

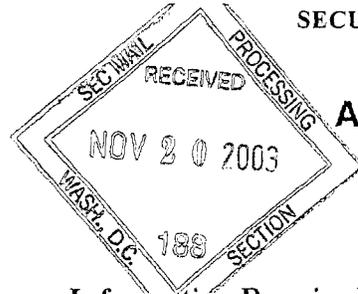


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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 10/1/2002 AND ENDING 9/30/2003
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: MacArthur Equities Ltd.

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

20 Branch Brook Rd.

(No. and Street)

Wilton

(City)

CT

(State)

06897

(Zip Code)

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

Ira P. Hersh

203-761-9898

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

A. C. Tackman & Company LLC

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

106 Topstone Rd.

(Address)

West Redding

(City)

CT

(State)

06896

(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, Ira P. Hersch, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of MacArthur Equities LTD., 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:

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, Ira P. Hersch Signature
a Notary Public, in and for County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut
this 13th day of November, 2003. Ira P. Hersch, President Title
Beverly A. Ledstrom Notary Public *My Commission Expires 9/30/2004*

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 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.

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

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.
Financial Statements
and Supplemental Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

ACT ♦ **A.C. TACKMAN & COMPANY, LLC**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Stockholder
MacArthur Equities, Ltd.
Wilton, Connecticut

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of MacArthur Equities, Ltd. (a Connecticut Corporation) as of September 30, 2003, and the related statements of income, stockholder'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 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 MacArthur Equities, Ltd., as of 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 of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The computation of net capital is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplemental 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 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.

A.C. Tackman & Company, LLC

November 13, 2003

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.

Balance Sheet

September 30, 2003

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 8,638
Prepaid expenses	4,544
Deferred tax asset	<u>931</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>14,113</u>
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FIXED ASSETS

Furniture and fixtures	52,870
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(47,602)</u>

FIXED ASSETS-NET	<u>5,268</u>
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OTHER ASSETS

Investments	<u>24,400</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS

\$43,781

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Common stock, no par value, \$1 stated value 5,000 shares authorized, 1,000 shares issued and outstanding	\$ 1,000
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Paid-in capital	70,400
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Accumulated deficit	<u>(27,619)</u>
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TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	<u>43,781</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

\$43,781

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.

Statement of Income

For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

REVENUES	
Fee Income	\$567,255
Interest income	<u>208</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>567,463</u>
EXPENSES	
Salaries	369,898
Payroll taxes	27,171
Office expense	21,521
Per diem consultants	1,123
Accounting	1,650
Outside services	14,046
Dues and subscriptions	5,017
Registration fees	774
Insurance	26,910
Medical reimbursement plan	31,757
Auto expense	10,477
Travel and entertainment	6,844
Professional fees	13,568
Profit sharing plan	30,000
Telephone	6,681
Depreciation	<u>2,373</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>569,810</u>
LOSS BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(2,347)
Benefit for Income taxes	<u>(103)</u>
NET LOSS	<u>\$ (2,244)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.
Statement of Stockholder's Equity
For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Total Stockholder's Equity</u>
BALANCE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2002	\$1,000	\$70,400	\$(25,375)	\$46,025
Net Loss	—	—	<u>(2,244)</u>	<u>(2,244)</u>
BALANCE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2003	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$70,400</u>	<u>\$(27,619)</u>	<u>\$43,781</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Loss \$ (2,244)

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash
provided by operating activities:

Depreciation 2,373

Increase in deferred assets (353)

Decrease in prepaid expenses 461

TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS 2,481

NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES 237

NET INCREASE IN CASH 237

CASH – BEGINNING IN YEAR 8,401

CASH – END OF YEAR \$ 8,638

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

Cash paid during the year for:

Income taxes \$ 250

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Note A – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*Nature of Activities*

The Company was organized in the State of Connecticut on May 31, 1984, for the purpose of being a registered securities broker-dealer, and provides tax planning and related services.

Basis of Accounting

Income and expenses are recorded on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Tax returns are filed on the cash basis of accounting.

Depreciation

The Company depreciates its furniture, fixtures and equipment on an accelerated method over their useful lives which range from five to seven years.

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.

Cash Equivalents

The company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of one month or less to be cash equivalents.

Note B – Investments

Represents securities (not readily marketable) held for investment. The fair market value at September 30, 2003 approximates the original cost. No unrealized gain or loss has been recognized in the financial statements.

Note C – Income Taxes

The Company's provision/(benefit) for federal and state income taxes for the year ended September 30, 2003 is as follows:

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current	\$ 0	\$250	\$ 250
Deferred	\$(353)	\$ 0	\$(353)

At September 30, 2003, the Company had a remaining federal net operating loss carry-forward of \$1,647. The federal tax provision differs from the expense that would result from applying statutory rates primarily due to non-deductible meals and entertainment expenses.

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2003

Note D – Profit Sharing Plan

The Company has a defined contribution profit sharing plan for all employees. The contribution expense for the year was \$30,000.

Note E – Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") Uniform Net Capital rule (Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of specified minimum net capital and requires specific ratios of aggregate indebtedness to net capital. The Company was in compliance with these requirements at September 30, 2003.

Note F – Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from certain provisions of rule 15c3-3 of the SEC since it does not hold funds or securities of customers.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

MACARTHUR EQUITIES, LTD.

Computation of Net Capital

September 30, 2003

NET CAPITAL COMPUTATION	
Stockholder's equity	\$43,781
Less non-allowable assets	<u>(35,143)</u>
NET CAPITAL	8,638
Aggregate Indebtedness	0
Minimum net capital required	<u>5,000</u>
NET CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF REQUIREMENT	<u>\$ 3,638</u>
RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION-	
(Included in Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 as of September 30, 2003)	
Net capital reported in Unaudited Focus Report	\$ 8,638
Net audit adjustments	<u>0</u>
NET CAPITAL PER ABOVE	<u>\$ 8,638</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report



Board of Directors and Stockholder
MacArthur Equities, Ltd.
Wilton, Connecticut

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedule of MacArthur Equities, Ltd., for the year ended September 30, 2003, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure

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 followed by MacArthur Equities, Ltd., including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exempt 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 an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgements by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and 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. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure 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 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 control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities 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 the internal control structure 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 structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level 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 control structure that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

MacArthur Equities, Ltd.
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We understand that practices 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 September 30, 2003 to meet the Commission's objectives.

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

A. C. Tackman & Co.

A.C. Tackman & Company LLC
Certified Public Accountants

November 13, 2003