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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01-01-2019 AND ENDING 12-31-2019  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **Sumo Capital, LLC**

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

FIRM I.D. NO.

**190 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1620**

(No. and Street)

**Chicago**

**IL**

**60603**

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Peter Owen / 708-929-8272

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**Robert Cooper & Company CPA PC**

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

**141 W. Jackson Blvd Suite 1468 Chicago**

**IL**

**60604**

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(City)

(State)

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**CHECK ONE:**

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Certified Public Accountant

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Public Accountant

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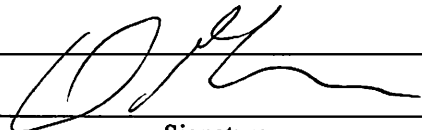
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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Daniel Gutman, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Sumo Capital, LLC, as of December 31st, 2019, 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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Signature  
Principal  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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



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

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (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).**

# **Sumo Capital, LLC**

*(An Illinois Limited Liability Company)*

## **Public Financial Statements And Independent Audit Report December 31, 2019**

**(Filed pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5)**

**Sumo Capital, LLC**  
*(An Illinois Limited Liability Company)*

**December 31, 2019**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Member,  
of Sumo Capital, LLC

**Opinion on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Sumo Capital, LLC as of December 31, 2019, 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 Sumo Capital, LLC as of December 31, 2019 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinion**

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



Robert Cooper & Company CPA PC  
We have served as Sumo Capital, LLC's auditor since 2009.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
February 28, 2020

**Sumo Capital, LLC**  
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**Statement of Financial Condition**  
As of December 31, 2019

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**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,208,354
Due to broker dealer		109,944,630
Securities owned:		
Equity securities at fair value		301,701,809
Derivatives at fair value		481,685,732
Debt		8
Total securities owned at fair value		<u>783,387,548</u>
Prepaid expense		57,009
Office lease security deposit		30,000
Fixed assets net of depreciation		26,923
Investment in preferred stock		10,000
Total assets	\$	<u><u>894,664,464</u></u>

**Liabilities**

Securities sold, not yet purchased at fair value:		
Equity securities	\$	194,753,310
Derivatives		682,552,081
Total securities sold, not yet purchased at fair value		<u>877,305,391</u>
Accrued interest, dividend, short stock & CMD payable		-
Other accrued expenses		282,902
Total liabilities		<u><u>877,588,293</u></u>

**Member's Equity**

Total member's equity		17,076,172
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$	<u><u>894,664,464</u></u>

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

**NOTE 1      Nature of Business**

Sumo Capital, LLC (the “Company”) is an Illinois limited liability company that was formed on January 10, 2008. The business of the Company is to engage in the speculative trading of equities, index options, futures and options thereon, for its own account on organized exchanges in the United States of America. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is a member of the Cboe Exchange, Inc (“CBOE”). The Company is exempt from certain filing requirements under Rule 15c3-1 (a)(6) of the SEC, since the Company does not trade on behalf of customers, effects transactions only with other broker-dealers, does not affect transactions in unlisted options and clears and carries its trading accounts with registered clearing partner. The U.S. Dollar is the functional currency of the company.

**NOTE 2      Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements are prepared on a basis consistent with principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following is summary of the Company’s significant accounting policies:

**Basis of Presentation**

The Company is engaged in a single line of business as a securities broker-dealer whose primary business is trading for their own account. The Company only transacts business with other registered broker dealers. All transactions are cleared pursuant to their clearing agreement with Goldman Sachs Clearing and Execution, LLC.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Financial Instruments Owned**

In the normal course of business, as part of its trading strategy, the Company enters into transactions in exchange traded futures and broad-based indexes, including options thereon. These derivative financial contracts are used to adjust the risk and return of their trading strategy. Proprietary trading of principal transactions together with related revenues and expenses are recorded on trade date.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Company is required to deposit either cash or securities (initial margin) in amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract value. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Company each day. The variation margin payments are generally equal to the daily changes in the contract value and recorded as unrealized gain or loss. The Company recognizes a realized gain or loss when a future’s contract is closed.

Open trade equity in futures are recorded at fair value in accordance with ASC 820 and recorded as receivable from broker-dealers.

**Securities Valuation:** Securities owned and securities sold not yet purchased are recorded in the statement of financial condition at fair value in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ASC 820 Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures ASC 820 Note 7.

The Company recognizes interest paid and earned on the accrual basis and dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. The Company accounts for its financing activities on an accrual basis.

**NOTE 2      Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Receivable from and Payable to Broker-Dealers**

Receivable from and payable to Broker-Dealers represents cash margin as well as net receivables and payables arising from unsettled trades due to short term nature the amounts recognized approximate fair value. The company receives payment on positive account balances and makes payment on negative account balances.

**Translation of Foreign Currencies**

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year end rates of exchange, whereas income statement accounts are translated at average rates of exchange during the year. Gains or losses resulting from foreign currency transactions are included in net income.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of five to ten years.

**Income Taxes**

A Limited Liability Company does not pay federal income taxes. The Company is treated for Federal and State income taxes as if it was a partnership reporting their income under the Sub Chapter K provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Each member is responsible for reporting their pro rata share of the profits of losses on their tax returns. The Company reports their income for taxes on a calendar year basis.

The Company applies the provision of FASB ASC 740, Income Taxes, which provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized measured, present and disclosed in the financial statements. FASB ASC 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's financial statements to determine whether the tax positions are more-than-likely-than-not of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. The managing member has concluded there is no tax expense to be recorded by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2019.

**Statement of Cash Flows**

For purposes of the statement of Cash Flows, the Company defined cash equivalents as highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than three months, that are not held for sale in the ordinary course of business and are not restricted.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash consists of deposits with banks and all highly liquid investments, with maturities of three months or less and are not restricted, segregated nor deposited for regulatory purposes.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In October 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update No. 2017-13, Revenue Recognition (Topic 615), Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), Leases (Topic 842): The accounting for a broker-dealers proprietary trading operations and lending activities (including securities lending and repurchase arrangements) will not be in the scope of the new standard; Recognition of interest and dividend income and expense from financial instruments owned or sold short, interest (rebate) from securities lending, repurchase agreements and similar arrangements also will be outside the scope of the standard. Recognition of realized and unrealized gains and losses on the transfer and derecognition of financial instruments will continue to be within the scope of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 860.

On March 4, 2014, the Board issued a proposed FASB Concepts Statement, Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting—Chapter 8: Notes to Financial Statements, which the Board finalized on August 28,



**NOTE 2      Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

2018. A reporting entity shall disclose, the information for each class of assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the statement of financial position after initial recognition. For recurring fair value measurements, the fair value measurement at the end of the reporting period, and for nonrecurring fair value measurements, the fair value measurement at the relevant measurement date and the reasons for the measurement.

The amendments in this Update are effective for all entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2019. The amendments on changes in unrealized gains and losses, the range and weighted average of significant unobservable inputs used to develop Level 3 fair value measurements, and the narrative description of measurement uncertainty should be applied prospectively for only the most recent interim or annual period presented in the initial fiscal year of adoption. All other amendments should be applied retrospectively to all periods presented upon their effective date. Early adoption is permitted upon issuance of this Update. The Company did not have any transfer between levels during the current effective year.

**NOTE 3      Derivative Financial Instruments and Off-Balance Sheet Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions in derivative financial instruments and other financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk that includes exchange-traded futures and futures options contracts equity and index options and short stocks. All derivative instruments are held for trading purposes. All positions are reported in the accompanying statement of financial condition at fair value.

Futures contracts provide for the delayed delivery/receipt of securities or money market instruments with the seller/buyer agreeing to make/take the delivery at specified date at specified price.

Options grant the purchaser for the payment of premium the right to either purchase from or sell to the writer specified instrument under agreed terms. As writer of options the Company receives premium in exchange for bearing the risk of unfavorable changes in the price of the financial instruments underlying the options.

Securities sold not yet purchased represent obligations of the Company to deliver specified securities and thereby create liability to repurchase the securities in the market at prevailing prices.

These transactions may result in off-balance sheet risk at the Company's ultimate obligation to satisfy its obligation for securities sold not yet purchased may exceed the amount recognized in the statement of financial condition. To minimize this risk the Company generally holds other equity securities options or financial futures contracts which can be used to settle or offset the risk of these obligations.

Since the Company does not clear its own securities and futures transactions it has established accounts with clearing brokers for this purpose. This can and does result in concentration of credit risk with these firms. Such risk however is mitigated by each clearing broker's obligation to comply with rules and regulations of the SEC and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC").

Risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to perform under the terms of the contracts credit risk and from changes in the values of the underlying financial instruments market risk.

The Company is subject to credit risk to the extent any broker with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. The Company investments and derivatives are all held at Goldman Sachs Execution and Clearing LP ("GSEC") at December 31, 2019. The Company attempts minimize its exposure to credit risk by monitoring brokers with which it conducts investment activities. In management's opinion, market risk is substantially diminished when all financial instruments are aggregated.

**NOTE 4      Clearing Agreements**

The Company has Joint Back Office (“JBO”) clearing agreement with GSEC. The agreement allows JBO participants to receive favorable margin treatment as compared to the full customer margin requirements of Regulation T. As part of this agreement the Company has invested \$10,000 in the preferred equity of GSEC. The Company’s interest in GSEC is reflected in other asset in the statement of financial condition.

Under the rules of the CBOE, the agreement requires that the Company maintains minimum net liquidating equity of \$1.0 million with GSEC exclusive of its preferred interest investment.

**NOTE 5      Fair Value Disclosures**

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 principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by FASB ASC 820, are used to measure.

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 a liability the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 are 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.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment’s level within the fair value hierarchy is based in the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or measurement. The Company’s assessment of the significance of input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement and considers factors specific to the investment. Equity securities, equity options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, convertible preferred shares and exchange-traded funds are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices, which are generally the exchange settlement prices. Mutual funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Certain swap contracts are cleared at designated clearing organizations or central counterparties rather than remaining bilateral agreements; however, the designated clearing organizations or central counterparties generally utilize pricing models to price these cleared swaps. Generally, the inputs for models to value swaps do not have a material amount of subjectivity. Pricing inputs, such as relevant interest rates and yields curves, are observed from actively quoted markets.

The Company valued their liquid assets and liabilities on the Level I inputs for quoted prices in active markets which are essentially cash and cash equivalents.

The Company did not value any assets at Level II.

The Company did not value any assets at Level III.

The following table presents the Company’s fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on recurring basis as of December 31, 2019:

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**NOTE 5 Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Level I</b>	<b>Level II</b>	<b>Level III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Common Stock	\$ 301,701,809			\$ 301,701,809
Derivatives	481,685,732			481,685,732
Debt	8			8
Total Assets	\$ 783,387,548			\$ 783,387,548
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Level I</b>	<b>Level II</b>	<b>Level III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Securities sold, not yet				
Common Stock	\$ 194,753,310			\$ 194,753,310
Derivatives	682,552,081			682,552,081
Total Liabilities	\$ 877,305,391			\$ 877,305,391

**NOTE 6 Regulatory**

The Company is subject to the SEC 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 Company has elected to use the alternative method permitted by the rule, which requires the Company to maintain net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 2 percent of aggregate debit balances arising from customer transactions, as defined.

The rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital would be less than 5 percent of aggregate debits. At December 31, 2019 the Company had net capital of \$8,210,955 which was \$7,960,955 in excess of its required net capital.

In the normal course of business, the Company discusses matters with its regulators raised during regulatory examinations or otherwise subject to their inquiry. These matters could result in censures fines or other sanctions. Management believes the outcome of any resulting actions will not be material to the Company's statement of financial condition. However, the Company is unable to predict the outcome of these matters.

**NOTE 7 Derivative Financial Instruments Guarantees and Concentrations of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions in financial instruments with varying degrees of market and credit risk. These financial instruments include equity and debt securities and their derivatives as well as other derivatives. Derivatives include options on individual equities and equity indices as well as financial futures contracts and related options thereon. Trading of these financial instruments is conducted primarily on securities and future exchanges throughout the United States. Settlement of these transactions takes place in the United States through clearing brokers utilized by the Company.

These instruments involve elements of market and credit risk that may exceed the amounts reflected in the statement of financial condition. Various factors affect the market risk of these transactions among them are the size and composition of the positions held interest rates and market volatility. The time period in which options may be exercised the market value of the underlying instrument and the exercise price affect market risk.

The Company's overall exposure to market risk is impacted by its use of hedging strategies. Equity derivatives held such as options on common stock or financial futures contracts may provide the Company with the opportunity to deliver or to take delivery of specified securities or financial futures contracts at contracted price. Options written on common stock or financial futures contracts may obligate the Company to deliver or to take delivery of securities or specified financial futures contracts at contracted

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**NOTE 7      Derivative Financial Instruments Guarantees and Concentrations of Credit Risk  
(continued)**

price in the event the option is exercised by the holder and may result in market risk not reflected in the statement of financial conditions to the extent that the Company is obligated to purchase or sell the underlying securities or financial futures contracts in the open market.

To minimize these risks the Company may hold or sell short the underlying instrument which can be used to settle these transactions often in cash.

Securities sold not yet purchased represent obligations of the Company to deliver specific securities and thereby create liability to purchase the securities in the open market at prevailing prices. These transactions may result in market risk not reflected in the statement of financial condition as the Company's ultimate obligation to satisfy its obligation for trading liabilities may exceed the amount reflected in the statement of financial condition. To minimize this risk the Company generally holds other equity securities options or financial futures contracts which can be used to settle or offset the risk of these obligations. Since the company does not clear its own securities and futures transactions it has established accounts with clearing brokers for this purpose. This can and often does result in concentration of credit risk with these firms. Such risk however is mitigated by each clearing broker's obligation to comply with rules and regulations of the SEC and the CFTC. The Company maintains certain cash deposits with financial institution. On occasion these deposits may exceed the maximum insurance level provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") which is secured up to \$250,000.

**NOTE 8      Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Company's derivative activities are limited to the trading of equity options and options on futures. As market maker and liquidity provider in various markets the Company's activities may result in notional value of open derivative positions that is not representative of the risk in the outstanding derivatives contract. The Company's trading activities involve the use of hedging strategies to reduce directional and no-directional risks based in models and there is no guarantee that the hedging strategies will achieve their desired result. The Company may also employ arbitrage trading strategies.

Derivative contracts are recorded on the statement of financial conditions as assets or liabilities measured at fair value or receivable from clearing broker and the related realized and unrealized gain loss associated with these derivatives is recorded on the statement of operations. The Company does not consider any derivative instruments to be hedging instruments as those terms are generally understood under GAAP.

As of December 31, 2019, and for the year than ended the Company's derivative activities had the following impact on the statement of financial condition:

Marketable Securities	Asset FMV	Long Notional Value	Liability FMV	Short Notional Value
Long Equity Derivatives	\$ 481,685,732	\$ 1,012,634,220		
Equity Derivatives sold, not yet purchased			\$ 682,552,081	\$ 1,093,749,645
Common Stock sold, not yet purchased			\$ 194,753,310	

**NOTE 9      Due to/from Broker-Dealers**

Receivables from broker-dealers as of December 31, 2019 consist of the following:

Broker-dealer	\$109,944,630
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The amount receivable from/payable to broker-dealers is collectible cash primarily from trading of stock and stock options. The cash balance receives interest at less than the broker call rate. The Company clears all transactions through another broker dealer pursuant to their clearing agreement. At December 31, 2019, substantially all assets of the Company are deposited with the clearing broker. Payables to clearing broker

**NOTE 9 Due to/from Broker-Dealers (continued)**

relate to the proprietary transactions cleared through such clearing brokers, which amounts are collateralized by securities and derivative financial instruments held by the Company.

**NOTE 10 Guarantees**

FASB ASC 460, Guarantees, requires the Company to disclose information about its obligations under certain guarantee arrangements. FASB ASC 460 defines guarantees as contracts and indemnification agreements that contingently require a guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on changes in an underlying (security or commodity price, an index) related to an asset, liability or equity security of a guaranteed party. FASB ASC 460 also defines guarantees as contracts that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on another entity's failure to perform under an agreement as well as indirect guarantees of the indebtedness of others.

**Derivative Contracts**

Certain derivative contracts that the Company may enter into meet the accounting definition of a guarantee under FASB ASC 460. The Company records all derivative contracts at fair value. For this reason, the Company does not monitor its risk exposure to derivative contracts based on derivative notional amounts; rather the Company manages its risk exposure on a fair value basis. Aggregate market risk limits have been established, and market risk measures are routinely monitored against these limits. The Company also manages its exposure to these derivative contracts through a variety of risk mitigation strategies.

**Exchange Member Guarantees**

The Company is a member of various exchanges that trade and clear securities and/or futures contracts. Associated with its membership, the Company may be required to pay a proportionate share of the financial obligations of another member who may default on its obligations to the exchange. While the rules governing different exchange memberships vary, in general the Company's guarantee obligations would arise only if the exchange had previously exhausted its resources. In addition, any such guarantee obligation would be apportioned among the other non-defaulting members of the exchange. Any potential contingent liability under these membership agreements cannot be estimated. The Company has not recorded any contingent liability in the consolidated financial statements for these agreements and believes that any potential requirement to make payments under these agreements is remote.

**NOTE 11 Preferred Stock**

The Company owns preferred stock in GSEC, their broker-dealer clearing firm. There are no put or calls against the stock. The stock is unmarketable and is carried at cost, which is its approximate fair value.

**NOTE 12 Related Parties**

The Company is 99% owned by SC Group, LLC; an Illinois Limited Liability Company. Sumo Capital, LLC pays all their direct expenses associated with their proprietary trading activities. The Company during the year engaged in the transactions with the following related parties: Rapid Execution Services, LLC. Rapid Execution Services, LLC was paid \$174,909 by Sumo Capital, LLC in 2019. The following amounts were paid to directors in 2019: \$272,000 for compensation and \$32,932 for reimbursed expenses. All transactions were at arms-length.

**NOTE 13 Commitments**

The Company has a lease commitment for their office space in Chicago. The future minimum lease payments are as follow. The lease agreement runs for the remaining period of January 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023 with the following remaining minimum annual lease payments for base rent.

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**NOTE 13      Commitments (continued)**

January 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020	\$37,752
August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021	\$77,769
August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022	\$80,102
August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023	\$82,504

**NOTE 14      Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2020, the date the financial statements.