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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2017 AND ENDING 12/31/2017  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **Acquest Securities, LLC**

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

**1221 McKinney Street, Suite 3250**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

	(No. and Street)	
<b>Houston</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>77010</b>
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)

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

**Thomas P. Kellogh** **713-222-2170**  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

**Phillip V. George, PLLC**

	(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)		
<b>5179 CR 1026</b>	<b>Celeste</b>	<b>TX</b>	<b>75423</b>
(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)

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Thomas P. Kellagher, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Acquest 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:

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Thomas P. Kellagher  
Signature

Thomas P. Kellagher, Member

Title

Megan Leamon  
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).

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Members  
Acquest Securities, LLC

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Acquest Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2017, the related statements of operations, changes in members' 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 Acquest Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2017, 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.

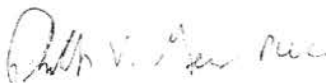
**Basis for Opinion**

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

**Supplemental Information**

The supplemental information contained in Schedule I has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Acquest Securities, LLC's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Acquest Securities, 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 supplemental information contained in Schedule I is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC

We have served as Acquest Securities, LLC's auditor since 2017.

Celeste, Texas  
January 19, 2018

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 137,032
Prepaid expenses	<u>4,868</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 141,900</u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

Accounts payable	\$ 201
 MEMBERS' EQUITY	 <u>141,699</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	 <u>\$ 141,900</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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REVENUES

Investment banking fees	\$ 173,808
Reimbursed expenses	<u>1,523</u>

TOTAL REVENUES	<u>175,331</u>
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EXPENSES

Office and administrative services - related party	141,506
Legal and professional	29,920
Regulatory fees and expenses	3,900
Other expenses	<u>1,523</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>176,849</u>
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NET LOSS	<u>\$ (1,518)</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 143,217
Net loss	(1,518)
Balance, December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 141,699</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Net loss	\$ (1,518)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	
Prepaid expenses	(2,719)
Accounts payable	<u>(13,094)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(17,331)</u>
 NET DECREASE IN CASH	 (17,331)
 CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>154,363</u>
 CASH AT END OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 137,032</u>

**Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:**

There was no cash paid during the year for interest or income taxes.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**NOTE A      NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Nature of Business - Acquest Securities, LLC (Company), a Texas limited liability company, was formed in January 2007. The Company is registered as a broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and Securities Investor Protection Corporate (SIPC).

The Company operates pursuant to section (k)(2)(i) exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that Rule.

The Company is a Capital Acquisition Broker whose operations consist primarily in providing investment banking services to corporations and financial institutions located throughout the United States.

**Significant Accounting Policies:**

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles 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 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes - The Company's income, losses, and tax credits will be included in the income tax returns of the Members. Accordingly, the Company does not record a provision for federal income taxes. The Company is subject to the Texas margin tax which is a state income tax.

The Company believes that all significant tax provisions utilized by the Company will more likely than not be sustained upon examination. As of December 31, 2017, the tax years that remain subject to examination by the major tax jurisdictions under the statute of limitations are from the year 2014 forward (with limited exceptions). Tax penalties and interest, if any, would be accrued as incurred and would be classified as tax expense in the statement of operations.

Revenue Recognition - Investment banking fees from securities related transactions are recognized when earned under the respective agreements.

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**NOTE A      NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**  
**(continued)**

Subsequent Events - The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 19, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events occurred which require adjustment or disclosure to the financial statements at December 31, 2017.

**NOTE B      RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS/ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY/CONCENTRATION OF SERVICES**

The Company and Acquest Advisors, LLC (Advisors) are under common control. The existence of that control creates operating results and financial position significantly different than if the Companies were autonomous. Transactions between the Company and Advisors were not consummated on terms equivalent to arm's length transactions.

Advisors and the Company have entered into an office and administrative services agreement effective June 1, 2011, for a one year term, automatically renewable, unless canceled by either party. Under the agreement, Advisors provides all management and back office services required by the Company, including, but not limited to administrative services, office space, office equipment and supplies, payroll, marketing, sales, legal and accounting services. The agreement, requires the Company to pay an incremental allocation services fee of \$11,792 per month for the incremental costs incurred by Advisors on behalf the Company, plus additional amounts for overhead expenses, as determined by Advisors. Fees under the agreement totaled \$141,506 for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The members of the Company, who are also registered securities representatives and officers of the Company, generated substantially all of the Company's revenue for the year ended December 31, 2017. Compensation is provided under the office and administrative services agreement with Advisors. The Company is economically dependent upon the members due to the concentration of services provided by them.

**NOTE C      NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC 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. Rule 15c3-1 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, 2017, the Company had net capital of \$136,831, which was \$131,831 in excess of its net capital requirement of \$5,000. The Company's net capital ratio was .0015 to 1.

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**NOTE D      CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE AND CREDIT RISK**

The Company earned substantially all of its revenue from two corporate customers located in Texas and New York during the year.

**NOTE E      CONTINGENCIES**

There are currently no asserted claims or legal proceedings against the Company, however, the nature of the Company's business subjects it to various claims, regulatory examinations, and other proceedings in the ordinary course of business. The ultimate outcome of any such action against the Company could have an adverse impact on the financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows of the Company.

**ACQUEST SECURITIES, LLC**  
**SCHEDULE I**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO RULE 17A-5**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

Total members' equity qualified for net capital	\$ 141,699
Deductions and/or charges	
Nonallowable assets:	
Prepays expenses	4,868
Net capital	\$ 136,831

**AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS**

\$ 201

**COMPUTATION ON BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)	\$ 13
Minimum dollar net capital requirement	\$ 5,000
Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum requirement amounts)	\$ 5,000
Excess net capital	\$ 131,831

Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital .0015 to 1

**Reconciliation of Computation of Net Capital**

The above computation does not differ from the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 as of December 31, 2017 as filed by Acquest Securities, LLC on Form X-17A-5. Accordingly, no reconciliation is deemed necessary.

**Statement Regarding Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors**

No statement is required as no subordinated liabilities existed at any time during the year.

**Statement regarding the Exemption from Reserve Requirements**

The Company operates pursuant to section (k)(2)(i) exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under these exemptive provisions, the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to the Possession of Control Requirements are not required.

See accompanying report of independent registered public accounting firm.

PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

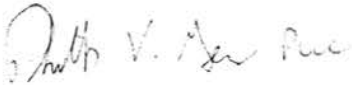
**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Members  
Acquest Securities, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Acquest Securities, LLC identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Acquest Securities, LLC claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3:(2)(i) (exemption provisions) and (2) Acquest Securities, LLC stated that Acquest Securities, LLC met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Acquest Securities, LLC's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions 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 Acquest Securities, 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 on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(i) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.



PHILLIP V. GEORGE, PLLC

Celeste, Texas  
January 19, 2018

## **Acquest Securities, LLC**

1221 McKinney Street, Suite 3250 / Houston, Texas 77010  
713-222-2170

### **Acquest Securities, LLC Exemption Report**

Acquest Securities, LLC (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 claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k):(2)(i).
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provision in 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3(k) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

### **Acquest Securities, LLC**

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

  
Thomas P. Kellagher, Member

January 4, 2018