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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: Investment Research Consortium Securities, LLC OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 300

(No. and Street)

New York

NY

10170

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Brian O'Day

(646) 355-0941

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

Spicer Jeffries LLP

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

5251 S Quebec Street, Ste 200 Greenwood Village

CO

80111

(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)

OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Brian O'Day, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Investment Research Consortium Securities, LLC, as of December 31, 202017, 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:



Kathryn Devito

Notary Public

B. O'Day

Signature

CEO

Title

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).

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of  
Investments Research Consortium Securities, LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Investments Research Consortium Securities, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the statement of financial condition. 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 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.

We have served as Investments Research Consortium Securities, LLC's auditor since 2012.

Greenwood Village, Colorado  
February 26, 2018



INVESTMENT RESEARCH CONSORTIUM SECURITIES, LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

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**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 387,512
Fees receivable	77,496
Other assets	<u>22,232</u>
	<u>\$ 487,240</u>

**LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts payable	\$ 253,781
Accrued expenses	39,887
Sales tax payable	<u>8,552</u>

*Total liabilities* 302,220

**COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**(Notes 3 and 4)

<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b> (Note 2)	<u>185,020</u>
	<u>\$ 457,571</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

INVESTMENT RESEARCH CONSORTIUM SECURITIES, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization and business**

Investment Research Consortium Securities, LLC (the “Company”) is a Delaware limited liability company formed on June 30, 2008. The Company has been registered since July 2009 as a securities broker/dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”). The Company provides a research prime services platform to independent investment research firms who sell their research to buy-side investors. These services include registration, licensing, compliance, guidance and oversight, marketing and sales, and billing and collection services. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Investment Research Consortium, LLC (the “Parent Company”).

**Revenue recognition**

Service fee revenue is recorded based on the terms of the respective agreements and deferred until earned by the Company. Fees receivable are carried at their estimated collectible amounts, and losses are determined on the basis of experience with the customer and current economic conditions. At December 31, 2017 management believes all receivables to be fully collectible.

**15c3-3 exemption**

The Company under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i) is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not carry or clear customer accounts.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers money market funds with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**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.

INVESTMENT RESEARCH CONSORTIUM SECURITIES, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(concluded)*

**Income taxes**

The financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes because the Company is a non-taxable entity and its sole member is taxed on its respective share of the Company's earnings.

The Company is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any tax related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states. The Company is not subject to income tax examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2014. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Company recording a tax liability that reduces net assets. However, the Company's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income taxes payable, if assessed. No interest expense or penalties have been recognized as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017.

**NOTE 2 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. At December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$114,961 and \$18,170 respectively. The Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 2.37 to 1. According to Rule 15c3-1, the Company's net capital ratio shall not exceed 15 to 1.

**NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS**

The Company leases office space, facilities and equipment from unrelated parties on a month to month basis. Total rental expense of \$62,175 was charged to operations during the year ended December 31, 2017.

INVESTMENT RESEARCH CONSORTIUM SECURITIES, LLC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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*(concluded)*

**NOTE 4 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISK AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company's financial instruments, including cash, fees receivable, other assets, accounts payable, sales tax payable and accrued expenses are carried at amounts that approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of those instruments.

The Company is engaged in various billing and collection activities with counterparties with which the Company has a supervision and services agreement. In the event counterparties do not fulfill their obligations, the Company may be exposed to risk. The risk of default depends on the creditworthiness of the counterparty or issuer of the instrument. It is the Company's policy to review, as necessary, the credit standing of each counterparty with which it conducts business.

**NOTE 5 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. The evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that required disclosures and/or adjustments.

**INVESTMENT RESEARCH CONSORTIUM**  
**SECURITIES, LLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

The report is filed in accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.