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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/12 AND ENDING 12/31/12
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A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Ascendant Capital Markets, LLC

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18881 Von Karman, 16th Floor

(No. and Street)

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(City)

CA

(State)

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Michael O. Brown

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Spicer Jeffries LLP

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

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(Address)

Greenwood Village

(City)

CO

(State)

80111

(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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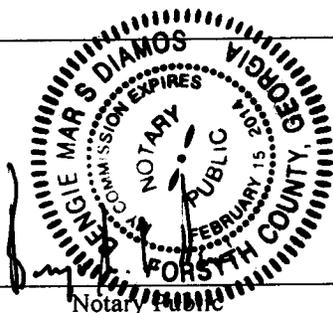
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Michael O. Brown, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Ascendant Capital Markets, LLC, as of December 31, 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, except as follows:

NONE



Michael O. Brown
Signature
Financial Principal
Title

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

- (a) Facing Page.
(b) Statement of Financial Condition.
(c) Statement of Income (Loss).
(d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity of Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
(f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital (including reconciliation of X-17A-5 Part II filing with this Rule 17a-5(d) report, if applicable).
(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 15c3-3 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) Independant Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.

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

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012



SPICER JEFFRIES LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012

The report is filed in accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Member of
Ascendant Capital Markets, LLC

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Ascendant Capital Markets, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012 that is filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

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 financial statement that is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ascendant Capital Markets, LLC as of December 31, 2012 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Spicer Jeffries LLP

Greenwood Village, Colorado
February 12, 2013



ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS

Cash	\$	61,833
Due from clearing broker		1,575,551
Securities owned, at fair value		1,154,266
Deposit with clearing broker		100,000
Commissions receivable		138,145
Other receivables		207,921
Other assets		<u>29,664</u>
	\$	<u>3,267,380</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	375,942
Commissions and salaries payable		249,494
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value		94,155
Due to clearing broker		<u>1,597,374</u>
<i>Total liabilities</i>		2,316,965

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 3 and 5)

MEMBER'S EQUITY (Note 2)		<u>950,415</u>
	\$	<u>3,267,380</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Business

Ascendant Capital Markets, LLC (the "Company") is a single member limited liability company and was organized in the State of Nevada on January 4, 2010. The Company was approved on February 28, 2011 to operate as a securities broker-dealer and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company earns revenues from proprietary trading and the sale of securities on a fully disclosed basis. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ascendant Capital Partners, LLC ("Parent").

Clearing Agreement

The Company, under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), is exempt from both the customer reserve requirement and the possession and control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not carry or clear customer accounts. Accordingly, all customer transactions are executed and cleared on behalf of the Company by its clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's agreements with its clearing brokers provides that as clearing broker, that firm will make and keep such records of the transactions effected and cleared in the customer accounts as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker pursuant to the requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). It also performs all services customarily incident thereon, including the preparation and distribution of customer's confirmation and statements and maintenance margin requirements under the Act and the rules of the Self Regulatory Organizations of which the Company is a member.

Securities Valuation and Revenue Recognition

The Company records proprietary transactions, commission revenue and related expenses on a trade-date basis. Interest and dividend income are recognized in the period earned.

The Company values its securities in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820 - Fair Value Measurements ("ASC 820"). Under ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumption about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Securities Valuation and Revenue Recognition (continued)

Level 1 - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and blockage discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these securities does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 - Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined by the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The Company uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including during periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

The Company values investments in securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased based on quoted prices in active markets. These are considered Level 1 securities for active markets and Level 2 securities for thinly traded markets.

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

All income and losses of the Company are passed through to the Parent and the Parent's members report these on their individual income tax returns. There is no entity level tax for the Company for federal income tax purposes. The State of California imposes an \$800 annual tax per year and a gross receipts fee based on total revenue from all sources reportable to the state.

The Company is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any tax related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states. The Company is not subject to income tax return examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2011 (year of inception). The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Company recording a tax liability that reduces net assets. However, the Company's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income taxes payable, if assessed. Interest expense and penalties of \$77 and \$248, respectively have been recognized and paid as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012.

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 - NET CAPITAL

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. At December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$370,666 and \$137,500, respectively. The Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 3.33 to 1. According to Rule 15c3-1, the Company's net capital ratio shall not exceed 15 to 1.

NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has entered into an Expense Sharing and Administrative Services Agreement ("Agreement") with an affiliated company. Under the Agreement the Company paid the related entity \$176,320 for rent and other expenses and at December 31, 2012, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities was \$5,715 due this related entity. In addition, for the year ended December 31, 2012, the Company paid another related entity \$174,746 for commissions and consulting services. On a recurring basis, the Company makes distributions to its Parent based on the Company's earnings.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy in accordance with ASC 820. See Note 1 for a discussion of the Company's policies.

The following table presents information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2012.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balances as of December 31, 2011
Securities owned				
Common stock, including exchange traded funds	\$ <u>989,381</u>	\$ <u>164,885</u>	\$ -	\$ <u>1,154,266</u>
Securities sold, not yet purchased				
Common stock, including exchange traded funds	\$ <u>94,155</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ <u>94,155</u>

In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-06, the Company did not have any significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the period ended December 31, 2012.

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

***NOTE 5 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS
AND UNCERTAINTIES***

In the normal course of business, the Company's activities through its clearing broker involve the execution, settlement and financing of various customer securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet risk. In the event a customer fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the customer's obligations.

In the Company's trading activities, the Company has purchased and sold securities for its own account and may incur losses if the market value of the securities changes subsequent to December 31, 2012.

In addition, the Company bears the risk of financial failure by its clearing broker. If the clearing broker should cease doing business, the Company's receivable and deposit from this clearing broker could be subject to forfeiture.

The Company's financial instruments, including due from broker, deposit with clearing broker, receivables, other assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses, commissions and salaries payable and due to clearing broker are carried at amounts that approximate fair value, due to the short-term nature of the instruments. Securities owned and securities sold, but not yet purchased are valued as described in Note 1.

The Company also maintains its cash balances in a financial institution, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. As of December 31, 2012, the Company had no amounts in excess of the federally insured limit. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through date the financial statements were issued. The evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that required disclosures and/or adjustments.