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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 01/01/08 AND ENDING 12/31/08  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER - DEALER:

Asperion Group LLC

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

300 Park Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor

(No. and Street)

New York  
(City)

New York  
(State)

10022  
(Zip Code)

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

Debra Pipines

(212) 705-4272  
(Area Code - Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

VB&T Certified Public Accountants, PLLC

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

183 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 204  
(Address)

New York  
(City)

New York  
(State)

10016  
(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

Certified Public Accountant

Public Accountant

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Debra Pipines, Sole Member and Principal, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Asperion Group LLC, (Company), as of December 31, 2008, 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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Debra Pipines, Principal

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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

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

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of  
Asperion Group LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Asperion Group LLC (the "Company"), as of December 31, 2008. 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 the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). 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 financial statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Asperion Group LLC at December 31, 2008. The financial statement(s) do not include a statement of operations, member's equity and cash flows for the year then ended and this is a departure from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

*VB&T CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PLLC*

New York, NY  
February 12, 2009

**Asperion Group LLC**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2008**

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 165,047
Fees receivable	153,863
Other current assets	22,869
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$19,946	<u>30,280</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>372,059</u></b>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

Liabilities - accrued expenses	\$ 32,354
Member's equity	<u>339,705</u>
<b>Total liabilities and member's equity</b>	<b>\$ <u>372,059</u></b>

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to financial statements.

**Asperion Group LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statement**  
**December 31, 2008**

1. **ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS**

Asperion Group LLC (the "Company"), was formed as a single member limited liability company on April 26, 2002 in the State of Delaware. The Company is a registered broker-dealer pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), effective November 11, 2002.

The Company was formed for the purpose of acting as a placement agent, finder or consultant in the sale of shares or interests in hedge funds and private equity funds.

The Company will terminate on December 31, 2032, or in the event of certain other circumstances as defined in the limited liability company agreement.

The Company is exempt from the Securities and Exchange Commission 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 appearing in paragraph k(2)(i) of the rule.

2. **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Fees Receivable**

Fees receivable are considered fully collectible by management and, accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

**Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred. Additions and improvements are capitalized.

**Income Taxes**

No provision for Federal or State income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements since such liabilities and related expense are the responsibility of the member. The Company is responsible for a local unincorporated business tax on income, which is calculated at the statutory rate.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Asperion Group LLC**  
**Notes to Financial Statement**  
**December 31, 2008**

3. **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consists of the following:

Computers and equipment	\$ 28,346
Furniture and fixtures	21,880
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,946)</u>
	<b><u>\$ 30,280</u></b>

Depreciation expense was \$8,715 for the year ended December 31, 2008.

4. **NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of \$5,000 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2008 the Company had net capital of \$132,308, which was \$127,308 in excess of the amount required. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 0.24 to 1.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL  
ACCOUNTING CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5**

To the Member of  
Asperion Group LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement of Asperion Group LLC (the "Company"), for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we consider the Company's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of 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. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1) Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons;
- 2) Recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13;
- 3) 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.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting 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 transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statement 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 internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error 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.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatement on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

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 statement 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, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2008, to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), 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.

VB&T CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, PLLC

New York, NY  
February 12, 2009