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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: **Altegris Investments, L.L.C.**

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FIRM I.D. NO.

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

**1200 Prospect Street, Suite 400**

(No. and Street)

**La Jolla**

**CA**

**92037**

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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

Jing ("Christine") Zou

858-731-8530

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

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

**Ernst & Young LLP**

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

**725 South Figueroa Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles**

**CA**

**90017**

(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, Martin Beaulieu, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Altegris Investments, L.L.C. 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:

Signature
Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President
Title

Charlotte Brubaker
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).

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State of California )  
County of SAN DIEGO )  
On 2/27/2018 before me, CHARLOTTE MITCHELL, NOTARY PUBLIC,  
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer  
personally appeared MARTIN BEAULIEU  
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



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 Individual  Attorney in Fact  
 Trustee  Guardian or Conservator  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signer Is Representing: ALTEGRA

Signer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corporate Officer — Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner —  Limited  General  
 Individual  Attorney in Fact  
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 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

Financial Statement

As of December 31, 2017

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Those Charged with Governance  
Altegris Investments, LLC

### Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Altegris Investments, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2017 and the related notes (the "financial statement"). In our opinion, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2017, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### Basis for Opinion

This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statement 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 statement is 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 statement, 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 statement. Our audit also included evaluating 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.

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2013.

Los Angeles, CA  
February 27, 2018

Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2017

**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,467,169
Accounts receivable	1,702
Due from related parties	186,595
Prepaid expenses	132,785
Refundable deposits	25,229
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,813,480</u>

**Liabilities and member's equity**

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 341,634
Due to related party	275,725
Commissions payable	782,473
Accrued expenses	350,037
Total liabilities	<u>1,749,869</u>

Member's equity:

Additional paid-in capital	4,937,081
Accumulated deficit	(3,873,470)
Total member's equity	<u>1,063,611</u>
Total liabilities and member's equity	<u>\$ 2,813,480</u>

*See accompanying notes to statement of financial condition.*

# Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2017

### **1. Organization and Business**

Altegris Investments, Inc. was incorporated on June 19, 1975. On December 31, 2014, Altegris Investments, Inc. was converted from an Arkansas corporation to a Delaware limited liability company and its registered name changed to Altegris Investments, L.L.C. (the Company or Altegris Investments). The Company is wholly owned by Altegris Holdings II, L.L.C. (the Parent), which is wholly owned by AqGen Liberty Management I, Inc. (ALMI). The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Its primary activity is marketing alternative investment funds, including alternative strategy public funds and privately offered hedge funds and commodity funds.

The Company does not maintain a special account for the exclusive benefit of customers for its sales of securities issued by private funds or a public, continuously-offered closed-end fund and, under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i), is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the SEC. Further, the Company does not carry or clear customer accounts for its sales of securities issued by public open-end mutual funds and, under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the SEC.

### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash equivalents. The Company maintains deposits in federally insured financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits. The Company believes it is not exposed to significant credit risk due to the financial position of the depository institutions in which those deposits are held.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the accompanying financial statement in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates and the underlying assumptions affect the amounts of assets and liabilities reported, disclosures about contingent assets and liabilities, and the accompanying notes. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgment.

## Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition (continued)

#### **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors, including the current economic environment, which management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with precision, actual results could differ significantly from these estimates. Changes in those estimates resulting from continuing changes in the economic environment will be reflected in the financial statements as changes occur.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Certificates of deposit, money market funds, and other time deposits with original maturities of 90 days or less are considered cash equivalents in the statement of financial condition. The Company has cash in banks in excess of the Federal Depository Insurance Commission (FDIC) insurance coverage of \$250,000. At December 31, 2017, the Company had \$2,217,169 in excess of this requirement.

#### **Accounts Receivable and Due from Related Parties**

Accounts receivable and due from related parties represent commissions receivable from marketing alternative strategy public funds, privately offered commodity funds, privately offered hedge funds, and third-party funds and are carried at their estimated collectible amounts. Management assessed the collectability of these accounts and determined that no allowance for doubtful accounts was needed as of December 31, 2017. The Company had no write-offs of any accounts receivable and due from related parties in the year then ended.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is a single member limited liability company and is treated as a disregarded entity for federal and state income tax purposes; its income and deductions are included with those of the Parent a disregarded entity as well. The Company's income and expense is ultimately included in the federal and state income tax returns of ALMI. Tax year 2013 is the earliest tax year open to examination by the major tax jurisdictions to which the Company is subject. There were no tax years under examination by major tax jurisdictions as of December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2017, management determined that all benefits associated with positions taken for income tax purposes would more likely than not be sustained upon review by the taxing authorities and therefore has not recorded a liability for unrecognized tax benefits. There were no uncertain tax positions recognized by the Company at December 31, 2017. This is not expected to change significantly during the next 12 months.

## Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition (continued)

#### **3. Related-Party Transactions**

The Company entered into an expense allocation agreement with Altegris Services, L.L.C. (Altegris Services), an affiliate of the Company, whereby the Company shall be responsible for paying its share of the allocated expenses incurred by Altegris Services in support of operations of the Company or the financial products the Company recommends. These expenses generally consist of marketing, legal, rent, travel, and other general and administrative services. At December 31, 2017, the payable due to related party consists of a payable due to Altegris Services in connection with these services, totaling \$275,725.

During 2017, Altegris Advisors was the general partner for three privately offered commodity pools and is registered with the CFTC as a Commodity Pool Operator and is a member of the NFA. The Company, as a selling agent, receives 2% per annum as continuing compensation for Class A interests sold that are outstanding at month-end directly from the three commodity pools. At December 31, 2017, the receivable due from related parties includes a receivable for continuing compensation totaling \$32,862.

The Company acts as the distributor to a public, continuously-offered closed-end multi-share fund. Class A shares of this fund are subject to an upfront sales commission of up to 3.5% of the investment amount for such shares sold by the Company, subject to waiver or reduction for certain investors by the Company in its discretion. Additionally, as the distributor, the Company is entitled to earn a distribution and servicing fee in respect of sales by the Company directly of Class A shares of this fund, at an annual rate of 0.60% of the aggregate net asset value, determined as of each month-end. At December 31, 2017, there existed a receivable of \$0 for the upfront sales commission and \$145,733 for the distribution and servicing fee, both of which are included in due from related parties on the accompanying statement of financial condition.

Pursuant to an introduction agreement, the Company introduced the investments of a privately offered hedge fund for which its affiliate, Altegris Advisors, acts as general partner (the Altegris Fund) into a third party, unaffiliated privately offered hedge fund (the Third Party Fund). As the introducing agent, the Company receives from the investment manager of the Third Party Fund a one-time placement fee of 2% in respect of each capital contribution made by the Altegris Fund to the Third Party Fund. The Third Party Fund ceased accepting new capital contribution from the Altegris Fund and other investors for certain periods during 2017. At December 31, 2017, the receivable due from related parties on the accompanying statement of financial condition includes a receivable for placement fee of \$8,000.

## Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

### Notes to Statement of Financial Condition (continued)

#### **4. Net Capital and Minimum 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, and a ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital not to exceed 15 to 1. As of December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$742,529 and \$116,658, respectively, and the Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 2.36 to 1.

#### **5. Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due from related parties, prepaid expenses, refundable deposits, accounts payable, due to related parties, commissions payable, and accrued expenses, are carried at amounts that approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of those instruments.

#### **6. Contingencies**

Currently, management is not aware of any pending or threatened legal actions against the Company. In the future, the Company may become subject to such legal actions, which arise in the normal course of business.

#### **7. Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentrations of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various equity transactions as the agent. The execution and settlement of these transactions can result in off-balance-sheet risk or concentrations of credit risk. The Company records transactions on a trade-date basis. The Company is exposed to off-balance-sheet risk of loss on unsettled transactions in the event clients and other counterparties are unable to fulfill contractual obligations. All trades outstanding at December 31, 2017 settled in a timely manner and resulted in no exposure to unsettled transactions as of December 31, 2017.

Altegris Investments, L.L.C.

Notes to Statement of Financial Condition (continued)

**8. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated events occurring after the balance sheet date (subsequent events) through February 27, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, to determine whether any subsequent events necessitated adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements. No such events were identified other than the following:

Resolution of conditional employee compensation obligation

On January 31, 2017, a long-time sales executive (the Sales Executive) voluntarily resigned his employment with the Company, and pursuant to his then-current employment agreement (Agreement), the Company may be obligated to compensate the Sales Executive certain amounts of compensation (relative to his prior employment with the Company) on an ongoing basis for a period of time. The payment of such compensation, per the Agreement, is subject to certain legal, regulatory and contractual conditions and contingencies.

Pursuant to a release agreement among the Company, Altegris Services, an affiliate of the Company, and the Sales Executive dated January 19, 2018 (the Effective Date), all parties reached a settlement amount of \$481,000 in exchange for a dismissal of all claims against the Company and all affiliates, including a claim against the Company from FINRA, and discharge the Company, Altegris Services, and their related parties from any general claim arising on and before the Effective Date. On January 26, 2018, Altegris Services paid the settlement amount of \$481,000 to the Sales Executive. Subsequently, the Sales Executive filed a dismissal of the claim against the Company from FINRA on January 30, 2018. In reflection of the resolution to this matter, the Company recorded the full settlement amount of \$481,000 as commissions payable in the accompanying statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2017. Management does not expect that resolution of the matter will have a material impact on the Company's compliance with the minimum net capital requirements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Altegris Investments, L.L.C.  
Statement of Financial Condition  
(SEC Identification No. 8-24931)  
As of December 31, 2017  
With Report of Independent Registered  
Public Accounting Firm