Equity

Common stock, no par value; 200 shares authorized; 200 shares issued and outstanding	12,500
Additional paid-in capital	940,754
Accumulated deficit	<u>(991,213)</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>(37,959)</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 188,576</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CLEARVIEW TRADING ADVISORS, INC.

Notes to the Financial Statements
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As Restated

(1) Organization and Nature of Business

Clearview Trading Advisors, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the state of New York on October 17, 2006. It is organized to be active in various aspects of the securities industry and is registered to be a broker-dealer with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Company is a non-clearing broker and does not handle any customer funds or securities. The Company is located in New York City. Customers are located throughout the United States.

On January 25, 2021 the Company entered a Stock Purchase Agreement with CTA Holdings LLC to sell 95% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company to CTA Holdings LLC. The transaction is contingent upon receiving FINRA approval under Rule 1017 application. As of June 30, 2021, the transaction was pending FINRA approval. See footnote 2 for more information.

(2) Restatement

As part of the Stock Purchase Agreement with CTA Holdings LLC as describe above in footnote 1, the Company recorded additional paid-in capital during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 of \$250,000, as reported in its annual audit filing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, issued on November 15, 2021. Subsequently, it was determined proper accounting treatment should have reflected this \$250,000 additional paid-in capital as a liability until all contingencies of the Stock Purchase Agreement with CTA Holdings, LLC are met. As a result of this change, the Company was deficit with net capital throughout the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Of the \$250,000 adjustment, \$197,689 was compensation expense incurred in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and \$52,311 was compensation expense incurred in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

(3) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Significant Credit Risk and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management of the Company to use estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

There were no liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors during the year ended June 30, 2020.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company has defined cash and cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than 90 days that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business. Cash and cash equivalents include money market accounts. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from broker dealers. The Company maintains cash and money market balances with commercial banks and other major institutions. At times, such amounts may exceed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits.

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements

Property and equipment is carried at cost and is depreciated over their useful lives of 5 to 7 years using the straight-line method. Leasehold improvements are carried at cost and are amortized over the lesser of the economic useful life or the life of the lease.

Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses.

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized with respect to the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial statement purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the period that includes the enactment date. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

The Company recognizes and measures its unrecognized tax benefits in accordance with FASB ASC 740, Income Taxes. Under the guidance, the Company assesses the likelihood, based on technical merit, that the tax positions will be sustained upon examination based on the facts, circumstances and information available at the end of the reporting period. The measurement of unrecognized tax benefits is adjusted when new information is available, or when an event occurs that requires a change. The Company recognizes the accrual of any interest and penalties to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. \$4,905 income tax on the income statement is for 2019 tax liability.

The Company is subject to routine audits by the tax authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Company believes the tax years 2016 to 2019 may still be subject to income tax examination.

(4) Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue to depict the sale of private placement investments to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects as a commission for the sale. The guidance requires an entity to follow a five-step model to (1) identify the contract(s) with a customer, (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (3) determine the transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. In determining the transaction price, an entity may include variable consideration only to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized would not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved. This change was applied using the modified retrospective method and there was no impact on our previously presented results. The adoption of the new revenue standard resulted in no change to the beginning retained earnings.

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(5) Concentrations

There was one major customer of the Company that represented 100% of the private placement revenue for the year ended June 30, 2020.

(6) Property, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements consist of the following at June 30, 2020:

Furniture and fixtures	\$107,411
Leasehold Improvements	99,773
Computer equipment	<u>101,178</u>
	308,362
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(308,362)</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$24,997.

(7) Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c-3-1), 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 (and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). At June 30, 2020 the Company had net capital of \$(49,490), which was \$(149,490) less than its required net capital of \$100,000. The Company had a percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of (457.74%) as of June 30, 2020.

(8) Subsequent events

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events that have occurred subsequent to June 30, 2020, and through March 1, 2023 the date of the filing of this report. There have been no material subsequent events that occurred during such period that would require disclosure in this report or would be required to be recognized in the financial statements as of June 30, 2020.