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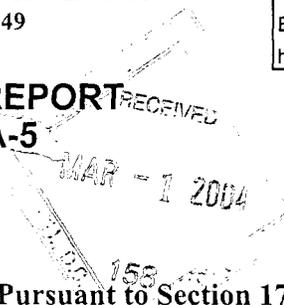
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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/03 AND ENDING 12/31/03  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Hermitage Capital Corporation

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

405 Park Avenue, Suite 801

(No. and Street)

New York

New York

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

John W. Bendall, Jr.

(Area Code -- Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Rothstein, Kass & Company, P.C.

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

1350 Avenue of the Americas, 15th Floor

New York

New York

10019

(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, John W. Bendall, Jr., swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Hermitage Capital Corporation, as of December 31, 2002, 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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John W. Bendall, Jr. 12/6/02  
Signature  
Controller  
Title

2/26/04  
[Signature]  
Notary ELLIOTT BURKO  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
No. 03-4667048  
Qualified in Bronx County  
Term Expires ~~March 30, 1990~~ OCT 31, 2006

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 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.
- (o) Independent auditor's report on internal accounting control.
- (p) Schedule of segregation requirements and funds in segregation--customers' regulated commodity futures account pursuant to Rule 171-5.

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

**HERMITAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**AND**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2003**

# HERMITAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Hermitage Capital Corporation

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Hermitage Capital Corporation as of December 31, 2003. This statement of financial condition is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement of financial condition 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 statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition 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 Hermitage Capital Corporation as of December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Rothstein, Kass & Company, P.C.*

Roseland, New Jersey  
February 24, 2004

# HERMITAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2003

### ASSETS

Securities owned, at market	\$	281,807
Cash		1,539
Deposit with clearing broker		25,000
Due from parent		169,465
Due from officer		263,148
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$66,017		14,225
Other assets		<u>9,129</u>
	\$	<u>764,313</u>

### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

#### Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	19,507
Due to clearing broker		<u>91,963</u>
Total liabilities		<u>111,470</u>

#### Contingencies

#### Stockholder's equity

Common stock, no par value, authorized 2,000 shares, issued and outstanding 1,000 shares		500,000
Additional paid-in capital		3,184,367
Accumulated deficit		<u>(3,031,524)</u>
Total stockholder's equity		<u>652,843</u>
	\$	<u>764,313</u>

# HERMITAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1. Nature of business

Hermitage Capital Corporation (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD). The Company's operations consist primarily of engaging in securities principal transactions and providing investment banking services.

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### *Securities Owned*

Marketable securities are valued at market value, and non-marketable securities are valued at fair value as determined by management. Unrealized gains and losses are reflected in trading revenues.

#### *Equipment and Leasehold Improvements*

Equipment and leasehold improvements are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. The Company provides for depreciation and amortization as follows:

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Estimated Useful Life</b>	<b>Principal Method</b>
Equipment	5 Years	Straight-line
Leasehold improvements	Term of Lease	Straight-line

#### *Revenue and Expense Recognition from Securities Transactions*

Securities transactions and related revenues and expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis.

#### *Income Taxes*

The Company complies with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," which requires an asset and liability approach to financial reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

The Company's stockholder has elected to treat the Company as an "S" Corporation. As such, the individual stockholder is liable for federal and substantially all state and local taxes on corporate income and receives the benefit of corporate losses.

# HERMITAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. Securities owned

At December 31, 2003, securities owned are comprised of the following:

Equity securities	<u>\$ 281,807</u>
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### 4. Deposit with clearing broker

Pursuant to an agreement with a clearing broker, the Company is required to maintain a clearing deposit of \$25,000.

### 5. Income taxes

At December 31, 2003 the Company has a deferred income tax asset of approximately \$21,000 resulting from New York City net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$129,000 and unrealized losses on securities of approximately \$110,000. The calculated deferred tax asset has been completely reserved, as it cannot be assured that there will be income in the future to utilize the loss carryforwards. This loss carryforward expires in 2022.

### 6. Retirement plan

The Company has a retirement plan, which covers all employees that meet certain eligibility requirements. Contributions to the plan are made at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. The Company made no contributions to the plan during the year ended December 31, 2003.

### 7. Net capital requirements

As a member of the NASD, the Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This Rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1, and that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2003, the Company's net capital was approximately \$120,000, which was approximately \$20,000 in excess of its minimum requirement of \$100,000.

# HERMITAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 8. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from the SEC Rule 15c3-3 and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers".

### 9. Related party transactions

At December 31, 2003 the Company had an advance to an officer of approximately \$263,000, which is non-interest bearing and is due on demand.

During 2003, the Company incurred approximately \$36,000 to its parent for management services and office facilities. At the end of 2003, the Company entered into an informal agreement with the parent to pay a portion of the monthly rental amounts which the parent is currently obligated for under a long-term lease. The rent expense for 2003 was approximately \$14,000.

### 10. Off-balance sheet risk and concentration of credit risk

Pursuant to a clearance agreement, the Company introduces all of its securities transactions to its sole clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. All of the customers' money balances and long and short security positions for these securities transactions are carried on the books of the clearing broker. Under certain conditions, as defined in the clearance agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the clearing broker for losses, if any, which the clearing broker may sustain from carrying securities transactions introduced by the Company. In accordance with industry practice and regulatory requirements, the Company and the clearing broker monitor collateral on the securities transactions introduced by the Company. In addition, the due from clearing broker is pursuant to this clearance agreement.

In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, settlement, and financing of various customer securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance-sheet risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss.