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### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

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	(e)	Statement of Changes in Members' Equity.		
	(f)	Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.		
		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		
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		A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have exist	ed since the date	of the previous audit.
	(0)	Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.		

<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

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

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

To the Member Braver Stern Securities LLC New York, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Braver Stern Securities LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2011 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 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 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 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Braver Stern Securities LLC as of December 31, 2011 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York February 28, 2012

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# Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2011

See Notes to Statement of Financial Condition.

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 45,812
Due From Clearing Brokers (Note 4)	5,930,683
Clearing Deposit	250,000
Securities Owned (Note 3)	7,791
Other Assets	1,388,213
Total assets	\$ 7,622,499
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 1,215,191
Total liabilities	1,215,191
Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees (Note 10)	
Member's Equity	6,407,308
Total liabilities and Member's equity	\$ 7,622,499

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

#### Note 1. Organization

Braver Stern Securities LLC (the "Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Braver, Stern & Co., Inc. (the "Parent"), is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA").

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c-3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of that rule. Essentially, the requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) provide that the Company clear all transactions on behalf of customers on a fully disclosed basis with a clearing broker-dealer and promptly transmit all customer funds and securities to the clearing broker-dealer. The clearing broker-dealer carries all of the accounts of the customers and maintains and preserves all related books and records as are customarily kept by a clearing broker-dealer.

The Company carries no margin accounts and does not hold funds or securities for or owe money or securities to customers.

#### Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

Transactions in securities and the related revenue and expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Unrealized gains and losses are included in net gain from principal transactions in securities on the statement of operations.

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820 ("ASC 820"), Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, defines fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the quality of inputs used to measure fair value, and provides for disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset and paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company utilizes valuation techniques to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- <u>Level 2</u>: Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

Securities owned are valued by management using at least one significant unobservable input in the valuation model. These securities are classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. For the year ended December 31, 2011, there were no significant transfers among levels 1 and 2 during the year.

In addition, ASC 820 requires enhanced disclosure about fair value measurements. The adoption of ASC 820 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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

#### Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In January 2010, the FASB issued an amendment to the guidance on determining fair value which requires new disclosures and reasons for significant transfers of financial assets and liabilities between Levels 1 and 2. This amendment also clarifies that fair value measurement disclosures are required for each class of financial assets and liabilities, and disclosures about inputs and valuation techniques are required for both Level 2 and Level 3 measurements. It further clarifies that the reconciliation of Level 3 measurements should separately present purchases, sales, issuances and settlements instead of netting these changes.

FASB ASC Topic 740 ("ASC 740"), *Income Taxes*, provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, disclosed and presented in the financial statements. This requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more likely than not of being sustained when challenged or when examined by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions deemed not to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax expense and liability in the current year. For the year ended December 31, 2011, management has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions. The Company is not subject to examination by U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for tax years before 2008.

The Company prepares its financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require the use of estimates by management. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Note 3. Fair Value Measurements

Financial instruments classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy represents the Company's investments in financial instruments in which management has used at least one significant unobservable input in the valuation. Prices are based on quoted prices for securities with similar coupons, ratings, and maturities, rather than on specific bids and offers for the designated security. The following table presents a reconciliation of activity for the Level 3 financial instruments.

Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 19,368,673
Realized gains (losses) on investments	2,156,216
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	499,487
Sale of investment securities	(21,017,611)
Balance, December, 31, 2011	\$ 1,006,765

#### Note 4. Due From Clearing Brokers

The Company conducts business with two clearing brokers on behalf of its customers and for its own proprietary accounts. The Company earns commissions as an introducing broker for the transactions of its customers. The clearing and depository operations for the Company's customer accounts and proprietary transactions are performed by its clearing brokers pursuant to the clearance agreements.

In the normal course of business, customers may sell securities short. Subsequent market fluctuations may require the clearing broker(s) to obtain additional collateral from the Company's customers. It is the policy of the clearing broker to value the short positions daily and to obtain additional deposits where deemed appropriate.

#### Note 5. Related Party

The Company rents its main office space in New York from its Parent company on a month-to-month basis for \$64,827 per month.

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

#### Note 6. Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Credit Risk

In the normal course of business, securities transactions of customers are introduced to and cleared through a clearing broker. Pursuant to an agreement between the Company and its clearing brokers, the clearing brokers have the right to charge the Company for unsecured losses that result from a customer's failure to complete such transactions.

The Company has a policy of reviewing, as considered necessary, the credit standing of the customers, the clearing brokers and financial institutions with which it conducts business.

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

#### Note 7. Net Capital Requirement

As a registered broker-dealer and member organization of FINRA, the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 of the SEC (the "Rule"). The Company computes its net capital under the alternative method permitted by the Rule, which requires that the broker-dealer maintain minimum net capital of \$250,000. At December 31, 2011, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$4,899,051, which exceeded the requirement by \$4,649,051.

#### Note 8. Income Taxes

No provision for income taxes has been made as the Company is treated as a disregarded entity for federal, state and local income tax purposes. As such, the Company is not liable for any income tax payments and files consolidated tax returns with the Parent. The income tax allocated to the Company, by agreement with the Parent, may not exceed what the Company's tax would have been if the Company were not part of the Parent's income tax returns (separate return basis). The provision for income taxes consists of taxes due to New York City, New York State, California, Illinois, Virginia, Tennessee and Massachusetts.

#### Note 9. Pension Plan

The Company established an employee investment savings plan that qualifies under Sections 401(k) and 401(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") covering eligible employees. At its discretion, the Company may contribute amounts ranging from 0% to 25% of employee contributions subject to the Code's limitation. No contributions were made by the Company during the audit period.

#### Note 10. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees

The Company is committed under a noncancelable operating lease agreement for its office space in Chicago, Illinois expiring on August 31, 2013. The lease contains a provision for escalating annual rents of 2.9% and 2.8%, respectively.

The minimum future lease payments under the lease is as follows:

#### Year ending December 31,

2012	\$ 121,398
2013	82,909
	\$ 204,307

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

#### Note 10. Commitments, Contingencies and Guarantees (Continued)

The Company has obtained a letter of credit on behalf of its Parent company in the amount of \$1,012,536 as a security deposit for the Company's main office facilities to satisfy certain terms of the Parent's lease agreement with the landlord. This letter of credit was fully cash collateralized by the Company as of December 31, 2011.

#### Note 11. Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts 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 future obligation under these indemnifications to be remote.

#### Note 12. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through the date these financial statements were issued.