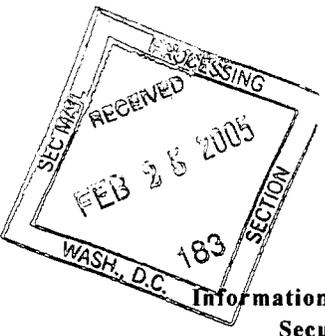


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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/04 AND ENDING 12/31/04  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:  
**First Vantage Investments LLC**  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

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FIRM I.D. NO.

**400 Northwinds Center West, Suite 625, 11605 Haynes Bridge Road**  
(No. and Street)  
**Alpharetta** **Georgia** **30004**  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
**Tom Buehler** **(770) 346-0545**  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

**Rubio CPA, PC**  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)  
**2120 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 350** **Atlanta** **Georgia** **30339**  
(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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\*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)

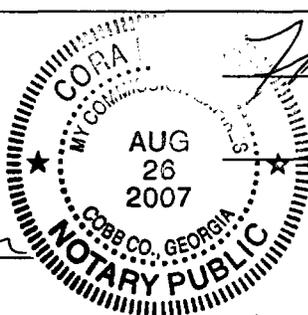
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Thomas M. Buehler, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of First Vantage Investments, LLC, as of December 31, 2004, 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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Thomas M. Buehler  
Signature  
President  
Title  
Cora Buehler  
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.

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

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**  
**Financial Statements and Schedules**  
**as of December 31, 2004**  
**With**  
**Report of Independent Auditor**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

To the Owner of  
First Vantage Investments LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of First Vantage Investments LLC, which is wholly-owned by First Vantage Holdings LLC, as of December 31, 2004 and the related statements of operations, changes in member'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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 First Vantage Investments LLC as of December 31, 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I, II and III 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 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.



RUBIO CPA, PC

February 2, 2005  
Atlanta, Georgia

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**December 31, 2004**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,543
Clearing deposit	100,459
Due from clearing broker-dealer	75,493
Due from Parent	25,000
Deposits and other assets	<u>4,746</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 217,241</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ <u>70,167</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>70,167</u>
 Member's Equity	 <u>147,074</u>
 Total liabilities and member's equity	 <u>\$ 217,241</u>

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

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

REVENUES:

Commissions	<u>\$ 933,568</u>
Total revenues	<u>933,568</u>

EXPENSES:

Commissions expense	464,936
Employee compensation and benefits	222,254
Management fees	65,000
Occupancy	29,595
Other operating expenses	<u>153,416</u>
Total expenses	<u>935,201</u>

NET (LOSS) \$ (1,633)

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

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2004**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Net income (loss)	\$ (1,633)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash flows from operations:	
Increase in clearing deposit	(423)
Increase in due from clearing broker-dealer	(75,493)
Increase in due from Parent	(25,000)
Increase in deposits and other assets	(4,746)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	68,767
Decrease in due to related party	<u>(2,500)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	(41,028)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Capital contributions	<u>46,200</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	46,200

NET INCREASE IN CASH 5,172

CASH, at beginning of year 6,371

CASH, at end of year \$ 11,543

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

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2004**

Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 102,507
Capital contributions	46,200
Net loss	<u>(1,633)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2004	<u>\$ 147,074</u>

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

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES**  
**December 31, 2004**

**CORPORATE ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS**

First Vantage Investments LLC, formerly known as Register & Akers Capital Advisors, LLC (the "Company"), was wholly-owned by Register & Akers Investments, Inc. ("Parent") until September 2003. Effective September 2003, approximately 25% of the Company was sold to First Vantage Holdings, LLC ("Holdings"). The remaining 75% was purchased in March 2004.

The Company is subject to the regulations of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Securities Division of the state of Georgia.

The Company's primary business is to provide a trading platform for professional securities traders. Substantially all of the Company's customers are located in foreign countries.

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain estimates by management in determining the entity's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

**Income Taxes:** The Company is organized as a Georgia Limited Liability Company, taxable as a partnership. Therefore, all income, losses, and tax credits flow through and are taxed in the income tax returns of Holdings.

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Company considers all cash and money market instruments with a maturity of 90 days or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

**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 15 to 1. At December 31, 2004, the Company had net capital of \$107,369 which was \$102,369, in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000.

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES**  
**December 31, 2004**

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Effective December 2003, the Company pays management fees monthly for use of office furnishings and marketing services provided by Holdings. Management fees for 2004 under the arrangement total \$65,000.

Financial position and results of operations would differ from the amounts in the accompanying financial statements if these related party transactions did not exist.

**LEASES**

The Company leases office premises under an agreement which expires in March 2007. Rent expense under the agreement for 2004 was approximately \$30,000.

The office premises lease requires future minimum payments as follows:

2005	\$32,000
2006	33,000
2007	<u>8,000</u>
	<u>\$73,000</u>

**OFF BALANCE SHEET RISK**

In the normal course of business, the Company's customers execute securities transactions through the Company. 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.

**CONCENTRATION**

Substantially all of the company's revenues for 2004 were earned from transactions with an organization located in Saudi Arabia.

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**

**SCHEDULE I  
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER  
RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES  
AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
ACT OF 1934**

**December 31, 2004**

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL:**

Total member's equity	\$ 147,074
Less deduction, pursuant to financial responsibility rules, For expenses paid by Holdings	(7,500)
Less nonallowable assets	(30,205)
Less haircut on money market assets	<u>(2,000)</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 107,369</u>

**COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS:**

Aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 70,167</u>
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**COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT:**

Minimum net capital required	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
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**EXCESS NET CAPITAL** \$ 102,369

**PERCENTAGE OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL** 65.4%

**FIRST VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LLC**

**SCHEDULE II  
COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF THE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-3  
AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL  
REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c3-3  
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

The Company is not required to file the above schedules as it is exempt from Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 as it does not hold customers' funds or securities.

**SCHEDULE III  
RECONCILIATION PURSUANT TO  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 17a-5(d)4  
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

There are no significant differences between the computation of net capital included in these financial statements and the net capital computation included in the Company's December 31, 2004 unaudited Focus Report filing. Therefore, no reconciliation is necessary.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL  
REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5

To the Board of Directors of  
First Vantage Investments LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of First Vantage Investments LLC for the year ended December 31, 2004, 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 (including test of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by First Vantage Investments LLC that we considered relevant to the objective stated in Rule 17a-5(g). We also made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedure for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company related to the following: (1) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; (2) 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; and (3) in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

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 judgments 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 that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity 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 the 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.

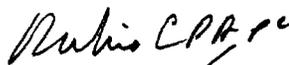
However, we noted that due to the size of the Company, duties surrounding cash receipts and disbursements have not been segregated to achieve adequate internal control over these functions. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of procedures performed in our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 and this report does not effect our report thereon dated February 2, 2005.

In addition, no facts came to our attention indicating that the exemptive provision of Rule 15c3-3 had not been complied with during the year.

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 December 31, 2004 to meet the Commission's objectives.

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

February 2, 2005  
Atlanta, Georgia



RUBIO CPA, PC