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# ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT FORM X-17A-5 PART III

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403 Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder AND ENDING 12/31/11 REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/11 MM/DD/YY A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: TMT Investments, LLC OFFICIAL USE ONLY ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) FIRM I.D. NO. 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2900 (No. and Street) 60604 Chicago IL (State) (City) (Zip Code) NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT (Area Code - Telephone Number) **B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION** INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\* Blackman Kallick, LLP (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name) 10 South Riverside Plaza Illinois Chicago 60606 (Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code) **CHECK ONE:** ☑ Certified Public Accountant ☐ Public Accountant ☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Michael Palumbo	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying finance TMT investments, LLC	ial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of December 31	2011, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, p classified solely as that of a customer, except as fo	rincipal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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<ul> <li>□ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and consolidation.</li> <li>□ (I) An Oath or Affirmation.</li> <li>□ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.</li> </ul>	es found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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

Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2011

Year Ended December 31, 2011



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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Managing Member TMT Investments, LLC Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of TMT investments, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2011, that the Company is 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 examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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 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 TMT Investments, LLC as of December 31, 2011, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Blackman Kallick, LLP

February 23, 2012

Year Ended December 31, 2011



**Statement of Financial Condition** 

Statement of Financial Condition *December 31, 2011* 



#### **Assets**

Assets				
Cash	\$ 62,055			
Securities owned, at fair value	241,525,555			
Leasehold improvements (Net of accumulated amortization of \$3,003)	32,580			
Other	160,000			
	\$ 241,780,190			
<u> Liabilities and Members' Capital</u>				
Liabilities				
Payable to broker-dealer, net	\$ 78,856,558			
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	147,087,077			
	225,943,635			
Members' Capital	15,836,555			
	\$ 241,780,190			

#### **Notes to Statement of Financial Condition**



#### **Note 1 - Industry Operations**

TMT Investments, LLC (the Company) was formed on February 13, 2007, and commenced operations on April 4, 2008. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's primary business operation is conducting proprietary trading of securities and equity options. The Company's principal operations are located in Chicago, Illinois. The Company's securities transactions are cleared through Goldman Sachs Execution & Clearing, L.P. (Goldman). The Company's designated self-regulatory organization is the Chicago Board of Options Exchange.

The Company is not exempt from Rule 15c3-3; however, it does not transact business in securities with or for customers and it does not carry margin accounts, credit balances or securities for any person defined as a customer under Rule 17a-5(c)(4).

#### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAPUSA) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

Effective January 1, 2011, the Company adopted new guidance that requires the reconciliation of changes in Level 3 fair value measurements to present purchases, sales and settlements separately on a gross basis rather than as a net amount. The adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial statements.

#### Securities Owned and Securities Sold, not yet Purchased

Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased are presented in the financial statements at fair value. Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange, or reported on the NASDAQ national market, are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation; other securities traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sale was reported on that date are stated at the last quoted bid price, except for short sales positions and call options written, for which the last quoted asked price is used.

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#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is a limited liability company and is not subject to federal income tax. The Company's members are individually required to file federal and state income tax returns recognizing their allocable portion of the Company's taxable income.

The Company's application of GAAPUSA regarding uncertain tax positions had no effect on its financial position as management believes the Company has no material unrecognized income tax benefits. The Company would account for any potential interest or penalties related to possible future liabilities for unrecognized income tax benefits as income tax expense. The Company is no longer subject to examination by tax authorities for federal, state or local income taxes for periods before 2008.

#### Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

GAAPUSA 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 in the principal market or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market accessible to the reporting entity as of the measurement date. The principal market is the market in which the reporting entity would sell the asset or transfer the liability with the greatest volume and level of activity. The most advantageous market, which may be a hypothetical market, is the market in which the reporting entity would sell the asset or transfer the liability with the price that maximizes the amount that would be received for the asset or minimizes the amount that would be paid to transfer the liability, considering transaction costs in the respective market.

GAAPUSA describes three approaches to measuring fair value: the market approach, the income approach and the cost approach. Each approach includes multiple valuation techniques. GAAPUSA does not prescribe which valuation technique should be used when measuring fair value, but does establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used in applying the various techniques based on the degree to which such inputs are observable to market participants. Inputs broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make pricing decisions, including assumptions about risk.

The Company's investments are classified in one of the following three categories based upon the inputs used to determine their respective fair values.

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2 Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data. These inputs may include quoted prices in a market that is not active.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by market data. These inputs
  reflect management's best estimate of fair value using its own assumptions about the
  assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

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#### Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

When the inputs used to value an investment fall into more than one level, the investment is classified in its entirety based on the lowest level input that is significant to that investment's fair value measurement. Management's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and is dependent on factors specific to the investment.

The Company primarily seeks to exploit marketplace opportunities through the trading of equity securities and options of publicly-traded companies domiciled in the United States of America, without any particular industry focus. Substantially all of the Company's equity securities and options were valued at the closing prices reported on a national securities exchange as of December 31, 2011.

The following table summarizes by level within the fair value hierarchy the Company's investments as of December 31, 2011:

	(Level 1)	(Le	evel 2)	(Le	evel 3)	 Total
Assets Securities owned Equity securities Listed equity options	\$ 178,221,601 63,303,954	\$	- -	\$	-	\$ 178,221,601 63,303,954
	\$ 241,525,555	\$	•	\$		\$ 241,525,555
Liabilities Securities sold, not yet purchased Equity securities Listed equity options	\$ 95,949,710 51,137,367	\$	<i>-</i>	\$	- -	\$ 95,949,710 51,137,367
	\$ 147,087,077	\$		\$		\$ 147,087,077

#### Note 4 - Payable to Broker-Dealer

The net amount payable to broker-dealer as of December 31, 2011, consists of the following:

Payable to broker-dealer	\$ (78,900,019)
Dividend receivable	53,389
Other	(9,928)
	\$ (78,856,558)

Securities owned collateralize amounts payable to the clearing broker and securities sold, not yet purchased.

**Notes to Statement of Financial Condition** 



#### Note 5 - Derivative Instruments

The Company's derivative activities are the trading of equity options. These derivative contracts are recorded on the statement of financial condition as assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The Company does not consider any derivative instruments to be hedging instruments, as those terms are generally understood.

As of December 31, 2011 and for the year then ended, the Company's derivative activities had the following impact on the statement of financial condition:

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Securities owned Equity options

\$ 63,303,954

Securities sold, not yet purchased Equity options

\$ (51,137,367)

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the monthly average number of derivative contracts bought and sold was approximately 150,000 contracts per month.

#### Note 6 - Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions in financial instruments with varying degrees of market and credit risk. These financial instruments consist primarily of equity securities, options, warrants and futures contracts. Trading of these financial instruments is conducted on securities and futures exchanges throughout the United States. Settlement of these transactions takes place in the United States through a clearing broker utilized by the Company. These instruments involve elements of market and credit risk that may exceed the amounts reflected in the statement of financial condition.

Various factors affect the market risk of these transactions; among them are the size and composition of the positions held, the absolute and relative levels of interest rates and market volatility. Also, the time period in which options may be exercised, the market value of the underlying instrument and the exercise price affect market risk. The most significant factor influencing the Company's overall exposure to market risk is its use of hedging strategies.

**Notes to Statement of Financial Condition** 



# Note 6 - Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk (Continued)

Equity derivatives held, such as options on common stock, provide the Company with the opportunity to deliver or to take delivery of specified securities at a contracted price. Options written on common stock obligate the Company to deliver or take delivery of securities at a contracted price in the event the option is exercised by the holder and may result in market risk not reflected in the statement of financial condition to the extent that the Company is obligated to purchase or sell the underlying securities in the open market. To minimize these risks, the Company generally holds or sells short the underlying instrument which can be used to settle these transactions.

Securities sold, not yet purchased, represent obligations of the Company to deliver specific securities at the contracted prices and thereby create a liability to purchase the securities in the open market at prevailing prices. These transactions may result in market risk not reflected in the statement of financial condition as the Company's ultimate obligation to satisfy its obligation for trading liabilities may exceed the amount reflected in the statement of financial condition. To minimize this risk, the Company generally holds equity securities which can be used to settle these obligations.

Since the Company does not clear its own securities and futures transactions, it has established accounts with a clearing broker for this purpose. This can and often does result in a concentration of credit risk with this firm. Such risk, however, is mitigated by the clearing broker's obligation to comply with rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

As a securities broker-dealer, a substantial portion of the Company's transactions are collateralized. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with nonperformance in fulfilling contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets which may impair traders' and/or counterparties' abilities to satisfy their obligations to the Company. The Company controls its exposure to credit risk by continually monitoring its traders' positions and, where deemed necessary, the Company may require a deposit of additional collateral and/or a reduction or diversification of positions.

The Company maintains cash at a financial institution which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company monitors such credit risk at the financial institution and has not experienced any losses related to such risks to date.

# Note 7 - Members' Capital

Per the Operating Agreement of the Company, the Members can admit new members into the organization from time to time, in their sole discretion. No member shall be entitled to a return of his capital contribution except upon unanimous consent of the members or the occurrence of other specific events. All withdrawals are subject to and may be delayed on account of federal securities laws and the rules and regulations promulgated there under. Profits shall be allocated among members in accordance with ownership percentages.

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#### **Note 8 - Commitments and Contingencies**

In the normal course of business the Company is subject to various claims, litigation, regulatory and arbitration matters. Because these claims and matters are at different stages, management is unable to predict their outcome.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts and agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide indemnifications under certain circumstances. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. The Company expects the risk of loss or future obligations under these indemnifications to be remote.

#### **Note 9 - Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires 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. The rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had net capital of \$5,458,380, which was \$5,358,380 in excess of its required net capital of \$100,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.00 to 1.

#### Note 10 - Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 23, 2012, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

The Company received contributions totaling \$1,000,000 subsequent to December 31, 2011.