

**MARLIN & ASSOCIATES SECURITIES LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**AND**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTING FIRM**

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

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/17 AND ENDING 12/31/17  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **Marlin & Associates Securities LLC**

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

**570 Lexington Avenue, 48th Floor**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)

**New York**

**NY**

**10022**

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Kenneth B. Marlin (212) 257-6060

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

**FRIEDMAN LLP**

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

**100 Eagle Rock Avenue, Suite 200 East Hanover**

**NJ**

**07936**

(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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\*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)

## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Kenneth B. Marlin, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Marlin & Associates Securities 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:



Kenneth B. Marlin  
Signature  
CEO  
Title

Artyom Sivakov 02-28-2018  
Notary Public

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).**

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ACCOUNTANTS AND ADVISORS

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member  
of Marlin & Associates Securities LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Marlin & Associates Securities 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 Marlin & Associates Securities 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 Marlin & Associates Securities LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Marlin & Associates Securities 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 Marlin & Associates Securities 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 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.



We have served as Marlin & Associates Securities LLC's auditor since 2009.

East Hanover, New Jersey

February 22, 2018

**MARLIN & ASSOCIATES SECURITIES LLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$	45,560
Due from parent		807,229
Other assets		31,836
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		\$ 884,625
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**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

Accrued expenses	\$	20,338
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**Commitments**

<b>Member's equity</b>		864,287
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		\$ 884,625
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See notes to financial statement

## **MARLIN & ASSOCIATES SECURITIES LLC**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Description of Business**

Marlin & Associates Securities LLC (the "Company") was organized on October 29, 2009, as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New York and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Marlin & Associates Holding LLC (the "Parent company").

The Company provides merger and acquisition advisory services and also operates as a placement agent specializing in the private placement of securities specifically for middle market companies that are engaged in the fields of digital technology, and healthcare related products and services. The Company does not have any trading accounts, nor does it hold cash or securities for or on behalf of any customers or clients.

The Company became a registered securities broker-dealer on August 4, 2010, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

##### **Use of Estimates**

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### **Concentrations of Credit Risk for Cash**

The Company maintains its cash balances at one financial institution. Cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation subject to certain limitations.

##### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

##### **Income Taxes**

The Company is not a taxpaying entity for federal and state income tax purposes and, accordingly, no provision has been made for these income taxes. The Company files a consolidated Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility tax return and New York City

## **MARLIN & ASSOCIATES SECURITIES LLC**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **Income Taxes (continued)**

Unincorporated Business Tax Return with its Parent, and a portion of this tax is allocated to the Company based on pro-rata earnings.

As a single member LLC whose Parent is also a single member LLC, the Company's taxable income or loss is reported on the tax returns of its ultimate owner.

#### **2 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company maintains an intercompany account with the Parent which had a balance of \$807,229 as of the year-end.

#### **3 - COMMITMENTS**

##### **Compensation agreements**

The Company has employment and independent contractor agreements with certain individuals that are executed in the normal course of business specifying terms for determining earned fees in connection with various transactions.

#### **4 - REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital shall not exceed fifteen times net capital, as defined. At December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital of \$25,222 which exceeded requirements by \$20,222. The ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.81 to 1.

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(i).