

Statement of Financial Condition and Report of  
Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

**SAMUEL A. RAMIREZ & COMPANY, INC.**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Stockholder of  
Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc  
New York, New York

### Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc (the "Company") as of September 30, 2023, and 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 September 30, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this 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 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 of the financial statement provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

New York, New York  
December 19, 2023

SAMUEL A. RAMIREZ & COMPANY, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

ASSETS

Cash	\$	1,765,613
Due from clearing agent		19,747,850
Deposit with clearing agent		500,000
Receivables from brokers, dealers and counterparties		5,465,715
Net trade date receivable		1,979,226
Marketable securities owned, at fair value		59,271,490
Due from affiliates		1,163,620
Due from related parties		1,555,000
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$2,330,059		1,167,780
Operating lease right-of-use assets		4,689,140
Other assets		1,729,769
Prepaid taxes		27,104
Deferred tax assets, net		<u>152,200</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>99,214,507</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities		
Securities sold, not yet purchased at fair value	\$	12,069,009
Accrued compensation		18,163,676
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		2,332,992
Operating lease liabilities		5,242,460
Due to Parent		1,047,438
Payables to brokers, dealers and counterparties		<u>482,488</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>39,338,063</u>
Commitments and contingencies		-
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, \$.10 par value, 100,000 shares authorized; 24,176 shares issued and outstanding		2,418
Additional paid-in-capital		12,944,315
Retained earnings		<u>46,929,711</u>
Total Stockholder's Equity		<u>59,876,444</u>
	\$	<u><u>99,214,507</u></u>

See notes to financial statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

Samuel A. Ramirez & Company, Inc. (the “Company”), a wholly owned subsidiary of SAR Holdings, Inc. (its “Parent”), is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”). The Company primarily trades and underwrites municipal and corporate debt securities, as well as other services, such as financial advisory, placement and remarketing. Customer accounts are maintained on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing agent and accordingly the Company is exempt under SEC Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii).

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash

Cash at year end consists of bank deposits with large financial institutions. From time to time, the cash deposits may exceed federal deposit insurance levels. The Company has not incurred any losses to date regarding these excess balances.

Receivables from Broker, Dealers, and Counterparties

Receivables from brokers, dealers and counterparties are carried at their estimated collectible amounts. Included in receivables from brokers, dealers and counterparties are amounts receivable from underwriting, financial advisory fees and good faith deposits. The Company estimates an allowance for credit losses using relevant available information, from internal and external sources, relating to past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Historical credit loss experience provides the basis for the estimation of expected credit losses. There is no allowance as management believes all amounts are fully collectible.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

Marketable Securities Owned and Securities Sold, Not Yet Purchased

Marketable securities owned consist primarily of municipal obligations of various United States jurisdictions and government sponsored enterprises. All securities are stated at estimated fair value, as determined by the Company, based on factors including the issuer's creditworthiness, yield, reference to comparable securities and other market factors.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Marketable securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased are recorded on trade date for regular way settlement transactions. Amounts receivable or payable related to regular way unsettled securities transactions are presented net on the Statement of Financial Condition.

In addition, the Company has sold securities that it does not currently own and will therefore be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has recorded these obligations in the financial statements at September 30, 2023, at the fair value of the related securities and will incur a loss if the fair value of the securities increases subsequent to September 30, 2023. Securities sold, not yet purchased consist of obligations of the United States Treasury.

Included in marketable securities owned at September 30, 2023 are obligations of the following states and jurisdictions:

State of Texas*	\$	13,236,942
State of New York*		12,462,543
State of New Jersey*		7,248,525
State of Wisconsin*		5,529,625
State of California*		3,228,041
Other States**		15,026,851
Totals:	\$	<u>56,732,527</u>

\* Includes various subdivisions and authorities

\*\* Not any one State or jurisdiction is greater than 5%

Fair Value Measurement

The Company follows FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, which provides the framework for measuring fair value. This 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). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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 assets or liabilities; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

There have been no changes in methodologies during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The Company's municipal and corporate obligations are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

The respective asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of September 30, 2023.

	Fair Value Measurements as of September 30, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Municipal obligations	\$ -	\$ 56,732,526	\$ -	\$ 56,732,526
Corporate obligations	-	2,466,349	-	2,466,349.00
Government and government agencies	72,615.00	-	-	72,615.00
	<u>\$ 72,615</u>	<u>\$ 59,198,875</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,271,490</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Securities sold, not yet purchased	<u>\$ 10,869,685</u>	<u>\$ 1,199,324</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,069,009</u>

Change in Fair Value Levels

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the end of the reporting period.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of the deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined on the basis of the differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse.

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets to the extent that we believe these assets are more likely than not to be realized. In making such a determination, we consider all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income, tax-planning strategies, and results of recent operations. If we determine that we will be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their net recorded amount, we will make an adjustment to the deferred tax asset valuation allowance, which will reduce the provision for income taxes.

The Company records uncertain tax positions in accordance with FASB ASC 740 on the basis of a two-step process whereby (1) we determine whether it is more likely than not that the tax positions will be sustained on the basis of the technical merits of the positions and (2) for those tax positions that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, we recognize the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement, with the tax authority.

The Company is no longer subject to federal or state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Use of Estimates

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. DUE FROM/TO CLEARING AGENT

The receivable from clearing agent at September 30, 2023 includes amounts receivable from unsettled trades, accrued interest receivables, and amounts receivable and payable for securities failed to deliver. The Company also has a deposit with the clearing agent of \$500,000. The Company's trades are cleared through a Clearing Agent and settled daily between the Clearing Agent and the Company. Because of this daily settlement, the amount of unsettled credit exposures is limited to the amount owed the Company for a very short time. The Company continually reviews the credit quality of its counterparties.

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4. FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

The Company's furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements consisted of the following for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,943,490
Leasehold improvements	1,447,707
Website	<u>106,642</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>2,330,059</u>
	<u>\$ 1,167,780</u>

5. INCOME TAXES

The Company's net deferred tax assets consisted of the following for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

Deferred tax assets:

Compensation accrual	\$ 30,400
Medical insurance accrual	170,700
Operating leases	<u>142,300</u>
Total deferred tax assets:	<u>343,400</u>

Deferred tax liabilities:

Basic difference for fixed assets	147,100
Prepaid expenses	<u>44,100</u>
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>191,200</u>

Net deferred tax assets:	\$ <u><u>152,200</u></u>
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The Company assesses the available positive and negative evidence to determine if sufficient future taxable income will be generated to use the existing net deferred tax asset. A significant piece of objective positive evidence evaluated was the cumulative pre-taxable income incurred over the three fiscal year period ended September 30, 2023. Consequently, the Company did not record any valuation allowance against its net deferred tax asset as of September 30, 2023.

The Company follows FASB ASC 740 Income Taxes, which provides standards for establishing and classifying any tax provisions for uncertain tax positions and recognizing any interest and penalties. As of September 30, 2023, the Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits. The Company does not expect the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions to significantly change in the next 12 months.



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6. DUE TO / FROM AFFILIATES AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of September 30, 2023, the amount due to the Parent, in the amount of \$1,047,438, represents a payable for taxes and miscellaneous expenses.

The amounts due from affiliates are due from two wholly owned subsidiaries of the Parent in the amounts of \$188,620 and \$975,000. The \$188,620 represents an expense sharing arrangement with the one affiliate, including shared employment and operating expenses, and are non-interest bearing and due on demand. The total amount of shared employment and operating expenses charged to the affiliate during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was \$812,144. The \$975,000 represents monies advanced to the other affiliate, which was repaid in November of 2023.

On October 10, 2014, the Company loaned \$1,000,000 to an entity that is owned by the majority shareholder of the Parent and a family member who is also a shareholder of the Parent. As of September 30, 2022, the remaining balance of the loan is \$450,000 plus interest of \$38,653. On November 18, 2022, the balance of the loan plus interest was repaid in full.

From time to time the Company advances short term loans to shareholders of the Parent. As of September 30, 2023, the balance of short-term advances outstanding was \$1,555,000 of which \$250,000 was repaid on October 6, 2023.

The Company continually reviews the affiliates' and other related parties' current conditions and historical collectability to estimate credit losses. There is no allowance measured for any of the amounts due from related parties as management believes all amounts are fully collectible.

7. LEASES

The Company leases various office space for its headquarters and branches throughout the United States. The Company does not sublease any space. The leases are all operating leases based on fixed rental payments. The Company's leases have remaining terms ranging from 1 year to 4 years. For some of the leases, we make separate payments to the lessor for property taxes assessed on the property, as well as a portion of the common area maintenance associated with the property. We have elected the practical expedient not to separate lease and non-lease components for all of our building leases and to exclude leases with a term of 12 months or less.

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7. LEASES (Continued)

The future payments due under operating leases as of September 30, 2023 is as follows:

Fiscal year ended September 30,

2024	\$	1,806,652
2025		1,697,743
2026		1,692,248
2027		850,149
		<u>6,046,792</u>
Less effects of discounting		<u>(804,332)</u>
Lease liabilities recognized	\$	<u><u>5,242,460</u></u>

As of September 30, 2023, the weighted-average remaining lease term for all operating leases is 3.41 years.

Because we do not have access to the rate implicit in the lease, we utilize our incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate, which is 5.50%. This rate is based on a senior note that the Company's Parent has adjusted for the lease term and other factors.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The nature of the Company's business subjects it to claims, lawsuits, regulatory examinations, and other proceedings in the ordinary course of business. The ultimate outcome of such matters cannot be determined at this time and the results of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty. There can be no assurance that these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company in any future period and a substantial judgment could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial condition. However, it is the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, that the ultimate outcome by any such matters foreseeable at this time will not have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the Company.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into underwriting commitments and delayed settlement transactions. Transactions relating to such underwriting commitments and delayed settlement transactions that were open at September 30, 2023 and were subsequently settled had no material effect on the financial statements as of that date.

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9. NET CAPITAL AND RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). The Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. The Company operates under paragraph 240.15c3-1(a)(1)(ii) – Alternative Standard for computing Net Capital. The minimum required net capital for the Company utilizing the Alternative Standard is \$250,000.

On September 30, 2023, the Company's net capital of \$59,667,637 exceeded minimum required net capital of \$250,000 by \$59,417,637.