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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2001 AND ENDING 12/31/2001  
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

dbq HW Advisors, Inc., ~~dba~~ HFV Investments, Inc.

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

590 Madison Avenue, Suite 4000

(No. and Street)

New York

New York

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Stephanie Christie

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(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

KPMG, LLP

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

200 Crescent Court, Suite 300

Dallas

Texas

75201-1885

(Address)

(City)

(State)

Zip Code

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- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Jonathan Bren, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of HW Advisors, Inc. dba HFV Investments, Inc., as of December 31, 2001, 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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*Diana Drake*

*[Signature]*

Signature

PRESIDENT

Title



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 Proprietor's 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).

**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)

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## Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Directors  
HW Advisors, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of HW Advisors, Inc. (dba HFV Investments, Inc.) (the Company) as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of HW Advisors, Inc. (dba HFV Investments, Inc.) as of December 31, 2001, 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

KPMG LLP

February 15, 2002



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**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)  
Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2001

**Assets**

Cash	\$	49,429
Accounts receivable		5,885
Deferred tax benefit, net		39,387
Prepaid expense		239
Other assets		—
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	\$	<u>94,940</u>

**Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity**

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	2,027
Income tax payable		627
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		2,654

Stockholder's equity:

Common stock, no par value. Authorized, issued, and outstanding 200 shares		10,000
Additional paid-in capital		126,000
Accumulated deficit		<u>(43,714)</u>
		92,286

Commitments

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\$ 94,940

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)  
Statement of Operations  
Year ended December 31, 2001

Revenues:		
Commission income		\$ <u>303,000</u>
Expenses:		
General expense		74,146
Employee costs		219,513
Regulatory fees		<u>2,215</u>
		<u>295,874</u>
Income before income tax expense		7,126
Income tax expense		<u>2,348</u>
Net income		<u>\$ 4,778</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)

Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity

Year ended December 31, 2001

	<u>Common stock</u>	<u>Additional paid-in capital</u>	<u>Accumulated deficit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at December 31, 2000	\$ 10,000	126,000	(48,492)	87,508
Net income	—	—	4,778	4,778
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$ <u>10,000</u>	<u>126,000</u>	<u>(43,714)</u>	<u>92,286</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Year ended December 31, 2001

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income	\$ 4,778
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Deferred income taxes	716
Changes in operating assets and operating liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(5,885)
Accounts payable	1,584
Income tax receivable	416
Income tax payable	627
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Net cash provided by operating activities	2,236
Cash at beginning of year	<hr/> 47,193
Cash at end of year	\$ <hr/> <hr/> 49,429
Supplementary disclosures of cash flow information:	
Income taxes paid	\$ <hr/> 1,084

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2001

**(1) Organization**

HW Advisors, Inc. (the Corporation) is a New York corporation organized on August 11, 1998, doing business as HFV Investments, Inc. As of January 1, 2000, the Corporation is owned by Hunt Financial Ventures, L.P. (Parent). The Corporation maintains an office in New York, New York.

The Corporation is a registered broker-dealer under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 engaging in business as a broker-dealer, underwriter, investment advisor and financial consultant as well as rendering of other financial services related to its general securities business. In addition, the Corporation is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

The accompanying financial statements do not include a statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors as required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, since no such liabilities existed at December 31, 2001 or for the year ended December 31, 2001.

**(2) Significant Accounting Policies**

**(a) Income Taxes**

The liability for federal income taxes is based on the tax basis cash net income for the year.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the year in which these temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

**(b) 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 amounts of assets and liabilities and the 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.

**(3) Net Capital Requirements**

As a registered broker-dealer, the Corporation is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000.

At December 31, 2001, the Corporation had net capital of \$46,914, which was \$41,914 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Corporation had aggregate indebtedness of \$2,654 at December 31, 2001 and the aggregate indebtedness ratio was 0.06 to 1.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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**(4) Accounting and Regulatory Fees**

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Corporation incurred and expensed accounting fees and regulatory fees for NASD filing fees totaling \$18,454.

**(5) Rule 15c3-3**

The Corporation is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 under subsection (k). Under this exemption, the *Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements* are not required.

**(6) Income Taxes**

The income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2001 consists of:

Current	\$	1,632
Deferred		<u>716</u>
	\$	<u><u>2,348</u></u>

The Company's effective tax rate varied from the statutory federal income tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2001 as follows:

Statutory rate		34.00%
State taxes, net of federal income tax benefit		5.09%
Adjustment to estimated income tax accruals		<u>(6.14)%</u>
Effective tax rate		<u><u>32.95%</u></u>

Differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities that give rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2001 is as follows:

Deferred tax assets:		
Capitalized employee costs	\$	37,849
Organization cost, difference in amortization		<u>2,654</u>
Deferred tax assets		<u>40,503</u>
Deferred tax liability:		
Accrued expenses		<u>(1,116)</u>
Net deferred tax asset	\$	<u><u>39,387</u></u>

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In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the existence of, or generation of, taxable income in the periods which those temporary differences are deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, taxes paid in carryback years, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Based upon the level of historical taxable income and estimates of future taxable income over the periods which the deferred tax assets are deductible, at December 31, 2001 management believes it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences.

**(7) Commission Income**

The Company receives commission income from Hunt Financial Ventures, L.P., an affiliated entity, to place interests in private investment funds through private placements to unrelated sophisticated institutions and individuals. Commission income amounted to \$303,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. The Company also receives reimbursement from Hunt Financial Ventures, L.P. for other general expenses and employee costs incurred in connection with its placement activities. This reimbursement of \$20,501 is netted with these expenses on the statement of operations. As of December 31, 2001, unpaid commission and reimbursement from Hunt Financial Ventures, L.P. was \$5,746.

**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)

Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1  
of the Securities and Exchange Commission

December 31, 2001

Net capital:		
Total stockholder's equity per the accompanying financial statements	\$	92,286
Nonallowable assets		<u>45,372</u>
Net capital		46,914
Computation of basic net capital requirement:		
Minimum net capital required (the greater of \$5,000 or 6 2/3% of aggregate indebtedness)		<u>5,000</u>
Excess net capital	\$	<u>41,914</u>
Aggregate indebtedness	\$	<u>2,654</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		<u>0.06 to 1</u>

Note: The above computation does not differ materially from the computation of net capital prepared by the Corporation as of December 31, 2001 and filed with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. on January 25, 2002 on Form X-17A-5.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5**

The Board of Directors  
HW Advisors, Inc.:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and schedule of HW Advisors, Inc. (the Corporation) for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Corporation including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Corporation does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Corporation in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of the Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Corporation is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Corporation has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.



Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Corporation's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

KPMG LLP

February 15, 2002



**HW ADVISORS, INC.**  
(dba HFV Investments, Inc.)

Financial Statements and Schedule

December 31, 2001

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)