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| I, Nancy Meier   | , swear (or affirm) that, to the best of  |
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| my knowledge and belief the accompanying Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. and Subsidia | financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of  |
| of March 31  | , as , 20 16 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that   |
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| classified solely as that of a customer, excep   | at as follows:  |
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**RSM US LLP** 

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial condition of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. and subsidiary (the Company) as of March 31, 2016, and the related notes (the financial statement). This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement is free of material misstatement. 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 statement, 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 for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. and its subsidiary as of March 31, 2016, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois May 16, 2016

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition March 31, 2016

| Assets  |               |
|---|---------------|
| Cash  | \$ 1,009,885  |
| Receivables from customers  | 49,820        |
| Receivables from broker-dealer and clearing organization                            | 1,285,101     |
| Accrued interest receivable   | 264,732       |
| Trading securities, at fair value (pledged - see Note 5)                            | 42,860,374    |
| Office furnishings, equipment and leasehold improvements, at cost, less accumulated |               |
| depreciation and amortization of \$1,940,180  | 926,925       |
| Other assets  | 3,821,303     |
| Total assets  | \$ 50,218,140 |
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| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity  |               |
| Liabilities   | f 22.400.000  |
| Collateralized loans  | \$ 22,400,000 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities  | 10,814,283    |
| Total liabilities   | 33,214,283    |
| Shareholders' equity  |               |
| Common stock, \$1 par value - 15,000 shares authorized;                             |               |
| 12,320 shares issued and outstanding  | 12,320        |
| Paid-in capital   | 2,106,722     |
| Retained earnings   | 14,884,815    |
| Total shareholders' equity  | 17,003,857    |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity  | \$ 50,218,140 |
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See Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition.

# **Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

# Note 1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

**Principles of consolidation**: The consolidated financial statements include the accounts and results of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. (HSE) and its wholly owned subsidiary, HSE Leasing, LLC (collectively, the Company). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Nature of operations**: HSE is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). HSE deals in fixed income municipal debt securities as either an underwriter or broker, and clears all transactions through the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation. HSE's customers are primarily banks and other financial institutions.

HSE Leasing, LLC was organized on November 20, 2009 as a limited liability company for the purposes of entering into, facilitating, and/or transferring municipal leases. HSE Leasing, LLC does not conduct any broker-dealer business.

The following is a summary of the Company's significant accounting policies:

The Company follows accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

**Use of estimates**: The preparation of consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Securities transactions: Securities transactions and related revenues and expenses are recorded at fair value on trade date basis as if they had settled. Customers' securities are recorded on settlement date with related income and expenses recorded on a trade date basis. Amounts receivable and payable for securities transactions that have not reached their contractual settlement date are recorded net and included in receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organization on the consolidated statement of financial condition.

**Fair value of financial instruments**: Trading securities and other financial instruments are recorded on trade date and reflected at fair value, or at carrying value that approximates fair value. Gains or losses are recorded in trading revenues.

Offsetting of amounts related to certain contracts: When the requirements are met, the Company offsets certain fair value amounts recognized for cash collateral receivables or payables against fair value amounts recognized for net derivative positions executed with the same counterparty under the same master netting agreement.

#### Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition

# Note 1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Underwriting transactions**: Underwriting revenues include gains, losses, and fees arising from securities offerings in which the Company acts as underwriter or agent. Underwriting revenues additionally include investment banking management fees. Underwriting revenues are recorded on the trade date or, in certain circumstances, at the time the transaction is priced and income is reasonably determinable.

Underwriting expenses include closing costs and other expenses incurred by the Company associated with underwriting transactions and other investment banking services. These costs consist primarily of bond counsel fees, bond insurance expense, rating service fees and other clearing fees. Underwriting expenses are recorded at the time the related underwriting revenues are recognized.

**Depreciation and amortization**: Depreciation on office furnishings, fixtures, and computer hardware are provided on a double declining-balance basis over seven years. Software is amortized over five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the lesser of estimated useful lives of the improvements or term of the lease.

**Deferred rent obligation**: Base rentals due under the office lease agreement, net of rental incentives received, are recognized as rental expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, which varies from the actual periodic payments required under the lease agreement resulting in a deferred lease obligation. The deferred rent obligation, which is included in accrued expenses and other liabilities, is amortized over the term of the lease as a reduction of rental expense. The deferred rent obligation consists of free monthly rent and leasehold improvement incentives.

**Income taxes**: Deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax effects attributable to tax carryforwards and temporary differences in the timing of the recognition of income and expense for tax and financial reporting purposes. Temporary differences arise from differences between the book basis and tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities that are expected to reverse at some future date. The provision for income taxes equals income taxes currently payable for the year and the net change in the deferred asset/liability balance. The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce its deferred tax asset when it is not more likely than not that such amounts will be realized.

The Company has evaluated its tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained "when challenged" or "when examined" by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense and liability in the current year. Management has determined that there are no material uncertain income tax positions through March 31, 2016. The Company is generally not subject to examination by U.S. federal, state, and foreign tax authorities for the tax years ended before 2013.

**Recent accounting pronouncements**: In May 2014, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which was originally effective for annual reporting periods of non-public companies beginning after December 15, 2017. The effective date was deferred for all entities by one year with the issuance of FASB ASU No. 2015-14, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers – Deferral of the Effective Date*. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that these updates will have on its financial condition or results of operations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The ASU requires management to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for all operating leases. The ASU is effective for periods ending on December 15, 2018 and interim periods therein on a modified retrospective basis. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statements.

#### Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition

#### Note 2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

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. The Company utilizes valuation techniques to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value are categorized within the fair value hierarchy based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure their value. 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). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

<u>Level 2</u>: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and the 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.

<u>Level 3</u>: 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.

The Company's valuation of its municipal bond inventory is based upon broker or dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. These securities are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Fair value of exchange-traded derivative contracts is based upon exchange settlement prices and classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following table summarizes the Company's assets measured at fair value at March 31, 2016 using the fair value hierarchy:

|   | Level 1         | Level 2      | Total        |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Assets  | ·               |              |              |
| Trading securities - fixed income                   |                 |              |              |
| municipal securities                                | \$<br>-         | \$42,860,374 | \$42,860,374 |
| Receivables from broker-dealers - futures contracts | (107,735)       | -            | (107,735)    |
| Other assets  | -               | 170,908      | 170,908      |
| Total assets at fair value                          | \$<br>(107,735) | \$43,031,282 | \$42,923,547 |

Substantially all of the Company's other assets and liabilities, except for office furnishings, equipment and leasehold improvements, are considered financial instruments and are either already at fair value, or at carrying amounts that approximate fair value because of the short maturity of the instruments.

The Company assesses the levels of the investments at each measurement date, and transfers between levels are recognized on the actual date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer in accordance with the Company's accounting policy regarding the recognition of transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy. There were no transfers among Levels 1, 2, and 3 during the year.

# **Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

# Note 3. Derivative Instruments

The Company's derivative activities are limited to interest rate futures contracts to offset interest rate exposure of the underwriting inventory. These derivative contracts are recorded on the consolidated statement of financial condition as receivables from broker-dealer measured at fair value. The Company does not utilize and does not consider any derivative instruments as or to be hedging instruments as those terms are defined under GAAP.

The Company is required to disclose information about certain derivative instruments that are either eligible for offset in accordance with GAAP or subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement. The objective of the new disclosure is to enable the financial statement users to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on the Company's financial position.

As of March 31, 2016, the Company holds derivative instruments that are eligible for offset in the consolidated statement of financial condition. A right of offset exists when the amounts owed by the Company to another party are determinable, the Company has the right to offset the amounts owed with the amounts owed by the other party, the Company intends to offset, and the Company's right of offset is enforceable at law.

The following table provides disclosure regarding the potential effect of offsetting of derivative assets presented in the statement of financial condition:

|                          |    |                         |                              |   |               |   | Gross Amo<br>Offset i<br>Consolidated<br>of Financial |                       |              |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------|---|---|-----------------------|--------------|
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| Assets Futures contracts | \$ | (107,735)               | \$                           | -   | \$            | (107,735)   | \$ -  | \$ -                  | \$ (107,735) |

The gross amounts of derivative assets presented in the preceding table are included in the receivables from broker-dealers reported in the consolidated statement of financial condition.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

#### Note 4. Receivable From and Payable To Broker-Dealers and Clearing Organization

Amounts receivable from and payable to broker-dealer and clearing organization at March 31, 2016, consist of the following:

|   | Receivable |           |    | Payable |  |  |
|---|------------|-----------|----|---------|--|--|
| Deposit at clearing organization              | \$         | 99,653    | \$ | -       |  |  |
| Receivables from / payables to broker-dealers |            | 370,964   |    | 107,735 |  |  |
| Net receivable to clearing organization       |            |           |    |         |  |  |
| for unsettled securities transactions         |            | 922,219   |    | -       |  |  |
|   | \$         | 1,392,836 | \$ | 107,735 |  |  |

Net receivable from clearing organization for unsettled securities transactions include net unsettled regular way and delayed delivery transactions receivable of \$209,429,795 and payable of \$208,507,576 at March 31, 2016.

Cash and financial instruments on deposit with counterparties may serve to collateralize amounts due and may serve to satisfy margin requirements.

#### Note 5. Collateralized Loans

Collateralized loans are borrowings from banks, payable on demand, and collateralized by trading securities. The Company had an available line of credit during the year of \$75,000,000. The average and maximum borrowings during the year were \$32,661,000 and \$58,100,000, respectively. During the year, the average and maximum variable interest rate charged on borrowings was 2.7658 percent and 2.9419 percent, respectively. The interest rate on March 31, 2016 was 2.93725 percent. At March 31, 2016, the Company had an available credit line of \$75,000,000, of which it had utilized \$22,400,000, collateralized by trading securities with an eligible value of \$38,530,000. The collateralized loans are renewable annually and were renewed on April 21, 2016.

# Note 6. Lease Agreements

The Company has operating lease agreements covering its offices in Chicago (lease through June 2029), Milwaukee (September 2018), Houston (September 2016), St. Clair Shores (August 2016), Los Angeles (March 2017), Denver (September 2016) and Phoenix (July 2017).

The Company has obligations under operating leases with initial noncancelable terms in excess of one year. Aggregate annual rentals, excluding escalation charges and other operating costs, at March 31, 2016, are approximately as listed below:

|                      | Minimum               |           |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|
|                      | Lease                 |           |  |
|                      | Payments <sup>a</sup> |           |  |
| Year Ending March 31 |                       |           |  |
| 2017                 | \$                    | 401,000   |  |
| 2018                 |                       | 332,000   |  |
| 2019                 |                       | 308,000   |  |
| 2020                 |                       | 263,000   |  |
| 2021                 |                       | 263,000   |  |
| Thereafter           |                       | 2,489,000 |  |
|                      | \$                    | 4,056,000 |  |

#### **Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

# Note 6. Lease Agreements (Continued)

Accrued expenses and other liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial condition include a deferred rent obligation of \$530,283 of credits received by the Company. Base rentals are recognized as expense using the straight-line method.

# Note 7. Capital Stock and Stock Repurchase Agreements

All shareholders are parties to stock purchase agreements (the Agreements). The Agreements provide that the Company has the right of first refusal in the event that a shareholder has an offer to sell his or her stock in the Company. Further, in the event of a shareholder's retirement, disability, death, or termination, the shareholder's stock is to be offered for repurchase by the Company, and the Company shall have the right but not the obligation to repurchase or elect to permit the remaining shareholders to purchase such shares proportionately. The repurchase price of the stock is based on book value, as defined in the Agreements.

The repurchase of shares by the Company may be limited by the net capital rules of the SEC.

#### Note 8. Benefit Plans

The Company maintains a defined contribution and profit sharing plan for qualified employees. The Company makes matching contributions and may elect to make discretionary profit sharing contributions based upon pro rata compensation of all benefiting participants.

# Note 9. Income Taxes

A net tax asset balance of \$185,000 (which consists of both current and deferred tax accounts) is recorded in the consolidated statement of financial condition in other assets. Included in the net tax asset of \$185,000 is \$272,000 of temporary differences, offset by a current tax payable of (\$87,000) for federal and state income taxes. There is no valuation allowance as it is anticipated that the deferred tax assets will be fully utilized.

# Note 10. Commitments, Indemnifications and Contingent Liabilities

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into delayed delivery and underwriting commitments. Transactions relating to such commitments that were open as of March 31, 2016, and were subsequently settled had no material effect on the consolidated financial statements as of that date.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company may be subject to various litigation and arbitration matters. Although the effects of these matters cannot be determined, the Company's management believes that their ultimate outcome will not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated statements of financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide indemnification under certain circumstances. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Company that have not yet occurred. The Company believes that it is unlikely it will have to make material payments under these arrangements and has not recorded any contingent liability in the consolidated statement of financial condition for these indemnifications.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

#### Note 11. Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

**Customer activities**: In the normal course of business, the Company's customer activities involve the execution, settlement and financing of various securities transactions. As such, the Company guarantees to the respective clearing houses or other brokers its customers' performance under these contracts. The Company could be exposed to off-balance-sheet risk should either the customer or the broker fail to fulfill its contracted obligation, and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss.

The Company's customer financing and securities settlement activities may require the Company to pledge customer securities as collateral in support of various secured financing sources such as bank loans. In the event that the counterparty is unable to meet its contractual obligation to return customer securities pledged as collateral, the Company may be exposed to the risk of acquiring the securities at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy its customer obligations. The Company controls this risk by monitoring compliance with clearing, broker and bank terms on a daily basis.

**Market risk**: The Company buys from and sells to customers fixed income securities primarily on a principal basis, and, from time to time, may be exposed to market risk. This risk is generally controlled by monitoring the market and entering into offsetting positions when appropriate.

The Company's transactions in derivative financial instruments involve varying degrees of off-balance-sheet market risk. Changes in the market values of the underlying financial instruments may result in changes in the value of the derivative financial instruments in excess of the amounts reflected in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Exposure to market risk is influenced by a number of factors, including the relationships between the financial instruments and the volatility and liquidity in the markets in which the financial instruments are traded.

**Credit risk**: Credit risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract. The Company's exposure to credit risk associated with counterparty non-performance is limited to the current cost to replace all contracts in which the Company has a gain. The Company limits credit risk by executing futures transactions through regulated exchanges that are subject to the exchanges' counterparty approval procedures and margin requirements.

**Concentration of credit risk**: The Company enters into various transactions with broker-dealers and other financial institutions. Cash and securities instruments may serve to collateralize amounts due. In the event these counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. This risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparties to these transactions. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty with which it conducts business.

The Company, from time to time, has cash deposits in financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits; however, management does not believe that the Company is exposed to any significant credit risk.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition**

# Note 12. Regulatory Requirements

HSE is subject to the SEC Uniform 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 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 March 31, 2016, HSE had net capital of \$11,365,595, which was \$10,654,003 in excess of its required net capital of \$711,592. HSE's net capital ratio was .94 to 1. The net capital rule may effectively restrict dividends to shareholders.

The Company's consolidated subsidiary has total assets and total member's equity of \$903 and \$(6,097), respectively, at March 31, 2016. The accounts of this subsidiary are not included in HSE's net capital computation.

The Company operates under the provisions of Paragraph (k)(2)(i) of SEC Rule 15c3-3 and, accordingly, is exempt from the remaining provisions of the Rule. The requirements of Paragraph (k)(2)(i) provide that the Company carries no margin accounts, promptly transmits all customer funds and delivers all securities received in connection with its activities as a broker-dealer and does not hold or owe funds or securities for or to customers, except for normal clearance delays. The Company does not have any customers as defined by Rule 15c3-3(a)(1). Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the requirements of the provisions of Rule 15c3-3(e).

#### Note 13. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date these consolidated financial statements were issued.