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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 12/31/2017
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: **BlackArch Securities LLC**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

227 W. Trade St. 2200

(No. and Street)

Charlotte

NC

28205

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Jane H Caldwell 704-414-6310

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*

Cherry Bekaert LLP

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

1111 Metropolitan Ave., 1000 Charlotte NC 28204

(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, Jane H Caldwell, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of BlackArch Securities 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:

MARY FISCHER
Notary Public, North Carolina
Mecklenburg County
My Commission Expires
June 10, 2020

Jane H Caldwell
Signature
Chief Financial Officer
Title

Mary Fischer 2/28/18
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. Cash Flows
(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).

BLACKARCH SECURITIES LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

And Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

BLACKARCH SECURITIES LLC

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Member
BlackArch Securities LLC
Charlotte, North Carolina

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of BlackArch Securities LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2017 that is filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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 of America.

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 audits. 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 provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Cherry Bekaert LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2011.

Raleigh, North Carolina
February 28, 2018

BLACKARCH SECURITIES LLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,873,323
Deferred tax asset	<u>474</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 7,873,797</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S INTEREST

Liabilities

Accounts payable to related party	32,474
Accrued expenses	19,884
Income taxes payable to related party	1,724,250
Accounts payable	<u>1,251</u>
Total Liabilities	1,777,859

Member's Interest

Total Member's Interest	<u>6,095,938</u>
Total Liabilities and Member's Interest	<u><u>\$ 7,873,797</u></u>

BLACKARCH SECURITIES LLC

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Note 1—Organization and nature of operations

BlackArch Securities LLC (the “Company”), which is wholly-owned by BlackArch Partners LLC (the “Parent Company”), is a full-service investment banking firm primarily providing mergers and acquisition advisory and private capital solutions to middle market companies. The Company has elected to be registered as a broker-dealer and thus is subject to various rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applicable to brokers and dealers in securities. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of RFC Financial Services Holding LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regions Financial Corporation (“Regions”).

Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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.

Cash and cash equivalents – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

The Company places its cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions in the United States. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) covers \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts. The Company, from time to time, may have amounts on deposit in excess of the insured limits.

Fee revenue – The Company’s revenues are generated primarily through providing mergers and acquisition advisory and private capital solutions to middle market firms.

The Company receives placement fees and transaction fees for completed transactions. Referral fees are recognized when earned based upon the terms of signed agreements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606).” This guidance requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued a one-year deferral of the effective date of ASU 2014-09. ASU 2015-14 requires application of ASU 2014-09 for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted as of the original effective date (i.e. for annual reporting periods beginning after December 16, 2016). The Company has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of this standard will have on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

Related-party transactions – The Company has an agreement in which its Parent Company will provide administrative and accounting services, use of office equipment, insurance and employee benefits. The agreement commenced August 24, 2010, and was for an initial one-year period, with an automatic one-year renewal upon the end of the agreement unless a notice of termination is given. Currently, the Company pays the Parent Company monthly installments of \$248,669 for the above services which are included in management fees on the accompanying statement of income. In addition, the Company will pay the Parent Company a fee associated with the Company’s allocated percentage of bonuses which is included as office services on the accompanying statement of income and amounted to \$8,080,872 for the year ended December 31, 2017. The Company also pays the Parent Company monthly payments of \$18,974 for rent of office space. Total related-party expenses included on the accompanying statement of income and amounted to \$11,236,897 for the year

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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

ended December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had a payable due to the Parent Company in the amount of \$32,474 related to the transactions outlined above. In addition, as of December 31, 2017, the Company held \$913,739 in cash at Regions.

Income taxes - The Company is included in the consolidated federal income tax returns and state income tax returns of Regions. The method of allocation for income tax expense is determined based on a tax allocation sharing agreement between Regions and its subsidiaries. The agreement provides that subsidiary tax expense will be computed on a separate company basis taking into consideration tax elections and tax planning strategies of the consolidated tax group. The Company will make payments to or receive payments from Regions as if Regions were the Internal Revenue Service, or state taxing authority as applicable. Under the tax sharing agreement, if a net operating loss exists, the subsidiary receives payment for its loss upon the realization on the respective tax return.

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for expected future tax consequences. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined by applying the federal and state tax rates to the differences between financial statement carrying amounts and the corresponding tax basis of assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets are also recorded for any tax attributes, such as tax credit and net operating loss carryforwards. The net balance of deferred tax assets and liabilities is reported in other assets in the consolidated statement of financial condition. Any effect of a change in federal and state tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income tax expense in the period that includes the enactment date. The Company reflects the expected amount of income tax to be paid or refunded during the year as current income tax expense or benefit, as applicable.

The Company evaluates the realization of deferred tax assets based on all positive and negative evidence available at the balance sheet date. Realization of deferred tax assets is based on the Company's judgments about relevant factors affecting their realization including taxable income within any applicable carryback periods (post federal tax reform enactment, net operating losses generated by Regions cannot be carried back, but can be carried forward indefinitely), future projected taxable income, reversal of taxable temporary differences and other tax-planning strategies to maximize realization of the deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance is recorded for any deferred tax assets that are not more-likely-than-not to be realized.

Income tax benefits generated from uncertain tax positions are accounted for using the recognition and cumulative-probability measurement thresholds. Based on the technical merits, if a tax benefit is not more-likely-than-not of being sustained upon examination, the Company records a liability for the recognized income tax benefit. If a tax benefit is more-likely-than-not of being sustained based on the technical merits, the Company utilizes the cumulative probability measurement and records an income tax benefit equivalent to the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely to be realized upon ultimate settlement with a taxing authority. The Company recognizes interest expense, interest income and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within current income tax expense.

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Note 3—Capital requirements

The Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 ("Rule 15c3-1"), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital of \$5,000 and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 further requires that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. The net capital and net capital ratio, which agree with our Focus Report as of December 31, 2017 were as follows:

Net capital	\$6,095,938
Net capital ratio (ratio of indebtedness to capital)	0.292 to 1

Note 4—Indemnification agreements

The Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Company's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown. However, the Company has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

Note 5—Part I, Form X-17a-5

The most recent annual report of the Company is available for examination and copying at the office of the Company and at the Atlanta Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Note 6 — Subsequent events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February, 20, 2018, in connection with the preparation of these financial statements which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.