

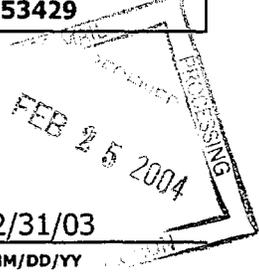


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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**



REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/03 AND ENDING 12/31/03  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

BRI Partners LLC

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FIRM ID NO.

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

350 North Clark Street

(No. and Street)

Chicago  
(City)

Illinois  
(State)

60610  
(Zip Code)

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

Jeffrey Izenman

312.595.6980

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP

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

One South Wacker Drive  
(Address)

Chicago  
(City)

IL  
(State)

60606-3392  
(Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

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

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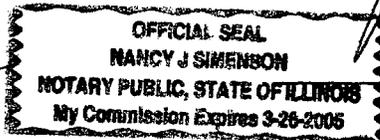
I, Jeffrey Izenman, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying statement of financial condition pertaining to the firm of BRI Partners LLC, as of December 31, 2003, is true and correct. I further affirm that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

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Sworn and subscribed to me on the

19~~th~~ day of February 2004

Nancy J. Simenson  
Notary Public



Jeffrey Izenman  
Signature  
Managing Member  
Title

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of 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 Statement 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) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control.

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



# **BRI Partners LLC**

## **Statement of Financial Condition**

**December 31, 2003**

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Filed Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d) Under the Securities  
Exchange Act of 1934

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**Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP**  
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

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**Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP**

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

**Independent Auditors' Report**

Members of  
BRI Partners LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of BRI Partners LLC as of December 31, 2003 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of BRI Partners LLC as of December 31, 2003 in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

*Altschuler, Melvoin and Glasser LLP*

Chicago, Illinois  
January 23, 2004

**BRI Partners LLC**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2003**

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**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 640,120
Certificate of deposit	20,696
Receivables	
Management fee	240,621
Other	26,214
Investment in limited liability company	<u>8,817</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 936,468</u></b>

**Liabilities and Members' Equity**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 62,125
Members' equity	<u>874,343</u>
<b>Total liabilities and members' equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 936,468</u></b>

**Note 1 Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of Operations**—BRI Partners LLC (the "Company") is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NASD. The Company is also registered as a commodity pool operator and a commodity trading advisor with the National Futures Association.

The Company acts as an investment advisor to one entity and a nondiscretionary sub-advisor to another entity ("Investors") that invest in hedge funds. Pursuant to the respective agreements, the Company receives quarterly management fees based on net asset values, as defined, and quarterly incentive fees based on new profits, as defined, relating to the funds under management.

The Company's operating agreement provides, among other things, that the Company shall dissolve no later than December 31, 2050.

**Use of Estimates**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash Equivalents**—Cash equivalents are all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition.

**Certificate of Deposit**—The certificate of deposit, which serves as a collateral on a line of credit at a bank, is reflected at fair market value, provides for interest at 0.9 percent, and matures on April 25, 2004.

**Investment in Limited Liability Company**—The investment in limited liability company is reflected at fair value.

**Income Recognition**—Management and incentive fees are recognized when earned.

**Income Taxes**—The Company is taxed as a partnership under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, is not subject to federal income taxes. Instead, members are liable for federal income taxes on their respective shares of taxable income.

**Note 2 Members' Equity**

The Company's operating agreement provides that certain members are managers (the "Managers") responsible for the day to day operations of the Company. Managers may repurchase another Manager's interest upon that Manager's resignation or removal as a Manager.

The Company's operating agreement also provides that the Managers receive management fees plus certain benefits.

**Note 2 Members' Equity, Continued**

In addition, the Company's operating agreement provides that distributions of capital transactions proceeds, as defined, will first be made to members in proportion to their percentage interests, and any remainder in proportion to their unreturned capital contributions.

**Note 3 Management Fees**

The management fees from one of the Investors represents approximately 91 percent of total management fees earned for the year ended December 31, 2003.

**Note 4 Related-Party Transactions**

Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2003 include \$492,658 on deposit with a broker-dealer affiliated with one of the Company's members through common ownership. Also, receivables at December 31, 2003 include \$1,221 due from one of the Company's members.

The Company's investment in a limited liability company represents an investment as managing member in a hedge fund of funds. At December 31, 2003, the Company has a receivable from this entity of \$4,243.

An entity affiliated with one of the Company's members through common ownership provides office space, technologies, and other resources to the Company. At December 31, 2003, accounts payable and accrued expenses include \$21,626 due to this entity.

**Note 5 Commitments**

The Company has agreed to pay an introductory fee of \$125,000 per year through the year ended December 31, 2009, or a lesser amount based on the operating results of one of the Investors.

**Note 6 Employee Benefit Plan**

The Company provides a 401(k) plan to all eligible employees. The Company may make discretionary contributions to the plan, subject to certain limitations as set forth in the plan agreement. Accounts payable and accrued expenses include contributions due at December 31, 2003 of \$22,475.

**Note 7 Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Company maintains deposits at a bank and a broker-dealer affiliated with one of the Company's members through common ownership in excess of federally insured limits. The Company does not anticipate nonperformance by these counterparties and has a policy of monitoring, as considered necessary, the creditworthiness of these counterparties.

**Note 8 Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1). Under this rule, the Company is required to maintain "net capital" equal to the greater of \$5,000 or 6-2/3 percent of "aggregate indebtedness," as these terms are defined. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day, but at December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of approximately \$589,000 and \$5,000, respectively. The net capital rule may effectively restrict distributions to the members.

**Note 9 Subsequent Event**

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, members have notified the Company of their intent to withdraw \$550,000.