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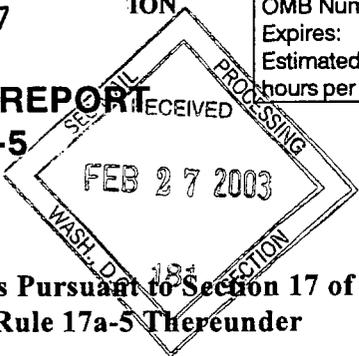
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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/02 AND ENDING 12/31/02  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Professional Trading Services Brokerage, LLC  
aka PTS Brokerage, LLC  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

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FIRM I.D. NO.

East Gate Business Center, 125C Gaither Drive  
(No. and Street)  
Mt. Laurel NJ 08054  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Richard W. Schank, President, CFO (856) 802-9400  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
Asher & Company Ltd.  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)  
1845 Walnut Street Philadelphia PA 19103  
(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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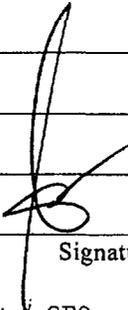
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Richard W. Schank, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Professional Trading Services Brokerage, LLC aka PTS Brokerage, LLC, as of February 24, 2003, 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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Signature

President, CFO

Title



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 15c3-3 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.
- (o) A report on internal accounting control

**JANICE M. SCHANK**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Commission Expires 2/19/2008**

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION,  
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND  
OTHER MATTERS*

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC  
(A LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY)**

*DECEMBER 31, 2002*

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC  
(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2002**

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## Independent Auditors' Report

**The Members**  
**PTS Brokerage, LLC**  
**Mt. Laurel, New Jersey**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of **PTS Brokerage, LLC (a Limited Liability Company)** as of December 31, 2002 and the related statements of loss and 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 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 misstatements. 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 **PTS Brokerage, LLC (a Limited Liability Company)** as of December 31, 2002 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 made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information 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 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. 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.

ASHER & COMPANY, Ltd.

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
**January 15, 2003**

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 33,347
Central Registration Depository Escrow	<u>2,245</u>
Total current assets	35,592

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Computer equipment	2,862
Furniture	<u>495</u>
	3,357
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,053</u>
Total property and equipment	<u>2,304</u>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>37,896</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ <u>1,500</u>
Total current liabilities	1,500

**COMMITMENTS**

<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>	<u>36,396</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Members' Equity</b>	<b>\$ <u>37,896</u></b>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these  
financial statements.

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**STATEMENT OF LOSS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Sales	\$ 1,932
Total revenue	<u>1,932</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Computer training	594
Fees and licenses	8,315
Insurance	700
Manuals	668
Office	2,647
Professional development	335
Repairs and maintenance	908
Travel and entertainment	350
Depreciation	<u>1,053</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>15,570</u>
Operating loss	(13,638)
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
Interest income	<u>415</u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>(13,223)</b>
Members' equity, beginning of year	<u>49,619</u>
Members' equity, end of year	<u>\$ 36,396</u>

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

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net loss	\$ (13,223)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash utilized by operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,053
Changes in:	
Central Registration Depository Escrow	(2,245)
Accounts payable	<u>1,500</u>
Net cash utilized by operating activities	(12,915)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(3,357)</u>
Net cash utilized by investing activities	<u>(3,357)</u>
<b>DECREASE IN CASH</b>	(16,272)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>49,619</u>
Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 33,347</u></u>

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

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies applied by management in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements.

Organization

PTS Brokerage, LLC (Company) was organized under the Laws of the State of New Jersey in 2001 and was registered as a broker-dealer in August 2002 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company is a fully disclosed introducing broker-dealer to customers located in New Jersey and does not accept, hold or maintain customer securities.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is provided primarily by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture	5 years

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized from the sale of mutual funds as earned. Revenue from the placement of variable life insurance is recognized upon notification of policy acceptance and renewal.

Income taxes

The Company, as a limited liability company, has elected to be taxed for Federal and state purposes as a partnership. As a result, the Company is not a taxpaying entity for Federal or state income tax purposes and, accordingly, no income tax expense or tax benefit has been recorded in these financial statements. Income or losses from the Company are reflected in the Members' income tax returns.

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**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**NOTE B - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

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 a ratio of 15 to 1. At December 31, 2002, the ratio was .05 to 1. At December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$31,847 which was \$26,847 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000.

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*SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION*

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1**  
**OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Total members' equity from statement of financial condition	\$ 36,396
Deduct nonallowable assets:	
CRD account	2,245
Property and equipment, net	<u>2,304</u>
	<u>4,549</u>
Net capital	\$ <u>31,847</u>
Minimum net capital required per 15c3-1(a)(2)	\$ <u>5,000</u>
Aggregate indebtedness from statement of financial condition, net of A-1 liabilities	\$ <u>1,500</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>4.7 %</u>
Debt-equity ratio computed in accordance with 15c3-1(d)	<u>4.1 %</u>

**PTS BROKERAGE, LLC**  
**(A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**  
**UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Total members' equity according to Form X-17A-5	\$38,949
Audit adjustments	<u>(2,553)</u>
Total members' equity according to the audit	<u>\$36,396</u>
Net capital, according to Form X-17A-5	\$33,347
Audit adjustments reflected above	<u>(1,500)</u>
Net capital according to the audit	<u>\$31,847</u>

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***OTHER MATTERS***



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Report on Internal Accounting  
Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

The Members  
PTS Brokerage, LLC  
Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of PTS Brokerage, LLC (a Limited Liability Company) for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered its internal control, 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 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by PTS Brokerage, LLC (including tests of compliance with 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 the reserve required by rule 15c3-3(e). We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13, in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities of Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by rule 15c3-3, since the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Company 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 Company 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 preparation of financial statements in conformity 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.



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The Members  
PTS Brokerage, LLC

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors 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 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 Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the members, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the SEC and other regulatory agencies which 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.

*Asher & Company, Ltd.*  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
January 15, 2003