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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/2013 AND ENDING 12/31/2013 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: CNBS, LLC

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

7200 West 132nd Street, Suite 240

(No. and Street)

Overland Park, KS 66213

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Nancy S. Rische

(913) 402-2616

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

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

McGladrey LLP

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

555 17th Street, Suite 1000, Denver, Colorado 80202

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

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

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Handwritten initials and date 3/1/14

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Nancy S. Rische, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of CNBS, 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:

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CINDY A. MEAD  
Notary Public -- State of Kansas  
My Appt. Expires 11-01-14

Nancy S Rische  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Chief Financial Officer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Cindy A. Mead  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (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).

# CNBS, LLC

Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2013

# **CNBS, LLC**

Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2013

Filed as PUBLIC information pursuant to Rule 170-5(d) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Managing Members  
CNBS, LLC  
Overland Park, Kansas

### Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of CNBS, 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 (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 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 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 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 is free of 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 auditor's 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 Company'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 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 CNBS, LLC as of December 31, 2013, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*McGladrey LLP*

Denver, Colorado  
February 27, 2014

**CNBS, LLC**

**Statement of Financial Condition  
December 31, 2013**

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**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 422,505
Cash segregated under federal and other regulations	50,003
Receivables:	
Client fees	73,840
Accrued interest and other	25
<b>Total receivables</b>	<u>73,865</u>
Securities owned, at fair value (\$1,050,000 pledged as collateral - Note 8)	1,068,108
Fixed assets, net	54,951
Prepaid expenses	107,315
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,776,747</u></u>

**Liabilities and Members' Equity**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 115,686
Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors	135,000
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 8)	
Members' Equity	1,526,061
<b>Total liabilities and members' equity</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,776,747</u></u>

See Notes to Statement of Financial Condition.

## CNBS, LLC

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

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#### Note 1. Nature of Operations

CNBS, LLC (the Company) is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a securities broker-dealer and investment adviser. The Company is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). The Company provides fixed income securities transactions and investment advisory services to domestic financial and other institutional investors.

The Company does not hold client funds or securities. However, the Company does comply with SEC Rule 15c3-3 and performs regular customer reserve calculations and maintains a special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of customers.

#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of presentation:** The accompanying statement of financial condition has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States (GAAP).

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

**Cash and cash equivalents:** The Company considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2013, cash equivalents include money market accounts.

**Cash segregated under federal regulations:** Cash segregated under federal regulations represents amounts segregated in a special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of customers pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Securities transactions:** In certain cases, a broker-dealer or client will fail to deliver securities to the Company and, as a result, the Company will fail to deliver securities to the counterparty of the transaction. The Company promptly forwards securities upon receipt and will settle cash when the security is delivered. The failed security transactions are recorded as receivables from client securities transactions and payable to broker-dealers on the statement of financial condition. The Company does not hold any cash or securities from these transactions.

Securities owned are recorded at fair value. Securities owned as of December 31, 2013 consist of debt securities and a certificate of deposit.

**Accounts receivable:** Accounts receivable are stated at the amounts billed to clients and are ordinarily due when invoiced. Delinquent receivables are written off based on an individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the client.

**Fixed assets:** Fixed assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated lives of the assets, generally ranging from three to five years.

**Income taxes:** The Company is a limited liability company, whereby income/loss passes through to the members and is taxed at their respective rates.

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**Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. Management evaluated the Company's tax positions and concluded that the Company has taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the statement of financial condition to comply with the provisions of this guidance. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for years before 2010.

**Fair value measurements:** The Company follows Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* for fair valuing assets and liabilities. ASC 820 defines fair value as 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 and sets out a fair value hierarchy. 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 under ASC 820 as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

**Level 1.** Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

**Level 2.** Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement.

**Level 3.** Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the investment. The following section describes the valuation techniques used by the Company to measure different financial instruments at fair value and includes the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the financial instrument is categorized.

Investments in securities are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. The Company obtains fair value measurements for investment securities from an independent pricing service. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, live trading levels, trade execution data, market consensus, prepayment spreads, credit information, and the bond's terms and conditions, among other things.

**Subsequent events:** The Company has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through February 27, 2014, the date the statement of financial condition was issued, noting none. Subsequent to year-end, there were no distributions paid to members or contributions paid to the Company.

**CNBS, LLC**

**Notes to Statement of Financial Condition**

**Note 3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

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

Description	Total	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Money market accounts	\$ 16,851	\$ 16,851	\$ -	\$ -
Securities owned:				
Certificate of deposit	1,062,173	-	1,062,173	-
Debt securities	5,935	-	5,935	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,084,959</b>	<b>\$ 16,851</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,108</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

The Company had no transfers between levels during the year ended December 31, 2013. The certificate of deposit (\$1,050,000) is pledged as collateral (see Note 8).

**Note 4. Fixed Assets**

The major categories of fixed assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2013 are summarized as follows:

Computer hardware and software	\$ 354,385
Furniture and equipment	122,496
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>476,881</b>
Accumulated depreciation	(421,930)
<b>Fixed assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 54,951</b>

**Note 5. Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors**

The Company has a subordinated debt agreement with its majority owner Aberdeen Capital Holding, LLC (Aberdeen). As of December 31, 2013 there was \$135,000 in outstanding borrowings. The outstanding borrowings consist of \$50,000 maturing on December 12, 2016 and bearing interest at the rate of 10%, \$25,000 maturing on December 13, 2016 and bearing interest at the rate of 10%, and \$60,000 maturing on December 31, 2016 and bearing interest at the rate of 10%.

The subordinated borrowing is available in computing net capital under the Securities and Exchange Commission's uniform net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowing, when outstanding, is required for the Company's compliance with minimum net capital requirements, it may not be repaid.

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#### **Note 6. 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 minimum net capital. The Company has elected to use the alternative method, permitted by the rule, which requires that the Company maintain net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit items in the Formula for Reserve Requirements. The rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital would be less than 5% of aggregate debit balances. At December 31, 2013, the Company had net capital of \$374,223 which was \$124,223 in excess of its required net capital of \$250,000.

#### **Note 7. Concentration of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Company's actions involve the execution and settlement of securities transactions. Credit risk results from the possibility that a loss may occur from the failure of another party to perform according to the terms of the settlement. The Company has control procedures regarding securities transactions with counterparties and the manner in which they are settled. The settlement of open transactions as of December 31, 2013 is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company.

As a securities broker-dealer, the Company is engaged in various securities trading activities. Exposure of the Company to credit risk associated with the nonperformance of counterparties in fulfilling their contractual obligations pursuant to securities transactions can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets, which may impair the counterparty's ability to satisfy its obligations to the Company.

The Company's cash at a financial institution may at times exceed federally insured limits of \$250,000. Cash of \$50,003 has been segregated in a special reserve bank account for the benefit of customers under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Segregated cash is included in cash segregated under federal and other regulations presented on the statement of financial condition at December 31, 2013.

#### **Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies**

As a source of liquidity, the Company has entered into a Master Repurchase Agreement with a financial institution whereby the Company may sell securities to the financial institution under an agreement to repurchase substantially the same securities at a later date. As of December 31, 2013, no amounts were outstanding under this facility. During 2013, the Company conducted one transaction under this agreement at a balance of \$128,000.

The Company has entered into an assignment of deposit account agreement with its majority owner, Aberdeen and Amegy Bank National Association (Amegy). In connection with Aberdeen's purchase of a majority interest in the Company from existing members, Aberdeen entered into a debt agreement with Amegy. In relation with this agreement, the Company assigned a certificate of deposit of \$1,050,000 to Amegy as partial collateral for the financing Aberdeen obtained from Amegy.

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**Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)**

The Company has entered into non-cancellable operating leases for office space and certain office equipment. As of December 31, 2013, the future minimum rental payments are as follows:

2014	\$	108,310
2015		108,345
2016		<u>43,501</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>260,156</u></b>

