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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/13 AND ENDING 12/31/13  
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**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Optiver US LLC

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FIRM I.D. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

130 E. Randolph St., Suite 1300

(No. and Street)

Chicago

Illinois

60601

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Amy Shelly

(312) 821-9500

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

KPMG LLP

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

200 E. Randolph Dr, Ste 5500 Chicago

Illinois

60601

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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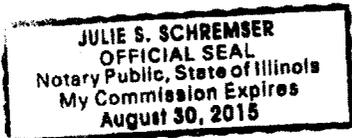
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Amy Shelly, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Optiver US LLC, as of December 31, 2013, 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:



Amy Shelly  
Signature  
Chief Financial Officer  
Title

Julie S. Schremser  
Notary Public

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 or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' 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.
- (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.

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

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**OPTIVER US LLC**

Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2013

(With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Thereon)

# OPTIVER US LLC

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**KPMG LLP**  
Aon Center  
Suite 5500  
200 E. Randolph Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601-6436

## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Member  
Optiver US LLC:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Optiver US LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2013, that is filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the statement of financial condition (the financial statement).

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 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 is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 entity'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 Optiver US LLC as of December 31, 2013, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

*KPMG LLP*

Chicago, Illinois  
February 26, 2014

**OPTIVER US LLC**  
Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2013  
(In thousands)

**Assets**

Cash	\$	158
Receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations		9,371
Securities owned, at fair value		702,261
Membership in exchanges, at adjusted cost (fair value \$7,114)		5,515
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation (\$26,918)		14,708
Other assets		4,680
Total assets	\$	<u><u>736,693</u></u>

**Liabilities and Member's Equity**

Securities sold, not yet purchased, at fair value	\$	546,661
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		54,988
Due to affiliates		27,731
Total liabilities		<u>629,380</u>
Member's equity		<u>107,313</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$	<u><u>736,693</u></u>

See accompanying notes to statement of financial condition.

## OPTIVER US LLC

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2013

(In thousands)

#### (1) Nature of Business

Optiver US LLC (the Company) was organized on August 5, 2003 under the Limited Liability Company Act of Illinois. The Company is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Optiver Holding BV through the Company's immediate parent Optiver US Holding LLC (the Parent). The business of the Company is primarily to engage as a market maker and a trader in index options, stocks, stock options, futures, and options on futures listed on organized exchanges in the United States. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of various option, stock, and futures exchanges. The Company does not trade on behalf of customers and effects transactions only with other registered broker-dealers and commodity futures commission merchants.

#### (2) Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) *Estimates*

The preparation of a statement of financial condition in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### (b) *Securities Owned*

Proprietary securities transactions in regular-way trades are recorded on the trade date, as if they had settled.

Securities are recorded at fair value in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*.

##### (c) *Depreciation*

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of two to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of the economic useful life of the improvement or the term of the lease.

##### (d) *Exchange Memberships*

The Company's exchange memberships, which represent ownership interests in the exchanges and provide the Company with the right to conduct business on the exchanges, are recorded at cost or, if an other-than-temporary impairment in value has occurred, at the value that reflects management's estimate of the impairment. At December 31, 2013, the fair value of the exchange memberships was \$7,114.

##### (e) *Income Taxes*

The Company is organized as a single-member limited liability company. The Company is treated as a disregarded entity. The Company has no U.S. tax filing requirements as a disregarded entity and the Parent, which is a limited liability company, treated as a corporation for tax purposes files the U.S. federal and state income tax returns.

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**(3) Fair Value**

FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income, or cost approach, as specified by FASB ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to access.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. (The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Company's own data.)

The positions the Company carries as Equity Securities, Options and Futures and U.S. Treasuries are valued based on quoted prices and are categorized in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2013:

<b>Fair value measurements on a recurring basis</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets:</b>				
<b>Securities owned:</b>				
Equities	\$ 96,891	—	—	96,891
Options	547,149	—	—	547,149
U.S. Treasuries	58,221	—	—	58,221
Total	\$ 702,261	—	—	702,261

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<b>Fair value measurements on a recurring basis</b>				
	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Securities sold, not yet purchased:				
Equities	\$ 75,696	—	—	75,696
Options	470,965	—	—	470,965
Futures <sup>(1)</sup>	37,988	—	—	37,988
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 584,649</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>584,649</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Included in receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended December 31, 2013.

The Company did not hold any assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) during the year ended December 31, 2013.

**(4) Receivables from Broker-Dealers and Clearing Organizations**

The Company clears its proprietary transactions through another broker-dealer on a fully disclosed basis. The amount receivable from the clearing broker relates to the aforementioned transactions.

**(5) Fixed Assets**

Equipment and leasehold improvements at December 31, 2013 comprised the following:

Computers	\$ 14,821
Software	2,031
Office equipment	791
Office furniture	3,229
Artwork	99
Leasehold improvements	20,655
Less accumulated depreciation	(26,918)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,708</b>

**(6) Retirement Plan**

The Company has a qualified defined contribution plan for the eligible employees. Contributions are made at the discretion of management. All employees are eligible to participate after meeting age and length of service requirements.

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**(7) Commitments**

The Company leases office space under a noncancelable operating lease that expires in April 2018.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2014	\$	875
2015		898
2016		922
2017		946
2018		318
Future payments		—
Total	\$	<u><u>3,959</u></u>

**(8) Contingent Liabilities**

The Company is subject to a class action that alleges market manipulation and other claims in connection with the Company's trading of certain types of energy futures contracts during a one-month period in early 2007. As of December 31, 2013, management has agreed in principle to a settlement in the amount of \$16,750, which is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the statement of financial condition. The settlement is subject to negotiation of a definitive settlement agreement, the resolution of certain conditions, and final court approval.

**(9) Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the 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 (and the rule of "applicable" exchange 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 December 31, 2013, the Company had net capital of \$44,738, which was \$39,223 greater than its required net capital of \$5,515. The Company's net capital ratio was 1.85 to 1.00.

**(10) Financial Instruments**

**(a) Accounting Policies**

Derivative financial instruments used for trading purposes, including economic hedges of trading instruments, are carried at fair value. Fair values for exchange-traded derivatives, principally futures and certain options, are based on quoted market prices.

Derivatives used for economic hedging purposes include forwards, futures, and purchased options. The Company does not apply hedge accounting as defined in FASB ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, as all financial instruments are marked to market with changes in fair values reflected in earnings. Therefore, certain of the disclosures required under FASB ASC 815 are generally not applicable with respect to these financial instruments.

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Fair values of forwards and options contracts are recorded in securities owned or securities sold, not yet purchased, as appropriate. Open equity in futures transactions are recorded as receivable from or payable to broker-dealers and clearing organizations, as applicable.

As a market maker, the Company executes approximately 30,000 to 40,000 trades daily.

#### **(b) *Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Risk***

The Company enters into various transactions involving derivatives and other off-balance-sheet financial instruments. The financial instruments include futures, forward, and foreign exchange contracts and exchange-traded options. These derivative financial instruments are used to conduct trading activities and manage market risks and are, therefore, subject to varying degrees of market and credit risk. Derivative transactions are entered into for trading purposes or to economically hedge other positions or transactions.

Futures and forward contracts provide for the delayed delivery of the underlying instrument. As a writer of options, the Company receives a premium in exchange for giving the counterparty the right to buy or sell the security at a future date at a contracted price. The contractual or notional amounts related to these financial instruments reflect the volume and activity and do not reflect the amounts at risk. Futures contracts are executed on an exchange, and cash settlement is made on a daily basis for market movements. Accordingly, futures contracts generally do not have credit risk. The credit risk for forward contracts and options is limited to the unrealized market valuation gains recorded in the statement of financial condition. Market risk is substantially dependent upon the value of the underlying financial instruments and is affected by market forces such as volatility and changes in interest and foreign exchange rates.

The Company has sold securities that it does not currently own and will, therefore, be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has recorded these obligations in the financial statement at December 31, 2013, at fair values of the related securities, and will incur a loss if the fair value of the securities increases subsequent to December 31, 2013.

#### **(c) *Concentrations of Credit Risk***

The Company is engaged in various trading and brokerage activities in which counterparties primarily include broker-dealers, banks, and other financial institutions. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty.

### **(11) Guarantees**

FASB ASC 460, *Guarantees*, requires the Company to disclose information about its obligations under certain guarantee arrangements. FASB ASC 460 defines guarantees as contracts and indemnification agreements that contingently require a guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on charges in an underlying (such as an interest or foreign exchange rate, security or commodity prices, and index or the occurrence or nonoccurrence of a specified event) related to an asset, liability, or equity

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security of a guaranteed party. This guidance also defines guarantees as contracts that contingently require the guarantor to make payments to the guaranteed party based on another entity's failure to perform under an agreement as well as indirect guarantees of the indebtedness of others.

#### **(a) *Derivative Contracts***

Certain derivative contracts that the Company has entered into meet the accounting definition of a guarantee under FASB ASC 460. Derivatives that meet the FASB ASC 460 definition of guarantees include certain written options. Since the Company does not track the counterparties' purpose for entering into a derivative contract, it has disclosed derivative contracts that are likely to be used to protect against a change in an underlying financial instrument, regardless of their actual use.

The Company records all derivative contracts at fair value. For this reason, the Company does not monitor its risk exposure to derivative contracts based on derivative notional amounts; rather the Company manages its risk exposure on a fair value basis. Aggregate market risk limits have been established, and market risk measures are routinely monitored against these limits. The Company also manages its exposure to these derivative contracts through a variety of risk mitigation strategies, including, but not limited to, entering into offsetting economic hedge positions.

#### **(b) *Exchange Member Guarantees***

The Company is a member of various exchanges that trade and clear securities and/or futures contracts. Associated with its membership, the Company may be required to pay a proportionate share of the financial obligations of another member who may default on its obligation to the exchange. Although the rules governing different exchange memberships vary, in general, the Company's guarantee obligations would arise only if the exchange had previously exhausted its resources. In addition, any such guarantee obligation would be apportioned among the other nondefaulting members of the exchange. Any potential contingent liability under these membership agreements cannot be estimated. The Company has not recorded any contingent liability in the financial statement for these agreements and believes that any potential requirement to make payments under these agreements is remote.

#### **(12) *Related-Party Transactions***

Due from affiliates, as included in other assets, and due to affiliates, listed separately, consists of noninterest bearing transactions with entities affiliated with the Company through common ownership. The amounts are uncollateralized and due on demand.

The Company has a service agreement with the Parent for the right to utilize certain intellectual property for a fee based upon trading volumes. As of December 31, 2013, the Company has a payable to the Parent related to this arrangement of \$27,706, which is included in due to affiliates in the statement of financial condition.

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#### **(13) Income Taxes**

The Company is organized as a single-member limited liability company which is disregarded for federal income tax purposes. The Company's taxable income or loss is reported by its Parent, which is a corporation and there is no tax expense/benefit recorded by the Company.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to reverse.

A disregarded entity does not report its deferred tax assets or liabilities on its financial statements. Rather, the Parent will report any related deferred tax items in its financial statements. If the Company were a stand-alone entity as of December 31, 2013, the deferred tax asset, net of valuation allowance, would be \$0. The components of the deferred tax asset are related to compensation of \$13,481, class action settlement of \$6,912, fixed assets of \$2,057 and other items of \$2,236, offset by a valuation allowance of \$24,686.

#### **(14) Subsequent Events**

The Company performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the date the financial statement was issued, and determined there were no recognized or unrecognized subsequent events that would require an adjustment or additional disclosure in the financial statement as of December 31, 2013.