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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/17 AND ENDING 12/31/17  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: W.R. Hambrecht+Co., LLC

OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
FIRM I.D. NO.

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

909 Montgomery St., 3rd Floor

(No. and Street)

San Francisco

California

94133

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Eugene Yates

415-551-3236

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Breard & Associates, Inc. CPA's

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

9221 Corbin Ave., Suite 700

Northridge

CA

91324

(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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\*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)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Eugene Yates, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of W.R. Hambrecht+Co., LLC, as of December 31, 2017, 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:

None

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

Financial and Operations Principal
Title

[Handwritten Signature]
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).

W.R. HAMBRECHT + Co., LLC

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Directors and Equity owners of W. R. Hambrecht + Co, LLC

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

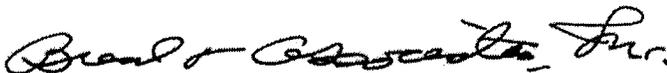
We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of W. R. Hambrecht + Co, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2017, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.



Breard & Associates, Inc.  
Certified Public Accountants

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2018.  
Oakland, California  
February 27, 2018

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**W.R. HAMBRECHT + Co., LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
December 31, 2017

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**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,118,667
Receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations	250,059
Carried interest - venture funds	1,428,145
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>36,957</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,833,828</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY**

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 42,478
Accrued expenses	145,985
Loan payable - related party	<u>100,000</u>
Total liabilities	288,463
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)	
Member's equity	<u>2,545,365</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u><u>\$ 2,833,828</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of these financial statements

**W.R. HAMBRECHT + CO., LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1. Ownership Structure**

W.R. Hambrecht + Co., LLC (the “Company”) is a registered securities broker-dealer that is incorporated in the state of Delaware as a limited liability company. The Company is organized for the purpose of conducting a general stock brokerage and investment banking business. The Company is headquartered in San Francisco, California. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hambrecht Partners Holdings, LLC, (the “Parent”).

The Company was sold by W.R. Hambrecht + Co., Inc. (“WRH, Inc.”) in 2009 to the Parent. Concurrent with the sale of the Company to the Parent, WRH, Inc. entered into a Patent License Agreement with the Company which provides the Company with a perpetual, non-exclusive license to the patents and trademarks owned by WRH, Inc. in exchange for royalty payments equal to 20% of the net proceeds received by the Company in connection with auction transactions under the license agreement. There were no such royalty payments in 2017.

**2. Management’s Plan**

The Company has a history of operating losses and negative cash flows from operations. The attainment of profitable operations is dependent upon future events, including increasing the Company’s institutional customer base, implementing and successfully executing its business and marketing plan, and retaining quality personnel. The Company is also highly dependent upon increased levels of activity in the capital markets; particularly Regulation A+ initial public offerings. This may translate into the Company’s ability to complete such revenue-generating transactions for its customers and/or achieve liquidity for venture investments held by related venture funds from which the Company would receive a carried interest allocation should they be liquidated at their current estimated fair values. Negative developments in any of these areas could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s business, operations, financial condition, and net capital.

The Company intends to focus on executing Regulation A+ IPOs going forward. On March 25, 2015, the SEC Commissioners voted to adopt rules and forms relating to Section 401 of the JOBS Act. In doing so, the SEC has cleared a new path for capital raising by expanding and updating the Regulation A exemption for small issues. Management believes this development has the promise to transform and re-invigorate a capital raising landscape that in recent years has grown increasingly challenging for smaller issuers as a result of industry consolidation, regulation and market structure. The Company believes that it has access to capital resources to successfully operate its business plan in 2018. If necessary, the Company may seek to obtain additional capital contributions or enter into new credit facilities to meet its cash and/or net capital needs. The Company cannot make assurances that it will be able to complete any financing or liquidity transaction, that such financing or liquidity transaction will be adequate for the Company’s needs, or that a financing or liquidity transaction will be completed in a timely manner.

The factors discussed above create substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern and an uncertainty as to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts and the amount and classification of liabilities. The accompanying financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recovery and classification of asset carrying amounts or the amount and classification of liabilities that might result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern or meet its net capital requirements.

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**W.R. HAMBRECHT + CO., LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation***

The financial statement included herein have been prepared by the Company in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of 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 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Revenue Recognition***

Commission revenues and expenses related to customer security transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis. Principal transactions related to Company security transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis. Fees from investment banking, corporate finance and advisory, venture capital, and private placement activities are recorded when earned and realizable.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. There are no withdrawal restrictions on cash and cash equivalents.

***Receivables from Broker-Dealers and Clearing Organizations***

Receivables from broker-dealers and clearing organizations primarily relates to funds held with the Company's clearing organizations. The Company clears all of its brokerage transactions through other broker-dealers on a fully disclosed basis. Funds held as a clearing deposit were \$250,000 as of December 31, 2017.

***Marketable Securities***

Marketable securities are reported at prevailing market prices. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on marketable trading securities are included as net investment gains (losses) in the statement of operations.

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**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

*Underwriting Revenue*

Underwriting revenue includes underwriting fees earned through the Company's participation in public offerings and private placements of equity and debt securities. Underwriting revenues are earned in securities offerings in which the Company acts as an underwriter and include management fees, selling concessions and underwriting fees. Management fees are recorded on the offering date, selling concessions on the trade date and underwriting fees at the time the underwriting is completed and the related income is reasonably determinable. Syndicate expenses related to securities offerings in which the Company acts as underwriter or agent are deferred until the related revenue is recognized. Merger and acquisition fees and other advisory service revenues are generally earned and recognized upon successful completion of the engagement, except for fees earned upon the delivery of a fairness opinion and fees earned ratably over the term of a retainer. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company completed two underwritings, realizing \$1,771,131 in revenue.

*Fair Value Measurement - Definition and Hierarchy*

The Company measures the fair value of its financial instruments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). GAAP defines fair value, establishes a framework that we use to measure fair value and provides for certain disclosures about our fair value measurements included in our financial statements. Fair value is defined by GAAP as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between willing market participants on the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. GAAP establishes a hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following three levels:

*Level 1* – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

*Level 2* – Directly or indirectly observable inputs as of the reporting date through correlation with market data, including quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and quoted prices in markets that are not active. Level 2 also includes assets and liabilities that are valued using models or other pricing methodologies that do not require significant judgment since the input assumptions used in the models, such as interest rates and volatility factors, are corroborated by readily observable data from actively quoted markets for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

*Level 3* – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

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**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

*Fair Value Measurement - Definition and Hierarchy, continued*

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions are set to reflect those that the Company believes market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date.

For further information on financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis, and a description of valuation techniques, see Note 5.

*Carried Interest – Venture Funds*

The limited liability company ("LLC") investments in which the Company is a managing member may allocate carried interest and make carried interest distributions, which represent an additional allocation of net realized and unrealized gains, to managing members if the LLC's investment performance reaches a threshold as defined in the respective operating agreements. At the end of each reporting period, the Company calculates the carried interest that would be due to the LLC for each fund, pursuant to the fund agreements, as if the fair value of the underlying investments were realized as of such date, irrespective of whether such amounts have been realized. As the fair value of underlying investments varies between reporting periods, it is necessary to make adjustments to amounts recorded as carried interest to reflect either (a) positive performance resulting in an increase in the carried interest allocated to the general partner or (b) negative performance that would cause the amount due to the LLC to be less than the amount previously recognized as revenue, resulting in a negative adjustment to carried interest allocated to the general partner. In each scenario, it is necessary to calculate the carried interest on cumulative results compared to the carried interest recorded to date and make the required positive or negative adjustments. These allocations are recognized in revenue as net investment gains (losses) in the statement of operations. Approximately \$1,751,746 of carried interest has been recorded as of December 31, 2016, and included as a separate line item on the statement of financial condition.

*Furniture, Software and Computer Equipment, Leasehold Improvements*

Furniture, software and computer equipment are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is computed using a straight-line depreciation method. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the lesser of their useful life or the remaining life of the lease. The estimated useful lives for the computation of depreciation and amortization are:

Software and computer equipment	3 - 5 years
Furniture	7 years
Leasehold improvements	7 years

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**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

***Income Taxes***

The Company is a single-member LLC and as such is considered a division of the Parent for federal and most state income tax reporting purposes. Accordingly, the Parent allocates income tax expense (benefit) to the Company as if it were a separate tax-paying entity. Therefore, the income tax consequences related to the Company's operations are reflected in its financial statements.

The Company follows the accounting interpretation issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") on uncertainties in income taxes. This interpretation requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. The interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The Company does not have any uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2016.

The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. To date, there has been no accrued interest or penalties associated with any unrecognized tax benefits.

The Company files tax returns as prescribed by the tax laws of the jurisdictions in which it operates. In the normal course of business, the Company is subject to examination by federal, state, local, and foreign jurisdictions, where applicable. As of December 31, 2016, the tax years that remain subject to examination by the major tax jurisdictions under the statute of limitations are the year 2012 forward.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In February 2015 and October 2016, the FASB issued ASU's 2015-02 and 2016-17, respectively. ASU 2015-02, *Consolidation: Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*, significantly changes the consolidation analysis required under GAAP by simplifying the consolidation evaluation process, and by placing more emphasis on risk of loss when determining a controlling financial interest. ASU 2016-17, *Consolidation: Interests Held through Related Parties That Are under Common Control*, amends ASU 2015-02's consolidation requirements that apply to a single decision maker's evaluation of interests held through related parties that are under common control when it is determining whether it is the primary beneficiary of a variable interest entity ("VIE"). ASU 2016-17 requires that the single decision maker considers its indirect economic interests in a VIE held through related parties that are under common control on a proportionate basis, in a manner consistent with its consideration of its indirect economic interests held through related parties that are not under common control. Entities that have adopted ASU 2015-02 are required to apply ASU 2016-17 retrospectively to all relevant periods beginning with the fiscal year in which ASU 2015-02 was initially applied. The Company adopted ASU 2015-02 and 2016-17 effective January 1, 2016. The adoption of this guidance resulted in the deconsolidation of a non-controlling interest in subsidiary.

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**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements, continued*

For the year ended December 31, 2017, various other Accounting Standards Updates issued by the FASB were either newly issued or had effective implementation dates that would require their provisions to be reflected in the financial statements for the year then ended. The Company has either evaluated or is currently evaluating the implications, if any, of each of these pronouncements and the possible impact they may have on the Company's financial statements. In most cases, management has determined that the pronouncement has either limited or no application to the Company and, in all cases, implementation would not have a material impact on the financial statements taken as a whole

**4. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities**

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Company's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis follows:

*Marketable Securities - Equities*

Marketable trading securities are comprised primarily of exchange-traded equity securities that are generally valued based on quoted prices from the exchange. To the extent these securities are actively traded, valuation adjustments are not applied and they are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. As of December 31, 2017, the Company's marketable securities – equities were \$0.

*Long-Term Investments - Private Equities*

The Company's investments in private equity securities consist of various direct and third party private equity investments. The valuation of these investments requires significant management judgment due to the absence of quoted market prices, inherent lack of liquidity and the long-term nature of these assets. Initially, the transaction price for direct investments is generally considered by the Company as the exit price and is the Company's best estimate of fair value.

Thereafter, valuation is based on an assessment of each underlying investment, incorporating valuations that consider the evaluation of financing and sale transactions with third parties, expected cash flows and market-based information, including comparable company transactions, performance multiples and changes in market outlook, among other factors. Investments in third party funds are generally based on the financial statements of the partnerships, which generally use similar methodologies. These nonpublic investments are generally included in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy because they trade infrequently, and, therefore, the fair value is unobservable. The Company had no Level 1, 2, or 3 assets as of December 31, 2017.

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**4. Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities, continued**

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, 2017:

	Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Carried interest - venture funds	-	-	1,428,145	1,428,145
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,428,145	\$ 1,428,145

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) during the year ended December 31, 2017:

	<b>Amounts</b>
Beginning balance at December 31, 2016	\$1,837,449
Unrealized gains and (losses)	(407,571)
Realized gains and (losses)	-
Purchases, Issuances and Settlements	-
Transfer In (Out)	(1,733)
Ending balance at December 31, 2017	\$ 1,428,145

**5. Property and Equipment**

Furniture, software and computer equipment, and leasehold improvements is included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2017 and is summarized as follows:

Software and computer equipment	\$ 22,092
Furniture	29,039
Leasehold Improvements	28,947
Total	80,078
Less accumulated depreciation	(58,481)
	\$ 21,597

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$6,098.

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**W.R. HAMBRECHT + Co., LLC**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December 31, 2017

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**6. Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets**

Summary of prepaid expenses and other assets as of December 31, 2017, is as follows:

Venture fund management fees receivable	11,676
Prepaid insurance	3,684
Property and equipment, net	<u>21,597</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 36,957</u></u>

**7. Commitments and Contingencies**

At December 31, 2017, the Company was obligated under long-term, non-cancelable operating leases for office facilities and equipment, which require the following minimum annual payments:

Year ending December 31:

2018	102,136
2019	117,804
2020	<u>69,944</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 289,884</u></u>

In January 2017, the Company amended its term lease with a month-to-month lease for our San Francisco, California headquarters. Rent expense for 2017 totaled \$316,223 which is included in occupancy expense in the statement of operations.

The Company is currently involved in various legal and regulatory matters arising from its investment banking and securities activities. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be ascertained at this time, it is the opinion of management, based on discussions with legal counsel, that the resolution of these matters will not in the aggregate have a material adverse effect upon the Company's financial position or results of operations.

**8. Related Party Transactions**

On March 3, 2016, a member of management of the Company, loaned the Company \$100,000 at 5% interest per annum, due on May 31, 2018. Interest of \$5,000 was accrued and paid during 2017. The loan is collateralized by carried interest realized by the Company.

Employees are invested in firm sponsored venture funds. There were no new investments made by employees during 2017.

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**W.R. HAMBRECHT + CO., LLC**  
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**9. Net Capital Requirement**

The Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 (the "Rule") adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), which requires the Company to maintain minimum net capital as defined by the Rule and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, as defined, not in excess of 15 to 1. The relationship of aggregate indebtedness to net capital changes from day to day.

As of December 31, 2017 the Company's net capital was \$1,080,263. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 0.27 to 1.

For purposes of the computation of net capital, the Company is required to exclude \$1,428,145 of unrealized carried interest earned but not received. The Company is exempt from the requirements of Rule 15c3-3, as adopted by the SEC.

**10. 401(k) Savings Plan**

The Company maintains a 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) for substantially all employees. Subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations, participants may contribute up to 60% of their salaries on a pretax basis as defined in the Plan. However, total contributions may not exceed 20% of their salaries. The Company may make discretionary matching contributions and/or profit-sharing contributions to the Plan. No such matching or profit-sharing contributions were made in 2017.

**11. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Credit Risk and Concentrations of Credit Risk**

As a securities broker-dealer, the Company's transactions are executed on behalf of its customers. The Company introduces these transactions for clearance on a fully-disclosed basis. The agreement between the Company and its clearing brokers provides that the Company is obligated to assume any exposure related to non-performance by its customers. The Company seeks to control the risk associated with non-performance by reviewing information it receives from its clearing brokers on a daily basis and reserving for doubtful accounts when necessary. Therefore, management believes that the potential for the Company to make payments under these customer transactions is remote. Accordingly, no additional liability has been recognized for these transactions. During the normal course of business the Company may sell securities which it has not yet purchased, which represent obligations of the Company to deliver the specified security at a contracted price, thereby creating a liability to purchase the security in a market at prevailing prices. Such transactions result in off-balance-sheet market risk as the Company's ultimate obligation to satisfy the sale of securities sold, not yet purchased may exceed the amount recorded in the statement of financial condition. The Company seeks to control such market risk through the use of internal monitoring guidelines.

During the normal course of business the Company regularly maintains cash balances at Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured financial institutions that may exceed the insurance coverage limitations provided by the FDIC.

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**11. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance-Sheet Credit Risk and Concentrations of Credit Risk, continued**

Additionally, the Company is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”). The coverage available to the Company’s customers through SIPC are limited in the risks, amounts, and investments that it covers. SIPC does not protect against market risk, which is the risk inherent in a fluctuating market. Furthermore, SIPC coverage is limited to \$500,000 per customer, including up to \$250,000 for cash. For purposes of SIPC coverage, customers are persons who have securities or cash on deposit with a SIPC member for the purpose of, or as a result of, securities transactions. SIPC does not protect customer funds placed with the Company just to earn interest. Insiders of the Company, such as its owners and officers, are not customers for SIPC coverage. Lastly, not all investments are protected by SIPC. In general, SIPC covers notes, stocks, bonds, mutual fund and other investment company shares, and other registered securities. It does not cover instruments such as unregistered investment contracts, unregistered limited partnerships, fixed annuity contracts, currency, and interests in gold, silver, or other commodity futures contracts or commodity options.

**12. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events for recognition and disclosure through February 28, 2018, the date which these financial statements were issued. Nothing has occurred outside the normal course of business operations that require disclosure or recognition as of December 31, 2017.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

December 31, 2017  
**PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

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