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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

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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER - DEALER:

Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

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

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(No. and Street)

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(City)

South Carolina

(State)

29464

(Zip Code)

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

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

KPMG LLP

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

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CHECK ONE:

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Public Accountant

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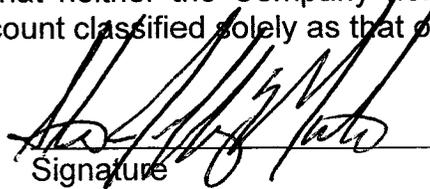
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AFFIRMATION

I, Steven Jeffrey Martin, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules pertaining to Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2008, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company nor any officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

 2/20, 2009
Signature Date

President
Title


Notary Public



AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC
(S.E.C. I.D. No. 8-52261)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

Filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5(e)(3) under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
as a PUBLIC DOCUMENT.



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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Member of Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2008, 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 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 consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit of a statement of financial condition also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in that statement of financial condition, 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 Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC as of December 31, 2008, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

February 25, 2009

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,214,192
Due from clearing broker	61,083,388
Financial instruments owned, held at clearing broker - at market value	3,227,803
Accounts receivable	3,011,716
Other assets	<u>69,973</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 76,607,072</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Financial instruments sold, not yet purchased - at market value	\$ 2,486,691
Due to Parent and affiliates	3,866,493
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>2,435,930</u>
Total liabilities	8,789,114

Commitments and contingencies (See Note 8)

MEMBER'S EQUITY 67,817,958

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY **\$ 76,607,072**

The accompanying notes are an integral part to the statement of financial condition.

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. ORGANIZATION, NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the NASDAQ Exchange ("NASDAQ"), NYSE/Arca ("NYSE"), the Boston Stock Exchange ("BSE"), the Chicago Stock Exchange ("CHX"), the CBOE Exchange ("CBSX"), the National Stock Exchange ("NSX") and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange ("PHLX").

The Company was organized on September 1, 1999, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Automated Trading Desk, LLC (the "Parent", or the "Member") which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Citigroup Global Markets Holding, Inc. ("CGMHI") which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citigroup, Inc. ("Citigroup").

Nature of Operations—The Company's primary business is executing retail order flow for broker-dealer clients on a principal or riskless principal basis and providing equity execution services for institutional clients. The Company is a market maker in both over-the-counter and listed equities, and attempts to provide price improvement on internalized orders.

Use of Estimates—The preparation of the statement of financial condition in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions, including those regarding the allowance for doubtful accounts and the potential outcome of litigation and regulatory reviews, that affect the financial statements and related disclosures. Estimates, by their nature, are based on judgment and available information. Management believes that the estimates utilized in the preparation of the statement of financial condition are prudent and reasonable. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Financial Instruments— Financial instruments owned and financial instruments sold, not yet purchased, are recorded on a trade date basis at market value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in principal transactions revenues. The Company uses quoted market prices to determine the fair value of trading positions, and classifies such items as Level 1. The trading positions are held by the clearing broker and may be used by the clearing broker in the conduct of its business. Such financial instruments consist primarily of equity securities.

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

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Trading Rebates and Access Fees—The Company earns trading rebates or incurs access fees on certain transactions that provide liquidity to or remove liquidity from electronic communication networks (“ECN”), NASDAQ and other broker-dealers. In the statement of financial condition, trading rebates are netted against the access fees by counterparty and are included in accounts receivable or accounts payable and accrued expenses, as appropriate.

Regulatory Transaction Fees—The Company pays regulatory transaction fees for executing certain riskless principal securities transactions on behalf of its clients. The Company passes through these fees to its clients for reimbursement. At December 31, 2008, the amount of this receivable was \$149,517 and is included in accounts receivable on the statement of financial condition. The Company writes off any receivables aged over 120 days as uncollectible.

2. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company adopted Statement of Accounting Financial Standards (“SFAS”) No. 157, “Fair Value Measurements”, as of January 1, 2007. SFAS 157 defines fair value, expands disclosure requirements around fair value and specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company’s market assumptions.

These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices for *identical* instruments in active markets.
- Level 2 Quoted prices for *similar* instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets.
- Level 3 Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

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The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2008 in valuing the Company's investments at fair value:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Financial instruments owned, held at clearing broker	\$ <u>3,227,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Financial instruments sold, not yet purchased	\$ <u>2,486,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Substantially all of the Company's remaining assets and liabilities are carried at fair value or contracted amounts which approximate fair value.

3. INCOME TAXES

The Company is treated as a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes and the results of its operations are included in CGMHI's U.S. federal income tax return. Under income allocation agreements with CGMHI and Citigroup, the Company's U.S. federal, certain state and local income taxes are provided on a separate entity basis and are subject to the utilization of tax attributes in Citigroup's consolidated income tax provision. The results of the Company's operations are also subject to state and local taxation in various jurisdictions in which the Company files income tax returns. As the Company does not have any significant taxable or deductible temporary differences attributed to its business, no deferred tax assets or liabilities have been recognized. At December 31, 2008 the Company has an outstanding payable to the Parent of \$977,045 related to income taxes.

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), which clarifies the accounting for uncertain income tax positions by providing guidance on recognition, derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 became effective on January 1, 2007. In connection with the adoption of FIN 48, the Company identified no material uncertain income tax positions relevant to the jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns. At December 31, 2008, the Company has no significant uncertain income tax positions relevant to the jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns.

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Management and Software Licensing Fees—The Parent and CGMHI provide the Company with administrative, technology and support staff and fund other overhead, occupancy and operating costs, which include compensation of substantially all personnel. Pursuant to agreements with the Parent, the Company pays monthly management and software licensing fees to the Parent. As of December 31, 2008, \$3,795,877 of these fees is included in Due to Parent and affiliates in the statement of financial condition.

Equity Execution Services—The Company provides equity execution services for certain affiliates. These related party transactions are generally conducted at prices equivalent to prices for transactions conducted at arm's length with unrelated third parties. At December 31, 2008, there is an outstanding receivable balance of \$473,872 associated with these services.

Execution Costs—The Company receives trading rebates from and pays access fees to an affiliate in the normal course of routing order flow. As of December 31, 2008, \$278,449 of these rebates is included in accounts receivable in the statement of financial condition.

Intercompany Note— In 2008, the Company entered into a promissory note agreement to borrow up to a maximum of \$500,000,000 from Citigroup Financial Products, Inc (“CFPI”). The Company borrowed and repaid a total of \$8,000,000 in principal under the note during November and December 2008. The note bears interest at a rate of 2.71% per annum. At December 31, 2008 there are no outstanding balances under the note.

5. DUE FROM CLEARING BROKER

The Company clears all principal and broker-dealer client transactions through its clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. The amount due from clearing broker relates primarily to principal trading activity.

6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule (“Rule 15c3-1”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. At December 31, 2008, the Company had net capital of \$64,000,139, which was \$63,750,139 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000.

The Company has signed a proprietary accounts of introducing brokers (“PAIB”) agreement with its clearing broker, so as to enable it to include certain assets as allowable assets in its net capital computation.

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK

In connection with its trading activities, the Company enters into transactions in a variety of securities. These financial instruments may have market risk and/or credit risk in excess of the amounts recorded in the statement of financial condition.

The Company has sold securities it does not currently own and will therefore be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has recorded these obligations in the statement of financial condition, at market values of the related securities and will incur a loss if the market value of the securities increases subsequent to December 31, 2008.

In addition, exposure to market risk is influenced by a number of factors, including the relationships between financial instruments and the volatility and liquidity in the markets in which the financial instruments are traded. In many cases, the use of financial instruments serves to mitigate market risk associated with other transactions and, accordingly, serves to decrease the Company's overall exposure to market risk. The Company attempts to manage its exposure to market risk arising from the use of these financial instruments through various analytical and systematic monitoring techniques.

Credit risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with counterparty nonperformance is limited to the current cost to replace all contracts in which the Company has a gain. The Company manages this risk by maintaining very short term proprietary trading strategies.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Contingencies - In the normal course of its business, the Company is subject to inquiries and audits by various regulatory authorities. As a regulated entity, the Company may be subject to disciplinary actions as a result of current or future examinations which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity over and above any previously accrued amounts.

The Company is a defendant in a claim seeking damages of approximately \$1,000,000 through the FINRA dispute resolution process. The Company will cooperate fully with FINRA in the mediation process and intends to vigorously defend against this claim. The Company believes that this matter will be resolved without a material impact on its financial position or operations.

AUTOMATED TRADING DESK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

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Risks and Uncertainties - The Company generates a majority of its revenues by providing order execution for its broker-dealer clients. Revenues for these services are transaction based. As a result, the Company's revenues could fluctuate significantly based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the volume of the Company's market making activities, volatility in the securities markets, technological changes and events and clearing costs.

Concentrations - The Company considers significant clients to be clients who account for 10% or more of principal transactions revenue. In 2008, no client individually accounted for greater than 10% of the Company's total principal transactions revenue.



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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5

To the Member of Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Automated Trading Desk Financial Services, LLC (the Company) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, 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 and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included 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 debits 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 and the recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 2 Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal 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 that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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 and 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 deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and 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, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2008, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Member, management, the SEC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in regulation of registered broker-dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

KPMG LLP

February 25, 2009