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Ц	(h)	Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.	
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П	(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.	
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<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2012

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To Far Hills Group, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Far Hills Group, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 1.10 under the Commodity Exchange Act, and the related notes to the financial statement.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statement of financial condition 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 the statement of financial condition that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement of financial condition 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement of financial condition, 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 statement of financial condition 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 statement of financial condition.

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 statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Far Hills Group, LLC as of December 31, 2012 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

New York, New York February 22, 2013

Cothstein Kass



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2012	
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,202,461
Fees receivable	6,841,417
Property and equipment, net	575,231
Restricted cash, security deposit	207,016
Other assets	265,005
	\$ 9,091,130
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred taxes payable	\$ 915,048 248,000
Total liabilities	1,163,048
Members' equity	7,928,082
	\$ 9,091,130

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 1. Nature of business

Far Hills Group, LLC (the "Company") is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"). The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), an entity created through the consolidation of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") and the member regulation, enforcement and arbitration functions of the New York Stock Exchange. The Company is qualified under the International Dealer Exemption and is permitted to engage in activities in Canada.

The Company introduces investors to various investment partnerships, non-U.S. funds and managed accounts. The managers of such investment vehicles usually pay the Company a contracted percentage of their commitments, management fees and/or performance incentive allocations, as received or allocated, for as long as such managers receive fees or allocations from contracted investors.

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

These financial statements were approved by management and available for issuance on February 22, 2013. Subsequent events have been evaluated through this date.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers money market accounts with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. The Company provides for depreciation and amortization as follows:

Asset	Estimated Useful Life	Depreciation Method
Furniture and fixtures	7 years	Straight-line
Office equipment	5 years	Straight-line
Computer software	3 years	Straight-line
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease	Straight-line

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Long-Lived Assets

The Company complies with GAAP, which requires impairment losses to be recorded on long-lived assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amounts. The Company continually evaluates whether events and circumstances have occurred that indicate the remaining estimated useful life of long-lived assets may warrant revision, or the remaining balance may not be recoverable.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue derived from management fees is generally recognized quarterly during the year and revenue derived from performance incentive fees or allocations is generally recognized at the end of each year, based on information provided by the managers of the underlying investment vehicles. Revenue derived from commitment fees is generally recognized when the underlying investment assets have been committed by the contracted investors and the fund is closed.

#### Fees Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Fees receivable is an estimate based on information provided by the fund managers. Any differences between the actual amounts received in a subsequent period and the amounts recorded as a receivable at the end of the prior period are recorded as an adjustment to revenue in the subsequent period. The Company considers all fees receivable at December 31, 2012 to be collectible and no allowance for doubtful accounts is deemed necessary at December 31, 2012.

#### Commissions Payable

Commissions payable, which is included with accounts payable and accrued expenses in the statement of financial condition, is an estimate based on management and performance fees earned but not received. Any differences between the actual amounts paid in a subsequent period and the amounts recorded as commission payable at the end of the prior period are recorded as an adjustment to expenses in the subsequent period. The Company expects to disburse all commissions payable at December 31, 2012 when fees are received from the fund managers.

#### Income Taxes

The Company is a Limited Liability Company and has elected to be treated as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes and, accordingly, there is no provision for federal and state income taxes as the individual members report their share of the Company's income or loss on their personal income tax returns. The Company is subject to New York City Unincorporated Business Tax.

The Company follows an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for New York City Unincorporated Business Tax. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on the enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce the deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Income Taxes (continued)

The determination of the Company's provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, and the interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Significant judgment is required in assessing the timing and amounts of deductible and taxable items and the probability of sustaining uncertain tax positions. The benefits of uncertain tax positions are recorded in the Company's financial statements only after determining a more likely than not probability that the uncertain tax positions will withstand challenge, if any, from tax authorities. When facts and circumstances change, the Company reassesses these probabilities and records any changes in the consolidated financial statements as appropriate. Accrued interest and penalties related to income tax matters are classified as a component of income tax expense.

In accordance with GAAP, 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 related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. 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. At December 31, 2012, management has determined that the Company had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition. 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's files its income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various state and local jurisdictions. The Company's income tax returns are subject to examinations by major taxing authorities from inception. Any potential examinations may include questioning the timing and amount of deductions, the nexus of income among various tax jurisdictions and compliance with U.S. federal, state and local tax laws. The Company's management does not expect that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will materially change over the next twelve months.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### 3. Property and equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31, 2012:

Furniture and fixtures	\$	130,629
Office equipment		239,942
Computer software		73,447
Leasehold improvements		706,737
Less accumulated depreciation		1,150,755
and amortization		575,524
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Depreciation and amortization expense was approximately \$84,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### 4. Net capital requirements

The Company is a member of FINRA and is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. This rule requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 and that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. The Company is also subject to the CFTC's minimum financial requirement which requires that the Company maintain net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of its requirements under Regulation 1.17 under the Commodity Exchange Act or Rule 15c3-1. At December 31, 2012, the Company's net capital was approximately \$836,000, which was approximately \$775,000 in excess of its computed minimum net capital requirement of approximately \$61,000 pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-1 and CFTC Regulation 1.17.

#### 5. Income taxes

New York City Unincorporated Business Tax consists of the following for the year ended December 31, 2012:

Current Deferred	\$ 240,000 141,000
	\$ 381,000

Deferred taxes payable represent the tax effect of temporary differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for income tax and financial reporting purposes. The Company utilizes the cash basis method of accounting for income tax purposes and the accrual basis for financial reporting purposes. The components of deferred taxes payable consist of the taxes applicable to the fees receivable, netted against certain accounts payable and accrued expenses at December 31, 2012.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### 6. Concentration of credit risk

The Company maintains its cash balances in one financial institution, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company is subject to credit risk to the extent any financial institution with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf.

#### 7. Exemption from Rule 15c3-3

The Company is exempt from SEC Rule 15c3-3 pursuant to the exemption provisions under sub-paragraph (k)(2)(i) and, therefore, is not required to maintain a "Special Reserve Bank Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers".

#### 8. Commitment and restricted cash

The Company leases its office space under an operating lease which expires in February 2019.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year	ending	Decem	ber:	31,
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2013	\$ 621,000
2014	656,000
2015	663,000
2016	663,000
2017	663,000
Thereafter	 774,000
	\$ 4,040,000

Rent expense amounted to approximately \$638,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012, and is charged to operations over the term of the lease on a straight-line basis, which results in a deferred rent payable. Deferred rent payable represents the cumulative rent expense charged to operations from the inception of the lease in excess of the required lease payments. Deferred rent payable amounted to approximately \$209,000 at December 31, 2012, and is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the statement of financial condition.

Restricted cash consists of approximately \$207,000 to secure an unconditional letter of credit for the Company's office space at December 31, 2012.

#### 9. 401(k) plan

The Company has a 401(k) retirement plan (the "Plan") eligible to all employees over 21 years of age and have completed three months of service. Employees eligible to participate may defer between 1% and 70% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. The Company, at its discretion, made matching contributions to the Plan in the amount of approximately \$33,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### 10. Major customers

The Company had earned fees from three customers of approximately \$8,562,000 or 71% of the total fees earned for the year ended December 31, 2012. Fees receivable from these customers were approximately \$5,058,000 or 74% of the total fees receivable at December 31, 2012, of which approximately \$866,000 was collected through the date of the these financial statements.