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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF FIRM: Mountainside Securities, 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.)

450 Springfield Avenue, Suite 201

(No. and Street)

Summit

NJ

07901

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

PERSON TO CONTACT WITH REGARD TO THIS FILING

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(Name)

(Area Code – Telephone Number)

(Email Address)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose reports are contained in this filing\*

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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

293 Eisenhower Parkway

Livingston

NJ

07039

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

10/16/2003

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(Date of Registration with PCAOB)(if applicable)

(PCAOB Registration Number, if applicable)


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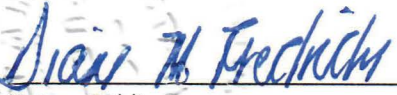
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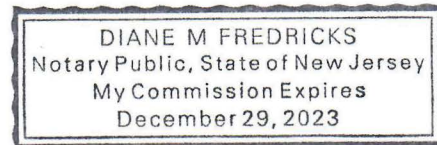
I, Ryan Posner, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the financial report pertaining to the firm of Mountainside Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 2022, is true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, officer, director, or equivalent person, as the case may be, has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Signature: 

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

Member

  
Notary Public



**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.**

**MOUNTAINSIDE SECURITIES LLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(e)(3) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT**



**MOUNTAINSIDE SECURITIES LLC**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Members  
Mountainside Securities LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Mountainside Securities LLC as of December 31, 2022, 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 Mountainside Securities LLC as of December 31, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of Mountainside Securities LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Mountainside Securities 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 Mountainside 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 audits 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 audits 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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

We have served as Mountainside Securities LLC's auditors since 2018.

Livingston, New Jersey  
February 28, 2023

**MOUNTAINSIDE SECURITIES LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**December 31, 2022**

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**ASSETS**

|                                 |    |             |
|---------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Cash                            | \$ | 296,397     |
| Securities Owned                |    | 4,093,346   |
| Interest Receivable             |    | 56,491      |
| Receivable from Clearing Broker |    | 2,699,122   |
| Deposit with Clearing Broker    |    | 250,000     |
| Prepaid Expenses                |    | 23,528      |
|                                 |    | <hr/>       |
|                                 | \$ | 7,418,884   |
|                                 |    | <hr/> <hr/> |

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES:**

|   |    |               |
|---|----|---------------|
| Accounts Payable and Other Accrued Expenses | \$ | 613,394       |
| Total Liabilities                           |    | <hr/> 613,394 |

**COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**MEMBERS' EQUITY:**

|                       |    |                 |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|
| Total Members' Equity |    | <hr/> 6,805,490 |
|                       | \$ | <hr/> 7,418,884 |
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*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*



**MOUNTAINSIDE SECURITIES LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF  
SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

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***Organization:***

Mountainside Securities LLC (“Company” or “Mountainside”) was formed in June 2018, in the state of Delaware for the purpose of registering as a FINRA broker-dealer. The Company is headquartered in Summit, New Jersey. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is also a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”) and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). The Company trades with other broker-dealers and predominantly buys from or sells to institutional and high net worth retail investors.

***Basis of Accounting:***

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Use of Estimates:***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount 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.

***Securities Valuation:***

Fair value measurements establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements).

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**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF  
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The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

**Level 1:** Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the company has the ability to access.

**Level 2:** Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

**Level 3:** Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodology used throughout the year ended December 31, 2022.

***Municipal bonds:*** Valued using recently executed transactions, market price quotations and pricing models that factor in, where applicable, interest rates, bond or credit default swap spreads and volatility (Level 2).

***Cash:***

The Company maintains cash accounts with several financial institutions. At times, the balances may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance limits.



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**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF  
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***Income Taxes:***

The Company is an LLC and as such, federal and state taxes are the responsibility of the members. In 2020, New Jersey enacted legislation that enabled the Company to elect to pay its New Jersey state income tax liabilities at the entity level and for the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company made such election. The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, include the provision for the New Jersey pass-through entity level tax but do not include any provision for federal income taxes.

The Company follows accounting standards that provide clarification on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the Company's financial statements. The guidance prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosure and transition. At December 31, 2022, there are no significant income tax uncertainties that are expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. In addition, no interest or penalties were recorded in 2022.

***Subsequent Events:***

The Company has evaluated its subsequent events and transactions occurring after December 31, 2022 through February 28, 2023, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**NOTE 2 - CLEARING BROKER:**

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The Company has entered into a Fully Disclosed Clearing Agreement with Pershing, LLC, a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, ("Clearing Broker"). The Clearing Broker carries cash and margin accounts of the customers introduced by the Company and clears transactions on a fully disclosed basis for such accounts. In addition, the Clearing Broker is responsible for carrying, maintaining and preserving such books and records pertaining to its function as a Clearing Broker pursuant to the requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Agreement provides for its termination upon a 90 day notice from either party or default under its terms. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company has a \$250,000 interest earning deposit on account with the Clearing Broker.

At December 31, 2022 the amount due from the Clearing Broker was \$2,699,122. Included in this amount are unsettled trades of \$116,595. Throughout the year, the Company has amounts due to the Clearing Broker, which are collateralized by the marketable securities held by the Company and incur interest charges at varying rates. Interest expense amounted to \$232,166 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

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**NOTE 3 - SECURITIES OWNED:**

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At December 31, 2022, marketable securities owned and held in the principal trading account of the Company consist of the following:

|                                 | <u><b>2022</b></u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| State and Municipal Obligations | \$ 4,093,346       |

At December 31, 2022, the Company's state and municipal securities owned consist of the following geographic concentrations:

|             | <u><b>2022</b></u> |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Puerto Rico | 39.99%             |
| Texas       | 12.49%             |

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**NOTE 3 - SECURITIES OWNED: (continued)**

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At December 31, 2022, the aggregate fair value of municipal bonds in inventory was exceeded by the aggregate cost which resulted in an unrealized loss of \$17,223.

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**NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF SECURITIES:**

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The Company has categorized its investments based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level, fair value hierarchy. If the inputs used to measure the investments fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the investment.

**FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

|                                    | <b>LEVEL 1</b> | <b>LEVEL 2</b> | <b>LEVEL 3</b> | <b>NETTING<br/>ADJ.</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| State and Municipal<br>Obligations | \$ -           | \$ 4,093,346   | \$ -           | \$ -                    | \$ 4,093,346 |



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**NOTE 5 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS:**

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The Company 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 (and the rule of the “applicable” exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1).

At December 31, 2022, the Company’s net capital is as follows:

|                                       | <b>2022</b>  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Net Capital                           | \$ 6,573,050 |
| Net Capital Requirement               | 100,000      |
| Excess Net Capital                    | \$ 6,473,050 |
| Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital | 9.33%        |

The Company is not required to furnish the “computation of reserve requirements” under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission due to the fact that it qualifies for, and complies with, the exemptive provision k(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3. This provision exempts brokers or dealers who clear all transactions on behalf of customers with a Clearing Broker on a fully disclosed basis (Note 2) from having to furnish the “computation of reserve requirements.”

There were no differences between this calculation of net capital and the corresponding computation presented by the Company and included in the Company’s unaudited Part IIA FOCUS Report filing as of December 31, 2022.

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**NOTE 6 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK:**

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As a securities broker and dealer, the Company is engaged in various securities trading and brokerage activities servicing a diverse group of institutional and high net worth retail investors. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet credit risk in the event a customer is unable to fulfill its contracted obligation.

The Company trades almost exclusively in municipal bonds and is therefore exposed to risks associated with this market.

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**NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN:**

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The Company has a defined-contribution plan covering all employees at least age 21 and older. The Company can make discretionary matching contributions but elected not to make any for the year ended December 31, 2022.