

AQR Investments, LLC

Statement of Financial Condition

As of December 31, 2019

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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: **AQR Investments, LLC**

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

Two Greenwich Plaza

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
289244
FIRM I.D. NO.

(No. and Street)

Greenwich

Connecticut

06830

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Patrick Ryan

(203) 742-3940

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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

300 Madison Avenue

New York

New York

10017

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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Certified Public Accountant

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Public Accountant

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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, Patrick Ryan, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of AQR Investments, LLC, as of December 31, 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:


Signature

Chief Financial Officer

Fairfield County, State of Connecticut

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26 day of February, 2020 by Patrick Ryan


Notary Public
MELISSA BOMBULIS
My commission expires JUNE 30, 2024

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).

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Managers of AQR Investments, LLC

Opinion on the Financial Statement – Statement of Financial Condition

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of AQR Investments, LLC (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2019, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statement”). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2019 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

The financial statement is the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’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 the Company 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 of this financial statement 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

February 26, 2020

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

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<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	As of December 31, 2019
Assets	
Cash	\$ 6,348
Due from affiliate	930
Other assets	358
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,636</u>
Liabilities	
Accrued expenses	\$ 216
Total liabilities	<u>216</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 4)	
Member's equity	
Member's equity	<u>7,420</u>
Total member's equity	<u>7,420</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 7,636</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statement of financial condition.

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Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

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1. Organization and Business

AQR Investments, LLC (the "Company") is a Delaware limited liability company. The Company is wholly owned by AQR Capital Management Holdings (B-D), LLC ("Holdings BD"), a Delaware limited liability company and the sole member of the Company.

The Company is an affiliate of AQR Capital Management, LLC (the "Adviser"), an investment adviser registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Adviser provides investment management services to its sponsored funds ("AQR Sponsored Funds") and a broad range of clients. AQR Sponsored Funds consist of various investment vehicles including offshore limited partnerships and mutual funds.

The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the SEC and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

The Company is registered to perform marketing and placement services for the Adviser with respect to certain AQR Sponsored Funds.

The Company does not carry margin accounts or handle customer funds or securities. As a result, the Company claims exemption from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "SEA").

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying statement of financial condition is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("US GAAP"). All amounts herein are stated in thousands of U.S. dollars.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the statement of financial condition in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the statement of financial condition. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Affiliates

The Company considers Holdings BD and Holdings BD's affiliated entities, the Adviser and the Adviser's affiliated entities as well as AQR Sponsored Funds to be affiliates.

Income Taxes

The Company is a Delaware single member limited liability company that is disregarded for U.S. tax purposes and is not subject to federal, state or local income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for U.S. federal, state or local income taxes has been recorded.

Cash

Cash comprises deposits held at a major financial institution and its carrying value approximates fair value as of December 31, 2019.

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Special Reserve Account

The Company claims exemption from the requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under the SEA pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i) because the Company does not carry margin accounts or handle customer funds or securities. Although the Company does not handle customer funds or securities, in the event that unexpected funds or securities were received, the Company maintains a special reserve account at a major financial institution for the exclusive benefit of customers to maintain compliance with the exemption pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(i). As of December 31, 2019, the special reserve account, presented within cash on the statement of financial condition, had a balance of \$0.

Other Assets

Other assets include prepaid expenses and funds deposited with FINRA to pay for licensing, registration and other related fees.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standard

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, *Leases*, and subsequently issued several related amendments. The standard requires operating lease lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial condition. However, for leases with a term of twelve months or less, a lessee is permitted to make an election not to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Company adopted this standard effective January 1, 2019 and the adoption did not have a significant impact on the Company's statement of financial condition.

3. Related Party Transactions

The Company earns fees from the Adviser pursuant to an engagement letter (the "EL").

The Company has an expense sharing agreement (the "ESA") with the Adviser whereby certain expenses, including compensation and benefits expense, platform fees, rent and occupancy related expenses, information technology expenses, information and communication expenses, and other corporate expenses, relating to certain services provided by the Adviser's employees, in their capacity as associated persons of the Company, are paid by the Adviser and allocated to the Company.

The Company has an outsourcing agreement (the "OSA") with the Adviser whereby the Adviser is engaged to provide certain general support services, including human resources, information technology, and corporate finance, to the Company.

As of December 31, 2019, the Company had \$930 due from the Adviser, which represents the net balance due as a result of the transactions from the EL, ESA and OSA.

4. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company may be involved in litigation. As of December 31, 2019, the Company was not involved in any litigation.

5. Member's Equity

The Company maintains a capital account for its sole member, Holdings BD. The capital account is increased by the sum of capital contributions made and/or allocation of net income and reduced by the sum of distributions or allocation of losses, if any.

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6. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the minimum net capital requirements imposed under Rule 15c3-1 of the SEA ("Net Capital Rule"). The Company has elected to use the alternative method as permitted under the Net Capital Rule. As such, the Company is subject to a minimum net capital requirement equivalent to the greater of \$250 or 2 percent of aggregate debit items, as defined.

As of December 31, 2019, the Company's net capital of \$6,132 as defined, was \$5,882 in excess of its required minimum net capital of \$250.

7. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events that have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2019 through February 26, 2020, the date the statement of financial condition was available to be issued, and has determined that no items require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the statement of financial condition.