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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 January 1, 2009 AND ENDING December 31, 2009  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

**Merlin Securities, LLC**

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FIRM ID NO.

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

**101 California Street, Suite 3050**

<b>San Francisco</b>	(No. and Street) <b>CA</b>	<b>94111</b>
(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)

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

**John D. Hiestand**

**(415) 848-0270**

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**Harb, Levy & Weiland LLP**

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

<b>One Market, Landmark, Suite 620</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>94105</b>
(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 D. Hiestand**, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertain to the firm of **Merlin Securities, LLC**, as of **December 31, 2009**, and 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:

  
Signature  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
Title

State of California  
County of San Francisco

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2010

*See attached notary certificate*

Notary Public

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

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Members' Equity.
- (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 control required by SEC Rule 17a-5.
- (p) Independent auditor's report on internal control required by SEC Rule 17a-5 for a Broker-Dealer claiming exemption from SEC Rule 15c3-3.

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Signature of Document Signer No. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Document Signer No. 2 (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

State of California

County of San Francisco

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this

23 day of February, 2010, by  
Date Month Year

(1) John Hiestand,  
Name of Signer

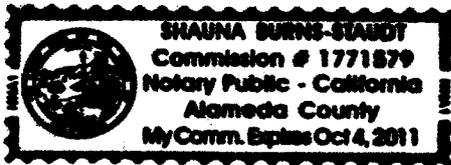
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(and

(2) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Name of Signer

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me.)

Signature SBSTA  
Signature of Notary Public



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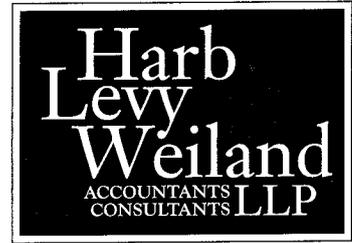
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MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009



Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Member  
Merlin Securities, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Merlin Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009. 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 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 statement of financial condition 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 Merlin Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Harb, Levy & Weiland LLP*

San Francisco, California  
February 22, 2010

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MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2009

***Assets***

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,062,818
Due from clearing brokers	1,968,111
Accounts receivable, net	176,844
Deposits with clearing brokers	2,053,012
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>520,447</u>
<b><i>Total assets</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,781,232</u></b>

***Liabilities and Member's Equity***

***Liabilities***

Accounts payable	\$ 596,906
Commissions and bonuses payable	4,400,139
Due to customers	2,387,168
Accrued expenses	2,696,942
Due to parent	<u>927,114</u>
<b><i>Total liabilities</i></b>	<b>11,008,269</b>

Member's equity	<u>16,772,963</u>
<b><i>Total liabilities and member's equity</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 27,781,232</u></b>

***See Accompanying Notes to Statement of Financial Condition***

MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2009

1. Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Business

Merlin Securities, LLC (the "Company") is a Delaware limited liability company formed on April 1, 2004. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Merlin Group Holdings, LLC (the "Parent").

The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as a fully disclosed securities broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and National Futures Association ("NFA"). The Company is subject to various governmental rules and regulations including the Net Capital Rule set forth in Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company has been approved by FINRA to act as a broker or dealer in securities to execute transactions in corporate equity securities on listed and over-the counter markets, government and corporate debt securities, options on securities, futures on securities, private placements of securities, and rebate a portion of commissions to customers and/or their creditors. The Company does not trade for its own account.

The Company is an introducing broker-dealer that provides securities and derivatives trading and various brokerage firm services to hedge funds, corporations, and institutional investors. J.P. Morgan Clearing Corp., Goldman Sachs Execution and Clearing Services, L.P., and Northern Trust Corporation (collectively, the "Clearing Brokers") are custodians who provide custody and/or clearing services to the Company.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents.

Due from Clearing Brokers

Pursuant to the clearance agreements with the Clearing Brokers, the Company introduces all of its customer securities to the Clearing Brokers on a fully-disclosed basis. The amount due from Clearing Brokers represents the net amount due from the brokers primarily for commissions. Withdrawal of cash deposits may be restricted from time-to-time due to unsettled trades or short stock sales. In the normal course of business, the balance in the trading account reflects net amounts due from the Clearing Brokers.

MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
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1. Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Accounts Receivable, net

Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. To the extent deemed necessary, the Company maintains an allowance for estimated losses from the inability of clients to make required payments. The collectability of outstanding invoices is continually assessed. In estimating the allowance, the Company considers factors such as historical collections, a client's current creditworthiness, age of the receivable balance and general economic conditions that may affect a client's ability to pay.

Due to Parent

The Parent incurs expenditures on behalf of the Company, which are reflected as expenses on the books of the Company. Amounts due to Parent represent amounts owed to the Parent by the Company as reimbursement for such expenses paid and liabilities incurred by the Parent as of December 31, 2009.

Federal and State Income Taxes

No provision for federal or state income taxes has been made since the Company is treated as a single member limited liability corporation for income tax purposes and its income is allocated to the Parent for inclusion in the Parent's income tax returns. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to examination by tax authorities for years before 2005.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments, which include cash deposited with the Company's Clearing Brokers, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other accrued expenses, approximate their fair values.

MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2009

1. Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America that require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Such estimates and assumptions could change in the future as more information becomes known, which could impact the amounts reported and disclosed herein.

2. Financial Instruments, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Credit Risk

Financial Instruments and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not trade securities for its own account and has not entered into any transactions involving financial instruments, such as financial futures, forward contracts, options, swaps or derivatives that would expose the Company to significant related off-balance sheet risk. The Company was not a party to any off-balance sheet arrangements during 2009. In particular, the Company does not have any interest in so-called limited purpose entities, which include special purpose entities and structured finance entities.

Credit Risk

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts, and it believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on these cash accounts.

Cash held by the Clearing Brokers is insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation and by supplemental insurance provided by the brokers. Such insurance protects against loss due to failure of the Clearing Brokers, but not loss due to unfavorable changes in the fair value of securities. Management does not believe the Company is exposed to undue risk of loss thereon.

MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
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2. Financial Instruments, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Credit Risk (continued)

The Company functions as an introducing broker that places and executes customer orders. The orders are then settled by unrelated Clearing Brokers that maintain custody of customers' securities and provide financing to customers. Through indemnification provisions in agreements with Clearing Brokers, customer activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet credit risk. Financial instruments may have to be purchased or sold at prevailing market prices in the event a customer fails to settle a trade on its original terms or in the event cash and securities in customer margin accounts are not sufficient to fully cover customer obligations. The Company seeks to control the risks associated with customer activities through customer screening and selection procedures as well as through requirements on customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulations and clearing organization policies.

The Company is also exposed to credit risk as it relates to the collection of receivables from third parties.

3. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is a broker-dealer subject to Rule 15c3-1 of the SEC, which specifies uniform minimum net capital requirements, as defined, for their registrants. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had regulatory net capital, as defined, of \$16,075,672, which exceeded the amount required by \$15,341,787. The Company's aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was 0.68 to 1.

4. Related Party Transactions

The Company is party to an expense sharing agreement with the Parent. This agreement allows the Parent to provide certain services to the Company and for certain direct and indirect expenses to be allocated to the Company and net settled on a monthly basis.

MERLIN SECURITIES, LLC  
Notes to Statement of Financial Condition  
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5. Commitments

The following is a table summarizing significant commitments as of December 31, 2009, consisting of future minimum lease payments under all non-cancelable operating leases for market data services with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year.

	<b>Operating Leases</b>
2010	\$ 207,480
2011	67,800
2012	6,000
	<u>\$ 281,280</u>

6. Subsequent Events

Management evaluated subsequent events through February 22, 2010, the date these financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required disclosure in these financial statements.