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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01-01-2010 AND ENDING 12-31-2010 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: The Baker Group LP

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

1601 NW Expressway, Suite 2000

(No. and Street)

Oklahoma City

(City)

Oklahoma

(State)

73118

(Zip Code)

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

Kathryn Wilson, CFO

405-415-7272

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

BKD, LLP

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

211 N Robinson, Suite 600

(Address)

Oklahoma City

(City)

Oklahoma

(State)

73102

(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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Accountants' Report and Financial Statement

December 31, 2010

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**BKD**<sub>LLP</sub>  
CPAs & Advisors

State of Oklahoma     )  
                                  ) ss:  
County of Oklahoma    )

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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I, Douglas W. McQueen, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statements and supplementary schedules pertaining to the firm of The Baker Group LP as of December 31, 2010, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither The Baker Group LP nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

  
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Notary Public   #03010500  
Commission expires on 8-4-11

  
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Douglas W. McQueen  
Chairman and President



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**The Baker Group LP**  
**December 31, 2010**

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors  
The Baker Group LP  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the accompanying statement of financial condition of The Baker Group LP as of December 31, 2010, and the related statement of income (not presented herein), changes in partners' capital (not presented herein) and cash flows (not presented herein) for the year then ended that the Partnership is filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and in our report dated February 18, 2011, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial information set forth in the accompanying condensed financial statement is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements from which it has been derived.

*BKD, LLP*

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 18, 2011

**The Baker Group LP**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**December 31, 2010**

**Assets**

Cash	\$ 247,496
Federal funds sold	<u>1,390,000</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,637,496
Cash and securities segregated under federal and other regulations (cash of \$35,000 and securities with a fair value of \$443,425)	478,425
Receivables from brokers and dealers	4,261,183
Receivables from customers	11,995,606
Securities owned, at fair value	12,455,787
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,193,438	232,561
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	433,382
Other assets	<u>400,022</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 31,894,462</u></u>

**Liabilities and Partners' Capital**

Due to broker	\$ 580,013
Payables to customers	2,205,608
Distributions payable to partners	981,253
Accrued liabilities	<u>7,589,614</u>
Total liabilities	<u>11,356,488</u>
Partners' capital	
General partner	8,787,571
Limited partners	<u>11,750,403</u>
Total partners' capital	<u>20,537,974</u>
Total liabilities and partners' capital	<u><u>\$ 31,894,462</u></u>

# The Baker Group LP

## Notes to Financial Statement

### December 31, 2010

#### **Note 1: Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies**

##### ***Nature of Operations***

The Baker Group LP (the Partnership) is registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act) as a general securities broker and dealer.

The Partnership provides broker-dealer services for its clients, which consist predominately of community banks located in approximately 36 states. The Partnership engages in consulting and investment advisory functions in addition to its broker-dealer operations.

The Partnership consists of a general partner, James Baker Group, Inc. (JBG), and Class A and Class B limited partners. The Class A limited partner, which holds a voting interest in the Partnership, is comprised solely of The Baker Group Software Solutions, Inc. (BGSSI). The Class B limited partners have nonvoting interests; and the interests are issued in three series, the Class B Series I interests, the Class B Series II interests and the Class B Series III interests. The Class B Series I partners may be comprised of state banking associations, and the Class B Series II and III partners are individuals, some of whom also own JBG and BGSSI. Class B Series II and Class B Series III limited partners may withdraw capital upon written notice after the capital has been held for one year. Capital contributions by partners are made on a discretionary basis. Any dilution as a result of these discretionary contributions may be avoided at the option of the diluted partner(s) through additional contributions. Class B Series II and Class B Series III limited partnership shares are subject to mandatory redemption by the Partnership within 30 and 10 days written notice, respectively. At December 31, 2010, \$6,750,000 and \$1,600,000, respectively, were available to Class B Series II and Class B Series III limited partners for mandatory redemption.

Net income of the Partnership is allocated as follows:

- Class A limited partner interest receives the sum of an amount equal to the federal long-term rate, as defined, multiplied by its weighted-average balance of its capital contribution account.
- Class B Series I interests receive an amount equal to the federal short-term rate multiplied by the applicable weighted-average balance outstanding during the period and an amount equal to a percentage of the business derived by the Partnership from members of each respective state banking association, as defined.
- Class B Series II interests receive a rate, as determined by the general partner, which was 6.0% for the year ended December 31, 2010, 6.0% multiplied by the average daily capital balance during the calendar quarter of the fiscal year.
- Class B Series III interests receive an amount at the discretion of the general partner.
- Thereafter to the general partner.

The accompanying financial statement does not contain a statement of changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors as required by Rule 17a-5 of the Act, as no such liabilities existed at December 31, 2010, or during the year then ended.

# **The Baker Group LP**

## **Notes to Financial Statement**

### **December 31, 2010**

#### ***Use of Estimates***

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

#### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Partnership considers all liquid marketable securities with an original maturity of less than three months to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2010, cash equivalents include cash on hand and federal funds sold. Generally, federal funds are purchased and sold for one-day periods.

Effective July 21, 2010, the FDIC's insurance limits were permanently increased to \$250,000. At December 31, 2010, the Partnership's noninterest-bearing cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately \$627,000.

Pursuant to legislation enacted in 2010, the FDIC will fully insure all noninterest-bearing transaction accounts beginning December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2012, at all FDIC-insured institutions.

#### ***Securities Owned***

Securities transactions are recorded on the trade date, as if they had settled. Securities owned are valued at fair value in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, with the resulting difference between cost and fair value included in income for the period. The valuation of securities often requires judgments and estimates. The valuation is as of a specific date and such values may change significantly due to changes in interest rates, the credit quality of the issuer of the security or other market factors.

#### ***Public Finance Fees, Commissions and Investment Advisory Fees***

Public finance and investment advisory fees are earned in accordance with contract terms or as trades are executed. Revenue is recognized when earned.

Commissions and related clearing expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur.

#### ***Depreciation***

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from three to five years.

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***Income Taxes***

The Partnership is not directly subject to income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state laws. Therefore, taxable income or loss is reported to the individual partners for inclusion in their respective tax returns, and no provision for federal and state income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statement. The Partnership is no longer subject to federal or state income tax examinations by taxing authorities before 2007.

***Subsequent Events***

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 18, 2010, which was the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 2: Cash and Securities Segregated Under Federal and Other Regulations**

Cash of \$35,000 and qualified securities with a fair value of \$443,425 as of December 31, 2010, are segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of customers pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 under the Act.

**Note 3: Receivables From Brokers and Dealers**

Accounts receivable from brokers and dealers consist of securities trades that failed to deliver at December 31, 2010, of \$4,261,183.

**Note 4: Payable to Clearing Bank**

The Partnership clears certain of its securities transactions through a clearing bank. The amount payable to The Bank of New York Mellon (the Clearing Bank) at December 31, 2010, was \$516,174 and relates to these securities transactions and is collateralized by securities owned by the Partnership.

**Note 5: Receivables From and Payables to Customers**

Receivables from and payables to customers include amounts due on securities transactions. Securities owned by customers are held as collateral for receivables. Such collateral is not reflected in the accompanying financial statement.

**Note 6: Related-Party Transactions**

The Partnership pays all expenses directly related to broker-dealer activities. The general partner pays all other expenses on behalf of the Partnership, including, but not limited to, compensation and benefits of certain employees, rent and certain general and administrative expenses. These expenses are allocated to the Partnership based on the percentage directly related to the operation of the broker-dealer, and the general partner was reimbursed for these costs; therefore, these costs are included in the accompanying financial statement. An amount due to the general partner at December 31, 2010, was approximately \$356,000.

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**Note 7: Profit Sharing Plan**

The Partnership has a 401(k) profit sharing plan covering substantially all employees. The Partnership's contributions to the plan are determined annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors. For the year ended December 31, 2010, management has accrued contributions to the plan of approximately \$1,307,000.

**Note 8: Net Capital Requirements**

The Partnership is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1) under the Act, which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital. Rule 15c3-1 also limits the amount of capital withdrawals that can be made within any 30-day period without notification and/or approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Partnership has elected to use the alternative method permitted by Rule 15c3-1, which requires the Partnership to maintain minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit balances arising from customer transactions, as defined. At December 31, 2010, the Partnership had net capital of \$19,628,407, which was 507% of aggregate debit balances and \$19,378,407 in excess of its required net capital.

The Partnership had no customers' fully paid or excess margin securities at December 31, 2010, which were not in the Partnership's possession or control as specified under Rule 15c3-3 of the Act.

**Note 9: Disclosures About Fair Value of Assets**

ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 also specifies a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. ASC 820 describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statement of financial position, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

***Securities Owned and Securities Segregated Under Federal and Other Regulations***

If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. Level 2 securities include mortgage-backed securities – government-sponsored enterprises. The inputs for determining fair value on Level 2 investments are quoted prices for similar assets.

	<b>Fair Value Measurements Using</b>			
	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
<b>Securities Segregated Under Federal and Other Regulations</b>				
Mortgage-backed securities – government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 443,425	\$ -	\$ 443,425	\$ -
<b>Securities Owned</b>				
Mortgage-backed securities – government-sponsored enterprises	\$ 12,455,787	\$ -	\$ 12,455,787	\$ -

For all financial instruments not previously described, their carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value due to their short-term nature. Because no market exists for certain of these financial instruments and because management does not intend to sell these financial instruments, the Partnership does not know whether the fair values reported herein represent values at which the respective financial instruments could be sold individually or in the aggregate.

**Note 10: Significant Estimates, Commitments and Credit Risk**

***Current Economic Conditions***

The current protracted economic decline continues to present brokers-dealers with difficult circumstances and challenges, which in some cases have resulted in credit quality issues, declines in the fair values of securities and other assets and constraints on liquidity and capital. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using values and information currently available to the Partnership.

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Given the volatility of current economic conditions, the values of assets and liabilities recorded in the accompanying financial statement could change rapidly, resulting in future adjustments in asset values and capital.

***Lending Commitments***

The Partnership has an open line of credit with the Clearing Bank, which is used to finance the clearance of securities and securities purchased for the Partnership's account. Borrowings under the line of credit are collateralized by securities, which are pledged to secure the line of credit. Cash advances made by the Clearing Bank in excess of cash balances maintained by the Partnership at the Clearing Bank bear interest at a rate determined by the Clearing Bank, but not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law (1.75% at December 31, 2010) and are payable on demand. As of December 31, 2010, there were no advances outstanding.

***Credit Risk***

The Partnership is subject to market and credit risk in connection with securities transactions. The Partnership is, therefore, exposed to risk of loss on these transactions in the event of the customers' or brokers' inability to meet the terms of their contracts, in which case the Partnership may have to purchase or sell securities at prevailing market prices which may not be sufficient to liquidate the contractual obligation. The Partnership controls this risk by monitoring the market value of securities pledged on a daily basis and by requiring adjustments of collateral levels in the event of excess market exposure. In addition, the Partnership establishes credit limits for such activities and monitors compliance on a daily basis.