

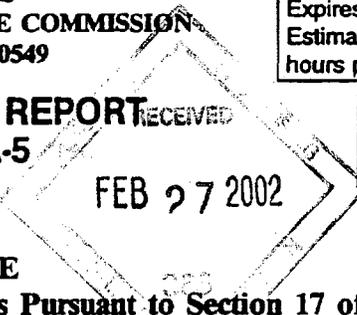
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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/01 AND ENDING 12/31/01
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

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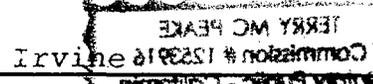
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NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Patrick S. Bannister

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Tanner, Mainstain, Hoffer & Peyrot

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

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

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Patrick S. Bannister, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of L.H. Friend, Weinress, Frankson & Presson, LLC, 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:

Patrick S. Bannister
Signature

CFO/Member

Title

Terry McPeake
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: Cash Flows.
- (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).

**L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS,
FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC**

REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2001**

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members

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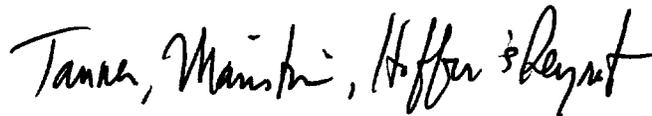
We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of L.H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I-II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required as part of the basic financial statements, but as supplementary information required by *Rule 17a-5* of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit 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 and in conformity with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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February 12, 2002

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2001

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 60,957
Accounts receivable	17,315
Receivable from brokers, dealers and clearing organizations	746,632
Securities owned, at market value	78,168
Property and equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$273,183	98,016
Other assets	<u>25,363</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,026,451</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 224,147
Commissions payable	<u>274,398</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>498,545</u>
 MEMBERS' EQUITY	 <u>527,906</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	 <u>\$ 1,026,451</u>

See accountants' report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

REVENUES:

Investment banking and corporate finance fees	\$ 3,418,683
Commissions, principal credits and syndicate concessions	2,069,186
Net trading and investment income	<u>15,437</u>

TOTAL REVENUES 5,503,306

EXPENSES:

Commissions	2,115,340
Employee compensation	1,722,690
Occupancy and equipment rental	461,821
Trading charges	334,981
Professional fees	250,857
Other expenses	234,844
Travel and promotional	165,805
Quotation charges	141,083
Insurance	105,186
Communications	<u>55,660</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 5,588,267

NET LOSS \$ (84,961)

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L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

MEMBERS' EQUITY, JANUARY 1, 2001	\$ 612,867
Net loss for the year	<u>(84,961)</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY, DECEMBER 31, 2001	<u>\$ 527,906</u>

See accountants' report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net loss	<u>\$ (84,961)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	24,000
Decrease in accounts receivable	36,785
Decrease in receivable from brokers, dealers, and clearing organizations	134,612
Increase in securities owned	(16,806)
Increase in other assets	(1,174)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(5,605)
Decrease in commissions payable	<u>(81,681)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>90,131</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>5,170</u>

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Capital expenditures	<u>(3,693)</u>
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(3,693)</u>

CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Capital contributions	<u>-</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>

NET INCREASE IN CASH	1,477
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>59,480</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 60,957</u>

See accountants' report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business

L.H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC ("the Company"), formerly named LHF Holdco, LLC ("Holdco"), was organized in the state of California on August 31, 1998. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a broker-dealer and is a member of the National Associations of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Company shall continue until August 28, 2028, unless terminated sooner as provided for in the operating agreement of the Company.

Revenue Recognition

Securities transactions and related commission revenue and expense are recorded on a trade date basis. Revenues from investment banking activities are recorded when the services are completed.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Depreciation

Property and equipment are depreciated using both straight-line and accelerated methods over their estimated useful lives ranging from three and seven years.

Income Taxes

The Company, with the consent of its Members, has elected under the Internal Revenue Code and California State Tax Code to be treated as a Limited Liability Company. The Company is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. In lieu of corporate taxes, the Members of a Limited Liability Company are taxed on their proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision for federal income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements. The income or loss of the Company is allocated to each Member in accordance with the terms of the Company's operating agreement. For state purposes, Limited Liability Companies are subject to an annual company tax in addition to a fee that is based on total annual income.

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 2 - SECURITIES OWNED

Securities owned consist primarily of common stocks and are stated at market value. The resulting difference between cost and market value (or fair value) is included in the accompanying statement of operations. Marketable securities had a cost of \$132,354 at December 31, 2001.

NOTE 3 - 401(k) PROFIT-SHARING PLAN

The Company has a defined contribution 401(k) Profit-Sharing Plan which covers substantially all of its employees. The plan became effective on January 1, 1993. Under the terms of the plan, employees can elect to defer up to 20% of their wages, subject to certain IRS limitations, by making voluntary contributions to the plan. Additionally, the Company, at the discretion of management, can elect to match up to 100% of the voluntary contributions made by its employees. The Company has received determination letters from the IRS indicating that the above plan is qualified within the terms of the applicable provisions of ERISA. The Company did not make a contribution or accrue any contribution payable to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2001.

NOTE 4 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

a. Leases

The Company has operating leases for equipment and office space. Future annual minimum rentals for operating leases with remaining non-cancelable terms are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31</u>	
2002	\$ 375,896
2003	<u>264,602</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 640,498</u>

The lease on the office space contains escalation clauses for additional tax assessments and inflation adjustments and the Company has the option to renew the lease for an additional five years beginning in November 2003. Total rent expense for all building and equipment leases for the year ended December 31, 2001 was approximately \$461,821.

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 4 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (continued)

b. Litigation

The Company has been named as a defendant in certain litigation relating to the sale of a former client. Management of the Company believes that this issue is completely without merit and intends to vigorously defend its position. While any litigation contains an element of uncertainty, based upon the opinion of the Company's counsel, management believes that the outcome of the above proceeding will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or its' Members' equity.

NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company uses one brokerage firm to clear all of its trading activities. The Company is exposed to credit loss for the amounts held at the broker in excess of federally insured limits in the event of financial nonperformance by the broker. However, management does not anticipate nonperformance by this financial institution.

NOTE 6 - REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker-dealer and member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (*Rule 15c3-1*), which requires the Company to maintain minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of one-fifteenth of aggregate indebtedness, as defined, or \$100,000. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, and, at December 31, 2001, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$372,682, which exceeds the statutory requirement of \$100,000 by \$272,682.

As of December 31, 2001, the Company was exempt from the provisions of *Rule 15c3-3* of the *Securities Act of 1934* as a broker-dealer who promptly transmits all funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities as a broker-dealer, and does not hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers.

Supplementary Schedules

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
SCHEDULE I - COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT
UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 31, 2001

NET CAPITAL:	
Total members' equity	<u>\$ 527,906</u>
 TOTAL CAPITAL AND ALLOWABLE CREDITS	 <u>527,906</u>
Deduct - Non-allowable assets:	
Property and equipment	98,016
Other assets	25,363
Receivables from non-customers	17,315
Investments not readily marketable	<u>3,300</u>
 TOTAL DEBITS	 <u>(143,994)</u>
 NET CAPITAL BEFORE HAIRCUTS ON SECURITY POSITIONS	 383,912
 Deduct - haircuts on security positions	 <u>(11,230)</u>
 NET CAPITAL	 372,682
Deduct - minimum net capital requirement, the greater of 6 ² / ₃ % of aggregate indebtedness of \$498,545 or \$100,000	 <u>(100,000)</u>
 NET CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF REQUIREMENT	 <u>\$ 272,682</u>
 RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL	 <u>1.34 to 1</u>

See independent auditors' report.

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC
SCHEDULE II - RECONCILIATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL
UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 31, 2001

<u>Description</u>	<u>Capital and Allowable Credits</u>	<u>Deductions and Charges</u>	<u>Net Capital</u>	<u>Aggregate Indebtedness</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Company's computation	\$ 527,906	\$ 155,224	\$ 372,682	\$ 498,545	1.34 to 1
Adjustments made subsequent to the Company's filing with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. on January 25, 2002	—	—	—	—	—
Computation per Schedule I	<u>\$ 527,906</u>	<u>\$ 155,224</u>	<u>\$ 372,682</u>	<u>\$ 498,545</u>	<u>1.34 to 1</u>

See independent auditors' report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL
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To the Members

L. H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC

We have audited the financial statements of L.H. FRIEND, WEINRESS, FRANKSON & PRESSON, LLC for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated February 12, 2002. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of the Company's system of internal accounting control (which includes the procedures for safeguarding securities) to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. The purpose of our study and evaluation, which included obtaining an understanding of the accounting system, was to determine the nature, timing, and extent of the auditing procedures necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

Also, as required by *Rule 17a-5(g)(1)* of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by the Company that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in *Rule 17a-5(g)*; (i) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under *Rule 17a-3(a)(11)* and the reserve required by *Rule 15c3-3(e)*; (ii) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by *Rule 17a-13*; (iii) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under *Section 8 of Regulation T* of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and (iv) in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by *Rule 15c3-3*.

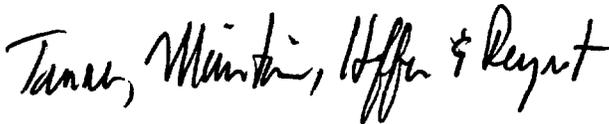
The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits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

Because of inherent limitations in any internal accounting control procedures or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may nevertheless 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 degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control procedures would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure 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 elements does not reduce, to a relatively low level, the risk that errors or irregularities 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 the internal accounting control, including procedures for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practice and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission 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 Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies which rely on *Rule 17a-5(g)* under the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934* and should not be used for any other purpose.



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Los Angeles, California
February 12, 2002