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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

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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

39 Broadway Suite 2010

New York, New York 10006
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

Wilson Madden

(212)480-0664

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Ernst & Young LLP

1111 Summer Street Stamford CT 06905
(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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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Wilson Madden, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc., as of September 30, 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:

Wilson Madden
Signature

President
Title

Ellen Fargione
Notary Public
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Queens
Commission Expires FEB 28 2004

- 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 or 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 or 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) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Commodity Exchanges.
 - (p) Statement of Secured Amount and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for Foreign Futures and Options Customers Pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.7.

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

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

SEC No. 8-48582

Year Ended September 30, 2003

Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedules

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.
SEC No. 8-48582

*September 30, 2003
with Report of Independent Auditors
and Supplemental Report on
Internal Control Structure*

Filed in accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(3) as a PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedules

September 30, 2003

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Report of Independent Auditors

Board of Directors
Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc. as of September 30, 2003 and the related statements of operations, changes in shareholder's 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. 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 Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc. at September 30, 2003, 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for the 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 our 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.



October 21, 2003

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Statement of Financial Condition

September 30, 2003

Assets

Cash	\$ 486,727
Income taxes receivable	14,731
NASD warrants	816
Due from affiliates	6
Total assets	<u>\$ 502,280</u>

Liabilities and shareholder's equity

Liabilities:

Accrued expenses	\$ 17,500
Income taxes payable	7,736
Total liabilities	<u>25,236</u>

Shareholder's equity:

Common Stock \$.01 par value, 3,000 shares authorized, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	10
Paid in capital	44,990
Retained earnings	432,044
Total shareholder's equity	<u>477,044</u>
Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	<u>\$ 502,280</u>

See accompanying notes.

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

Revenue:	
Marketing revenue	\$ 132,396
Interest income	<u>4,282</u>
Total Revenue	<u>136,678</u>
Expenses:	
Commission fees	26,679
Professional fees	17,500
Other fees	<u>2,311</u>
Total expenses	<u>46,490</u>
Change in unrealized loss on NASD warrants	<u>2,724</u>
Income before income taxes	87,464
Provision for income taxes	<u>32,420</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 55,044</u>

See accompanying notes.

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Statement of Changes in Shareholder's Equity

For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

	Common Stock	Paid in Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Shareholder's Equity
Shareholder's equity, beginning of the year	\$10	\$44,990	\$377,000	\$422,000
Net income			55,044	55,044
Shareholder's equity, end of the year	\$10	\$44,990	\$432,044	\$477,044

See accompanying notes.

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

Operating activities

Net income	\$ 55,044
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in unrealized loss on NASD warrants	2,724
Decrease in income taxes receivable	17,426
Increase in due from affiliate	(6)
Increase in accrued expenses	5,500
Increase in income taxes payable	7,736
Decrease in due to affiliate	(601)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>87,823</u>
Net increase in cash	87,823
Cash at beginning of year	<u>398,904</u>
Cash at end of year	<u><u>\$ 486,727</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the State of Delaware on August 31, 1995 and became a registered broker-dealer in securities on April 24, 1996 (commencement of operations). The Company was organized as a wholly owned subsidiary of Martin Currie Limited.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are comprised primarily of deposits with financial institutions, which are invested in money market instruments and short-term commercial paper.

Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes includes federal and state taxes currently payable. At September 30, 2003, there are no deferred taxes from temporary differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities. During fiscal 2003 the Company paid no federal taxes and paid state and local income taxes of \$24,684.

For US federal income tax purposes, the Company is subject to graduated corporate income tax rates. These graduated rates begin at 15% and range upward not to exceed 35% in the aggregate. Because the Company and Martin Currie, Inc. ("Inc."), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company's parent, constitute a controlled group of corporations within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, the benefit of graduated rates is allocated among the members of the controlled group.

2. Net Capital

The Company, as a registered broker-dealer in securities, is subject to the uniform net capital rule under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such rule prohibits the Company from engaging in any securities transactions whenever its "aggregate indebtedness" (as defined) exceeds fifteen times its "net capital" (as defined). Under such rule, the Company may be required to reduce its business if its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital exceeds 12 to 1 and it may be prohibited from expanding its business if its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital exceeds 10 to 1.

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Net Capital (continued)

At September 30, 2003, the Company was required to maintain net capital of \$5,000; net capital at September 30, 2003 was \$446,281.

3. Related Party Transactions

The Company and Inc. have entered into a marketing agreement whereby the Company will receive 17.5% of the management fee received by Inc. from new clients introduced to Inc.'s Business Trusts by the Company. A portion of such fee is remitted back to Inc. as commission fees for the reimbursement of bonuses paid to the Company's President by Inc. For the year ended September 30, 2003, \$132,396 of marketing revenues was earned and commission fees of \$26,679 were expensed.

Inc. has incurred and agreed to pay certain fees and overhead costs of the Company.

4. NASD Warrants

The Company has adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 133 requires that derivative instruments be recorded in the statement of financial condition as either assets or liabilities, and measured at their fair value. The Company holds 1,200 NASD warrants, each to purchase four shares of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq") common stock, exercisable in three annual tranches. The first tranche became exercisable on June 28, 2002 and has expired. The Company's NASD warrants qualify as derivatives, since Nasdaq common stock began trading on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board on July 1, 2002. At September 30, 2003, the fair value of the NASD warrants has been recorded as an asset in the amount of \$816. The change in the fair value of the warrants of \$2,724 has been recorded as an unrealized loss.

The fair value of the NASD warrants was estimated at September 30, 2003 using the Black-Scholes valuation model assuming weighted-average expected volatility of 30% and weighted-average risk free interest rates of 1.08% to 1.98% for the three annual tranches.

Supplemental Schedules

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Computation of Net Capital for Brokers and Dealers

Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1 as of September 30, 2003

Computation of net capital

Total shareholder's equity from statement of financial condition	\$477,044
Deductions:	
Non-allowable assets:	
Income taxes receivable	14,731
NASD warrants	816
Due from affiliates	6
Net capital	<u>\$461,491</u>

Aggregate indebtedness

Total liabilities from statement of financial condition	<u>\$ 25,236</u>
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Computation of basis net capital requirements

Minimum net capital required (6 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$ 1,682</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Net capital requirement (greater of above amounts)	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$456,491</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>.055 to 1</u>

There were no material differences between the audited Computation of Net Capital included in this report and the corresponding schedule included in the Company's unaudited September 30, 2003 amended Part IIA FOCUS filing.

Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements for Brokers
and Dealers Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 as of September 30, 2003

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in that the Company's activities are limited to those set forth in the conditions for exemption appearing in paragraph (k)(1) of the Rule.

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

Board of Directors
Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Martin Currie Investor Services, Inc. (the "Company") for the year ended September 30, 2003, 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 Company 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 for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13 or 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, because 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 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 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 error 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, except for the condition noted herein, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at September 30, 2003, to meet the Commission's objectives.

Our opinion recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of the Company to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal control and that alternatively greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., 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.

Ernst & Young LLP

October 21, 2003