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## **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I, Christopher Bugg, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Buttonwood Partners, Inc., as of September 30, 2012, 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.

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- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (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.
- (1) 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

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Statement of Financial Condition September 30, 2012

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

To the Board of Directors Buttonwood Partners, Inc. Madison, Wisconsin

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Buttonwood Partners, Inc. (the Company) as of September 30, 2012 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 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 Buttonwood Partners, Inc. as of September 30, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

McGladrey LCP

Chicago, Illinois November 19, 2012

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# Statement of Financial Condition September 30, 2012

Assets Cash	\$	94,443
Commissions receivable	φ	94,443 64,836
Deposit with clearing broker-dealer		50,000
Furniture and equipment, at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$155,975		43,969
Other assets		27,186
		27,100
Total assets	\$	280,434
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$	68,828
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities		9,190
Total liabilities		78,018
Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 4, 5 and 7)		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, \$1 par value; 56,000 shares authorized;		
1,800 shares issued and outstanding		1,800
Additional paid-in capital		178,200
Retained earnings		22,416
Total stockholders' equity		202,416
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	280,434

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

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

## Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

**Organization and nature of business**: Buttonwood Partners, Inc. (the Company) is a Wisconsin corporation formed on March 7, 1990, for the purpose of conducting business as a registered broker-dealer in securities and as a registered investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company has an office in Madison, Wisconsin, and serves primarily individual customers in the Midwest.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of the Rule. 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. 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.

A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies follows:

**Accounting policies**: The Company follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the FASB), to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition.

**Use of estimates**: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash**: Cash includes interest-bearing demand deposits with banks and overnight money market accounts.

**Furniture and equipment**: Furniture and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

**Income taxes**: Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of change in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

## Note 1. Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The FASB 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 not deemed 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 September 30, 2012, management has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions, and accordingly, has not recorded a liability for the payment of interest or penalties.

The Company is generally not subject to examination by U.S. federal and state tax authorities for tax years before 2009.

**Subsequent events**: The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through the date these financial statements were issued, noting none.

## Note 2. Deposit with Clearing Broker-Dealer

In accordance with the agreement with its clearing broker, National Financial Services, LLC (NFS), the Company maintains a cash deposit with NFS in the amount of \$50,000. The Company is dependent on NFS for the everyday processing of customer transactions as required under the provisions of paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Note 3. Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment consisted of the following at September 30, 2012:

Office equipment	\$ 43,738
Furniture and fixtures	146,408
Artwork	 9,798
	 199,944
Less accumulated depreciation	155,975
	\$ 43,969

#### Note 4. Commitments

The Company leases its Madison, Wisconsin, office space under an operating lease that expires May 14, 2014. The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

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\$ 129,114
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## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

## Note 5. Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

Customer transactions are introduced to and cleared through the Company's clearing broker, NFS, on a fully disclosed basis. Under the terms of its clearing agreement, the Company is required to guarantee the performance of its customers in meeting contracted obligations. Such transactions may expose the Company to significant off-balance-sheet risk in the event margin requirements are not sufficient to fully cover losses that customers may incur. In the event the customer fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices to fulfill the customer's obligations. In conjunction with the clearing broker, the Company seeks to control the risks associated with its customer activities by requiring customers to maintain collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. Compliance with the various guidelines is monitored daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, the customers may be required to deposit additional collateral or reduce positions where necessary.

The Company does not anticipate nonperformance by customers or its clearing broker. In addition, the Company has a policy of reviewing, as considered necessary, the clearing broker with which it conducts business.

The Company's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash. The Company maintains its cash accounts with one financial institution. The total cash balances of the Company are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 per depositor, per bank. The Company held cash throughout the year which, at times, exceeded the balance insured by the FDIC. The Company monitors such credit risk and has not experienced any losses related to such risks.

## Note 6. Employee Benefit Plan

The Company provides a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (the Plan) with a salary reduction option for its employees. Under the Plan, employees must be at least 21 years of age and have worked for the Company for at least six months to be eligible to participate. Each eligible employee may defer up to 25 percent of their compensation, not to exceed the annual exclusion limit. The Company makes a contribution of 6 percent of each eligible employee's compensation.

## Note 7. 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 8. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of a minimum amount of net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At September 30, 2012, the Company had net capital of \$131,261, which was \$81,261 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital of \$121,261, which was \$81,261 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000.