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AND ENDING 12/31/14 REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/14 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. OFFICIAL USE ONLY ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.) FIRM I.D. NO. 127 Main Street NW (No. and Street) Lilburn GΑ 30047 (City) (Zip Code) NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT Caroline Wisniewski 770-923-9632 (Area Code - Telephone Number) **B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION** INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\* Rubio CPA, PC (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name) 900 Circle 75 Parkway SE, Suite 1100 Atlanta GΑ 30339 (Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code) **CHECK ONE:** Certified Public Accountant ☐ Public Accountant Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

<sup>\*</sup>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)



# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Carr	rie Wisniewski	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my kno Bridge	owledge and belief the accompanying financial statement e Capital Associates, Inc.	
of Dec	cember 31 , 20 20	, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
	the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal offi ed solely as that of a customer, except as follows:	cer or director has any proprietary interest in any account
		Carrie Wystewske Signature
	A.c.	President Title
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\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

BRIDGE CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, INC. Financial Statements December 31, 2014 With Independent Auditor's Report CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Owner of Bridge Capital Associates, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that are filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the financial statements and supplemental information. Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. management is responsible for these financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis of our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. as of December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The information contained in Schedules I, II and III has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. financial statements. The information is the responsibility of Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the information in Schedules I, II and III reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the accompanying schedules. In forming our opinion on the accompanying schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity Rule17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In our opinion, the aforementioned supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

February 25, 2015 Atlanta, Georgia

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# BRIDGE CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2014

# **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Equipment and leasehold improvements, net of depreciation	\$	404,834 116,428 70,186
of \$23,488		20,122
Due from related parties		92,992
Total Assets	\$	704,562
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities  Accrued commissions  Distribution payable  Due to stockholder	\$	75,705 82.480 110,000 1.298
Note payable — insurance financing Deferred revenue		9,094 71,783
Total Liabilities		350,360
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		354,202
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	<u>\$</u>	704,562

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## BRIDGE CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Description of Business: Bridge Capital Associates, Inc. (the "Company"), a Georgia corporation, was organized in January 2007 and became broker-dealers in July 2007. The Company is a securities broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

The Company provides a full service brokerage firm platform for investment bankers and mergers and acquisitions professionals through an independent contractor business model that allows investment banking professionals to maintain their existing corporate identity and infrastructure with minimal modifications required in order to achieve full compliance with SEC, FINRA and state rules and regulations.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents:</u> The Company considers all cash and money market instruments with a maturity of ninety days or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

The Company maintains its demand deposits in a high credit quality financial institution. Balance at times may exceed federally insured limits.

<u>Income Taxes:</u> The Company has elected S corporation status. Income or losses of the Company flow through to the stockholder and no income taxes are recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Company has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification 740-10, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. Thus, the Company is required to evaluate each of its tax positions to determine if they are more likely than not to be sustained if the taxing authority examines the respective position. A tax position includes an entity's status, including its status as a pass-through entity, and the decision not to file a return. The Company has evaluated each of its tax positions and has determined that no provision or liability for income taxes is necessary.

The Company, which files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions, is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examination by tax authorities for years before 2011.

<u>Estimates:</u> Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

## BRIDGE CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014

## NOTE A — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Accounts Receivable:</u> Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing uncollateralized obligations receivable from branches and brokers that are due in accordance with the terms agreed upon.

The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. Management individually reviews all delinquent accounts receivable balances and based on an assessment of current creditworthiness, estimates the portion, if any, of the balance that will not be collected. Generally, customer and broker receivables are believed to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

<u>Commission Revenues:</u> Commission revenues include fees from securities offerings in which the company acts as agent. Commission revenues are recorded upon settlement.

Equipment and Leasehold Improvements: Equipment and Leasehold Improvements are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided by use of straight line methods over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized. When items of property and equipment are sold or retired, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is included in the results of operations.

Advertising Costs: Adverting costs are charged to expense as incurred.

#### **NOTE B - NET CAPITAL**

The Company, as a registered broker dealer, is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (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. At December 31, 2014, the Company had net capital of \$136,954 which was \$118,382 in excess of its required net capital of \$18,572 and its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 2.03 to 1.0.

<u>Date of Management's Review:</u> Subsequent events were evaluated through February 25, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### NOTE C – RELATED PARTIES AND LEASE COMMITMENTS

The sole shareholder of the Company is also the sole shareholder of B/D Compliance Associates, Inc. (BDCA) and SEC Compliance Associates, Inc. (SEC) and is the sole member of Headstrong Properties, LLC (Headstrong). BDCA and SEC are regulatory compliance consulting firms, and Headstrong owns the office building where the Company maintains its main office.

The Company has an expense sharing agreement with BDCA. Under the agreement, BDCA provides the Company with certain general and administrative support in exchange for fees. Expenses under the expense sharing agreement for 2014 were approximately \$304,000. As of December 31, 2014, the Company was owed \$90,722 by BDCA for advances to BDCA.

The Company declared distributions totaling \$246,455 to its owner of which \$110,000 was unpaid at December 31, 2014.

## BRIDGE CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014

# NOTE C — RELATED PARTIES AND LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Company leases space in buildings owned by Headstrong in Lilburn, Georgia and Ponce Inlet, Florida under short-term leases that total \$3,500 per month. Rent expense under these related party lease agreements totaled \$24,995 for the year ended December 31, 2014. In addition, the company paid \$23,000 for leasehold improvements to the Lilburn property in 2014.

## NOTE D — LINE OF CREDIT

The Company has a \$50,000 revolving line of credit agreement with a bank, which expires on May 30, 2015. The line of credit bears interest at 5% per annum payable monthly, and is personally guaranteed by the stockholder. At December 31, 2014, there was no outstanding balance.

## NOTE E — NOTE PAYABLE-INSURANCE

The note payable related to insurance premium financing bears interest at 4.3% and requires monthly payments of principal and interest through April 2015.

#### NOTE F – CONCENTRATIONS

Approximately 66% of the commissions earned were earned from four customers in 2014.