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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer 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.)

1308 Dallas Road

(No. and Street)

Chattanooga

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37405

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

PERSON TO CONTACT WITH REGARD TO THIS FILING

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(Name)

(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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JULY 28, 2004

1839

(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, Charles Bikas, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial report pertaining to the firm of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC, as of 2/26, 2024, 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: Charles Bikas

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing Member

### 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.

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash	\$10,960
Prepaid Expenses	247
Receivable from Mutual Funds	<u>1,757</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$12,964</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Due to Outside Vendors	34
Due to Member	914
Due to Brokers	<u>1102</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2050</u>

MEMBER'S EQUITY	<u>10,914</u>
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Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	<u><u>\$12,964</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Statement of Operations**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**REVENUES**

Mutual Fund Fees - 12b1	\$ 11,340
Commissions - Mutual Fund and Variable Annuity Sales	26,228
529 Plan Sales	1,370
Fees from Brokers	<u>1,181</u>
Total Revenues	<u><u>40,119</u></u>

**EXPENSES**

Commissions	27,740
Occupancy	335
Communications	3,096
Other Operating Expenses	<u>14,267</u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>45,438</u></u>

NET INCOME (Loss)	<u><u>\$ (5,319)</u></u>
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**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operations:

Net Income	(\$5,319)
Accounts Receivable	(504)
Prepaid Expenses	(26)
Due to Member	279
Due to Brokers	188
Prepaid Expenses	<u>(148)</u>

NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES (\$5,530)

**CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Member contributions	<u>4,832</u>
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES 4,832

NET INCREASE IN CASH (\$698)

**CASH BALANCE**

Beginning of Period	<u>11,658</u>
End of Period	<u><u>10,960</u></u>

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE**

Cash paid for interest	0
Cash paid for taxes	<u><u>0</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Statement of Changes in Member's Equity**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 11,401</u>
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2023 Net Income	(5,319)
2023 Contributions	4,832
Ending Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 10,914</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Organization and Description of Business: Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer, LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company, was organized in June 2012 and became a broker-dealer in August 2013. The Company is a securities broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

As a Limited Liability Company, the Member's liability is limited to this investment.

The Company's primary business is brokerage of mutual funds, 529 plans and variable annuities, and it operates under the provisions of paragraph (k)(1) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company operates from an office located in Chattanooga, Tennessee and its customers are primarily in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: For purposes of reporting the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all cash accounts, which are not subject to withdrawal restrictions or penalties, and all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash balances in excess of FDIC and similar insurance coverage are subject to the usual banking risks associated with funds in excess of those limits. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had no uninsured cash balances.

Income Taxes: The Company is a sole proprietorship for income tax reporting purposes. Income or losses flow through to the member and no income taxes are recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Company has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification 740-10, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. Under FASB ASC 740-10, the Company is required to evaluate each of its tax positions to determine if they are more likely than not to be sustained if the taxing authority examines the respective position. A tax position includes an entity's status, including its status as a pass-through entity, and the decision not to file a return. The Company has evaluated each of its tax positions and has determined that it has no uncertain tax positions for which a provision or liability for income taxes is necessary.

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2023**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED...

Estimates: Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Commissions - Mutual Fund and Variable Annuity Sales: Revenue is recognized in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 606 as services are rendered and the contracts identified performance obligations have been satisfied. Commissions and fees received from the sale of mutual funds and variable annuities are recognized at the time the associated service is fulfilled, including the investment company receiving the application which is based on the trade date.

Mutual Fund - Fees 12b-1: The company enters into arrangements with managed accounts or other pooled investment vehicles (funds) to distribute shares to investors. The Company may receive distribution fees paid by the fund up front, over time, upon the investor's exit from the fund (that is, a contingent deferred sales charge), or as in a combination thereof. The Company believes that its performance obligation is the sales of securities to investors and as such this is fulfilled on the trade date. Any fixed amounts are recognized on the trade date and variable amounts are recognized to the extent it is probable that a significant revenue reversal will not occur once the uncertainty is resolved. For variable amounts, as the uncertainty is dependent on the value of the shares at future points in time as well as the length of time the investor remains in the fund, both of which are highly susceptible to factors outside the Company's influence, the Company does not believe that it can overcome this constraint until the market value of the fund and the investor activities are known, which are usually monthly or quarterly. Distribution fees recognized in the current period are primarily related to performance obligations that have been satisfied in prior periods.



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Significant Judgements:

The recognition and measurement of revenue is based on the assessment of individual contract terms. Significant judgement is required to determine whether performance obligations are identified; when to recognize revenue based on the appropriate measure of the Company's progress under the contract; whether revenue should be presented gross or net of certain costs; whether constraints on variable consideration should be applied due to uncertain future events.

Accounts Receivable: Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing uncollateralized obligations receivable in accordance with the terms agreed upon with each mutual fund or insurance company.

The carrying amount of the accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. Management individually reviews all delinquent accounts receivable balances and based on assessment of the current credit worthiness, estimates the portion, if any, of the balance that will not be collected. Generally, receivables are believed to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

**NOTE B - NET CAPITAL**

The Company, as a registered broker dealer 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. At December 31, 2023 the Company had net capital of \$10,667 which was \$5,667 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000 and its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .1921.

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
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**NOTE D - RELATED PARTY**

The Company has an expense sharing agreement with its Member. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company pays the Member for certain costs provided to the Company, primarily utility expenses for the office premise provided.

The amount expensed for the year ended December 31, 2023 was approximately \$572. The balance due to the Member on the accompanying statement of financial condition arose from this agreement.

The Company also paid its member \$300 as an agreed upon amount for consulting.

**NOTE E - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The company does not have any commitments or contingencies.

**NOTE F - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In accordance with the *Subsequent Events* Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification No. 855 ("FASB ASC 855"), the Company has evaluated those events and transactions that occurred from the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No material events or transactions have occurred during this period which would render these financial statements to be misleading.

**NOTE F - CREDIT LOSSES**

The company follows ASC Topic 326, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses ("ASC 326"). ASC 326 impacts the impairment model for certain financial assets by requiring a current expected credit loss ("CECL") methodology to estimate expected credit losses over the entire life of the financial asset. Under the accounting update, the Company has the ability to determine that there are no expected credit losses in certain circumstances (e.g., based on the credit quality of the customer).

The Company had accounts receivable as of December 31st, 2022 and 2023 of \$1,253 and \$1,757 respectively.

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**

**Schedule I**

**Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1  
of the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934  
As of December 31, 2023**

**NET CAPITAL:**

Total Member's Equity	\$ 10,914
Less:	
Prepaid Expenses	<u>(247)</u>
Net Capital Before haircuts	10,667
Less haircuts	0
Net Capital	10,667
Minimum Net Capital Required	<u>5,000</u>
Excess Net Capital	<u>5,667</u>
Aggregate Indebtedness	<u>2,049</u>
Minimum Net Capital Required Based on Aggregate Indebtedness	<u>\$ 136</u>
Ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital	<u>0.1921</u>

**RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL INCLUDED  
IN PART IIA OF FORM X-17a-5 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

There is no material difference between net capital as reported on  
Form X-17A-5 and net capital as computed above.

# **Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC**

## **Schedule II**

### **COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The Company is not claiming an exemption under paragraph (k) of 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3, 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. In order to avail itself of this option, the Company has represented that it does not, and will not, hold customer funds or securities.





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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Member  
of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC as of December 31, 2023, the related statements of operations, changes in member's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC'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 Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer 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 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 Schedules I and II have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC'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 Schedule I and II are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Ohab and Company, P.A.*

We have served as Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC's auditor since 2020.

Maitland, Florida

February 20, 2024



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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Member  
of Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Rule 15c3-3 Exemption Report pursuant to SEC Rule 17a-5, in which (1) Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC (the Company) did not claim an exemption under paragraph (k) of 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3, and (2) the Company is filing this Exemption Report relying on Footnote 74 of the SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5 because the Company limits its business activities exclusively to mutual funds, variable annuities, unit investment trusts and 529 plans. In addition, the Company did not directly or indirectly receive, hold, or otherwise owe funds or securities for or to customers, other than money or other consideration received and promptly transmitted in compliance with paragraph (a) or (b)(2) of Rule 15c2-4 and/or funds received and promptly transmitted for effecting transactions via subscriptions on a subscription way basis where the funds are payable to the issuer or its agent and not to the Company; did not carry accounts of or for customers; and did not carry PAB accounts (as defined in Rule 15c3-3) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the provisions contemplated by Footnote 74 of SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5 and related SEC Staff Frequently Asked Questions 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 Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC's compliance with the exemption provisions. 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 upon the Company's business activities contemplated by Footnote 74 of the SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5, and related SEC Staff Frequently Asked Questions.

*Ohab and Company, P.A.*

Ohab and Company, PA

Maitland, Florida

February 20, 2024

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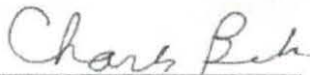
**Advanced Strategies Broker  
Dealer LLC's Exemption  
Report**

**Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LC** (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company does not claim an exemption under paragraph (k) of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3, and
- (2) The Company is filing this Exemption Report relying on Footnote 74 of the SEC Release No. 34-70073 adopting amendments to 17 C.F.R. § 240.17a-5 because the Company limits its business activities exclusively to *mutual funds, variable annuities, unit investment trusts and 529 plans* and the Company (1) did not directly or indirectly receive, hold, or otherwise owe funds or securities for or to customers, (other than money or other consideration received and promptly transmitted in compliance with paragraph (a) or (b)(2) of Rule 15c2-4 and/or funds received and promptly transmitted for effecting transactions via subscriptions on a subscription way basis where the funds are payable to the issuer or its agent and not to the Company); (2) did not carry accounts of or for customers; and
- (3) did not carry PAB accounts (as defined in Rule 15c3-3) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

Advanced Strategies Broker Dealer LLC

I, Charles Bikas, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.



**By: Charles Bikas**  
Title: Managing Member

**February 1st, 2024**